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## PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTY-EIGHTH DAY — FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

The house met at 12 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 4058).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris.

Absent — Davis, Y.; Reynolds.

The invocation was offered by Scot Wall, state minister, Capitol Commission, Austin.

The chair recognized Representative Fairly who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business:

J. Garcia on motion of Campos.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today and the remainder of session because of important business in the district:

Allen on motion of Bowers.

### **CAPITOL PHYSICIAN**

The chair presented Dr. Gerard Marroquin and Dr. Jason Taub of Woodway as the "Doctors for the Day."

The house welcomed Drs. Marroquin and Taub and thanked them for their participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business in the district:

V. Jones on motion of Simmons.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business:

Harris on motion of Gerdes.

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business:

Lambert on motion of Barry.

### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER**

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, House List No. 26).

### **RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

### **REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED**

On motion of Representative Geren and by unanimous consent, the reading and referral of bills was postponed until just prior to adjournment.

### **COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET**

Representative Patterson requested permission for the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars to meet while the house is in session, at 2:45 p.m. today, in 3W.9, to set a congratulatory and memorial calendar.

Permission to meet was granted.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following committee meeting was announced:

Local and Consent Calendars, 2:45 p.m. today, 3W.9, for a formal meeting, to set a congratulatory and memorial calendar.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER**

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, Senate List No. 29).

**SB 13 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Hefner, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 13**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 13**: Buckley, chair; Dutton, Frank, Leach, and Schatzline.

**SB 15 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Gates, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 15**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 15**: Gates, chair; Hickland, Hunter, Romero, and Vasut.

**SB 268 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Hefner, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 268**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 268**: Howard, chair; Frank, Oliverson, Shofner, and VanDeaver.

(Y. Davis now present)

**SB 331 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Frank, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 331**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 331**: Frank, chair; Bucy, Harris Davila, Ordaz, and Pierson.

**SB 441 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Lalani, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 441**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 441**: Lalani, chair; Capriglione, Fairly, Martinez, and M. Perez.

**SB 447 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Hefner, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 447**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 447**: E. Morales, chair; Anchía, Fairly, Guillen, and Martinez.

**SB 457 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Frank, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 457**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 457**: Frank, chair; Capriglione, Hull, Manuel, and Rose.

**SB 568 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Hefner, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 568**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 568**: Buckley, chair; Bernal, Cunningham, Hunter, and Leo Wilson.

**SB 650 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Bowers, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 650**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 650**: Bowers, chair; Geren, Patterson, Thompson, and Walle.

**SB 763 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative K. Bell, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 763**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 763**: K. Bell, chair; Barry, Harless, Landgraf, and Walle.

**SB 1660 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Cook, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 1660**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 1660**: Cook, chair; Bowers, J. Jones, Little, and Louderback.

**SB 2018 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Hefner, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 2018**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 2018**: Bonnen, chair; Hunter, Buckley, Capriglione, and Vasut.

**SB 2024 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Leach, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 2024**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 2024**: Leach, chair; Geren, Martinez, McQueeney, and Olcott.

**SB 2217 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Shaheen, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 2217**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 2217**: Shaheen, chair; Barry, Curry, A. Davis, and Raymond.

**SB 2337 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Leach, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 2337**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 2337**: Leach, chair; Capriglione, Harris Davila, Longoria, and Luther.

**SB 2753 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Hefner, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 2753**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 2753**: Isaac, chair; Bucy, Plesa, Shaheen, and Swanson.

(Vasut in the chair)

**SB 2900 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Hefner, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 2900**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 2900**: Bhojani, chair; Ashby, Gerdes, Geren, and Longoria.

**SB 3059 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Hefner, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 3059**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 3059**: Metcalf, chair; Fairly, Martinez Fischer, Orr, and Vasut.

**HB 2017 - HOUSE REFUSES TO CONCUR  
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

Representative Gerdes called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 2017**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to increasing the criminal penalty and changing the eligibility for community supervision, mandatory supervision, and parole for certain persons convicted of intoxication manslaughter.

Representative Gerdes moved that the house not concur in the senate amendments and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on **HB 2017**.

The motion prevailed.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **HB 2017**: Gerdes, chair; Harless, Leach, Moody, and Schatzline.

**HB 705 - HOUSE REFUSES TO CONCUR  
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

Representative Wilson called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 705**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the Cosmetology Licensure Compact; authorizing fees.

Representative Wilson moved that the house not concur in the senate amendments and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on **HB 705**.

The motion prevailed.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **HB 705**: Wilson, chair; Gerdes, Patterson, Romero, and Walle.

**HB 46 - HOUSE REFUSES TO CONCUR  
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

Representative King called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 46**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis under and the administration of the Texas Compassionate-Use Program; requiring registration.

Representative King moved that the house not concur in the senate amendments and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on **HB 46**.

The motion prevailed.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **HB 46**: King, chair; Capriglione, Pierson, Tinderholt, and Turner.

**HB 3909 - HOUSE REFUSES TO CONCUR  
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

Without objection, Representative Hickland called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 3909**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the use of a wireless communication device at a polling place.

Representative Hickland moved that the house not concur in the senate amendments and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on **HB 3909**.

The motion prevailed.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **HB 3909**: Hickland, chair; Dyson, Shaheen, Simmons, and Zwiener.

**HB 119 - HOUSE REFUSES TO CONCUR  
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

Without objection, Representative Gerdes called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 119**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the registration as a lobbyist of persons who engage in certain lobbying activities on behalf of a foreign adversary and to prohibitions on the receipt of compensation related to those lobbying activities; providing a civil penalty.

Representative Gerdes moved that the house not concur in the senate amendments and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on **HB 119**.

The motion prevailed.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **HB 119**: Gerdes, chair; Bonnen, Capriglione, Cortez, and Hefner.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business:

Phelan on motion of Metcalf.

**SB 1610 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Cook, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 1610**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 1610**: Cook, chair; Dyson, Harless, Howard, and Troxclair.

**SB 2972 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Leach, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 2972**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 2972**: Leach, chair; Hinojosa, Lambert, Turner, and Wilson.

**HB 1545 - HOUSE REFUSES TO CONCUR  
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

Without objection, Representative K. Bell called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,



**HB 1545**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the sunset review process and certain governmental entities subject to that process.

Representative K. Bell moved that the house not concur in the senate amendments and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on **HB 1545**.

The motion prevailed.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **HB 1545**: K. Bell, chair; Hull, Kitzman, Longoria, and Shaheen.

**HB 2963 - HOUSE REFUSES TO CONCUR  
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

Without objection, Representative Capriglione called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 2963**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to diagnosis, maintenance, and repair of certain digital electronic equipment.

Representative Capriglione moved that the house not concur in the senate amendments and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on **HB 2963**.

The motion prevailed.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **HB 2963**: Capriglione, chair; Bucy, Button, Curry, and Howard.

**HB 149 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Representative Capriglione called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 149**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to regulation of the use of artificial intelligence systems in this state; providing civil penalties.

Representative Capriglione moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 149**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 149** prevailed by (Record 4059): 121 Yeas, 17 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf;

Leach; Leo Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lozano; Lujan; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Cain; Harrison; Hopper; Little; Louderback; Lowe; Luther; Money; Olcott; Patterson; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Tinderholt; Toth.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, Y.; Manuel; Reynolds.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4059 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Schoolcraft

When Record No. 4059 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 149**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to regulation of the use of artificial intelligence systems in this state; providing civil penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Texas Responsible Artificial Intelligence Governance Act.

SECTION 2. Section 503.001, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (f) to read as follows:

(a) In this section:

(1) "Artificial intelligence system" has the meaning assigned by Section 551.001.

(2) "Biometric [~~;- "biometric"~~] identifier" means a retina or iris scan, fingerprint, voiceprint, or record of hand or face geometry.

(b-1) For purposes of Subsection (b), an individual has not been informed of and has not provided consent for the capture or storage of a biometric identifier of an individual for a commercial purpose based solely on the existence of an image or other media containing one or more biometric identifiers of the individual on the Internet or other publicly available source unless the image or other media was made publicly available by the individual to whom the biometric identifiers relate.

(e) This section does not apply to:

(1) voiceprint data retained by a financial institution or an affiliate of a financial institution, as those terms are defined by 15 U.S.C. Section 6809;

(2) the training, processing, or storage of biometric identifiers involved in developing, training, evaluating, disseminating, or otherwise offering artificial intelligence models or systems, unless a system is used or deployed for the purpose of uniquely identifying a specific individual; or

(3) the development or deployment of an artificial intelligence model or system for the purposes of:

(A) preventing, detecting, protecting against, or responding to security incidents, identity theft, fraud, harassment, malicious or deceptive activities, or any other illegal activity;

(B) preserving the integrity or security of a system; or

(C) investigating, reporting, or prosecuting a person responsible for a security incident, identity theft, fraud, harassment, a malicious or deceptive activity, or any other illegal activity.

(f) If a biometric identifier captured for the purpose of training an artificial intelligence system is subsequently used for a commercial purpose not described by Subsection (e), the person possessing the biometric identifier is subject to:

(1) this section's provisions for the possession and destruction of a biometric identifier; and

(2) the penalties associated with a violation of this section.

SECTION 3. Section 541.104(a), Business & Commerce Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A processor shall adhere to the instructions of a controller and shall assist the controller in meeting or complying with the controller's duties or requirements under this chapter, including:

(1) assisting the controller in responding to consumer rights requests submitted under Section 541.051 by using appropriate technical and organizational measures, as reasonably practicable, taking into account the nature of processing and the information available to the processor;

(2) assisting the controller with regard to complying with requirements ~~[the requirement]~~ relating to the security of processing personal data, and if applicable, the personal data collected, stored, and processed by an artificial intelligence system, as that term is defined by Section 551.001, and to the notification of a breach of security of the processor's system under Chapter 521, taking into account the nature of processing and the information available to the processor; and

(3) providing necessary information to enable the controller to conduct and document data protection assessments under Section 541.105.

SECTION 4. Title 11, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Subtitle D to read as follows:

#### SUBTITLE D. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROTECTION

##### CHAPTER 551. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 551.001. DEFINITIONS. In this subtitle:

(1) "Artificial intelligence system" means any machine-based system that, for any explicit or implicit objective, infers from the inputs the system receives how to generate outputs, including content, decisions, predictions, or recommendations, that can influence physical or virtual environments.

(2) "Consumer" means an individual who is a resident of this state acting only in an individual or household context. The term does not include an individual acting in a commercial or employment context.

(3) "Council" means the Texas Artificial Intelligence Council established under Chapter 554.

Sec. 551.002. APPLICABILITY OF SUBTITLE. This subtitle applies only to a person who:

(1) promotes, advertises, or conducts business in this state;

(2) produces a product or service used by residents of this state; or

(3) develops or deploys an artificial intelligence system in this state.

Sec. 551.003. CONSTRUCTION AND APPLICATION OF SUBTITLE. This subtitle shall be broadly construed and applied to promote its underlying purposes, which are to:

(1) facilitate and advance the responsible development and use of artificial intelligence systems;

(2) protect individuals and groups of individuals from known and reasonably foreseeable risks associated with artificial intelligence systems;

(3) provide transparency regarding risks in the development, deployment, and use of artificial intelligence systems; and

(4) provide reasonable notice regarding the use or contemplated use of artificial intelligence systems by state agencies.

## CHAPTER 552. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROTECTION

### SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 552.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Deployer" means a person who deploys an artificial intelligence system for use in this state.

(2) "Developer" means a person who develops an artificial intelligence system that is offered, sold, leased, given, or otherwise provided in this state.

Sec. 552.002. CONSTRUCTION OF CHAPTER. This chapter may not be construed to:

(1) impose a requirement on a person that adversely affects the rights or freedoms of any person, including the right of free speech; or

(2) authorize any department or agency other than the Department of Insurance to regulate or oversee the business of insurance.

Sec. 552.003. LOCAL PREEMPTION. This chapter supersedes and preempts any ordinance, resolution, rule, or other regulation adopted by a political subdivision regarding the use of artificial intelligence systems.

SUBCHAPTER B. DUTIES AND PROHIBITIONS ON USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Sec. 552.051. DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMERS. (a) In this section, "health care services" means services related to human health or to the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of a human disease or impairment provided by an individual licensed, registered, or certified under applicable state or federal law to provide those services.

(b) A governmental agency that makes available an artificial intelligence system intended to interact with consumers shall disclose to each consumer, before or at the time of interaction, that the consumer is interacting with an artificial intelligence system.

(c) A person is required to make the disclosure under Subsection (b) regardless of whether it would be obvious to a reasonable consumer that the consumer is interacting with an artificial intelligence system.

(d) A disclosure under Subsection (b):

(1) must be clear and conspicuous;

(2) must be written in plain language; and

(3) may not use a dark pattern, as that term is defined by Section 541.001.

(e) A disclosure under Subsection (b) may be provided by using a hyperlink to direct a consumer to a separate Internet web page.

(f) If an artificial intelligence system is used in relation to health care service or treatment, the provider of the service or treatment shall provide the disclosure under Subsection (b) to the recipient of the service or treatment or the recipient's personal representative not later than the date the service or treatment is first provided, except in the case of emergency, in which case the provider shall provide the required disclosure as soon as reasonably possible.

Sec. 552.052. MANIPULATION OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR. A person may not develop or deploy an artificial intelligence system in a manner that intentionally aims to incite or encourage a person to:

(1) commit physical self-harm, including suicide;

(2) harm another person; or

(3) engage in criminal activity.

Sec. 552.053. SOCIAL SCORING. A governmental entity may not use or deploy an artificial intelligence system that evaluates or classifies a natural person or group of natural persons based on social behavior or personal characteristics, whether known, inferred, or predicted, with the intent to calculate or assign a social score or similar categorical estimation or valuation of the person or group of persons that results or may result in:

(1) detrimental or unfavorable treatment of a person or group of persons in a social context unrelated to the context in which the behavior or characteristics were observed or noted;

(2) detrimental or unfavorable treatment of a person or group of persons that is unjustified or disproportionate to the nature or gravity of the observed or noted behavior or characteristics; or

(3) the infringement of any right guaranteed under the United States Constitution, the Texas Constitution, or state or federal law.

Sec. 552.054. CAPTURE OF BIOMETRIC DATA. (a) In this section, "biometric data" means data generated by automatic measurements of an individual's biological characteristics. The term includes a fingerprint, voiceprint, eye retina or iris, or other unique biological pattern or characteristic that is used to identify a specific individual. The term does not include a physical or digital photograph or data generated from a physical or digital photograph, a video or audio recording or data generated from a video or audio recording, or information collected, used, or stored for health care treatment, payment, or operations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. Section 1320d et seq.).

(b) A governmental entity may not develop or deploy an artificial intelligence system for the purpose of uniquely identifying a specific individual using biometric data or the targeted or untargeted gathering of images or other media from the Internet or any other publicly available source without the individual's consent, if the gathering would infringe on any right of the individual under the United States Constitution, the Texas Constitution, or state or federal law.

(c) A violation of Section 503.001 is a violation of this section.

Sec. 552.055. CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION. A person may not develop or deploy an artificial intelligence system with the sole intent for the artificial intelligence system to infringe, restrict, or otherwise impair an individual's rights guaranteed under the United States Constitution.

Sec. 552.056. UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION. (a) In this section:

(1) "Financial institution" has the meaning assigned by Section 201.101, Finance Code.

(2) "Insurance entity" means:

(A) an entity described by Section 82.002(a), Insurance Code;

(B) a fraternal benefit society regulated under Chapter 885, Insurance Code; or

(C) the developer of an artificial intelligence system used by an entity described by Paragraph (A) or (B).

(3) "Protected class" means a group or class of persons with a characteristic, quality, belief, or status protected from discrimination by state or federal civil rights laws, and includes race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability.

(b) A person may not develop or deploy an artificial intelligence system with the intent to unlawfully discriminate against a protected class in violation of state or federal law.

(c) For purposes of this section, a disparate impact is not sufficient by itself to demonstrate an intent to discriminate.

(d) This section does not apply to an insurance entity for purposes of providing insurance services if the entity is subject to applicable statutes regulating unfair discrimination, unfair methods of competition, or unfair or deceptive acts or practices related to the business of insurance.

(e) A federally insured financial institution is considered to be in compliance with this section if the institution complies with all federal and state banking laws and regulations.

Sec. 552.057. CERTAIN SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONTENT AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. A person may not:

(1) develop or distribute an artificial intelligence system with the sole intent of producing, assisting or aiding in producing, or distributing:

(A) visual material in violation of Section 43.26, Penal Code; or

(B) deep fake videos or images in violation of Section 21.165, Penal Code; or

(2) intentionally develop or distribute an artificial intelligence system that engages in text-based conversations that simulate or describe sexual conduct, as that term is defined by Section 43.25, Penal Code, while impersonating or imitating a child younger than 18 years of age.

#### SUBCHAPTER C. ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 552.101. ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY. (a) The attorney general has exclusive authority to enforce this chapter, except to the extent provided by Section 552.106.

(b) This chapter does not provide a basis for, and is not subject to, a private right of action for a violation of this chapter or any other law.

Sec. 552.102. INFORMATION AND COMPLAINTS. The attorney general shall create and maintain an online mechanism on the attorney general's Internet website through which a consumer may submit a complaint under this chapter to the attorney general.

Sec. 552.103. INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY. (a) If the attorney general receives a complaint through the online mechanism under Section 552.102 alleging a violation of this chapter, the attorney general may issue a civil investigative demand to determine if a violation has occurred. The attorney general shall issue demands in accordance with and under the procedures established under Section 15.10.

(b) The attorney general may request from the person reported through the online mechanism, pursuant to a civil investigative demand issued under Subsection (a):

(1) a high-level description of the purpose, intended use, deployment context, and associated benefits of the artificial intelligence system with which the person is affiliated;

(2) a description of the type of data used to program or train the artificial intelligence system;

(3) a high-level description of the categories of data processed as inputs for the artificial intelligence system;

(4) a high-level description of the outputs produced by the artificial intelligence system;

(5) any metrics the person uses to evaluate the performance of the artificial intelligence system;

(6) any known limitations of the artificial intelligence system;

(7) a high-level description of the post-deployment monitoring and user safeguards the person uses for the artificial intelligence system, including, if the person is a deployer, the oversight, use, and learning process established by the person to address issues arising from the system's deployment; or

(8) any other relevant documentation reasonably necessary for the attorney general to conduct an investigation under this section.

Sec. 552.104. NOTICE OF VIOLATION; OPPORTUNITY TO CURE. (a) If the attorney general determines that a person has violated or is violating this chapter, the attorney general shall notify the person in writing of the determination, identifying the specific provisions of this chapter the attorney general alleges have been or are being violated.

(b) The attorney general may not bring an action against the person:

(1) before the 60th day after the date the attorney general provides the notice under Subsection (a); or

(2) if, before the 60th day after the date the attorney general provides the notice under Subsection (a), the person:

(A) cures the identified violation; and

(B) provides the attorney general with a written statement that the person has:

(i) cured the alleged violation;

(ii) provided supporting documentation to show the manner in which the person cured the violation; and

(iii) made any necessary changes to internal policies to reasonably prevent further violation of this chapter.

Sec. 552.105. CIVIL PENALTY; INJUNCTION. (a) A person who violates this chapter and does not cure the violation under Section 552.104 is liable to this state for a civil penalty in an amount of:

(1) for each violation the court determines to be curable or a breach of a statement submitted to the attorney general under Section 552.104(b)(2), not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$12,000;

(2) for each violation the court determines to be incurable, not less than \$80,000 and not more than \$200,000; and

(3) for a continued violation, not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$40,000 for each day the violation continues.

(b) The attorney general may bring an action in the name of this state to:

(1) collect a civil penalty under this section;

(2) seek injunctive relief against further violation of this chapter; and

(3) recover attorney's fees and reasonable court costs or other investigative expenses.

(c) There is a rebuttable presumption that a person used reasonable care as required under this chapter.

(d) A defendant in an action under this section may seek an expedited hearing or other process, including a request for declaratory judgment, if the person believes in good faith that the person has not violated this chapter.

(e) A defendant in an action under this section may not be found liable if:



(1) another person uses the artificial intelligence system affiliated with the defendant in a manner prohibited by this chapter; or

(2) the defendant discovers a violation of this chapter through:

(A) feedback from a developer, deployer, or other person who believes a violation has occurred;

(B) testing, including adversarial testing or red-team testing;

(C) following guidelines set by applicable state agencies; or

(D) if the defendant substantially complies with the most recent version of the "Artificial Intelligence Risk Management Framework: Generative Artificial Intelligence Profile" published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology or another nationally or internationally recognized risk management framework for artificial intelligence systems, an internal review process.

(f) The attorney general may not bring an action to collect a civil penalty under this section against a person for an artificial intelligence system that has not been deployed.

Sec. 552.106. ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BY STATE AGENCIES. (a) A state agency may impose sanctions against a person licensed, registered, or certified by that agency for a violation of Subchapter B if:

(1) the person has been found in violation of this chapter under Section 552.105; and

(2) the attorney general has recommended additional enforcement by the applicable agency.

(b) Sanctions under this section may include:

(1) suspension, probation, or revocation of a license, registration, certificate, or other authorization to engage in an activity; and

(2) a monetary penalty not to exceed \$100,000.

## CHAPTER 553. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REGULATORY SANDBOX PROGRAM

### SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 553.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Applicable agency" means a department of this state established by law to regulate certain types of business activity in this state and the people engaging in that business, including the issuance of licenses and registrations, that the department determines would regulate a program participant if the person were not operating under this chapter.

(2) "Department" means the Texas Department of Information Resources.

(3) "Program" means the regulatory sandbox program established under this chapter that allows a person, without being licensed or registered under the laws of this state, to test an artificial intelligence system for a limited time and on a limited basis.

(4) "Program participant" means a person whose application to participate in the program is approved and who may test an artificial intelligence system under this chapter.

SUBCHAPTER B. SANDBOX PROGRAM FRAMEWORK

Sec. 553.051. ESTABLISHMENT OF SANDBOX PROGRAM. (a) The department, in consultation with the council, shall create a regulatory sandbox program that enables a person to obtain legal protection and limited access to the market in this state to test innovative artificial intelligence systems without obtaining a license, registration, or other regulatory authorization.

(b) The program is designed to:

(1) promote the safe and innovative use of artificial intelligence systems across various sectors including healthcare, finance, education, and public services;

(2) encourage responsible deployment of artificial intelligence systems while balancing the need for consumer protection, privacy, and public safety;

(3) provide clear guidelines for a person who develops an artificial intelligence system to test systems while certain laws and regulations related to the testing are waived or suspended; and

(4) allow a person to engage in research, training, testing, or other pre-deployment activities to develop an artificial intelligence system.

(c) The attorney general may not file or pursue charges against a program participant for violation of a law or regulation waived under this chapter that occurs during the testing period.

(d) A state agency may not file or pursue punitive action against a program participant, including the imposition of a fine or the suspension or revocation of a license, registration, or other authorization, for violation of a law or regulation waived under this chapter that occurs during the testing period.

(e) Notwithstanding Subsections (c) and (d), the requirements of Subchapter B, Chapter 552, may not be waived, and the attorney general or a state agency may file or pursue charges or action against a program participant who violates that subchapter.

Sec. 553.052. APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION. (a) A person must obtain approval from the department and any applicable agency before testing an artificial intelligence system under the program.

(b) The department by rule shall prescribe the application form. The form must require the applicant to:

(1) provide a detailed description of the artificial intelligence system the applicant desires to test in the program, and its intended use;

(2) include a benefit assessment that addresses potential impacts on consumers, privacy, and public safety;

(3) describe the applicant's plan for mitigating any adverse consequences that may occur during the test; and

(4) provide proof of compliance with any applicable federal artificial intelligence laws and regulations.

Sec. 553.053. DURATION AND SCOPE OF PARTICIPATION. (a) A program participant approved by the department and each applicable agency may test and deploy an artificial intelligence system under the program for a period of not more than 36 months.

(b) The department may extend a test under this chapter if the department finds good cause for the test to continue.

Sec. 553.054. EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES. The department shall coordinate the activities under this subchapter and any other law relating to artificial intelligence systems to ensure efficient system implementation and to streamline the use of department resources, including information sharing and personnel.

#### SUBCHAPTER C. OVERSIGHT AND COMPLIANCE

Sec. 553.101. COORDINATION WITH APPLICABLE AGENCY. (a) The department shall coordinate with all applicable agencies to oversee the operation of a program participant.

(b) The council or an applicable agency may recommend to the department that a program participant be removed from the program if the council or applicable agency finds that the program participant's artificial intelligence system:

- (1) poses an undue risk to public safety or welfare;
- (2) violates any federal law or regulation; or
- (3) violates any state law or regulation not waived under the program.

Sec. 553.102. PERIODIC REPORT BY PROGRAM PARTICIPANT. (a) A program participant shall provide a quarterly report to the department.

(b) The report shall include:

- (1) metrics for the artificial intelligence system's performance;
- (2) updates on how the artificial intelligence system mitigates any risks associated with its operation; and
- (3) feedback from consumers and affected stakeholders that are using an artificial intelligence system tested under this chapter.

(c) The department shall maintain confidentiality regarding the intellectual property, trade secrets, and other sensitive information it obtains through the program.

Sec. 553.103. ANNUAL REPORT BY DEPARTMENT. (a) The department shall submit an annual report to the legislature.

(b) The report shall include:

- (1) the number of program participants testing an artificial intelligence system in the program;
- (2) the overall performance and impact of artificial intelligence systems tested in the program; and
- (3) recommendations on changes to laws or regulations for future legislative consideration.

#### CHAPTER 554. TEXAS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL SUBCHAPTER A. CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

Sec. 554.001. CREATION OF COUNCIL. (a) The Texas Artificial Intelligence Council is created to:

- (1) ensure artificial intelligence systems in this state are ethical and developed in the public's best interest;

(2) ensure artificial intelligence systems in this state do not harm public safety or undermine individual freedoms by finding issues and making recommendations to the legislature regarding the Penal Code and Chapter 82, Civil Practice and Remedies Code;

(3) identify existing laws and regulations that impede innovation in the development of artificial intelligence systems and recommend appropriate reforms;

(4) analyze opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state government operations through the use of artificial intelligence systems;

(5) make recommendations to applicable state agencies regarding the use of artificial intelligence systems to improve the agencies' efficiency and effectiveness;

(6) evaluate potential instances of regulatory capture, including undue influence by technology companies or disproportionate burdens on smaller innovators caused by the use of artificial intelligence systems;

(7) evaluate the influence of technology companies on other companies and determine the existence or use of tools or processes designed to censor competitors or users through the use of artificial intelligence systems;

(8) offer guidance and recommendations to the legislature on the ethical and legal use of artificial intelligence systems;

(9) conduct and publish the results of a study on the current regulatory environment for artificial intelligence systems;

(10) receive reports from the Department of Information Resources regarding the regulatory sandbox program under Chapter 553; and

(11) make recommendations for improvements to the regulatory sandbox program under Chapter 553.

(b) The council is administratively attached to the Department of Information Resources, and the department shall provide administrative support to the council as provided by this section.

(c) The Department of Information Resources and the council shall enter into a memorandum of understanding detailing:

(1) the administrative support the council requires from the department to fulfill the council's purposes;

(2) the reimbursement of administrative expenses to the department;  
and

(3) any other provisions necessary to ensure the efficient operation of the council.

Sec. 554.002. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP. (a) The council is composed of seven members as follows:

(1) three members of the public appointed by the governor;

(2) two members of the public appointed by the lieutenant governor;  
and

(3) two members of the public appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) Members of the council serve staggered four-year terms, with the terms of three or four members expiring every two years.

(c) The governor shall appoint a chair from among the members, and the council shall elect a vice chair from its membership.

(d) The council may establish an advisory board composed of individuals from the public who possess expertise directly related to the council's functions, including technical, ethical, regulatory, and other relevant areas.

Sec. 554.003. QUALIFICATIONS. Members of the council must be Texas residents and have knowledge or expertise in one or more of the following areas:

(1) artificial intelligence systems;

(2) data privacy and security;

(3) ethics in technology or law;

(4) public policy and regulation;

(5) risk management related to artificial intelligence systems;

(6) improving the efficiency and effectiveness of governmental operations; or

(7) anticompetitive practices and market fairness.

Sec. 554.004. STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION. The council may hire an executive director and other personnel as necessary to perform its duties.

#### SUBCHAPTER B. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL

Sec. 554.101. ISSUANCE OF REPORTS. (a) The council may issue reports to the legislature regarding the use of artificial intelligence systems in this state.

(b) The council may issue reports on:

(1) the compliance of artificial intelligence systems in this state with the laws of this state;

(2) the ethical implications of deploying artificial intelligence systems in this state;

(3) data privacy and security concerns related to artificial intelligence systems in this state; or

(4) potential liability or legal risks associated with the use of artificial intelligence systems in this state.

Sec. 554.102. TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH. The council shall conduct training programs for state agencies and local governments on the use of artificial intelligence systems.

Sec. 554.103. LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY. The council may not:

(1) adopt rules or promulgate guidance that is binding for any entity;

(2) interfere with or override the operation of a state agency; or

(3) perform a duty or exercise a power not granted by this chapter.

SECTION 5. Section 325.011, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 325.011. CRITERIA FOR REVIEW. The commission and its staff shall consider the following criteria in determining whether a public need exists for the continuation of a state agency or its advisory committees or for the performance of the functions of the agency or its advisory committees:

(1) the efficiency and effectiveness with which the agency or the advisory committee operates;

(2)(A) an identification of the mission, goals, and objectives intended for the agency or advisory committee and of the problem or need that the agency or advisory committee was intended to address; and

(B) the extent to which the mission, goals, and objectives have been achieved and the problem or need has been addressed;

(3)(A) an identification of any activities of the agency in addition to those granted by statute and of the authority for those activities; and

(B) the extent to which those activities are needed;

(4) an assessment of authority of the agency relating to fees, inspections, enforcement, and penalties;

(5) whether less restrictive or alternative methods of performing any function that the agency performs could adequately protect or provide service to the public;

(6) the extent to which the jurisdiction of the agency and the programs administered by the agency overlap or duplicate those of other agencies, the extent to which the agency coordinates with those agencies, and the extent to which the programs administered by the agency can be consolidated with the programs of other state agencies;

(7) the promptness and effectiveness with which the agency addresses complaints concerning entities or other persons affected by the agency, including an assessment of the agency's administrative hearings process;

(8) an assessment of the agency's rulemaking process and the extent to which the agency has encouraged participation by the public in making its rules and decisions and the extent to which the public participation has resulted in rules that benefit the public;

(9) the extent to which the agency has complied with:

(A) federal and state laws and applicable rules regarding equality of employment opportunity and the rights and privacy of individuals; and

(B) state law and applicable rules of any state agency regarding purchasing guidelines and programs for historically underutilized businesses;

(10) the extent to which the agency issues and enforces rules relating to potential conflicts of interest of its employees;

(11) the extent to which the agency complies with Chapters 551 and 552 and follows records management practices that enable the agency to respond efficiently to requests for public information;

(12) the effect of federal intervention or loss of federal funds if the agency is abolished;

(13) the extent to which the purpose and effectiveness of reporting requirements imposed on the agency justifies the continuation of the requirement; ~~and~~

(14) an assessment of the agency's cybersecurity practices using confidential information available from the Department of Information Resources or any other appropriate state agency; and

(15) an assessment of the agency's use of artificial intelligence systems, as that term is defined by Section 551.001, Business & Commerce Code, in its operations and its oversight of the use of artificial intelligence systems by persons

under the agency's jurisdiction, and any related impact on the agency's ability to achieve its mission, goals, and objectives, made using information available from the Department of Information Resources, the attorney general, or any other appropriate state agency.

SECTION 6. Section 2054.068(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The department shall collect from each state agency information on the status and condition of the agency's information technology infrastructure, including information regarding:

- (1) the agency's information security program;
- (2) an inventory of the agency's servers, mainframes, cloud services, and other information technology equipment;
- (3) identification of vendors that operate and manage the agency's information technology infrastructure; ~~and~~
- (4) any additional related information requested by the department; and
- (5) an evaluation of the use or considered use of artificial intelligence systems, as defined by Section 551.001, Business & Commerce Code, by each state agency.

SECTION 7. Section 2054.0965(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as otherwise modified by rules adopted by the department, the review must include:

- (1) an inventory of the agency's major information systems, as defined by Section 2054.008, and other operational or logistical components related to deployment of information resources as prescribed by the department;
- (2) an inventory of the agency's major databases, artificial intelligence systems, as defined by Section 551.001, Business & Commerce Code, and applications;
- (3) a description of the agency's existing and planned telecommunications network configuration;
- (4) an analysis of how information systems, components, databases, applications, and other information resources have been deployed by the agency in support of:
  - (A) applicable achievement goals established under Section 2056.006 and the state strategic plan adopted under Section 2056.009;
  - (B) the state strategic plan for information resources; and
  - (C) the agency's business objectives, mission, and goals;
- (5) agency information necessary to support the state goals for interoperability and reuse; and
- (6) confirmation by the agency of compliance with state statutes, rules, and standards relating to information resources.

SECTION 8. Not later than September 1, 2026, the attorney general shall post on the attorney general's Internet website the information and online mechanism required by Section 552.102, Business & Commerce Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 9. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

**Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)**

Amend **CSHB 149** (senate committee report) in SECTION 4 of the bill as follows:

(1) In added Section 552.055, Business & Commerce Code (page 4, line 35), between "PROTECTION." and "A", insert "(a)".

(2) At the end of added Section 552.055, Business & Commerce Code (page 4, between lines 39 and 40), add the following:

(b) This section is remedial in purpose and may not be construed to create or expand any right guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

**Senate Amendment No. 2 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 2)**

Amend **CSHB 149** (senate committee report) in SECTION 4 of the bill, at the end of added Section 552.001, Business & Commerce Code (page 3, between lines 13 and 14), by adding the following:

(3) "Governmental entity" means any department, commission, board, office, authority, or other administrative unit of this state or of any political subdivision of this state, that exercises governmental functions under the authority of the laws of this state. The term does not include:

(A) a hospital district created under the Health and Safety Code or Article IX, Texas Constitution; or

(B) an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, including any university system or any component institution of the system.

**Senate Amendment No. 3 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 3)**

Amend **CSHB 149** (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Notwithstanding any other section of this Act, in a state fiscal year, a state agency to which this Act applies is not required to implement a provision found in another section of this Act that is drafted as a mandatory provision imposing a duty on the agency to take an action unless money is specifically appropriated to the agency for that fiscal year to carry out that duty. The agency may implement the provision in that fiscal year to the extent other funding is available to the agency to do so.

(b) If, as authorized by Subsection (a) of this section, the state agency does not implement the mandatory provision in a state fiscal year, the state agency, in its legislative budget request for the next state fiscal biennium, shall certify that fact to the Legislative Budget Board and include a written estimate of the costs of implementing the provision in each year of that next state fiscal biennium.

**HB 1056 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Representative Dorazio called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,



**HB 1056**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the issuance of gold and silver specie and the establishment of a currency based on gold and silver; authorizing a fee.

Representative Dorazio moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 1056**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 1056** prevailed by (Record 4060): 101 Yeas, 32 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Frank; Gámez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Anchía; Bryant; Bucy; Cole; Collier; Flores; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Jones, J.; Longoria; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Perez, V.; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Thompson; Turner; Vo; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Bernal; Campos; Canales; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Fairly; Harrison; Manuel; Reynolds.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4060 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 1056**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the recognition of gold and silver specie as legal tender and the establishment of a transactional currency based on gold and silver; authorizing a fee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. Chapter 2116, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. GOLD AND SILVER CURRENCY

Sec. 2116.101 LEGAL TENDER. (a) TO the textend authorized by Section 10, Article I, United States Constitution, gold and silver specie that meet the requirements of this section are hereby recognized by this state as legal tender.

(b) Gold or silver specie recognized as legal tender may not be imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked with any name, symbol, or other information or design, including any suggestion that such specie has been minted or issued by any government, except that such specie must be imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked with the specie's weight and purity and may be imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked with the name or symbol that identifies any refiner or mint of the gold or silver specie.

(c) This section does not restrict the electronic transfer of gold or silver specie or currency as tender for the payment of a debt.

(d) This section does not apply to United States coin or currency issued or recognized under federal law.

(e) This subchapter does not prohibit or limit the tender, acceptance, or use of Federal Reserve notes in the payment of debts.

(f) A person or entity, including any governmental entity, may not be required to offer or accept any legal tender recognized under this subsection for the payment of a debt, deposit, or any other purpose.

Sec. 2116.103 TRANSACTIONAL CURRENCY. The comptroller may establish or authorize one or more electronic systems that enable depositors, or vendors on behalf of depositors, to make and receive payments that are backed by bullion held in the depository.

Sec. 2116.104. CONTRACTING. The comptroller may contract with one of more vendors to implement this subchapter. To the extent consistent with state and federal law, in contracting with a private vendor under this subsection the comptroller shall give preference to a vendor whose principal place of business is in this state.

Sec. 2116.105. RULES. The comptroller shall adopt rules as necessary or convenient to implement and administer this subchapter, including rules to:

(1) provide for the security of transactions and related data;

(2) determine the value of gold and silver currency at the time of transaction or in a commercially reasonable manner;

(3) establish fees that are reasonable and necessary to administer this subchapter;

(4) authorize and approve vendors, including financial institutions, to provide and electronic payment system that uses bullion held in the depository as backing;

(5) Adopt policies and procedures to prevent fraud and prevent transactions involving a foreign adversary or a person associated with a foreign adversary as identified under 15 C.F.R. § 791.4

SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2026.

(b) Section 2116.101, Government Code, as added by this Act, takes effect May 1, 2026.

### **Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)**

Amend **CSHB 1056** (senate committee report) by striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2116, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

#### SUBCHAPTER D. GOLD AND SILVER SPECIE AND CURRENCY

Sec. 2116.101. LEGAL TENDER. (a) To the extent authorized by Section 10, Article I, United States Constitution, gold and silver specie that meet the requirements of this section are legal tender in this state.

(b) To be legal tender in this state, gold and silver specie:

(1) must be imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked with the specie's weight and purity and may be imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked with a name or symbol that identifies a refiner or mint of the specie; and

(2) except for the information described by Subdivision (1), may not be imprinted, stamped, or otherwise marked with any name, symbol, or other information or design, including any suggestion that the specie has been minted or issued by a government.

(c) This section does not:

(1) restrict the electronic transfer of gold and silver specie or gold and silver currency as legal tender for the payment of a debt;

(2) apply to United States coins or currency issued or recognized under federal law; or

(3) prohibit or limit the legal tender, acceptance, or use of Federal Reserve notes in the payment of a debt.

(d) A person may not be required to offer or accept gold and silver specie or gold and silver currency as legal tender for the payment of a debt, for deposit, or for any other purpose.

Sec. 2116.102. TRANSACTIONAL CURRENCY. The comptroller may establish or authorize one or more electronic systems that enable a depositor or vendor to make and receive payments using a currency backed by gold and silver bullion held in the depository.

Sec. 2116.103. CONTRACTING. The comptroller may contract with one or more vendors to implement this subchapter. To the extent consistent with state and federal law, in contracting with a vendor under this section, the comptroller shall give preference to a vendor whose principal place of business is in this state.

Sec. 2116.104. RULES. The comptroller shall adopt rules as necessary or convenient to implement and administer this subchapter, including rules to:

(1) provide for the security of transactions in gold and silver specie and gold and silver currency and related information;

(2) determine the value of the gold and silver currency described by Section 2116.102 at the time of a transaction or in a commercially reasonable manner;

(3) establish a fee that is reasonable and necessary to administer this subchapter;

(4) authorize and approve vendors, including financial institutions, to provide an electronic system described by Section 2116.102; and

(5) adopt policies and procedures to prevent:

(A) fraud; and

(B) transactions in gold and silver specie or gold and silver currency involving a foreign adversary, or a person associated with a foreign adversary, as determined under 15 C.F.R. Section 791.4.

SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2026.

(b) Section 2116.101, Government Code, as added by this Act, takes effect May 1, 2026.

### **Senate Amendment No. 2 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 2)**

Amend Floor Amendment No. 1 by Hughes to **CSHB 1056** on page 3, line 2, by striking "September 1, 2026" and substituting for "May 1, 2027" and on page 3, line 4 striking "May 1, 2026" and substituting for "September 1, 2026".

### **HB 4623 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Representative Little called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 4623**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to liability of public schools and professional school employees for certain acts or omissions involving students.

Representative Little moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 4623**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 4623** prevailed by (Record 4061): 106 Yeas, 28 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Bell, C.; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Little; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Ashby; Barry; Bell, K.; Cole; Darby; Flores; Gámez; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Harrison; Hernandez; Johnson; Jones, J.; Leo Wilson; Longoria; Lowe; Meza; Plesa; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Wharton.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Bernal; Campos; Collier; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Manuel; Reynolds; Vo.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4061 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Bowers

When Record No. 4061 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 4623**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to liability of public schools and professional school employees for sexual misconduct involving students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Title 5, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Chapter 118 to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 118. LIABILITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CERTAIN ACTS OR OMISSIONS

Sec. 118.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Open-enrollment charter school" has the meaning assigned by Section 5.001, Education Code.

(2) "Professional school employee" includes:

(A) a superintendent or administrator serving as educational leader and chief executive officer of the school, principal or equivalent chief operating officer, teacher, including a substitute teacher, supervisor, social worker, school counselor, nurse, and teacher's aide employed by a public school;

(B) a teacher employed by a company that contracts with a public school to provide the teacher's services to the school;

(C) a student in an education preparation program participating in a field experience or internship;

(D) a school bus driver certified in accordance with standards and qualifications adopted by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas;

(E) a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district or a member of the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school; and

(F) any other person employed by a public school whose employment requires certification and the exercise of discretion.

(3) "Public school" means an independent school district or an open-enrollment charter school.

(4) "Sexual misconduct" means sexual abuse or conduct described by Section 20A.02, 21.02, 21.07, 21.08, 21.11, 21.12, 21.15, 21.16, 21.165, 21.17, 21.18, 21.19, 22.011, 22.012, 22.021, or 43.25, Penal Code.

Sec. 118.002. LIABILITY. (a) A public school that is grossly negligent or reckless, or engages in intentional misconduct, in hiring, supervising, or employing a professional school employee is liable for an act or omission that is committed by a professional school employee against a student enrolled in the school and that is:

(1) sexual misconduct; or

(2) failure to report suspected child abuse or neglect under Section 261.101, Family Code.

(b) In an action against a public school under this chapter, the professional school employee who committed the act or omission on which the claim is based must be named as a defendant.

Sec. 118.003. DAMAGES. A claimant who prevails in an action under this chapter shall be awarded money damages in a maximum amount of \$500,000 for each claimant.

Sec. 118.004. COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES. A party who prevails in an action under this chapter is entitled to:

(1) court costs; and

(2) reasonable and necessary attorney's fees.

Sec. 118.005. REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE. The remedies authorized by this chapter are in addition to any other legal remedies.

Sec. 118.006. WAIVER OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; OFFICIAL IMMUNITY ABOLISHED. (a) A public school's governmental immunity to suit and from liability is waived to the extent of liability created by this chapter.

(b) A professional school employee may not assert official immunity under Subchapter B, Chapter 22, Education Code, the common law, or any other law in an action brought under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Chapter 118, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an act or omission that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)**

Amend **CSHB 4623** (senate committee report) by striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Title 5, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Chapter 118 to read as follows:

#### **CHAPTER 118. LIABILITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CERTAIN ACTS OR OMISSIONS**

Sec. 118.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Open-enrollment charter school" has the meaning assigned by Section 5.001, Education Code.

(2) "Professional school employee" includes:

(A) a superintendent or administrator serving as educational leader and chief executive officer of the school, principal or equivalent chief operating officer, teacher, including a substitute teacher, supervisor, social worker, school counselor, nurse, and teacher's aide employed by a public school;

(B) a teacher employed by a company that contracts with a public school to provide the teacher's services to the school;

(C) a student in an education preparation program participating in a field experience or internship;

(D) a school bus driver certified in accordance with standards and qualifications adopted by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas;

(E) a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district or a member of the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school; and

(F) any other person employed by a public school whose employment requires certification and the exercise of discretion.

(3) "Public school" means an independent school district or an open-enrollment charter school.

(4) "Sexual misconduct" means sexual abuse or conduct described by Section 20A.02, 21.02, 21.07, 21.08, 21.11, 21.12, 21.15, 21.16, 21.165, 21.17, 21.18, 21.19, 22.011, 22.012, 22.021, or 43.25, Penal Code.

Sec. 118.002. LIABILITY. (a) A public school that is grossly negligent or reckless, or engages in intentional misconduct, in hiring, supervising, or employing a professional school employee is liable for an act or omission that is committed by the employee against a student enrolled in the school and that is:

(1) sexual misconduct; or

(2) failure to report suspected child abuse or neglect under Section 261.101, Family Code.

(b) In an action against a public school under this chapter, the professional school employee who committed the act or omission on which the claim is based must be named as a defendant.

Sec. 118.003. DAMAGES. A claimant who prevails in an action under this chapter shall be awarded actual damages in a maximum amount of \$500,000 for each claimant.

Sec. 118.004. COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES. A party who prevails in an action under this chapter is entitled to:

(1) court costs; and

(2) reasonable and necessary attorney's fees.

Sec. 118.005. REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE. The remedies authorized by this chapter are in addition to any other legal remedies.

Sec. 118.006. WAIVER OF GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY; OFFICIAL IMMUNITY ABOLISHED. (a) A public school's governmental immunity to suit and from liability is waived to the extent of liability created by this chapter.

(b) A professional school employee may not assert official immunity under Subchapter B, Chapter 22, Education Code, the common law, or any other law in an action brought under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Chapter 118, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an act or omission that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 3000 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Representative King called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 3000**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a grant program to provide financial assistance to qualified ambulance service providers in certain rural counties.

Representative King moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 3000**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 3000** prevailed by (Record 4062): 112 Yeas, 24 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Craddick; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schoolcraft; Simmons; Smithee; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Bumgarner; Cain; Cunningham; Harrison; Hickland; Hull; Isaac; LaHood; Leo Wilson; Lowe; McQueeney; Money; Olcott; Oliverson; Patterson; Pierson; Schofield; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Buckley; Campos; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Manuel; Reynolds.

### **STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 4062 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Richardson



When Record No. 4062 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Schatzline

When Record No. 4062 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

### **Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)**

Amend **HB 3000** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 130.914, Local Government Code, as follows:

(1) In added Subsection (a)(3) (page 1, line 40), strike "rural area" and substitute "qualified county".

(2) In added Subsection (a) (page 1, between lines 31 and 32), insert the following appropriately numbered subdivision in the subsection and renumber subsequent subdivisions of the subsection accordingly:

( ) "Ambulance" means a vehicle registered with the Department of State Health Services as an emergency medical service provider vehicle.

(3) In added Subsection (c) (page 1, line 47), between "county" and "may", insert ", on behalf of a qualified rural ambulance service provider,".

(4) In added Subsection (c) (page 1, lines 49 through 51), strike the final sentence of the subsection and substitute the following:

If a county is awarded a grant under the grant program for a qualified rural ambulance service provider, the qualified rural ambulance service provider is ineligible to receive additional grant funds under the grant program from another qualified county in the same fiscal year.

(5) In added Subsection (d) (page 1, line 54), strike "contract" and substitute "written agreement".

(6) In added Subsection (d) (page 1, line 57 through page 2, line 1), strike the final sentence of the subsection, including Subdivisions (1) and (2) of the subsection, and substitute the following:

In awarding the grants, the comptroller shall consider the county's ability to otherwise obtain the money necessary to provide adequate ground ambulance services, including considering for the county the average:

(1) per capita taxable property value;

(2) per capita income; and

(3) unemployment rate.

(7) In added Subsection (f) (page 2, line 10), between "ambulances" and "as", insert ", including necessary accessories and modifications,".

(8) In added Subsection (h) (page 2, lines 19 and 20), immediately following the second sentence of that subsection, insert "Until an ambulance becomes available for purchase, the county may deposit the grant funds in an interest bearing account and may treat any resulting proceeds as grant funds under the grant program.".

(9) In added Subsection (h)(2)(C) (page 2, line 27), immediately following the underlined semicolon, insert "and".

(10) In added Subsection (h)(3)(B) (page 2, line 33), strike "section; and" and substitute "section.".

(11) Strike ~~added~~ Subsection (h)(4) (page 2, lines 34 and 35).

### **HB 117 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Schoolcraft called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 117**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the establishment of the governor's task force on the governance of early childhood education and care.

Representative Schoolcraft moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 117**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 117** prevailed by (Record 4063): 110 Yeas, 23 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Craddick; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Simmons; Smithee; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Cain; Cunningham; Harrison; Hickland; Hull; LaHood; Leo Wilson; Lowe; McQueeney; Morgan; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Pierson; Schatzline; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Spiller; Tinderholt; Toth; Wharton.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Ashby; Buckley; Campos; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Kitzman; Lujan; Manuel; Reynolds.

### **STATEMENT OF VOTE**

When Record No. 4063 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

**Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)**

Amend **HB 117** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 455.004(a), Government Code (page 2, between lines 5 and 6), by inserting the following appropriately numbered subdivision and renumbering subsequent subdivisions accordingly:

( ) develop and recommend standards for high quality prekindergarten programs, including programs under Subchapter E-1, Chapter 29, Education Code;

**Senate Amendment No. 2 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 2)**

Amend **HB 117** (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. An entity to which Chapter 455, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies is required to implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, an entity may, but is not required to, implement a provision of this Act using other money available for that purpose.

**HB 3619 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Darby called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 3619**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the rights and liabilities of the owner of the surface estate of the tract of land on which a well to be plugged or replugged by the Railroad Commission of Texas is located.

Representative Darby moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 3619**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 3619** prevailed by (Record 4064): 108 Yeas, 27 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Cole; Collier; Craddick; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Simmons; Smithee; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Bonnen; Bumgarner; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Cunningham; Hickland; Hull; Isaac; Leach; Leo Wilson; Lowe; Morgan; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Pierson; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Canales; Cortez; Davis, Y.; Manuel; Paul; Reynolds.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4064 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Morgan

When Record No. 4064 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 3619**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the rights and liabilities of the owner of the surface estate of the tract of land on which a well to be plugged or replugged by the Railroad Commission of Texas is located.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 89.043, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) If the commission plugs or replugs a well under this section, the commission shall, unless the owner of the surface estate of the tract of land declines to have the surface restored, restore the surface of the tract of land on which the well is located by contouring the surface to the topography that existed before the plugging or replugging operations began in a manner intended to promote the natural revegetation of the tract and in accordance with applicable commission rules.

SECTION 2. Section 89.044, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Except as necessary to prevent injury to the public health, a person authorized to enter land under this section may not take an action that would prevent the owner of the surface estate of the land from accessing the land.

SECTION 3. Section 89.045, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 89.045. **LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES.** (a) The commission and its employees and agents, the operator, and the nonoperator are not liable for any damages that may occur as a result of acts done or omitted to be done by them or each of them in a good-faith effort to carry out this chapter.

(b) The owner of the surface estate of the tract of land on which a well is located is immune from civil liability for any damages that may occur as a result of acts done or omitted to be done in carrying out this chapter by the commission, an employee or agent of the commission, or any other person authorized under this chapter to enter the land.

SECTION 4. Section 89.043(g), Natural Resources Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a well that is plugged or replugged on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 4464 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative M. González called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 4464**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the provision of workers' compensation insurance coverage for certain Texas Task Force 1 members and intrastate fire mutual aid system team and regional incident management team members.

Representative M. González moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 4464**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 4464** prevailed by (Record 4065): 108 Yeas, 28 Nays, 3 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Patterson; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schofield; Shaheen; Simmons; Smithee; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Bumgarner; Cain; Cook; Cunningham; Harris Davila; Hickland; Hopper; Hull; Leo Wilson; Lowe; Lozano; McQueeney; Metcalf; Morgan; Olcott; Oliverson; Orr; Paul; Pierson; Schatzline; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Slawson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Wharton.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Louderback; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, Y.; Manuel; Reynolds; Swanson.

**STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 4065 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Spiller

When Record No. 4065 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

**Senate Committee Substitute**

**CSHB 4464**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the provision of workers' compensation insurance coverage for certain Texas Task Force 1 members and intrastate fire mutual aid system team and regional incident management team members, including the removal of coverage for nongovernment members.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 88.126(a)(2), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Local government employee member" means a member who is an employee, as defined by Section 504.001, Labor Code, of ~~[employed by]~~ a political subdivision ~~[local government]~~, as defined by that section ~~[Section 102.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 88.126, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) Service with an intrastate fire mutual aid system team or a regional incident management team by a local government employee member who is activated is considered to be in the course and scope of the employee's regular employment with the political subdivision.

SECTION 3. Section 88.301(1), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Local government employee member" means a member who is an employee, as defined by Section 504.001, Labor Code, of ~~[employed by]~~ a political subdivision, ~~[local government]~~ as defined by that section ~~[Section 102.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code]~~.

SECTION 4. Section 88.303, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) Service with Texas Task Force 1 by a local government employee member who is activated is considered to be in the course and scope of the employee's regular employment with the political subdivision.

SECTION 5. The heading to Section 408.0445, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 408.0445. AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE FOR MEMBERS OF STATE MILITARY FORCES**~~[, TEXAS TASK FORCE 1, INTRASTATE FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM TEAMS, AND REGIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS].~~

SECTION 6. Section 501.001(5), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(5) "Employee" means a person who is:

(A) in the service of the state pursuant to an election, appointment, or express oral or written contract of hire;

(B) paid from state funds but whose duties require that the person work and frequently receive supervision in a political subdivision of the state;

(C) a peace officer employed by a political subdivision, while the peace officer is exercising authority granted under:

(i) Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(ii) Articles 14.03(d) and (g), Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(D) a member of the state military forces, as defined by Section 437.001, Government Code, who is engaged in authorized training or duty[;

~~[(E) a Texas Task Force 1 member, as defined by Section 88.301, Education Code, who is activated by the Texas Division of Emergency Management or is injured during training sponsored or sanctioned by Texas Task Force 1; or~~

~~[(F) an intrastate fire mutual aid system team member or a regional incident management team member, as defined by Section 88.126, Education Code, who is activated by the Texas Division of Emergency Management or is injured during training sponsored or sanctioned by the Texas Division of Emergency Management on behalf of an intrastate fire mutual aid system team or a regional incident management team, as applicable].~~

SECTION 7. Chapter 506, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 506.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 506.003. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF TEXAS TASK FORCE 1, INTRASTATE FIRE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM TEAM, OR REGIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM. (a) This section applies only to an employee, as defined by Section 501.001, 502.001, 503.001, 504.001, or 505.001, who is:

(1) a member of Texas Task Force 1, as defined by Section 88.302, Education Code, or a member of an intrastate fire mutual aid system team or a regional incident management team, as defined by Section 88.126, Education Code; and

(2) activated by the Texas Division of Emergency Management or is injured during training that is sponsored or sanctioned by the Texas Division of Emergency Management or Texas Task Force 1.

(b) For purposes of workers' compensation coverage under Chapter 501, service with Texas Task Force 1, an intrastate fire mutual aid system team, or a regional incident management team, as applicable, by an employee, as defined by Section 501.001, is:

(1) considered to be in the course and scope of the employee's regular employment; and

(2) included in the coverage provided under Chapter 501.

(c) For purposes of workers' compensation coverage under Chapter 503 or 505, service with Texas Task Force 1, an intrastate fire mutual aid system team, or a regional incident management team, as applicable, by an employee, as defined by Section 503.001 or 505.001, as applicable, is:

(1) considered to be in the course and scope of the employee's regular employment; and

(2) included in the coverage provided under Chapter 501 in the same manner as an employee, as defined by Section 501.001.

(d) For purposes of workers' compensation coverage under Chapter 502, service with Texas Task Force 1, an intrastate fire mutual aid system team, or a regional incident management team, as applicable, by an employee, as defined by Section 502.001, is:

(1) considered to be in the course and scope of the employee's regular employment; and

(2) included in the coverage provided under Chapter 502.

(e) For purposes of workers' compensation coverage under Chapter 504, service with Texas Task Force 1, an intrastate fire mutual aid system team, or a regional incident management team, as applicable, by an employee, as defined by Section 504.001, is:

(1) considered to be in the course and scope of the employee's regular employment; and

(2) included in the coverage provided under Chapter 504.

SECTION 8. The following provisions are repealed:

- (1) Section 88.126(a)(4), Education Code;
- (2) Section 88.126(b), Education Code;
- (3) Section 88.301(3), Education Code;
- (4) Section 88.303(a), Education Code;
- (5) Sections 408.0445(b) and (c), Labor Code; and
- (6) Sections 501.002(f) and (g), Labor Code.

SECTION 9. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a claim for workers' compensation benefits based on a compensable injury that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. A claim based on a compensable injury that occurs before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the compensable injury occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 5646 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Wilson called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 5646**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to resident tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education for certain students in military-related programs.

Representative Wilson moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5646**.



The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5646** prevailed by (Record 4066): 136 Yeas, 1 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Lowe.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, Y.; Gerdes; Manuel; Reynolds.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4066 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

### Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)

Amend **HB 5646** (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 51.805, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) In making an admissions decision, a senior military college or other general academic teaching institution that maintains a corps of cadets as a fraternal organization beyond training through a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program shall consider an applicant's intent to enlist in a branch of the United States armed forces or enroll in the corps of cadets.

### RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 2.)

## **HCR 84 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Shofner called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HCR 84**, Designating Pineland as the official Sawmill Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2035.

Representative Shofner moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HCR 84**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HCR 84** prevailed by (Record 4067): 122 Yeas, 13 Nays, 4 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Cain; Gervin-Hawkins; Hickland; Hopper; Leo Wilson; Lowe; Olcott; Patterson; Schatzline; Shaheen; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Harrison; Vasut(C); Virdell.

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Manuel; Reynolds.

### **STATEMENT OF VOTE**

When Record No. 4067 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

### **Senate Committee Substitute**

#### **CSHCR 84**

WHEREAS, The development of the city of Pineland has been profoundly shaped by its lumber industry, which has formed the basis of the community's economy since its founding at the turn of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, Located in southwestern Sabine County, Pineland traces its origins to a sawmill and lumber camp that was established on the Gulf, Beaumont and Great Northern Railway, which laid tracks through the county in 1902; originally known as John Adam's Mill, the community acquired its Pineland name when a post office opened in 1904; and

WHEREAS, Nestled in the heart of the East Texas forests, Pineland grew rapidly as a company town centered around the Temple Lumber Company, which was established in 1910 when Thomas L. L. Temple took control of a previously existing mill operation; through the decades, the company's products included hardwood, plywood, pine lumber, particleboard, and hardwood flooring, and a number of new processing facilities were added beginning in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, The company became Temple Industries in 1963, and additional name changes took place over the next two decades due to a series of acquisitions and mergers; since 2013, Georgia-Pacific has operated the mill, and when a \$120 million expansion of the Pineland Lumber Complex was completed in 2023, it became the largest sawmill in the southern United States; and

WHEREAS, Drawing on the region's vast timber resources, Pineland has played an integral role in the state's lumber industry for more than a century, and the city's residents are justifiably proud of their community's contributions to the Texas economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate Pineland as the official Sawmill Capital of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally passed by the legislature.

### **SB 30 - REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Representative Guillen, the house granted the request of the senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee on **SB 30**.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **SB 30**: Bonnen, chair; Dutton, Johnson, Leach, and Little.

### **HB 5509 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Bumgarner called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 5509**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the suspension or revocation of a hotel's certificate of occupancy by a municipality for suspected human trafficking.

Representative Bumgarner moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5509**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5509** prevailed by (Record 4068): 120 Yeas, 16 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schoolcraft; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Cain; LaHood; Lowe; McQueeney; Metcalf; Money; Olcott; Patterson; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Tinderholt; Toth; Villalobos.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, Y.; Hopper; Manuel; Reynolds; Shofner.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4068 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Richardson

When Record No. 4068 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 5509**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the suspension or revocation of a hotel's certificate of occupancy by a municipality for suspected human trafficking.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 215, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 215.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 215.007. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF HOTEL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY. (a) In this section:

(1) "Hotel" has the meaning assigned by Section 156.001, Tax Code.

(2) "Human trafficking activity" means conduct that constitutes an offense under Section 20A.02 or 20A.03, Penal Code.

(b) The governing body of a municipality may suspend or revoke a certificate of occupancy for a hotel located in the municipality if:

(1) a law enforcement officer provides an affidavit of probable cause swearing that criminal human trafficking activity is occurring in the hotel;

(2) a court with criminal jurisdiction in the county in which the hotel is located issues an order stating the court's finding of probable cause that human trafficking activity is occurring at the hotel; and

(3) the municipality follows the procedures described by Subsection (d) before suspending or revoking the certificate of occupancy.

(c) This section does not limit a hotel owner's or operator's right to a public hearing and to present evidence at a proceeding regarding the suspension or revocation of a certificate of occupancy.

(d) A municipality that seeks to suspend or revoke a certificate of occupancy for a hotel under this section shall follow procedures that are consistent with the suspension or revocation of a certificate of occupancy for any other type of business or use of land within the municipality.

(e) This section may not be construed to create a private cause of action.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 1973 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Cook called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 1973**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to proof of the identity of a child's parents in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

Representative Cook moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 1973**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 1973** prevailed by (Record 4069): 133 Yeas, 2 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Patterson; Shaheen.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, Y.; Gates; Harrison; Manuel; Reynolds; Talarico.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4069 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Gates

When Record No. 4069 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 1973**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to proof of the identity of a child's parents in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 102.008, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c-1) The petitioner shall additionally submit to the court a certified copy of the child's birth certificate if available to the petitioner. If a certified copy of the child's birth certificate is not available to the petitioner, the court at any time during the pendency of the suit may request another party to whom a certified copy of the child's birth certificate is available to submit a copy to the court. A certified copy of the child's birth certificate submitted under this subsection must be submitted for filing under seal and filed separately from any other document. If a certified copy of the child's birth certificate is not available to any party or if the copy does not name both of the child's parents, the court may request from any party at any time during the pendency of the suit alternative proof of the identity of the child's parents. The court shall seal or otherwise keep confidential any certificate or other proof submitted under this subsection, as applicable.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if the Title IV-D agency files a petition in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship, the agency is not required to:

(1) include in the petition the statement described by Subsection (b)(11); ~~or~~

(2) attach copies of the documentation described by Subsection (c); or

(3) submit to the court a copy of a child's birth certificate or other proof of the identity of the child's parents as described by Subsection (c-1).

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a suit affecting the parent-child relationship that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

## **HB 718 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative C. Bell called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 718**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to prohibiting a public institution of higher education from partnering with certain private entities for the construction of a student housing facility.

Representative C. Bell moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 718**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 718** prevailed by (Record 4070): 136 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesia; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, Y.; Geren; Manuel; Reynolds; Walle.

### **STATEMENT OF VOTE**

When Record No. 4070 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

### **Senate Committee Substitute**

**CSHB 718**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to prohibiting a public institution of higher education from partnering with certain private entities for the construction of a student housing facility.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9273 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9273. CERTAIN PARTNERSHIPS TO CONSTRUCT STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES PROHIBITED. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) An institution of higher education may not enter into a contract to partner with a private entity to construct a student housing facility if the entity has a pending action or lien against the entity or entity's property relating to a claim for nonpayment of a contractor, subcontractor, or vendor. This section does not apply to a claim for nonpayment if the entity:

(1) has provided a payment bond to cover the claim; or

(2) contests in good faith the validity or accuracy of the claim.

SECTION 2. Section 51.9273, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a contract entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the contract was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

## **HB 252 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Walle called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 252**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the payment of employment compensation by certain state agencies.

Representative Walle moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 252**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 252** prevailed by (Record 4071): 118 Yeas, 18 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Troxclair; Turner; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.



Nays — Barry; Bumgarner; Cain; Hickland; LaHood; Leo Wilson; Lowe; McQueeney; Olcott; Patterson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Toth; Wharton.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Bell, C.; Campos; Davis, Y.; Manuel; Reynolds; VanDeaver.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4071 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 252**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the payment of employment compensation by certain state agencies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 659.082, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A state agency listed in Subsection (a) may elect to pay employment compensation twice a month to an employee who holds a position classified under classification salary Schedule A in the General Appropriations Act. A state agency that elects to pay employment compensation twice a month under this subsection must satisfy the comptroller's requirements relating to the payment of compensation twice a month.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### HB 5666 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

Without objection, Representative Oliverson called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 5666**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Fenske Road Municipal Utility District of Harris County; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Representative Oliverson moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5666**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5666** prevailed by (Record 4072): 93 Yeas, 44 Nays, 3 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; Dorazio; Dutton; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez;

Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; Kitzman; Lalani; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Ashby; Barry; Bonnen; Bumgarner; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; DeAyala; Dyson; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; King; LaHood; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Olcott; Patterson; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Tinderholt; Toth; Villalobos; Wharton; Wilson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C); Virdell.

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, Y.; Manuel; Reynolds.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4072 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 5666**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Fenske Road Municipal Utility District of Harris County; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 6, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 7901A to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 7901A. FENSKE ROAD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT OF HARRIS COUNTY

##### SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 7901A.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.

(2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Environmental  
Quality.

(3) "Director" means a board member.

(4) "District" means the Fenske Road Municipal Utility District of  
Harris County.

Sec. 7901A.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a municipal  
utility district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 7901A.0103. CONFIRMATION AND DIRECTOR ELECTION REQUIRED. The temporary directors shall hold an election to confirm the creation of the district and to elect five permanent directors as provided by Section 49.102, Water Code.

Sec. 7901A.0104. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. The temporary directors may not hold an election under Section 7901A.0103 until each municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the district is located has consented by ordinance or resolution to the creation of the district and to the inclusion of land in the district as required by applicable law.

Sec. 7901A.0105. FINDINGS OF PUBLIC PURPOSE AND BENEFIT. (a) The district is created to serve a public purpose and benefit.

(b) The district is created to accomplish the purposes of:

(1) a municipal utility district as provided by general law and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and

(2) Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, that relate to the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation, or maintenance of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

Sec. 7901A.0106. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The district is initially composed of the territory described by Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

(b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake made in the field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process does not affect the district's:

(1) organization, existence, or validity;

(2) right to issue any type of bond for the purposes for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and interest on a bond;

(3) right to impose a tax; or

(4) legality or operation.

#### SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 7901A.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is governed by a board of five elected directors.

(b) Except as provided by Section 7901A.0202, directors serve staggered four-year terms.

Sec. 7901A.0202. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) The temporary board consists of:

(1) McCay Dickson;

(2) Joseph Taylor;

(3) Michael Foreman;

(4) Alex Brown; and

(5) Monica Bueso.

(b) Temporary directors serve until the earlier of:

(1) the date permanent directors are elected under Section 7901A.0103;

or

(2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter.

(c) If permanent directors have not been elected under Section 7901A.0103 and the terms of the temporary directors have expired, successor temporary directors shall be appointed or reappointed as provided by Subsection (d) to serve terms that expire on the earlier of:

(1) the date permanent directors are elected under Section 7901A.0103;

or

(2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the appointment or reappointment.

(d) If Subsection (c) applies, the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district may submit a petition to the commission requesting that the commission appoint as successor temporary directors the five persons named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as successor temporary directors the five persons named in the petition.

#### SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 7901A.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the district is created.

Sec. 7901A.0302. MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties provided by the general law of this state, including Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, applicable to municipal utility districts created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 7901A.0303. AUTHORITY FOR ROAD PROJECTS. Under Section 52, Article III, Texas Constitution, the district may design, acquire, construct, finance, issue bonds for, improve, operate, maintain, and convey to this state, a county, or a municipality for operation and maintenance macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, or improvements, including storm drainage, in aid of those roads.

Sec. 7901A.0304. ROAD STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS. (a) A road project must meet all applicable construction standards, zoning and subdivision requirements, and regulations of each municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the road project is located.

(b) If a road project is not located in the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality, the road project must meet all applicable construction standards, subdivision requirements, and regulations of each county in which the road project is located.

(c) If the state will maintain and operate the road, the Texas Transportation Commission must approve the plans and specifications of the road project.

Sec. 7901A.0305. COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CONSENT ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION. The district shall comply with all applicable requirements of any ordinance or resolution that is adopted under Section 54.016 or 54.0165, Water Code, and that consents to the creation of the district or to the inclusion of land in the district.

Sec. 7901A.0306. DIVISION OF DISTRICT. This chapter applies to any new district created by the division of the district under Section 49.316, Water Code, and a new district has all the powers and duties of the district.

SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL FINANCIAL PROVISIONSSec. 7901A.0401. ELECTIONS REGARDING TAXES OR BONDS. (a)

The district may issue, without an election, bonds and other obligations secured by:

(1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes; or

(2) contract payments described by Section 7901A.0403.

(b) The district must hold an election in the manner provided by Chapters 49 and 54, Water Code, to obtain voter approval before the district may impose an ad valorem tax or issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes.

(c) The district may not issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes to finance a road project unless the issuance is approved by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the district voters voting at an election held for that purpose.

Sec. 7901A.0402. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If authorized at an election held under Section 7901A.0401, the district may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable property in the district in accordance with Section 49.107, Water Code.

(b) The board shall determine the tax rate. The rate may not exceed the rate approved at the election.

Sec. 7901A.0403. CONTRACT TAXES. (a) In accordance with Section 49.108, Water Code, the district may impose a tax other than an operation and maintenance tax and use the revenue derived from the tax to make payments under a contract after the provisions of the contract have been approved by a majority of the district voters voting at an election held for that purpose.

(b) A contract approved by the district voters may contain a provision stating that the contract may be modified or amended by the board without further voter approval.

SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Sec. 7901A.0501. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. The district may issue bonds or other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any combination of those sources, to pay for any authorized district purpose.

Sec. 7901A.0502. TAXES FOR BONDS. At the time the district issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing direct ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, while all or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.

Sec. 7901A.0503. BONDS FOR ROAD PROJECTS. At the time of issuance, the total principal amount of bonds or other obligations issued or incurred to finance road projects and payable from ad valorem taxes may not exceed one-fourth of the assessed value of the real property in the district.

SECTION 2. The Fenske Road Municipal Utility District of Harris County initially includes all the territory contained in the following area:

All that certain 33.7594 acres of land being all that certain called 32.7500 acre tract described as Tract I in the deed dated July 26, 1985, from Marvin Treichel, et al to Howard Leon Treichel, et ux, filed for record under Clerk File

No. K132306, of the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas, and being all that certain called 1.00002 acre tract described in the deed dated April 23, 2004, from Timothy A. Perry to Valleys Mills Partners, Ltd. to filed for record under Clerk File No. Z-053385, out of the Jacob Duckworth Survey, A-226, Harris County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a found 1" iron pipe marking the northwest corner of said 32.7500 acre tract, said pipe located on the south right-of-way line of Fenske Road (60' Wide as monumented);

THENCE N 85° 35' 17" E - 761.55', with said south right-of-way line to a set 1/2" iron rod with cap marking northeast corner of said called 1.00002 acre;

THENCE S 01° 57' 40" E - 290.70', with the east line of said 1.00002 acre tract, to a set 5/8" iron rod with cap for an angle corner;

THENCE S 02° 02' 46" E - 388.02', with the west line of that certain called 3.25 acre tract described in the deed dated November 11, 1976, from Rickey Kleppel, et ux to Larry E. Thieme, et ux, filed for record under Clerk File No. F610177, Film Code No. 195-18-0683, of the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas to a set "PK" nail for corner;

THENCE N 85° 28' 07" E - 208.44', with the south line of said 3.25 acre tract tract, to a found 1" iron pipe marking the easterly northeast corner of the aforementioned 32.7500 acre tract, the southeast corner of said 3.25 acre tract and the northwest corner of that certain called 33.8716 acre tract described as Tract II in the deed dated July 26, 1985, from Marvin Treichel, et al to Howard Leon Treichel, et ux, filed for record under Clerk File No. K132306, Film Code No. 021-75-0610, of the Official Public Records of Real Property of Harris County, Texas;

THENCE S 09° 09' 34" E - 984.93', with the northerly west line of said 33.8716 acre tract, to a found 5/8" iron rod marking the southeast corner of the aforementioned 32.7500 acre tract and an interior corner of said 33.8716 acre tract;

THENCE S 87° 57' 07" W - 1,050.74'. with the westerly north line of said 33.8716 acre tract, to a found 5/8" iron rod marking the southwest corner of said 32.7500 acre tract and the westerly northwest corner of said 33.8716 acre tract;

THENCE N 03° 27' 44" W - 1,616.13', to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract and containing 33.7594 acres (1,470,559 square feet) of land, more or less.

SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 4. (a) If this Act does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter 7901A, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, is amended by adding Section 7901A.0307 to read as follows:

Sec. 7901A.0307. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may not exercise the power of eminent domain.

(b) This section is not intended to be an expression of a legislative interpretation of the requirements of Section 17(c), Article I, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 346 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Harris Davila called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 346**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to support for new businesses.

Representative Harris Davila moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 346**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 346** prevailed by (Record 4073): 124 Yeas, 11 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gámez; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Bowers; Bryant; Flores; Goodwin; Harrison; Hernandez; Morgan; Pierson; Rodríguez Ramos; Rose; Thompson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Canales; Davis, Y.; Garcia, L.; González, M.; Manuel; Reynolds.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4073 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 346**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the fee amounts prescribed by the secretary of state for expedited commercial and business record searches or filings and the exemption from the franchise tax and certain filing fees for veteran-owned businesses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 405.032, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) The secretary of state may set and collect the following:

(1) for the expedited handling of a certified record search or expedited filing of a document in the security interest and financing statement records of the secretary, a fee in an amount the secretary of state prescribes [of not more than \$15]; ~~[of not more than \$15]~~;

(2) for the expedited filing or reviewing of a document relating to a profit or nonprofit corporation, professional corporation or association, cooperative association, unincorporated nonprofit association, limited or general partnership, or limited liability company, a fee in an amount the secretary of state prescribes [of not more than \$25]; ~~[of not more than \$25]~~;

(3) for the expedited access or access by electronic data transmittal processes to data that is stored in state computer record banks maintained by the secretary, a fee in an amount reasonable and necessary to cover the costs of establishing and administering the system. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the secretary is authorized to maintain a system to provide expedited access by electronic data transmittal processes to all information that is stored in state computer banks maintained by the secretary and that is not classified as confidential by statute or a court decision; and

(4) for the expedited handling of a request for a certified copy or certificate of fact relating to a corporation, limited partnership, assumed name, trademark document, or other document filed for public record with the corporations section of the office of the secretary of state, a fee of not more than \$10 a copy or certificate.



(d) In prescribing fee amounts under Subsections (a)(1) and (2), the secretary of state may prescribe a varying fee schedule based on the type of business organization. The secretary of state shall publish on the secretary of state's Internet website the prescribed fee amounts and any varying fee schedule.

SECTION 2. The following provisions are repealed:

(1) Section 3, Chapter 859 (**SB 938**), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, as effective January 1, 2026, which amended Section 171.0001(4), Tax Code;

(2) Section 7, Chapter 859 (**SB 938**), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, as effective January 1, 2026, which amended Section 171.063(g), Tax Code; and

(3) Section 9, Chapter 859 (**SB 938**), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, as effective January 1, 2026, which provided for the repeal of Section 12.005, Business Organizations Code, and Sections 171.0005, 171.001(d), and 171.204(d), Tax Code.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 5624 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Buckley called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 5624**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the liability of a motorized off-road vehicle entity for injuries arising from certain activities.

Representative Buckley moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5624**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5624** prevailed by (Record 4074): 125 Yeas, 10 Nays, 3 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, M.; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu.

Nays — Bowers; Bryant; González, J.; Goodwin; Jones, J.; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Rodríguez Ramos; Rose; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Hinojosa; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Canales; Davis, Y.; Garcia, L.; Manuel; Reynolds.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4074 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Collier

When Record No. 4074 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 5624**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the liability of a motorized off-road vehicle entity for injuries arising from certain activities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Title 4, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Chapter 75E to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 75E. LIMITED LIABILITY FOR MOTORIZED OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ACTIVITIES

Sec. 75E.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

- (1) "Motorized off-road vehicle" means any vehicle:
  - (A) with two to four wheels;
  - (B) powered by a combustion engine or an electric motor;
  - (C) weighing 8,000 pounds or less; and
  - (D) designed to drive on unpaved roads and surfaces.
- (2) "Motorized off-road vehicle activity" means an activity involving motorized off-road vehicles at a motorized off-road vehicle area for recreational or educational purposes.
- (3) "Motorized off-road vehicle activity participant" means an individual, other than an employee of a motorized off-road vehicle entity, who engages in a motorized off-road vehicle activity. The term does not include a spectator of a motorized off-road vehicle activity unless the spectator enters an unauthorized area or intentionally places himself or herself in immediate proximity to the activity.
- (4) "Motorized off-road vehicle activity participant injury" means an injury sustained by a motorized off-road vehicle activity participant, including bodily injury, emotional distress, death, property damage, or any other loss arising from the person's participation in a motorized off-road vehicle activity.
- (5) "Motorized off-road vehicle area" means a commercial property designed to provide recreation or education related to driving a motorized off-road vehicle on unpaved roads or surfaces, including driving instruction, practices, competitions, or performances or group driving activities such as tours, hunts, or races.

(6) "Motorized off-road vehicle entity" means an individual or an entity, including an employee or a volunteer:

(A) engaged in the business of owning, operating, or leasing a motorized off-road vehicle area; or

(B) sponsoring, sanctioning, endorsing, or officiating a motorized off-road vehicle activity.

Sec. 75E.002. LIMITED LIABILITY. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a motorized off-road vehicle entity is not liable to any person for a motorized off-road vehicle activity participant injury, if, at the time of the motorized off-road vehicle activity participant injury, the warning prescribed by Section 75E.003 was posted in accordance with that section.

(b) This section does not limit liability for an injury:

(1) proximately caused by:

(A) the motorized off-road vehicle entity's:

(i) gross negligence or intentional misconduct with regard to the safety of the motorized off-road vehicle area or the motorized off-road vehicle activity participant; or

(ii) negligence with regard to a motorized off-road vehicle or related equipment provided by the entity to the participant;

(B) a potentially dangerous condition at the motorized off-road vehicle area, other than a potentially dangerous condition inherent to driving a vehicle in a motorized off-road vehicle area, including unstable roads, surfaces, or subsurfaces or natural or man-made obstacles, of which the motorized off-road vehicle entity knew or reasonably should have known; or

(C) the motorized off-road vehicle entity's failure to train or improper training of an employee of the motorized off-road vehicle entity actively involved in the motorized off-road vehicle area or a motorized off-road vehicle activity; or

(2) intentionally caused by the motorized off-road vehicle entity.

(c) The doctrine of attractive nuisance does not apply to a claim made by a person for an injury that occurred in a motorized off-road vehicle area.

Sec. 75E.003. POSTED WARNING. For the purposes of limitation of liability under Section 75E.002(a), a motorized off-road vehicle entity must post and maintain a sign in a clearly visible location at an entrance to a motorized off-road vehicle area. The sign must contain the following language:

WARNING

TEXAS LAW (CHAPTER 75E, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE)  
LIMITS THE LIABILITY OF A MOTORIZED OFF-ROAD VEHICLE  
ENTITY FOR INJURIES OR DEATH OF A MOTORIZED OFF-ROAD  
VEHICLE ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT RESULTING FROM A MOTORIZED  
OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ACTIVITY.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

## **HB 5658 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Patterson called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 5658**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Craver Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments and fees; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Representative Patterson moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5658**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5658** prevailed by (Record 4075): 85 Yeas, 52 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anchía; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Hayes; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, J.; King; Kitzman; Lalani; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Shaheen; Simmons; Smithee; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bonnen; Bumgarner; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Cunningham; DeAyala; Fairly; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Isaac; Kerwin; LaHood; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Olcott; Oliverson; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Slawson; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Bhojani; Campos; Davis, Y.; Gerdes; Reynolds.

### **STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 4075 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

J. Lopez

When Record No. 4075 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

**Senate Committee Substitute**

**CSHB 5658**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Craver Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments and fees; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 4, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 4020 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 4020. CRAVER RANCH MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT

DISTRICT NO. 1

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 4020.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.

(2) "City" means the City of Denton.

(3) "Director" means a board member.

(4) "District" means the Craver Ranch Municipal Management District

No. 1.

Sec. 4020.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The Craver Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1 is a special district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 4020.0103. PURPOSE; DECLARATION OF INTENT. (a) The creation of the district is essential to accomplish the purposes of Sections 52 and 52-a, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and other public purposes stated in this chapter.

(b) By creating the district and in authorizing the city and other political subdivisions to contract with the district, the legislature has established a program to accomplish the public purposes set out in Section 52-a, Article III, Texas Constitution.

(c) The creation of the district is necessary to promote, develop, encourage, and maintain employment, commerce, transportation, housing, tourism, recreation, the arts, entertainment, economic development, safety, and the public welfare in the district.

(d) This chapter and the creation of the district may not be interpreted to relieve the city from providing the level of services provided as of the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter to the area in the district. The district is created to supplement and not to supplant city services provided in the district.

Sec. 4020.0104. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE. (a) All land and other property included in the district will benefit from the improvements and services to be provided by the district under powers conferred by Sections 52 and 52-a, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and other powers granted under this chapter.

(b) The district is created to serve a public use and benefit.

(c) The creation of the district is in the public interest and is essential to further the public purposes of:

(1) developing and diversifying the economy of the state;

(2) eliminating unemployment and underemployment; and

(3) developing or expanding transportation and commerce.

(d) The district will:

(1) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of residents, employers, potential employees, employees, visitors, and consumers in the district, and of the public;

(2) provide needed funding for the district to preserve, maintain, and enhance the economic health and vitality of the district territory as a community and business center;

(3) promote the health, safety, welfare, and enjoyment of the public by providing pedestrian ways and by landscaping and developing certain areas in the district, which are necessary for the restoration, preservation, and enhancement of scenic beauty; and

(4) provide for water, wastewater, drainage, road, and recreational facilities for the district.

(e) Pedestrian ways along or across a street, whether at grade or above or below the surface, and street lighting, street landscaping, parking, and street art objects are parts of and necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street or road improvement.

(f) The district will not act as the agent or instrumentality of any private interest even though the district will benefit many private interests as well as the public.

Sec. 4020.0105. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The district is initially composed of the territory described by Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

(b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake in the field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process does not affect the district's:

(1) organization, existence, or validity;

(2) right to issue any type of bonds for the purposes for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds;

(3) right to impose or collect an assessment; or

(4) legality or operation.

Sec. 4020.0106. ELIGIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN SPECIAL ZONES. All or any part of the area of the district is eligible to be included in:

(1) a tax increment reinvestment zone created under Chapter 311, Tax Code; or

(2) a tax abatement reinvestment zone created under Chapter 312, Tax Code.

Sec. 4020.0107. APPLICABILITY OF MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS LAW. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, Chapter 375, Local Government Code, applies to the district.

Sec. 4020.0108. PRECONDITION. (a) The district may not exercise any powers granted to the district by this chapter or other law unless a development agreement between the city and the primary landowner in the district that

establishes the standards that apply to development in the district, in addition to those contained in zoning, subdivision, and other applicable ordinances of the city, has been executed.

(b) After September 1, 2030, if a development agreement described by Subsection (a) has not been executed, the board shall dissolve the district in the manner provided by Section 4020.0901(b) if the board receives a written dissolution request from the city.

Sec. 4020.0109. CONSTRUCTION OF CHAPTER. This chapter shall be liberally construed in conformity with the findings and purposes stated in this chapter.

#### SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 4020.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is governed by a board of five elected directors who serve staggered terms of four years.

(b) Directors are elected in the manner provided by Subchapter D, Chapter 49, Water Code.

Sec. 4020.0202. COMPENSATION; EXPENSES. (a) A director is entitled to receive fees of office and reimbursement for actual expenses as provided by Section 49.060, Water Code.

(b) Sections 375.069 and 375.070, Local Government Code, do not apply to the board.

Sec. 4020.0203. INITIAL DIRECTORS. (a) The initial board consists of the following directors:

<u>Pos. No.</u>	<u>Name of Director</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Jessica Burton</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Paul Aycock</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Isabelle Holbrook</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Ana Martin</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>Justine Spurgin</u>

(b) Initial directors serve until the earlier of:

(1) the date permanent directors are elected under Section 4020.0201;

or

(2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter.

(c) If permanent directors have not been elected under Section 4020.0201 and the terms of the initial directors have expired, successor directors shall be appointed or reappointed as provided by Subsection (d) to serve terms that expire on the earlier of:

(1) the date permanent directors are elected under Section 4020.0201;

or

(2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the appointment or reappointment.

(d) If Subsection (c) applies, the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district may submit a petition to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requesting that the commission

appoint as successor directors the five persons named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as successor directors the five persons named in the petition.

#### **SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES**

Sec. 4020.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the district is created.

Sec. 4020.0302. IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND SERVICES. (a) The district, using any money available to the district for the purpose, may provide, design, construct, acquire, improve, relocate, operate, maintain, or finance an improvement project or service authorized under a development agreement described by Section 4020.0108, under this chapter, or under Chapter 375, Local Government Code.

(b) The district may contract with a governmental or private entity to carry out an action under Subsection (a).

(c) The implementation of a district project or service is a governmental function or service for the purposes of Chapter 791, Government Code.

Sec. 4020.0303. NONPROFIT CORPORATION. (a) The board by resolution may authorize the creation of a nonprofit corporation to assist and act for the district in implementing a project or providing a service authorized by this chapter.

(b) The nonprofit corporation:

(1) has each power of and is considered to be a local government corporation created under Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Transportation Code; and

(2) may implement any project and provide any service authorized by this chapter.

(c) The board shall appoint the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation. The board of directors of the nonprofit corporation shall serve in the same manner as the board of directors of a local government corporation created under Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Transportation Code, except that a board member is not required to reside in the district.

Sec. 4020.0304. MEMBERSHIP IN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. The district may join and pay dues to a charitable or nonprofit organization that performs a service or provides an activity consistent with the furtherance of a district purpose.

Sec. 4020.0305. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. (a) The district may engage in activities that accomplish the economic development purposes of the district.

(b) The district may establish and provide for the administration of one or more programs to promote state or local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity in the district, including programs to:

(1) make loans and grants of public money; and

(2) provide district personnel and services.

(c) The district may create economic development programs and exercise the economic development powers provided to municipalities by:

(1) Chapter 380, Local Government Code; and



(2) Subchapter A, Chapter 1509, Government Code.

Sec. 4020.0306. PARKING FACILITIES. (a) The district may acquire, lease as lessor or lessee, construct, develop, own, operate, and maintain parking facilities or a system of parking facilities, including lots, garages, parking terminals, or other structures or accommodations for parking motor vehicles off the streets and related appurtenances.

(b) The district's parking facilities serve the public purposes of the district and are owned, used, and held for a public purpose even if leased or operated by a private entity for a term of years.

(c) The district's parking facilities are parts of and necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street or road improvement.

(d) The development and operation of the district's parking facilities may be considered an economic development program.

Sec. 4020.0307. DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS OF MONEY. The board by resolution shall establish the number of directors' signatures and the procedure required for a disbursement or transfer of district money.

Sec. 4020.0308. ADDING OR EXCLUDING LAND. Except as provided by Section 4020.0309, the district may add or exclude land in the manner provided by Subchapter J, Chapter 49, Water Code, or by Subchapter H, Chapter 54, Water Code.

Sec. 4020.0309. DIVISION OF DISTRICT. (a) The district may be divided into two or more new districts only if the district has no outstanding bonded debt.

(b) This chapter applies to any new district created by the division of the district, and a new district has all the powers and duties of the district.

(c) Any new district created by the division of the district may not, at the time the new district is created, contain any land outside the area described by Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

(d) The board, on its own motion or on receipt of a petition signed by the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district, may adopt an order dividing the district.

(e) An order dividing the district must:

(1) name each new district;

(2) include the metes and bounds description of the territory of each new district;

(3) appoint initial directors for each new district; and

(4) provide for the division of assets and liabilities between or among the new districts.

(f) On or before the 30th day after the date of adoption of an order dividing the district, the district shall file the order with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and record the order in the real property records of each county in which the district is located.

(g) Municipal consent to the creation of the district and to the inclusion of land in the district granted under Section 4020.0503 acts as municipal consent to the creation of any new district created by the division of the district and to the inclusion of land in the new district.

Sec. 4020.0310. CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY NOT EXEMPT.  
Section 375.161, Local Government Code, does not apply to the district.

Sec. 4020.0311. NO AD VALOREM TAX. The district may not impose an ad valorem tax.

Sec. 4020.0312. EMINENT DOMAIN. Subject to the limitations provided by Section 54.209, Water Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided by Section 49.222, Water Code.

#### SUBCHAPTER D. ASSESSMENTS

Sec. 4020.0401. PETITION REQUIRED FOR FINANCING SERVICES AND IMPROVEMENTS WITH ASSESSMENTS. (a) The board may not finance a service or improvement project with assessments under this chapter unless a written petition requesting that service or improvement has been filed with the board.

(b) A petition filed under Subsection (a) must be signed by the owners of a majority of the assessed value of real property in the district subject to assessment according to the most recent certified tax appraisal roll for the county.

Sec. 4020.0402. ASSESSMENTS; LIENS FOR ASSESSMENTS. (a) The board by resolution may impose and collect an assessment for any purpose authorized by this chapter in all or any part of the district.

(b) An assessment, a reassessment, or an assessment resulting from an addition to or correction of the assessment roll by the district, penalties and interest on an assessment or reassessment, an expense of collection, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the district:

(1) are a first and prior lien against the property assessed;

(2) are superior to any other lien or claim other than a lien or claim for county, school district, or municipal ad valorem taxes; and

(3) are the personal liability of and a charge against the owners of the property even if the owners are not named in the assessment proceedings.

(c) The lien is effective from the date of the board's resolution imposing the assessment until the date the assessment is paid. The board may enforce the lien in the same manner that a taxing unit, as that term is defined by Section 1.04, Tax Code, may enforce an ad valorem tax lien against real property.

(d) The board may make a correction to or deletion from the assessment roll that does not increase the amount of assessment of any parcel of land without providing notice and holding a hearing in the manner required for additional assessments.

#### SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS

Sec. 4020.0501. AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY AND TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. (a) The district may borrow money on terms determined by the board.

(b) The district may issue, by public or private sale, bonds, notes, or other obligations payable wholly or partly from assessments, revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any combination of those sources of money, to pay for any authorized district purpose.

(c) The district may issue, by public or private sale, bonds, notes, or other obligations payable wholly or partly from assessments in the manner provided by Subchapter A, Chapter 372, Local Government Code, if the improvement financed by the obligation issued under this section will be conveyed to or operated and maintained by a municipality or other retail utility provider pursuant to an agreement with the district entered into before the issuance of the obligation.

Sec. 4020.0502. BONDS SECURED BY REVENUE OR CONTRACT PAYMENTS. The district may issue, without an election, bonds secured by:

- (1) revenue, including contract revenues; or
- (2) contract payments, provided that the requirements of Section 49.108, Water Code, have been met.

Sec. 4020.0503. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. (a) The board may not issue bonds until each municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the district is located has consented by ordinance or resolution to the creation of the district and to the inclusion of land in the district.

- (b) This section applies only to the district's first issuance of bonds.

#### SUBCHAPTER I. DISSOLUTION

Sec. 4020.0901. DISSOLUTION. (a) The board shall dissolve the district on written petition filed with the board by the owners of:

- (1) at least two-thirds of the assessed value of the property subject to assessment by the district based on the most recent certified county property tax rolls; or

- (2) at least two-thirds of the surface area of the district, excluding roads, streets, highways, utility rights-of-way, other public areas, and other property exempt from assessment by the district according to the most recent certified county property tax rolls.

- (b) The board by majority vote may dissolve the district at any time.

- (c) The district may not be dissolved by its board under Subsection (a) or (b) if the district:

- (1) has any outstanding bonded or other indebtedness until that indebtedness has been repaid or defeased in accordance with the order or resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or other indebtedness;

- (2) has a contractual obligation to pay money until that obligation has been fully paid in accordance with the contract; or

- (3) owns, operates, or maintains public works, facilities, or improvements unless the district contracts with another person for the ownership, operation, or maintenance of the public works, facilities, or improvements.

- (d) Sections 375.261, 375.262, and 375.264, Local Government Code, do not apply to the district.

SECTION 1. The Craver Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1 initially includes all territory contained in the following area:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

2801.468 Acres

BEING all of that tract of land situated in the P.G. Yarborough Survey, Abstract No. 1447, the J. Morton Survey, Abstract No. 121, the W. Norment Survey, Abstract No. 965, the J.W. Jagoe Survey, Abstract No. 1640, the A.W. Patton Survey, Abstract No. 990 and the W. A. Thompson Survey, Abstract No. 1238, City of Sanger, Denton County, Texas, and being all of a called 0.862 acre tract of land described in the deed to Raymond & Jewel Vinson, recorded in Instrument No. 2008-66099, Official Records of Denton County, Texas, and all of a called 623.211 acre tract of land described in the deed to Daredevil Communications LLC, recorded in Instrument No. 2018-109219, said Official Records, and all of a called 66.247 acre tract of land described as Tract III, in the deed to Gregory J. Egner, Jr., Trustee of the Egner Family Living Trust, recorded in Instrument No. 2016-23869, said Official Records, and all of a called 1892.409 acre tract of land described as Tract I and all of a called 219.478 acre tract of land described as Tract II, in the deed to NTCH-NM, LLC, recorded in Instrument No. 2024-44505, said Official Records, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a wooden right-of-way monument found in the east right-of-way line of FM 2164 (Variable width right-of-way), at a westerly corner of said 623.211 acre tract, and the common southwest corner of Wild West Addition, recorded in Cabinet G, Page 150, Plat Records of Denton County, Texas;

THENCE North 89° 00' 03" East, with a north line of said 623.211 acre tract, a distance of 1562.78 feet to a 1/2-inch iron rod with a cap stamped 'RPLS 6677" set (hereinafter referred to as capped iron rod set) at a T-Post at the southeast corner of said Wild West Addition;

THENCE North 00° 29' 29" West, with a westerly line of said 623.211 acre tract, a distance of 1460.42 feet to a wood fence corner post found at the southwest corner of a called 11.015 acre tract described in deed to Jason Walden and wife, Marianne K. Benton Sharp, recorded in Instrument No. 2014-107288, said Official Records;

THENCE North 89° 02' 03" East, with the north line of said 623.211 acre tract, a distance of 2688.93 feet to a 1/2-inch capped iron rod found at the northwest corner of a called 10.021 acre tract described as Tract one in deed to Augie's Addition, L.L.C., recorded in Instrument No. 2008-40851, said official Records;

THENCE South 01° 10' 35" East, with an easterly line of said 623.211 acre tract, a distance of 1174.75 feet to a 1/2-inch capped iron rod found at the southwest corner of said 10.021 acre tract;

THENCE North 89° 09' 19" East, with a northerly line of said 623.211 acre tract, a distance of 741.27 feet to a 1/2-inch capped iron rod found at the southeast corner of said 10.021 acre tract, at the northeast corner of said 623.211 acre tract, at the northwest corner of said 1892.409 acre tract, and at the common southwest corner of a called 20.190 acre tract of land described in deed to Richard W. Freeman and Wife, Janice H. Freeman, recorded in Instrument No. 2009-147025, said Official Records;

THENCE North 88° 27' 29" East, with a north line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 2530.35 feet to a wooden fence corner post found at the southeast corner of Quail Ridge Estates, recorded in Cabinet R, Slide 274, said Plat Records, and in the west line of Culp Branch Addition, recorded in Cabinet B, Page 323, said Plat Records;

THENCE South 01° 28' 30" East, with an easterly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 1977.73 feet to a 1-inch iron rod found at the southwest corner of a called 28.870 acre tract described in deed to Richard Alan Estes and Gaye Lynn Estes, Trustees of the Estes Family Living Trust, recorded in Instrument No. 2014-47520, said Official Records;

THENCE North 89° 02' 14" East, with a northerly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 1883.14 feet to a 1/2-inch capped iron rod found (illegible) at the southeast corner of said 28.870 acre tract;

THENCE North 01° 10' 24" West, with a westerly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 2799.94 feet to a 1-inch iron pipe found in the east line of said Culp Branch Addition;

THENCE North 01° 08' 36" West, continuing with the westerly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 1324.91 feet to a 5/8-inch iron rod found at the northeast corner of a called 42.98 acre tract described as Tract II, in deed to Dave & Dave LTD, Co., recorded in Instrument No. 2001-80814, said Official Records, and at a southerly corner of Lake Ride Estates, recorded in Cabinet W, Page 651, said Plat Records;

THENCE North 01° 23' 13" West, continuing with the westerly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 465.52 feet to a metal fence corner post found at a northwesterly corner of said 1892.409 acre tract and in a southerly line of said Lake Ridge Estates;

THENCE North 88° 59' 10" East, with a northerly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 2876.25 feet to a metal fence corner post found at a northeasterly corner of said 1892.409 acre tract and at the southeast corner of a called 10.56 acre tract described in deed to Ronny Ryan Allen, recorded in Instrument No. 2011-59595, said Official Records, and in the west line of a called 16.00 acre tract described in deed to Jack Albert Jr. & Wendy Harrod Hall, Trustees of the Jack & Wendy Hall Living Trust, recorded in Instrument No. 2018-135544, said Official Records;

THENCE South 03° 18' 46" East, with an easterly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 422.97 feet to a metal fence corner post found at the southwest corner of said 16.00 acre tract;

THENCE North 88° 56' 44" East, with the northerly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 2390.11 feet to a 1/2-inch capped iron rod found (illegible) at the southeast corner of a called 33.021 acre tract described in deed to Dan C. Reding & Elizabeth J. Reding, recorded in Instrument No. 2011-92590, said Official Records, and at the southwest corner of a called 90.32 acre tract described in deed to NTCH NM LLC, recorded in Instrument No. 2015-91618, said Official Records;

THENCE North 89° 00' 59" East, continuing with the northerly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 2359.32 feet to a wood right-of-way monument found in the west right-of-way line of FM 2153 (Prescriptive right-of-way), at the northeast corner of said 1892.409 acre tract and the common southeast corner of said 90.32 acre tract;

THENCE South 01° 04' 48" East, with the east line of said 1892.409 acre tract and the west right-of-way line of FM 2153 (Prescriptive right-of-way), a distance of 3615.71 feet to a capped iron rod set;

THENCE South 00° 48' 48" East, continuing with the east line of said 1892.409 acre tract and the west right-of-way line of FM 2153 (Prescriptive right-of-way), a distance of 572.81 feet, to a mag nail found in a fence corner post at the northeast corner of a called 15.00 acre tract described in deed to Bijan Janami, Shahrivar Sobhanian & Shahla Nouri Kohani, recorded in Instrument No. 2024-50795, said Official Records;

THENCE South 89° 13' 22" West, with a southerly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 2156.68 feet to a 1-inch iron rod found at the northwest corner of said 15.00 acre tract;

THENCE South 01° 04' 05" East, with the easterly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 303.17 feet to a 1-inch iron pipe found at the southwest corner of said 15.00 acre tract;

THENCE South 01° 34' 19" East, continuing with the easterly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 331.29 feet to a 1/2-inch capped iron rod found (illegible) at the northwest corner of a called 16.364 acre tract described in deed to Spire Tower US LLC, recorded in Instrument No. 2024-48396, said Official Records;

THENCE South 01° 29' 45" East, continuing with the easterly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 242.84 feet to a 1/2-inch iron rod found at the most westerly southwest corner of said 16.364 acre tract;

THENCE South 73° 44' 27" East, continuing with the easterly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 237.66 feet to a capped iron rod set;

THENCE South 82° 07' 13" East, continuing with the easterly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 266.22 feet to a 3/8-inch iron rod found at the most southerly southwest corner of said 16.364 acre tract and the northwest corner of Parks Addition, recorded in Instrument No. 2010-206, said Official Records;

THENCE with the east line of said 1892.409 acre tract and the west line of said Parks Addition, the following courses:

1. South 11° 04' 31" East, a distance of 138.03 feet;
2. South 32° 46' 02" East, a distance of 51.03 feet;
3. South 48° 18' 56" East, a distance of 56.57 feet;
4. South 68° 05' 51" East, a distance of 30.19 feet;
5. South 81° 20' 09" East, a distance of 27.00 feet;

6. South 88° 48' 25" East, a distance of 243.52 feet to a 1/2-inch iron rod found at the northwest corner of a called 37.7184 acre tract described in deed to Larry Hibberd & Spouse, Darlene Hibberd, recorded in Instrument No. 2000-4481, said Official Records;

THENCE with the east line of said 1892.409 acre tract and the west line of said 37.7184 acre tract, the following courses:

1. South 08° 13' 25" East, a distance of 631.62 feet;
2. South 04° 44' 10" East, a distance of 210.34 feet;
3. South 14° 00' 51" East, a distance of 106.56 feet;
4. South 19° 03' 47" East, a distance of 77.78 feet;
5. South 18° 22' 42" East, a distance of 176.66 feet;
6. South 28° 35' 49" East, a distance of 57.16 feet;
7. South 35° 51' 23" East, a distance of 64.50 feet;
8. South 76° 20' 21" East, a distance of 117.45 feet;
9. North 86° 19' 20" East, a distance of 145.94 feet;
10. South 61° 14' 20" East, a distance of 116.10 feet;
11. South 22° 57' 45" East, a distance of 147.48 feet to a capped iron rod

set;

THENCE North 89° 32' 36" East, with a northerly line of said 1892.401 acre tract, a distance of 572.51 feet to a point in the west right-of-way line of FM 2153 (prescriptive right-of-way), at a northeasterly corner of said 1892.401 acre tract, from which a 1/2-inch iron rod found bears South 89° 32' 36" West, a distance of 1.41 feet;

THENCE South 00° 48' 48" East, a distance of 3094.50 feet to a capped iron rod set at the beginning of a non-tangential curve to the left;

With said curve to the left, having a radius of 1191.00 feet, a central angle of 09° 26' 19", an arc length of 196.20 feet, a chord that bears South 04° 26' 21" East, a distance of 195.98 feet to a mag nail set in Shepard Road (No Record Found, Prescriptive right-of-way), at the end of said curve;

THENCE with the south line of said 1892.409 acre tract and in said Shepard Road, the following courses:

1. South 89° 50' 46" West, a distance of 1858.57 feet to a mag nail set;
2. South 89° 28' 44" West, a distance of 945.64 feet to a 1/2-inch iron rod found;
3. South 89° 23' 55" West, a distance of 1927.35 feet to a mag nail set;

THENCE North 00° 44' 22" West, with a westerly line of said 1892.409 acre tract, a distance of 2953.22 feet to a metal fence corner post found at the northeast corner of a called 318.00 acre tract described in deed to Jones-Brown-Davis Limited Partnership, recorded in Instrument No. 2002-146053, said Official Records;

THENCE with the south line of said 1892.409 acre tract, the following courses:

1. South 88° 03' 15" West, a distance of 4794.40 feet to a capped iron rod set at a T-Post;
2. North 00° 55' 35" West, a distance of 1017.61 feet to a metal fence corner post found at the northeast corner of a called 202.501 acre tract described in deed to Eric Seymour & Elizabeth Seymour, recorded in Instrument No. 2013-79507, said Official Records;

3. South 88° 36' 29" West, a distance of 2289.40 feet to a 1/2-inch capped iron rod stamped "ALLIANCE" found at the northwest corner of said 202.501 acre tract and at the northeast corner of a called 9.987 acres tract described as Tract I in deed to Gregory J. Egner, Jr. Trustee of the Egner Family Living Trust, recorded in Instrument No. 2016-23869, said Official Records;

4. South 87° 55' 15" West, a distance of 249.50 feet to a 1/2-inch iron rod found at the southwest corner of said 1892.409 acre tract and the southeast corner of said 66.247 acre tract;

THENCE South 88° 41' 14" West, with the south line of said 66.247 acre tract, a distance of 2067.47 feet to a wood fence corner post found at the southwest corner of said 66.247 acre tract and at the northwest corner of a called 15.00 acre tract described in deed to Richard G. Buckner, recorded in Instrument No. 2015-20724, said Official Records, and in the east line of said 623.211 acre tract;

THENCE South 00° 40' 20" East, partially with the east line of said 623.211 acre tract and the east line of said 219.478 acre tract, a distance of 1127.14 feet to a 1/2-inch iron rod found at the northwest corner of a called 5.00 acre tract described as Tract I, in deed to Edward Flores & Wife, Diena Flores, recorded in Instrument No. 1984-39110 (Volume 1449, Page 258), Deed Records of Denton County, Texas, in Indian Wells Road (No Record Found, Prescriptive right-of-way assumed);

THENCE South 00° 42' 40" East, continuing with the east line of said 219.478 acre tract, a distance of 1515.14 feet to a 1/2-inch iron rod found at the southwest corner of a called 5.53 acre tract described in deed to C&P COUNTRYLIFE LLC, recorded in Instrument No. 2020-164077, said Official Records, and at the northwest corner of a called 9.887 acre tract described in deed to Lendal R. Patton & Wife, Lisa B. Patton, recorded in Instrument No. 1996-011783, said Official Records;

THENCE South 00° 27' 46" East, continuing with the east line of said 219.478 acre tract, a distance of 824.08 feet to a 1/2-inch iron rod found in Gribble Springs Road (No record found, Prescriptive right-of-way assumed), at the southeast corner of said 219.478 acre tract and the northeast corner of a called 2.00 acre tract described in deed to Mark Laird & Kristie Laird, recorded in Instrument No. 2017-94146, said Official Records;

THENCE South 89° 05' 08" West, with the south line of said 219.478 acre tract, a distance of 3024.85 feet to a 1/2-inch iron rod found at the southwest corner of said 219.478 acre tract;

THENCE North 00° 57' 06" West, with a westerly line of said 219.478 acre tract, a distance of 1380.73 feet to a metal fence corner post found at the northeast corner of a called 15.000 acre tract described in deed to Timothy Gene Trietsch, Karen Reynolds, Michael Trietsch & Patricia Temple, recorded in Instrument No. 2022-120814, said Official Records;



THENCE South  $89^{\circ} 17' 21''$  West, with a southerly line of said 219.478 acre tract, a distance of 653.46 feet to a 1/2-inch iron rod found at the northwest corner of said 15.000 acre tract, and at the northeast corner of a called 4.84 acre tract described in deed to Rodney Lane & Marlena Lane, recorded in Instrument No. 2013-17328, said Official Records;

THENCE South  $89^{\circ} 28' 10''$  West, continuing with a southerly line of said 219.478 acre tract, a distance of 600.27 feet to a wood fence corner post found at the southeast corner of said 0.862 acre tract;

THENCE South  $88^{\circ} 55' 28''$  West, with the south line of said 0.862 acre tract, a distance of 183.01 feet to a 1/2-inch iron rod found at the southwest corner of said 0.862 acre tract, in the east right-of-way line of FM 2164 (variable width right-of-way);

THENCE North  $31^{\circ} 05' 48''$  East, partially with the west line of said 0.862 acre tract, a distance of 61.86 feet to a capped iron rod set at the beginning of a curve to the left;

With said curve to the left, with the west line of said 219.478 acre tract and the east right-of-way line of FM 2164 (variable width right-of-way), having a radius of 1000.40 feet, a central angle of  $32^{\circ} 06' 00''$ , an arc length of 560.47 feet, a chord that bears North  $15^{\circ} 02' 48''$  East, a distance of 553.17 feet to a capped iron rod set at the end of said curve;

THENCE partially with the west line of said 219.478 acre tract and with the west line of said 623.211 acre tract and the east right-of-way line of FM 2164 (variable width right-of-way), the following courses:

1. North  $01^{\circ} 00' 12''$  West, passing the northwest corner of said 219.478 acre tract at a distance of 657.88 feet and the southwest corner of said 623.211 acre tract, for a total distance of 1804.13 feet to a capped iron rod set;

2. North  $13^{\circ} 02' 02''$  East, a distance of 103.08 feet to a capped iron rod set;

3. North  $01^{\circ} 00' 08''$  West, a distance of 951.10 feet to a capped iron rod set at the beginning of a curve to the right;

4. With said curve to the right, having a radius of 1076.30 feet, a central angle of  $17^{\circ} 26' 23''$ , an arc length of 327.60 feet, a chord that bears North  $07^{\circ} 43' 03''$  East, a distance of 326.34 feet to a capped iron rod set at the end of said curve, from which a wood right-of-way monument found bears South  $13^{\circ} 13' 34''$  West, a distance of 2.43 feet;

5. North  $04^{\circ} 51' 24''$  East, a distance of 101.94 feet to a capped iron rod set at the beginning of a non-tangential curve to the right;

6. With said curve to the right, having a radius of 1101.30 feet, a central angle of  $33^{\circ} 47' 29''$ , an arc length of 649.51 feet, a chord that bears North  $38^{\circ} 32' 07''$  East, a distance of 640.14 feet to a capped iron rod set at the end of said curve;

7. North  $55^{\circ} 25' 52''$  East, a distance of 404.80 feet to a capped iron rod set at the beginning of a curve to the left;

8. With said curve to the left, having a radius of 1186.30 feet, a central angle of  $55^{\circ} 16' 59''$ , an arc length of 1144.63 feet, a chord that bears North  $27^{\circ} 47' 22''$  East, a distance of 1100.74 feet to a 1/2-inch capped iron rod found;

9. North 00° 08' 52" East, a distance of 333.40 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and enclosing 2801.468 acres (122,031,951 square feet) of land, more or less.ra

SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act have been fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 4. (a) Section 4020.0312, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, takes effect only if this Act receives a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

(b) If this Act does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter 4020, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, is amended by adding Section 4020.0312 to read as follows:

Sec. 4020.0312. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may not exercise the power of eminent domain.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 5677 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Cole called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 5677**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Pura Vida Municipal Management District No. 1; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Representative Cole moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5677**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5677** prevailed by (Record 4076): 89 Yeas, 48 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anchía; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; Dutton; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, J.; King; Kitzman; Lalani; Landgraf; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Turner; VanDeaver; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bonnen; Bumgarner; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; DeAyala; Dyson; Fairly; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Isaac; Kerwin; LaHood; Leach; Leo Wilson; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; McQueeney; Metcalf; Morgan; Olcott; Oliverson; Patterson; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, Y.; Dorazio; Manuel; Reynolds.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4076 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Hunter

When Record No. 4076 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

McLaughlin

When Record No. 4076 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 5677**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Pura Vida Municipal Management District No. 1; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 4, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 4013 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 4013. PURA VIDA MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NO. 1

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 4013.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.

(2) "City" means the City of Mustang Ridge.

(3) "Director" means a board member.

(4) "District" means the Pura Vida Municipal Management District

No. 1.

Sec. 4013.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The Pura Vida Municipal Management District No. 1 is a special district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 4013.0103. PURPOSE; DECLARATION OF INTENT. (a) The creation of the district is essential to accomplish the purposes of Sections 52 and 52-a, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and other public purposes stated in this chapter.

(b) By creating the district and in authorizing the city and other political subdivisions to contract with the district, the legislature has established a program to accomplish the public purposes set out in Section 52-a, Article III, Texas Constitution.

(c) The creation of the district is necessary to promote, develop, encourage, and maintain employment, commerce, transportation, housing, tourism, recreation, the arts, entertainment, economic development, safety, and the public welfare in the district.

(d) This chapter and the creation of the district may not be interpreted to relieve the city from providing the level of services provided as of the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter to the area in the district. The district is created to supplement and not to supplant city services provided in the district.

Sec. 4013.0104. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE. (a) All land and other property included in the district will benefit from the improvements and services to be provided by the district under powers conferred by Sections 52 and 52-a, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and other powers granted under this chapter.

(b) The district is created to serve a public use and benefit.

(c) The creation of the district is in the public interest and is essential to further the public purposes of:

(1) developing and diversifying the economy of the state;

(2) eliminating unemployment and underemployment; and

(3) developing or expanding transportation and commerce.

(d) The district will:

(1) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of residents, employers, potential employees, employees, visitors, and consumers in the district, and of the public;

(2) provide needed funding for the district to preserve, maintain, and enhance the economic health and vitality of the district territory as a community and business center;

(3) promote the health, safety, welfare, and enjoyment of the public by providing pedestrian ways and by landscaping and developing certain areas in the district, which are necessary for the restoration, preservation, and enhancement of scenic beauty; and

(4) provide for water, wastewater, drainage, road, and recreational facilities for the district.

(e) Pedestrian ways along or across a street, whether at grade or above or below the surface, and street lighting, street landscaping, parking, and street art objects are parts of and necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street or road improvement.

(f) The district will not act as the agent or instrumentality of any private interest even though the district will benefit many private interests as well as the public.

Sec. 4013.0105. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The district is initially composed of the territory described by Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

(b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake in the field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process does not affect the district's:

(1) organization, existence, or validity;

(2) right to issue any type of bonds for the purposes for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds;

(3) right to impose or collect an assessment or tax; or

(4) legality or operation.

Sec. 4013.0106. ELIGIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN SPECIAL ZONES. All or any part of the area of the district is eligible to be included in:

(1) a tax increment reinvestment zone created under Chapter 311, Tax Code; or

(2) a tax abatement reinvestment zone created under Chapter 312, Tax Code.

Sec. 4013.0107. APPLICABILITY OF MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS LAW. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, Chapter 375, Local Government Code, applies to the district.

Sec. 4013.0108. CONSTRUCTION OF CHAPTER. This chapter shall be liberally construed in conformity with the findings and purposes stated in this chapter.

#### SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 4013.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is governed by a board of five elected directors who serve staggered terms of four years.

(b) Directors are elected in the manner provided by Subchapter D, Chapter 49, Water Code.

Sec. 4013.0202. COMPENSATION; EXPENSES. (a) The district may compensate each director in an amount not to exceed \$150 for each board meeting. The total amount of compensation for each director in one year may not exceed \$7,200.

(b) A director is entitled to reimbursement for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the board.

(c) Sections 375.069 and 375.070, Local Government Code, do not apply to the board.

Sec. 4013.0203. TEMPORARY DIRECTORS. (a) On or after the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter, the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district according to the most recent certified county tax appraisal roll may submit a petition to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requesting that the commission appoint as temporary directors the five persons named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as temporary directors the five persons named in the petition.

(b) The temporary or successor temporary directors shall hold an election to elect five permanent directors as provided by Section 4013.0201.

(c) Temporary directors serve until the earlier of:

(1) the date permanent directors are elected under Subsection (b); or

(2) the fourth anniversary of the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter.

(d) If permanent directors have not been elected under Subsection (b) and the terms of the temporary directors have expired, successor temporary directors shall be appointed or reappointed as provided by Subsection (e) to serve terms that expire on the earlier of:

(1) the date permanent directors are elected under Subsection (b); or

(2) the fourth anniversary of the date of the appointment or reappointment.

(e) If Subsection (d) applies, the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district according to the most recent certified county tax appraisal roll may submit a petition to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requesting that the commission appoint as successor temporary directors the five persons named in the petition. The commission shall appoint as successor temporary directors the five persons named in the petition.

#### SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 4013.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the district is created.

Sec. 4013.0302. IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND SERVICES. (a) The district, using any money available to the district for the purpose, may provide, design, construct, acquire, improve, relocate, operate, maintain, or finance an improvement project or service authorized under this chapter or Chapter 375, Local Government Code.

(b) The district may contract with a governmental or private entity to carry out an action under Subsection (a).

(c) The implementation of a district project or service is a governmental function or service for the purposes of Chapter 791, Government Code.

Sec. 4013.0303. NONPROFIT CORPORATION. (a) The board by resolution may authorize the creation of a nonprofit corporation to assist and act for the district in implementing a project or providing a service authorized by this chapter.

(b) The nonprofit corporation:

(1) has each power of and is considered to be a local government corporation created under Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Transportation Code; and

(2) may implement any project and provide any service authorized by this chapter.

(c) The board shall appoint the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation. The board of directors of the nonprofit corporation shall serve in the same manner as the board of directors of a local government corporation created under Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Transportation Code, except that a board member is not required to reside in the district.

Sec. 4013.0304. LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. To protect the public interest, the district may contract with a qualified party, including the city, to provide additional law enforcement services in the district for a fee.

Sec. 4013.0305. MEMBERSHIP IN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. The district may join and pay dues to a charitable or nonprofit organization that performs a service or provides an activity consistent with the furtherance of a district purpose.

Sec. 4013.0306. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. (a) The district may engage in activities that accomplish the economic development purposes of the district.

(b) The district may establish and provide for the administration of one or more programs to promote state or local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity in the district, including programs to:

(1) make loans and grants of public money; and

(2) provide district personnel and services.

(c) The district may create economic development programs and exercise the economic development powers provided to municipalities by:

(1) Chapter 380, Local Government Code; and

(2) Subchapter A, Chapter 1509, Government Code.

Sec. 4013.0307. PARKING FACILITIES. (a) The district may acquire, lease as lessor or lessee, construct, develop, own, operate, and maintain parking facilities or a system of parking facilities, including lots, garages, parking terminals, or other structures or accommodations for parking motor vehicles off the streets and related appurtenances.

(b) The district's parking facilities serve the public purposes of the district and are owned, used, and held for a public purpose even if leased or operated by a private entity for a term of years.

(c) The district's parking facilities are parts of and necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street or road improvement.

(d) The development and operation of the district's parking facilities may be considered an economic development program.

Sec. 4013.0308. DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS OF MONEY. The board by resolution shall establish the number of directors' signatures and the procedure required for a disbursement or transfer of district money.

Sec. 4013.0309. ADDING OR EXCLUDING LAND. Except as provided by Section 4013.0310, the district may add or exclude land in the manner provided by Subchapter J, Chapter 49, Water Code, or by Subchapter H, Chapter 54, Water Code.

Sec. 4013.0310. DIVISION OF DISTRICT. (a) The district may be divided into two or more new districts only if the district:

(1) has no outstanding bonded debt; and

(2) is not imposing ad valorem taxes.

(b) This chapter applies to any new district created by the division of the district, and a new district has all the powers and duties of the district.

(c) Any new district created by the division of the district may not, at the time the new district is created, contain any land outside the area described by Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

(d) The board, on its own motion or on receipt of a petition signed by the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district, may adopt an order dividing the district.

(e) An order dividing the district must:

(1) name each new district;

(2) include the metes and bounds description of the territory of each new district;

(3) appoint initial directors for each new district; and

(4) provide for the division of assets and liabilities between or among the new districts.

(f) On or before the 30th day after the date of adoption of an order dividing the district, the district shall file the order with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and record the order in the real property records of each county in which the district is located.

(g) Any new district created by the division of the district must hold an election as required by this chapter to obtain voter approval before the district may impose a maintenance tax or issue bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes.

(h) Municipal consent to the creation of the district and to the inclusion of land in the district granted under Section 4013.0506 acts as municipal consent to the creation of any new district created by the division of the district and to the inclusion of land in the new district.

Sec. 4013.0311. EMINENT DOMAIN. Subject to the limitations provided by Section 54.209, Water Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided by Section 49.222, Water Code.

#### SUBCHAPTER D. ASSESSMENTS

Sec. 4013.0401. PETITION REQUIRED FOR FINANCING SERVICES AND IMPROVEMENTS WITH ASSESSMENTS. (a) The board may not finance a service or improvement project with assessments under this chapter unless a written petition requesting that service or improvement has been filed with the board.

(b) A petition filed under Subsection (a) must be signed by the owners of a majority of the assessed value of real property in the district subject to assessment according to the most recent certified county tax appraisal roll.

Sec. 4013.0402. ASSESSMENTS; LIENS FOR ASSESSMENTS. (a) The board by resolution may impose and collect an assessment for any purpose authorized by this chapter in all or any part of the district.



(b) An assessment, a reassessment, or an assessment resulting from an addition to or correction of the assessment roll by the district, penalties and interest on an assessment or reassessment, an expense of collection, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the district:

(1) are a first and prior lien against the property assessed;

(2) are superior to any other lien or claim other than a lien or claim for county, school district, or municipal ad valorem taxes; and

(3) are the personal liability of and a charge against the owners of the property even if the owners are not named in the assessment proceedings.

(c) The lien is effective from the date of the board's resolution imposing the assessment until the date the assessment is paid. The board may enforce the lien in the same manner that the board may enforce an ad valorem tax lien against real property.

(d) The board may make a correction to or deletion from the assessment roll that does not increase the amount of assessment of any parcel of land without providing notice and holding a hearing in the manner required for additional assessments.

#### SUBCHAPTER E. TAXES AND BONDS

Sec. 4013.0501. TAX ELECTION REQUIRED. (a) The district must hold an election in the manner provided by Chapter 49, Water Code, or, if applicable, Chapter 375, Local Government Code, to obtain voter approval before the district may impose an ad valorem tax.

(b) Section 375.243, Local Government Code, does not apply to the district.

Sec. 4013.0502. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX. (a) If authorized by a majority of the district voters voting at an election under Section 4013.0501, the district may impose an operation and maintenance tax on taxable property in the district in the manner provided by Section 49.107, Water Code, for any district purpose, including to:

(1) maintain and operate the district;

(2) construct or acquire improvements; or

(3) provide a service.

(b) The board shall determine the operation and maintenance tax rate. The rate may not exceed the rate approved at the election.

Sec. 4013.0503. AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY AND TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. (a) The district may borrow money on terms determined by the board.

(b) The district may issue, by public or private sale, bonds, notes, or other obligations payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, assessments, impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any combination of those sources of money, to pay for any authorized district purpose.

(c) The limitation on the outstanding principal amount of bonds, notes, or other obligations provided by Section 49.4645, Water Code, does not apply to the district.

Sec. 4013.0504. BONDS SECURED BY REVENUE OR CONTRACT PAYMENTS. The district may issue, without an election, bonds secured by:

(1) revenue other than ad valorem taxes, including contract revenues;  
or

(2) contract payments, provided that the requirements of Section 49.108, Water Code, have been met.

Sec. 4013.0505. BONDS SECURED BY AD VALOREM TAXES; ELECTIONS. (a) If authorized at an election under Section 4013.0501, the district may issue bonds payable from ad valorem taxes.

(b) At the time the district issues bonds payable wholly or partly from ad valorem taxes, the board shall provide for the annual imposition of a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax, without limit as to rate or amount, for each year that all or part of the bonds are outstanding as required and in the manner provided by Sections 54.601 and 54.602, Water Code.

(c) All or any part of any facilities or improvements that may be acquired by a district by the issuance of its bonds may be submitted as a single proposition or as several propositions to be voted on at the election.

Sec. 4013.0506. CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED. (a) The board may not issue bonds until each municipality in whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the district is located has consented by ordinance or resolution to the creation of the district and to the inclusion of land in the district as required by applicable law.

(b) This section applies only to the district's first issuance of bonds payable from ad valorem taxes.

#### SUBCHAPTER F. SALES AND USE TAX

Sec. 4013.0601. MEANINGS OF WORDS AND PHRASES. A word or phrase used in this subchapter that is defined by Chapter 151 or 321, Tax Code, has the meaning assigned by Chapter 151 or 321, Tax Code.

Sec. 4013.0602. APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN TAX CODE PROVISIONS. (a) The provisions of Subchapters C, D, E, and F, Chapter 323, Tax Code, relating to county sales and use taxes apply to the application, collection, and administration of a sales and use tax imposed under this subchapter to the extent consistent with this chapter, as if references in Chapter 323, Tax Code, to a county referred to the district and references to a commissioners court referred to the board.

(b) Sections 323.401-323.404 and 323.505, Tax Code, do not apply to a tax imposed under this subchapter.

Sec. 4013.0603. AUTHORIZATION; ELECTION. (a) The district shall adopt, reduce, or repeal the sales and use tax authorized by this subchapter at an election in which a majority of the voters of the district voting in the election approve the adoption, reduction, or repeal of the tax, as applicable.

(b) The board by order shall call an election to adopt, reduce, or repeal a sales and use tax. The election shall be held on the first authorized uniform election date that occurs after the time required by Section 3.005, Election Code.

(c) The district shall provide notice of the election and shall hold the election in the manner prescribed by Chapter 54, Water Code, for bond elections for municipal utility districts.

(d) The ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the following appropriate proposition:

(1) "Adoption of a \_\_\_\_\_ percent district sales and use tax in the district";

(2) "Reduction of the district sales and use tax in the district from \_\_\_\_\_ percent to \_\_\_\_\_ percent"; or

(3) "Repeal of the district sales and use tax in the district."

Sec. 4013.0604. EFFECTIVE DATE OF TAX. A tax imposed under this subchapter or the repeal or reduction of a tax under this subchapter takes effect on the first day of the first calendar quarter that occurs after the date the comptroller receives the copy of the resolution as required by Section 323.405(b), Tax Code.

Sec. 4013.0605. SALES AND USE TAX RATE. (a) On adoption of the tax authorized by this subchapter, there is imposed a tax of two percent, or the maximum rate at which the combined tax rate of all local sales and use taxes in any location in the district does not exceed two percent, on the receipts from the sale at retail of taxable items in the district, and an excise tax on the use, storage, or other consumption in the district of taxable items purchased, leased, or rented from a retailer in the district during the period that the tax is in effect.

(b) The rate of the excise tax is the same as the rate of the sales tax portion of the tax and is applied to the sales price of the taxable item.

Sec. 4013.0606. EXAMINATION AND RECEIPT OF INFORMATION. The district may examine and receive information related to the imposition of a sales and use tax to the same extent as if the district were a municipality.

Sec. 4013.0607. ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF IMPOSITION. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the district may impose the sales and use tax as provided by Subchapter F, Chapter 383, Local Government Code, instead of as provided by the other provisions of this subchapter.

#### SUBCHAPTER I. DISSOLUTION

Sec. 4013.0901. DISSOLUTION. (a) The board shall dissolve the district on written petition filed with the board by the owners of:

(1) at least two-thirds of the assessed value of the property subject to assessment by the district based on the most recent certified county property tax rolls; or

(2) at least two-thirds of the surface area of the district, excluding roads, streets, highways, utility rights-of-way, other public areas, and other property exempt from assessment by the district according to the most recent certified county property tax rolls.

(b) The board by majority vote may dissolve the district at any time.

(c) The district may not be dissolved by its board under Subsection (a) or (b) if the district:

(1) has any outstanding bonded indebtedness until that bonded indebtedness has been repaid or defeased in accordance with the order or resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds;

(2) has a contractual obligation to pay money until that obligation has been fully paid in accordance with the contract; or

(3) owns, operates, or maintains public works, facilities, or improvements unless the district contracts with another person for the ownership, operation, or maintenance of the public works, facilities, or improvements.

(d) Sections 375.261, 375.262, and 375.264, Local Government Code, do not apply to the district.

SECTION 2. The Pura Vida Municipal Management District No. 1 initially includes all territory contained in the following area:

211.348 ACRES LAND OUT THE WILLIAM LEWIS, SR. SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 479 AND THE AUGUSTAS KINCHELOE SURVEY NUMBER 2, ABSTRACT NO. 457, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE FOLLOWING EIGHT (8) TRACTS:

TRACT 1: A 70.887 ACRE PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN 141.321 ACRE TRACT CALLED FIRST TRACT CONVEYED TO MUSTANG RIDGE, LLC BY DEED RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 2019142513, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS;

TRACT 2: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN 23.625 ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN A DEED TO MUSTANG RIDGE, LLC RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 2020003359, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS;

TRACT 3: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN 0.892 ACRE TRACT CALLED SECOND TRACT DESCRIBED IN A DEED TO MUSTANG RIDGE, LLC RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 2019142513, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS;

TRACT 4: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN 19.283 ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN A DEED TO MUSTANG RIDGE, LLC RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 2023073358, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS;

TRACT 5: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN 2.986 ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN A DEED TO MUSTANG RIDGE, LLC RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 2022052056, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS;

TRACT 6: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN 16.383 ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN A DEED TO MUSTANG RIDGE, LLC RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 2021040262, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS;

TRACT 7: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN 74.555 ACRE TRACT, CALLED 74.557 ACRES, DESCRIBED IN A DEED TO MUSTANG RIDGE, LLC RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 2022039968 OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS;

TRACT 8: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN 2.737 ACRE TRACT DESCRIBED IN A DEED TO MUSTANG RIDGE, LLC RECORDED IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 2020099394, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS;

THE SAID 211.348 ACRES BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER STEEL PIN FOUND WITH CAP MARKED LENZ & ASSOC ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 183 AT THE NORTHERLY MOST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 3;

THENCE, S 04°08'59" E, A DISTANCE OF 1924.31 FEET ALONG THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 183, THE SAME BEING THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID TRACT 3, TRACT 2 AND TRACT 6, TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER STEEL PIN FOUND WITH CAP MARKED LENZ & ASSOC AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 6;

THENCE, S 85°47'49" W, A DISTANCE OF 825.12 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER STEEL PIN FOUND WITH CAP MARKED HINKLE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 6, THE SAME BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 5;

THENCE S 71°51'32" W, A DISTANCE OF 668.21 FEET TO A COMPUTED POINT AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 5 ON THE NORTHEAST LINE OF THE SAID TRACT 7;

THENCE, S 47°08'40" E, A DISTANCE OF 630.54 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER STEEL PIN FOUND ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF F.M. HIGHWAY 1327 AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 7;

THENCE, S 73°47'17" W, A DISTANCE OF 1483.54 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF F.M. HIGHWAY 1327 TO A COMPUTED POINT AT AN EXTERIOR CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 7;

THENCE, N 47°25'48" W, A DISTANCE OF 478.19 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER STEEL PIN FOUND AT AN INTERIOR CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 7;

THENCE, S 42°24'52" W, A DISTANCE OF 313.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER STEEL PIN FOUND AT AN EXTERIOR CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 7;

THENCE, N 62°17'17" W, A DISTANCE OF 1295.87 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER STEEL PIN FOUND AT THE MOST WESTERLY OR SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 7;

THENCE, N 28°02'48" E, A DISTANCE OF 1393.50 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER STEEL PIN FOUND WITH CAP MARKED LENZ & ASSOC AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 7, THE SAME BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 8;

THENCE, N 27°41'52" E A DISTANCE OF 1635.14 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID TRACT 8 AND TRACT 1, CROSSING THE SAID 141.321 ACRE MUSTANG RIDGE, LLC TRACT, TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER STEEL PIN FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 4;

THENCE, N 27°30'40" E, A DISTANCE OF 378.90 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER STEEL PIN FOUND WITH CAP MARKED CHAPARRAL AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 4;

THENCE, S 61°49'55" E, A DISTANCE OF 2300.72 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER STEEL PIN FOUND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT 4 ON WEST LINE OF THE SAID TRACT 3;

THENCE, N 42°24'59" E, A DISTANCE OF 552.95 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 211.348 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act have been fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 4. (a) Section 4013.0311, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, takes effect only if this Act receives a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

(b) If this Act does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter 4013, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, is amended by adding Section 4013.0311 to read as follows:

Sec. 4013.0311. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may not exercise the power of eminent domain.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 3073 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Howard called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 3073**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the prosecution of the offense of sexual assault.

Representative Howard moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 3073**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 3073** prevailed by (Record 4077): 135 Yeas, 2 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Luther; Virdell.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, Y.; Manuel; Money; Reynolds.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4077 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 3073**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the prosecution of the offense of sexual assault.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Summer Willis Act.

SECTION 2. Section 22.011(b), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A sexual assault under Subsection (a)(1) is without the consent of the other person if:

(1) the actor compels the other person to submit or participate by the use of physical force, violence, or coercion;

(2) the actor compels the other person to submit or participate by threatening to use force or violence against the other person or to cause harm to the other person, and the other person believes that the actor has the present ability to execute the threat;

(3) the other person has not consented and the actor knows the other person is unconscious or physically unable to resist;

(4) the actor knows that as a result of mental disease or defect the other person is at the time of the sexual assault incapable either of appraising the nature of the act or of resisting it;

(5) the other person has not consented and the actor knows the other person is unaware that the sexual assault is occurring;

(6) the actor knows that the other person is intoxicated or impaired by any substance to the extent that the other person is incapable of consenting ~~the actor has intentionally impaired the other person's power to appraise or control the other person's conduct by administering any substance without the other person's knowledge];~~

(7) the actor compels the other person to submit or participate by threatening to use force or violence against any person, and the other person believes that the actor has the ability to execute the threat;

(8) the actor is a public servant who coerces the other person to submit or participate;

(9) the actor is a mental health services provider or a health care services provider who causes the other person, who is a patient or former patient of the actor, to submit or participate by exploiting the other person's emotional dependency on the actor;

(10) the actor is a clergyman who causes the other person to submit or participate by exploiting the other person's emotional dependency on the clergyman in the clergyman's professional character as spiritual adviser;

(11) the actor is an employee of a facility where the other person is a resident, unless the employee and resident are formally or informally married to each other under Chapter 2, Family Code;

(12) the actor is a health care services provider who, in the course of performing an assisted reproduction procedure on the other person, uses human reproductive material from a donor knowing that the other person has not expressly consented to the use of material from that donor;

(13) the actor is a coach or tutor who causes the other person to submit or participate by using the actor's power or influence to exploit the other person's dependency on the actor; or

(14) the actor is a caregiver hired to assist the other person with activities of daily life and causes the other person to submit or participate by exploiting the other person's dependency on the actor.

SECTION 3. Section 22.011(c), Penal Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

(1-a) "Consent" has the meaning assigned by Section 1.07.

SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.



**HB 4081 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Gerdes called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 4081**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the sealing of certain documents alleged to contain trade secrets.

Representative Gerdes moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 4081**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 4081** prevailed by (Record 4078): 129 Yeas, 7 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, M.; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Bowers; Flores; González, J.; Goodwin; Hinojosa; Morales Shaw; Rodríguez Ramos.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, Y.; King; Manuel; Money; Reynolds.

**STATEMENT OF VOTE**

When Record No. 4078 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

**Senate Committee Substitute**

**CSHB 4081**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the sealing of certain documents alleged to contain trade secrets.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 134A, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 134A.0065 to read as follows:

Sec. 134A.0065. SEALING OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS. (a) A party to an action under this chapter seeking to seal a document containing the party's own alleged trade secret must:

- (1) file with the trial court:
  - (A) a notice of sealing; and
  - (B) an affidavit:
    - (i) generally describing the type of information contained in the document;
    - (ii) providing contact information for subsequent notice of any motion to unseal the document; and
    - (iii) setting forth the factual basis for the party's allegation that the information constitutes a trade secret;
- (2) deliver a copy of the document to be sealed to the trial court in a sealed envelope labeled to identify the notice of sealing to which the document corresponds; and
- (3) serve a copy of the notice, affidavit, and document on each other party to the action.

(b) A party to an action under this chapter filing a document the party knows another person alleges to contain the person's trade secret shall:

- (1) file with the trial court:
  - (A) a notice of sealing; and
  - (B) a statement:
    - (i) generally describing the type of information contained in the document; and
    - (ii) identifying the person who alleges the document contains the person's trade secret;
- (2) deliver a copy of the document to be sealed to the trial court in a sealed envelope labeled to identify the notice of sealing to which the document corresponds; and
- (3) serve a copy of the notice, statement, and document on:
  - (A) each other party to the action; and
  - (B) any person who alleges the document contains the person's trade secret who is not a party to the action.

(c) Not later than the 14th day after the date a person who alleges a document contains the person's trade secret receives a notice under Subsection (b) with respect to the document, the person must file with the trial court in the same numbered cause an affidavit:

- (1) generally describing the type of information contained in the document;
- (2) providing contact information for subsequent notice of any motion to unseal the document; and
- (3) setting forth the factual basis for the person's allegation that the information in the document constitutes a trade secret.

(d) If the trial court receives a notice, statement, and sealed document under Subsection (b):

(1) the document shall be treated as filed under seal until the time for filing an affidavit under Subsection (c) expires; and

(2) if no affidavit is timely filed under Subsection (c), the document shall be treated as publicly filed until an affidavit described by that subsection is filed.

(c) Once the trial court receives a notice, affidavit, and sealed document under Subsection (a) or a notice, statement, affidavit, and sealed document under Subsections (b) and (c), the document shall be treated as permanently filed under seal.

(f) Any person may intervene as a matter of right at any time before or after judgment in an action under this chapter to seal or unseal a document. If a person alleges the person's trade secret was filed of public record, the person may seal the document containing the alleged trade secret by taking the same actions with respect to the document that a party to an action under this chapter is authorized to take with respect to the party's alleged trade secret under Subsection (a).

(g) The trial court retains continuing jurisdiction to seal or unseal a document filed in an action under this chapter.

(h) Any person may move to unseal any document filed under seal under this section. The motion, and notice of hearing, shall be served on the parties to the action in which the document was filed, and the person who submitted an affidavit under Subsection (c) or (f), by certified mail, return receipt requested, not later than the 14th day before any hearing on the motion in the trial court. The trial court shall grant the motion and unseal all or part of the document if the person who alleges that the document contains the person's trade secrets fails to demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the document, or a part of the document, contains a trade secret.

(i) If the trial court determines that only a part of the document should be unsealed, the trial court shall redact all information that contains a trade secret before providing the document to the movant.

(j) An order granting or denying a motion to unseal a document under Subsection (h) is considered to be severed from the action and is a final judgment that may be appealed by any party or intervenor who participated in the hearing preceding the issuance of the order.

(k) Notwithstanding Section 22.004, Government Code, the supreme court may not adopt rules in conflict with this section.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a document filed in an action on or after the effective date of this Act. A document filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the document immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

## **HB 121 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative King called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 121**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to measures for ensuring public school safety, including the commissioning of peace officers by the Texas Education Agency, the composition of the board of directors of the Texas School Safety Center, public school safety and security requirements and resources, and the reporting of child abuse or neglect by public school employees.

Representative King moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 121**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 121** prevailed by (Record 4079): 97 Yeas, 38 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bonnen; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Johnson; King; Kitzman; Lalani; Landgraf; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Rose; Schatzline; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Tepper; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Cain; Collier; Flores; González, M.; Goodwin; Harrison; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Isaac; Jones, J.; Kerwin; LaHood; Leo Wilson; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Money; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Olcott; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rosenthal; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Virdell.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Buckley; Campos; Davis, Y.; Leach; Manuel; McLaughlin; Reynolds.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4079 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

When Record No. 4079 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Zwiener

### Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)

Amend **HB 121** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Article 2A.001(35), Code of Criminal Procedure (page 3), strike lines 1 and 2 and substitute the following:

(35) an inspector employed by the Texas Education Agency under Section 37.1031, Education Code, subject to the limitations imposed by that section

(2) Strike SECTION 2 of the bill, adding Section 7.021(d), Education Code (page 3, lines 6 through 9).

(3) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in added Section 37.0814(d)(2)(A)(ii), Education Code (page 3, line 25), strike "180th" and substitute "90th".

(4) In SECTION 4 of the bill, strike added Section 37.1031, Education Code (page 3, lines 57 through 64) and substitute the following:

Sec. 37.1031. AGENCY INSPECTORS. The agency may employ inspectors only for the purposes of:

(1) assisting the agency in monitoring school district safety and security requirements under Section 37.1083; and

(2) coordinating with local, state, and federal law enforcement during an event requiring an emergency response by a school district.

(5) In SECTION 8 of the bill, in amended Section 37.203(a), Education Code (page 6, line 44), strike added Paragraph (K) and substitute the following:

(K) two ~~[(1) three]~~ members of the public.

(6) Strike SECTION 11 of the bill, amending Section 38.004(a), Education Code (page 7, lines 1 through 22).

(7) In SECTION 12 of the bill, in amended Section 48.115(b), Education Code (page 7, lines 34 through 37), strike amended Paragraph (C) and substitute the following:

(C) interior and exterior door and window safety and security upgrades, including:

(i) exterior door numbering;

(ii) primary and secondary locking systems; and

(iii) security film that provides resistance to a forced entry; and

(8) Strike SECTION 13 of the bill, amending Section 261.103, Family Code (page 8, lines 13 through 30).

(9) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 37.1083(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The agency shall monitor the implementation and operation of requirements related to school district safety and security, including ~~[school district]~~:

(1) school district multihazard emergency operations plans; ~~[and]~~

(2) school district safety and security audits; and

(3) the response and use of emergency operations procedures by a school district during an event requiring an emergency response by the district.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 37.117, Education Code, as added by Chapter 896 (HB 3), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 37.117. EMERGENCY RESPONSE MAP AND WALK-THROUGH.

(a) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall provide to the Department of Public Safety and all appropriate local law enforcement agencies and emergency first responders:

(1) an accurate map of each district campus and school building that is developed and documented in accordance with the standards described by Section 37.351 related to developing site and floor plans, access control, and exterior door numbering; and

(2) an opportunity to conduct a walk-through of each district campus and school building using the map described by Subdivision (1).

(b) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall provide the map described by Subsection (a)(1) to each emergency services district located in whole or in part within the school district or geographic area served by the open-enrollment charter school.

(10) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

**Senate Amendment No. 2 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 2)**

Amend **HB 121** (senate committee report) in SECTION 5 of the bill, in amended Section 37.108(a), Education Code (page 4, line 2), between "response," and "and", by inserting "reunification,".

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER**

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, House List No. 27).

**HB 4144 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Turner called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 4144**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to supplemental benefits for retired firefighters and peace officers diagnosed with certain diseases or illnesses.

Representative Turner moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 4144**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 4144** prevailed by (Record 4080): 107 Yeas, 29 Nays, 3 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Hopper; Howard; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Perez, M.;

Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schoolcraft; Simmons; Smithee; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Bowers; Bryant; Bumgarner; Cain; Cook; Hickland; Holt; Hull; Isaac; LaHood; Lowe; McQueeney; Metcalf; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Olcott; Patterson; Paul; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Spiller; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth; Villalobos.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C); Virdell.

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, Y.; Louderback; Manuel; Reynolds.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4080 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

### Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)

Amend **HB 4144** (senate committee printing) in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Subchapter D, Chapter 607, Government Code, as follows:

(1) In the subchapter heading (page 1, line 31), between "BY" and "RETIRED", insert "CERTAIN".

(2) Strike Section 607.151(3), Government Code (page 1, lines 39-40), and renumber subsequent subdivisions accordingly.

(3) Immediately after Section 607.151, Government Code (page 1, between lines 42 and 43), insert the following appropriately numbered section and renumber subsequent sections accordingly:

Sec. 607. \_\_\_\_ . APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter applies only to a firefighter or peace officer who retires from a fire department or law enforcement agency with at least 50 firefighters or peace officers, respectively.

(4) In Section 607.152(a), Government Code (page 1, line 45), strike "governmental entity" and substitute "political subdivision".

(5) In Section 607.152(a), Government Code (page 1, line 46), strike "from the entity" and substitute "from the political subdivision".

(6) In Section 607.152(c), Government Code (page 1, line 57), strike "governmental entity" and substitute "political subdivision".

(7) In Section 607.152(e), Government Code (page 2, line 4), strike "governmental entity" and substitute "political subdivision".

(8) In Section 607.152(e), Government Code (page 2, lines 5-6), strike "from the entity" and substitute "from the political subdivision".

(9) In Section 607.152(e), Government Code (page 2, line 7), strike "the entity provided" and substitute "the political subdivision provided".

**HB 40 - HOUSE REFUSES TO CONCUR  
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

Without objection, Representative Landgraf called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 40**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the business court.

Representative Landgraf moved that the house not concur in the senate amendments and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on **HB 40**.

The motion prevailed.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **HB 40**: Landgraf, chair; Dyson, Johnson, Leach, and Meyer.

**HB 2854 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Representative Anchía called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 2854**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the required approval of certain hospital visits as a condition of release on parole or to mandatory supervision for certain releasees and to the hospital's liability for damages resulting from those visits.

Representative Anchía moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 2854**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 2854** prevailed by (Record 4081): 117 Yeas, 16 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Simmons; Smithee; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Bumgarner; Cain; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Lowe; Olcott; Oliverson; Patterson; Schatzline; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Swanson; Toth.



Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Capriglione; Davis, Y.; González, J.; Isaac; Louderback; Manuel; Morales Shaw; Reynolds.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4081 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

### Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)

Amend **HB 2854** (89R 25072) in SECTION 2 of the bill as follows:

(1) In added Section 508.193(c), Government Code (page 2, line 4), between "notify" and "the", insert "using the information in the database described by Subsection (d).".

(2) Immediately after added Section 508.193(c), Government Code (page 2, between lines 7 and 8), insert the following and relettering subsequent subsections accordingly:

(d) The Department of State Health Services shall establish and maintain an electronic database for the department that contains the contact information, including phone numbers and email addresses, for:

(1) the chief law enforcement officer of each general hospital in this state; or

(2) if a general hospital does not employ any peace officers, the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the location of the hospital.

(e) The Department of State Health Services shall annually provide an updated database to the department.

(f) The department is not liable to a patient or another person for damages resulting from a visit by a releasee described by Subsection (a) if the parole officer approving the visit has attempted to notify the appropriate chief law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency using the contact information included in the database described by Subsection (d).

### HB 5682 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

#### TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

Without objection, Representative Richardson called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 5682**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Colmena Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments and fees.

Representative Richardson moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5682**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 5682** prevailed by (Record 4082): 82 Yeas, 53 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anchía; Bernal; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Cunningham; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dutton; Dyson; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Johnson; Kerwin; Kitzman; Lalani; Leach; Little; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McQueeney; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bumgarner; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; Craddick; Curry; Dorazio; Fairly; Gerdes; Harrison; Hefner; Hickland; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jones, J.; LaHood; Landgraf; Leo Wilson; Lopez, J.; Lowe; McLaughlin; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Morgan; Olcott; Oliverson; Patterson; Pierson; Plesa; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Tinderholt; Toth; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Canales; Davis, Y.; González, J.; King; Manuel; Reynolds.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4082 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 5682**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of the Colmena Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments and fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 4, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 4019 to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 4019. COLMENA RANCH MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT

##### DISTRICT NO. 1

##### SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 4019.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.

(2) "County" means Collin County.

(3) "Director" means a board member.

(4) "District" means the Colmena Ranch Municipal Management

District No. 1.

Sec. 4019.0102. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The Colmena Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1 is a special district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 4019.0103. PURPOSE; DECLARATION OF INTENT. (a) The creation of the district is essential to accomplish the purposes of Sections 52 and 52-a, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and other public purposes stated in this chapter.

(b) By creating the district and in authorizing political subdivisions to contract with the district, the legislature has established a program to accomplish the public purposes set out in Section 52-a, Article III, Texas Constitution.

(c) The creation of the district is necessary to promote, develop, encourage, and maintain employment, commerce, transportation, housing, tourism, recreation, the arts, entertainment, economic development, safety, and the public welfare in the district.

(d) This chapter and the creation of the district may not be interpreted to relieve the county from providing the level of services provided as of the effective date of the Act enacting this chapter to the area in the district. The district is created to supplement and not to supplant county services provided in the district.

Sec. 4019.0104. FINDINGS OF BENEFIT AND PUBLIC PURPOSE. (a) All land and other property included in the district will benefit from the improvements and services to be provided by the district under powers conferred by Sections 52 and 52-a, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and other powers granted under this chapter.

(b) The district is created to serve a public use and benefit.

(c) The creation of the district is in the public interest and is essential to further the public purposes of:

- (1) developing and diversifying the economy of the state;
- (2) eliminating unemployment and underemployment; and
- (3) developing or expanding transportation and commerce.

(d) The district will:

(1) promote the health, safety, and general welfare of residents, employers, potential employees, employees, visitors, and consumers in the district, and of the public;

(2) provide needed funding for the district to preserve, maintain, and enhance the economic health and vitality of the district territory as a community and business center;

(3) promote the health, safety, welfare, and enjoyment of the public by providing pedestrian ways and by landscaping and developing certain areas in the district, which are necessary for the restoration, preservation, and enhancement of scenic beauty; and

(4) provide for water, wastewater, drainage, road, and recreational facilities for the district.

(e) Pedestrian ways along or across a street, whether at grade or above or below the surface, and street lighting, street landscaping, parking, and street art objects are parts of and necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street or road improvement.

(f) The district will not act as the agent or instrumentality of any private interest even though the district will benefit many private interests as well as the public.

Sec. 4019.0105. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) The district is initially composed of the territory described by Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

(b) The boundaries and field notes contained in Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter form a closure. A mistake in the field notes or in copying the field notes in the legislative process does not affect the district's:

(1) organization, existence, or validity;

(2) right to issue any type of bonds for the purposes for which the district is created or to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds;

(3) right to impose or collect an assessment; or

(4) legality or operation.

Sec. 4019.0106. ELIGIBILITY FOR INCLUSION IN SPECIAL ZONES. All or any part of the area of the district is eligible to be included in:

(1) a tax increment reinvestment zone created under Chapter 311, Tax Code; or

(2) a tax abatement reinvestment zone created under Chapter 312, Tax Code.

Sec. 4019.0107. APPLICABILITY OF MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS LAW. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, Chapter 375, Local Government Code, applies to the district.

Sec. 4019.0108. CONSTRUCTION OF CHAPTER. This chapter shall be liberally construed in conformity with the findings and purposes stated in this chapter.

#### SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 4019.0201. GOVERNING BODY; TERMS. (a) The district is governed by a board of five elected directors who serve staggered terms of four years.

(b) Directors are elected in the manner provided by Subchapter D, Chapter 49, Water Code.

Sec. 4019.0202. COMPENSATION; EXPENSES. (a) The district may compensate each director in an amount not to exceed \$150 for each board meeting. The total amount of compensation for each director in one year may not exceed \$7,200.

(b) A director is entitled to reimbursement for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the board.

(c) Sections 375.069 and 375.070, Local Government Code, do not apply to the board.

Sec. 4019.0203. INITIAL DIRECTORS. (a) The initial board consists of the following directors:

<u>Pos. No.</u>	<u>Name of Director</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Eric Burton</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Mike Alley</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Jacob Thompson</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Rodney Price</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>David Medis</u>

(b) Of the initial directors, the terms of directors appointed for positions one through three expire June 1, 2027, and the terms of directors appointed for positions four and five expire June 1, 2029.

#### SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

Sec. 4019.0301. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The district has the powers and duties necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the district is created.

Sec. 4019.0302. IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND SERVICES. (a) The district, using any money available to the district for the purpose, may provide, design, construct, acquire, improve, relocate, operate, maintain, or finance an improvement project or service authorized under this chapter or Chapter 375, Local Government Code.

(b) The district may contract with a governmental or private entity to carry out an action under Subsection (a).

(c) The implementation of a district project or service is a governmental function or service for the purposes of Chapter 791, Government Code.

Sec. 4019.0303. NONPROFIT CORPORATION. (a) The board by resolution may authorize the creation of a nonprofit corporation to assist and act for the district in implementing a project or providing a service authorized by this chapter.

(b) The nonprofit corporation:

(1) has each power of and is considered to be a local government corporation created under Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Transportation Code; and

(2) may implement any project and provide any service authorized by this chapter.

(c) The board shall appoint the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation. The board of directors of the nonprofit corporation shall serve in the same manner as the board of directors of a local government corporation created under Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Transportation Code, except that a board member is not required to reside in the district.

Sec. 4019.0304. LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. To protect the public interest, the district may contract with a qualified party, including the county or a municipality with territory in the district, to provide law enforcement services in the district for a fee.

Sec. 4019.0305. MEMBERSHIP IN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. The district may join and pay dues to a charitable or nonprofit organization that performs a service or provides an activity consistent with the furtherance of a district purpose.

Sec. 4019.0306. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. (a) The district may engage in activities that accomplish the economic development purposes of the district.

(b) The district may establish and provide for the administration of one or more programs to promote state or local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity in the district, including programs to:

(1) make loans and grants of public money; and

(2) provide district personnel and services.

(c) The district may create economic development programs and exercise the economic development powers provided to municipalities by:

(1) Chapter 380, Local Government Code; and

(2) Subchapter A, Chapter 1509, Government Code.

Sec. 4019.0307. PARKING FACILITIES. (a) The district may acquire, lease as lessor or lessee, construct, develop, own, operate, and maintain parking facilities or a system of parking facilities, including lots, garages, parking terminals, or other structures or accommodations for parking motor vehicles off the streets and related appurtenances.

(b) The district's parking facilities serve the public purposes of the district and are owned, used, and held for a public purpose even if leased or operated by a private entity for a term of years.

(c) The district's parking facilities are parts of and necessary components of a street and are considered to be a street or road improvement.

(d) The development and operation of the district's parking facilities may be considered an economic development program.

Sec. 4019.0308. DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS OF MONEY. The board by resolution shall establish the number of directors' signatures and the procedure required for a disbursement or transfer of district money.

Sec. 4019.0309. ADDING OR EXCLUDING LAND. Except as provided by Section 4019.0310, the district may add or exclude land in the manner provided by Subchapter J, Chapter 49, Water Code, or by Subchapter H, Chapter 54, Water Code.

Sec. 4019.0310. DIVISION OF DISTRICT. (a) The district may be divided into two or more new districts only if the district has no outstanding bonded debt.

(b) This chapter applies to any new district created by the division of the district, and a new district has all the powers and duties of the district.

(c) Any new district created by the division of the district may not, at the time the new district is created, contain any land outside the area described by Section 2 of the Act enacting this chapter.

(d) The board, on its own motion or on receipt of a petition signed by the owner or owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district, may adopt an order dividing the district.

(e) An order dividing the district must:

(1) name each new district;

(2) include the metes and bounds description of the territory of each new district;

(3) appoint initial directors for each new district; and

(4) provide for the division of assets and liabilities between or among the new districts.

(f) On or before the 30th day after the date of adoption of an order dividing the district, the district shall file the order with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and record the order in the real property records of each county in which the district is located.

Sec. 4019.0311. CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY NOT EXEMPT. Section 375.161, Local Government Code, does not apply to the district.

Sec. 4019.0312. NO AD VALOREM TAX. The district may not impose an ad valorem tax.

Sec. 4019.0313. EMINENT DOMAIN. Subject to the limitations provided by Section 54.209, Water Code, the district may exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided by Section 49.222, Water Code.

#### SUBCHAPTER D. ASSESSMENTS

Sec. 4019.0401. PETITION REQUIRED FOR FINANCING SERVICES AND IMPROVEMENTS WITH ASSESSMENTS. (a) The board may not finance a service or improvement project with assessments under this chapter unless a written petition requesting that service or improvement has been filed with the board.

(b) A petition filed under Subsection (a) must be signed by the owners of a majority of the assessed value of real property in the district subject to assessment according to the most recent certified tax appraisal roll for the county.

Sec. 4019.0402. ASSESSMENTS; LIENS FOR ASSESSMENTS. (a) The board by resolution may impose and collect an assessment for any purpose authorized by this chapter in all or any part of the district.

(b) An assessment, a reassessment, or an assessment resulting from an addition to or correction of the assessment roll by the district, penalties and interest on an assessment or reassessment, an expense of collection, and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the district:

(1) are a first and prior lien against the property assessed;

(2) are superior to any other lien or claim other than a lien or claim for county, school district, or municipal ad valorem taxes; and

(3) are the personal liability of and a charge against the owners of the property even if the owners are not named in the assessment proceedings.

(c) The lien is effective from the date of the board's resolution imposing the assessment until the date the assessment is paid. The board may enforce the lien in the same manner that a taxing unit, as that term is defined by Section 1.04, Tax Code, may enforce an ad valorem tax lien against real property.

(d) The board may make a correction to or deletion from the assessment roll that does not increase the amount of assessment of any parcel of land without providing notice and holding a hearing in the manner required for additional assessments.

### SUBCHAPTER E. BONDS

Sec. 4019.0501. AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY AND TO ISSUE BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. (a) The district may borrow money on terms determined by the board.

(b) The district may issue, by public or private sale, bonds, notes, or other obligations payable wholly or partly from assessments, impact fees, revenue, contract payments, grants, or other district money, or any combination of those sources of money, to pay for any authorized district purpose.

(c) The district may issue, by public or private sale, bonds, notes, or other obligations payable wholly or partly from assessments in the manner provided by Subchapter A, Chapter 372, Local Government Code, if the improvement financed by the obligation issued under this section will be conveyed to or operated and maintained by a municipality or other retail utility provider pursuant to an agreement with the district entered into before the issuance of the obligation.

Sec. 4019.0502. BONDS SECURED BY REVENUE OR CONTRACT PAYMENTS. The district may issue, without an election, bonds secured by:

(1) revenue, including contract revenues; or

(2) contract payments, provided that the requirements of Section 49.108, Water Code, have been met.

Sec. 4019.0503. CONDITION PRECEDENT TO ISSUING OBLIGATIONS. (a) The district may not issue bonds, notes, or other obligations under this subchapter unless the district has entered into a contract with a municipality, the county, or another entity that:

(1) provides for adequate supplemental police, fire, and emergency services for the district; and

(2) is approved by the commissioners court of the county under Subsection (c).

(b) A contract under Subsection (a) may include a provision that the contract takes effect only on the approval of the commissioners court of the county and the voters in the district voting in an election held for that purpose.

(c) The commissioners court of the county shall review a contract under Subsection (a) and evaluate the supplemental police, fire, and emergency services provided for in the contract. If the commissioners court determines that the contract provides for adequate services, the commissioners court shall adopt a resolution stating that the contract has met the requirements of Subsection (a).

### SUBCHAPTER I. DISSOLUTION

Sec. 4019.0901. DISSOLUTION. (a) The board shall dissolve the district on written petition filed with the board by the owners of:

(1) at least two-thirds of the assessed value of the property subject to assessment by the district based on the most recent certified county property tax rolls; or

(2) at least two-thirds of the surface area of the district, excluding roads, streets, highways, utility rights-of-way, other public areas, and other property exempt from assessment by the district according to the most recent certified county property tax rolls.



(b) The board by majority vote may dissolve the district at any time.

(c) The district may not be dissolved by its board under Subsection (a) or (b) if the district:

(1) has any outstanding bonded indebtedness until that bonded indebtedness has been repaid or defeased in accordance with the order or resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds;

(2) has a contractual obligation to pay money until that obligation has been fully paid in accordance with the contract; or

(3) owns, operates, or maintains public works, facilities, or improvements unless the district contracts with another person for the ownership, operation, or maintenance of the public works, facilities, or improvements.

(d) Sections 375.261, 375.262, and 375.264, Local Government Code, do not apply to the district.

SECTION 2. The Colmena Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1 initially includes all territory contained in the following area:

#### METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION

##### Tract 1

BEING a tract of land situated in the J. Wilson Survey, Abstract No. 994 in Collin County, Texas, being part of a tract conveyed to BFJ Land, LLC, by deed recorded in Document No. 20130913001293160 of the Official Public Records, Collin County, Texas (OPRCCT), with the subject tract being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a PK nail set at the intersection of the east line of Farm to Market Road 543, a variable width public right-of-way, with the approximate center of County Road 205, a public road;

THENCE along County Road 205, the following:

N 89°26'47" E, 1169.87 feet to a MAG nail found;

N 89°20'19" E, 788.96 feet to a MAG nail found;

N 89°36'12" E, 904.70 feet;

N 88°40'44" E, 1224.72 feet to a MAG nail found;

And N 89°18'20" E, 1177.86 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with plastic cap found at the intersection of County Road 205 and County Road 204;

THENCE S 00°04'46" E, 822.78 feet along said road to a 5/8" iron rod found at the intersection thereof with the north line of the Collin County Outer Loop, conveyed as Parcel No. 56 to Collin County, Texas, recorded in Document No. 20201228002329490 OPRCCT;

THENCE along the north line of Parcel No. 56, the following:

S 65°15'29" W, 131.00 feet;

A tangent curve to the right having a central angle of 24°08'07", a radius of 2800.00 feet, a chord of S 77°19'32" W - 1170.77 feet, an arc length of 1179.47 feet to a 5/8" iron rod found;

S 89°23'36" W, 1506.29 feet;

N 45°37'27" W, 49.51 feet;

S 89°23'36" W, 77.70 feet;

S 54°39'17" W, 61.42 feet;

And S 89°23'36" W, 2336.13 feet to the east line of Farm to Market Road 543;

THENCE N 00°00'17" W, 1107.71 feet along the east line thereof to the POINT OF BEGINNING with the subject tract containing 5,722,211 square feet or 131.364 acres of land.

Tract 2

BEING a tract of land situated in the J. Wilson Survey, Abstract No. 994 in Collin County, Texas, being part of a tract conveyed to BFJ Land, LLC, by deed recorded in Document No. 20130913001293160 of the Official Public Records, Collin County, Texas (OPRCCT), with the subject tract being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod with plastic cap found on the east line of Farm to Market Road 543, a variable width public right-of-way, for the northwest corner of a tract conveyed to Bitted H, LLC, recorded in Document No. 20150617000723180 OPRCCT;

THENCE along the east line of Farm to Market Road 543, the following:

N 00°25'17" W, 1227.59 feet;

N 00°16'17" W, 922.58 feet;

And N 01°21'17" W, 370.16 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found for the intersection thereof with the south line of the Collin County Outer Loop, conveyed as Parcel No. 56 to Collin County, Texas, recorded in Document No. 20201228002329490 OPRCCT;

THENCE along the south line of Parcel No. 56, the following:

N 89°23'36" E, 1920.31 feet;

S 45°38'15" E, 28.30 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;

N 89°23'36" E, 254.67 feet;

N 44°21'45" E, 28.27 feet;

And N 89°23'36" E, 1362.93 feet to the intersection thereof with the west line of a tract conveyed to RMWD Limited Partnership, recorded in Volume 5579, Page 4415, Deed Records, Collin County, Texas (DRCCT);

THENCE along the west line thereof, the following:

S 13°35'50" W, 260.67 feet;

S 07°06'13" W, 1157.12 feet to a 3/8" iron rod found;

And S 89°51'29" E, 34.00 feet to a point being the northwest corner of a tract conveyed to William Donald West and James Edwin West, recorded in Volume 3291, Page 864 DRCCT;

THENCE S 08°28'41" W, 349.66 feet along the west line thereof;

THENCE S 00°31'19" E, 191.99 feet continuing along the west line of said West tract to a 3/8" iron rod found for the northeast corner of Honey Creek Country Estates, an addition recorded in Cabinet F, Page 261, Plat Records, Collin County, Texas;

THENCE along the common line thereof, the following:

S 89°48'07" W, 842.55 feet to a 60d nail found;

S 89°42'02" W, 805.11 feet to a 1" iron pipe found;

S 03°11'09" E, 165.88 feet;

S 00°13'13" W, 548.06 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found;

And N 86°15'57" W, 619.60 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the northeast corner of said Bitted H tract;

THENCE N 86°42'36" W, 1078.33 feet along the north line thereof to the POINT OF BEGINNING with the subject tract containing 7,713,276 square feet or 177.072 acres of land.

Tract 3

BEING a tract of land situated in the J. Wilson Survey, Abstract No. 994, the E.S. Burge Survey, Abstract No. 1082, the W. Wilhite Survey, Abstract No. 1003, the W. Clement Survey, Abstract No. 225, the G. Key Survey, Abstract No. 507, the W. Smith Survey, Abstract No. 844, and the J. Brown Survey, Abstract No. 101, in Collin County, Texas, being part of a tract conveyed to BFJ Land, LLC, by deed recorded in Document No. 20130913001293160 of the Official Public Records, Collin County, Texas (OPRCCT), with the subject tract being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a MAG nail found in County Road 167, a public road, for the northeast corner of a tract conveyed to Stanley Eugene Partee, recorded in Document No. 20160314000302020 OPRCCT;

THENCE S 89°54'50" W, 1242.43 feet along the north line thereof;

THENCE S 89°35'36" W, 367.48 feet continuing along the north line of said Partee tract to a 1/2" iron rod found for the northeast corner of a tract conveyed to Back Nine Partners, L.P., recorded in Document No. 20201109001983980 OPRCCT;

THENCE N 89°39'59" W, 166.01 feet along the north line thereof;

THENCE S 89°21'13" W, 1790.64 feet along the north line thereof;

THENCE S 89°30'07" W, 1589.20 feet along the north line of said Back Nine tract to a 1/2" iron rod found on the east line of a tract conveyed to Vakuna, LLC, recorded in Document No. 20131022001448360 OPRCCT;

THENCE N 00°24'06" E, along the east line thereof, and of a tract conveyed to Ronald W. Leeper and Diane Inez Sharp, recorded in Volume 5220, Page 3293, Deed Records, Collin County, Texas (DRCCT), and of a tract conveyed to Chad and Rachel Leeper, recorded in Volume 4714, Page 2686 DRCCT, and of the Dahl/Norris Homestead Addition, recorded in Cabinet 2022, Page 569, Plat Records, Collin County, Texas (PRCCT), and of a tract conveyed to Ommid John Ghaemmaghami, recorded in Document No. 20140814000869570 OPRCCT, and of a tract conveyed to Ommid J. and Courtney Ghaemmaghami, recorded in Document No. 20110509000475310 OPRCCT, passing at 2588.07 feet a MAG nail found for the southeast corner of Parcel No. 55A of the Collin County Outer Loop, conveyed to Collin County, Texas, recorded in Document No. 20201228002329480 OPRCCT, and continuing along the east line of Parcel No. 55A a total distance 3171.04 feet to a point for the northeast corner of Parcel No. 55A, being on the south line of Parcel No. 55, Collin County Outer Loop, recorded in Document No. 20201228002329490 OPRCCT;

THENCE along the south line of the Collin County Outer Loop, the following:

N 89°13'13" E, 210.13 feet;

S 79°26'37" E, 203.49 feet;

N 89°13'13" E, 150.98 feet;

N 75°19'16" E, 166.52 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;

N 89°13'13" E, 1517.28 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;

S 49°42'24" E, 75.55 feet;

N 89°13'13" E, 50.84 feet;

N 64°17'53" E, 117.79 feet;

N 89°13'13" E, 2360.92 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;

A tangent curve to the left having a central angle of 42°35'32", a radius of 3300.00 feet, a chord of N 67°55'27" E - 2397.04 feet, an arc length of 2453.13 feet to a 5/8" iron rod found;

N 46°37'41" E, 1578.39 feet;

S 43°25'57" E, 47.76 feet;

N 46°34'03" E, 33.51 feet;

N 36°25'33" E, 269.46 feet;

N 46°37'41" E, 223.76 feet;

A tangent curve to the right having a central angle of 37°32'15", a radius of 2800.00 feet, a chord of N 65°23'49" E - 1801.80 feet, an arc length of 1834.43 feet;

S 48°14'54" E, 40.82 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;

And a non-tangent curve to the right having a central angle of 05°26'22", a radius of 2770.00 feet, a chord of N 87°27'17" E - 262.88 feet, an arc length of 262.98 feet to a point being the intersection of said Loop with the west line of Farm to Market Road 543, a variable width public right-of-way;

THENCE along the west line of said road, the following:

S 01°21'17" E, 340.17 feet;

S 00°16'17" E, 921.92 feet;

S 00°25'17" E, 1490.69 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found, being the north corner of the right-of-way tract for said road, known as TxDOT Parcel No. P00054369, recorded in Document No. 2022000163906 OPRCCT;

S 29°46'59" W, 60.17 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;

S 03°25'17" E, 207.30 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;

S 07°40'22" E, 108.15 feet;

S 14°33'57" E, 108.75 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;

And S 26°42'17" E, 51.14 feet to the north northerly corner of Lot 1, Block A, Wild H Cattle Co. Addition, recorded in Cabinet 2020, Page 325 PRCCT;

THENCE along the west line of Lot 1, the following:

S 00°54'03" E, 228.04 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found;

S 02°50'39" W, 243.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with plastic cap found;

S 80°56'23" W, 57.64 feet;

And S 01°49'09" E, 594.11 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the north line of a tract conveyed to Wild H Cattle Company, recorded in Document No. 20150617000722860 OPRCCT;

THENCE S 89°51'08" W, 749.10 feet along the north line thereof to a 1/2" iron rod with plastic cap found;

THENCE N 89°46'02" W, 547.81 feet continuing along the north line of said Wild H Cattle tract, and of Lot 23, Block A, Hidden Hills, an addition recorded in Cabinet E, Page 83 PRCCT, to a point for a southeast corner of a tract conveyed to John A. and Jill A. Johnson, recorded in Document No. 20070720001003670 OPRCCT, and being in Honey Creek;

THENCE along said creek, the following:

N 25°50'12" W, 77.44 feet;  
N 46°42'19" W, 88.32 feet;  
N 10°30'52" E, 70.89 feet;  
N 06°50'58" E, 561.41 feet;  
N 13°37'41" E, 45.31 feet;  
N 20°33'21" W, 30.25 feet;  
N 48°39'21" W, 243.09 feet;  
N 18°07'57" W, 175.52 feet;  
N 47°56'08" W, 87.04 feet;  
N 84°35'39" W, 71.96 feet;  
S 21°05'45" W, 73.38 feet;  
S 68°55'51" W, 49.82 feet;  
N 55°08'17" W, 54.01 feet;  
N 66°07'05" W, 167.64 feet;  
N 35°57'13" W, 106.70 feet;  
N 00°25'38" E, 213.24 feet;  
N 33°48'14" W, 78.62 feet;  
S 87°36'23" E, 37.26 feet;  
N 65°18'48" W, 66.81 feet;  
S 68°28'16" W, 167.76 feet;  
S 58°21'05" W, 121.29 feet;  
S 69°40'26" W, 65.98 feet;  
N 63°10'19" W, 122.11 feet;  
N 49°14'23" W, 117.55 feet;  
And N 15°30'39" W, 13.23 feet;

THENCE N 87°36'23" W, 459.19 feet departing said creek, continuing along the common line of said Johnson tract, to a 1/2" iron rod with plastic cap found;

THENCE S 01°44'48" W, 663.61 feet continuing along the common line thereof to a point in an unnamed creek;

THENCE along said creek, the following:

N 23°57'03" W, 40.32 feet;  
N 55°55'46" W, 47.76 feet;  
S 84°36'26" W, 99.42 feet;  
S 38°38'28" W, 25.00 feet;  
S 01°46'17" E, 14.75 feet;  
S 41°44'49" E, 134.33 feet;  
S 10°59'20" E, 11.55 feet;  
S 11°12'25" E, 20.52 feet;  
S 73°02'42" W, 45.95 feet;  
N 59°20'41" W, 57.93 feet;  
S 30°03'36" W, 37.36 feet;  
S 16°32'48" E, 49.17 feet;  
S 46°51'57" W, 50.38 feet;  
N 63°00'21" W, 160.17 feet;  
S 26°39'55" W, 47.04 feet;

S 23°03'17" E, 30.60 feet;  
S 65°57'23" E, 47.63 feet;  
S 23°00'56" E, 53.96 feet;  
S 14°32'15" W, 62.64 feet;  
S 60°50'12" W, 65.93 feet;  
S 82°47'26" W, 65.53 feet;  
N 66°02'45" W, 72.17 feet;  
S 89°11'57" W, 47.00 feet;  
S 55°07'38" W, 90.07 feet;  
S 22°33'42" E, 41.09 feet;

And S 14°03'27" W, 121.64 feet to a point in said creek, being a northerly corner of a tract conveyed to Javier R. and Margaret E. Villareal, recorded in Document No. 20130730001064390 OPRCCT;

THENCE N 89°38'12" W, 212.34 feet along the north line thereof to a point being the northeast corner of a tract conveyed to Cielo's Lake Homeowner Association, recorded in Volume 5309, Page 7239 DRCCT;

THENCE S 45°35'48" W, 222.00 feet along the north line thereof to a 5/8" iron rod found;

THENCE S 84°55'46" W, 1251.88 feet continuing along the north line of said Homeowner tract to a point for the northwest corner thereof;

THENCE S 01°10'19" W, along the west line thereof, and of a tract conveyed to JPR Land, LLC, recorded in Document No. 20190924001182240 OPRCCT, passing at 188.30 feet a 3/4" iron pipe found for witness, continuing along the west line of said JPR tract, passing into and along County Road 167, a total distance of 1138.21;

THENCE S 01°09'14" W, 954.03 feet continuing along County Road 167 to the POINT OF BEGINNING with the subject tract containing 28,563,347 square feet or 655.724 acres of land.

#### Tract 4

BEING a tract of land situated in the J. Brown Survey, Abstract No. 101, the J. Brown Survey, Abstract No. 82, the B. Thayer Survey, Abstract No. 915, the T. & P.R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 930, and the C. Gilman Survey, Abstract No. 345, in Collin County, Texas, being part of a tract conveyed to BFJ Land, LLC, by deed recorded in Document No. 20130913001293160 of the Official Public Records, Collin County, Texas (OPRCCT), with the subject tract being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a MAG nail found in County Road 125, a public road, for the southeast corner of a tract conveyed to the Larry and Carolyn Smith Irrevocable Trust, recorded in Document No. 20220321000448030 OPRCCT;

THENCE N 00°43'02" W, 444.24 feet departing said road, along the east line of said Smith tract to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found for the southwest corner of Parcel No. 55 of the Collin County Outer Loop, conveyed to Collin County, Texas, recorded in Document No. 20201228002329490 OPRCCT;

THENCE along the south line of Parcel No. 55, the following:

N 89°13'13" E, 1847.93 feet;  
S 75°42'54" E, 83.36 feet;

N 89°29'18" E, 575.84 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;  
N 77°50'04" E, 123.39 feet;  
And N 89°13'13" E, 1179.82 feet to the intersection thereof with Parcel No. 55A, Collin County Outer Loop, recorded in Document No. 20201228002329480 OPRCCT;

THENCE along the west line of Parcel No. 55A, the following:

S 00°24'06" W, 518.61 feet;

S 46°23'53" W, 36.07 feet;

And S 00°29'10" W, 36.57 feet to a point in County Road 125, from which a MAG nail found for the southeast corner of Parcel No. 55A bears S 88°36'07" E, 86.01 feet;

THENCE generally along County Road 125, the following:

N 88°36'07" W, 1021.75 feet;

N 89°21'02" W, 349.12 feet;

N 78°33'01" W, 250.03 feet;

N 89°09'30" W, 961.79 feet;

And S 89°35'13" W, 1191.81 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING with the subject tract containing 1,865,734 square feet or 42.831 acres of land.

Tract 5

BEING a tract of land situated in the G. Key Survey, Abstract No. 507, the G. Kenneday Survey, Abstract No. 498, the J. Brown Survey, Abstract No. 101, the J. Brown Survey, Abstract No. 82, the T. & P.R.R. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 930, the C. Gilman Survey, Abstract No. 345, the A. Chandler Survey, Abstract No. 199, and the T. Culwell Survey, Abstract No. 207, in Collin County, Texas, being part of a tract conveyed to BFJ Land, LLC, by deed recorded in Document No. 20130913001293160 of the Official Public Records, Collin County, Texas (OPRCCT), with the subject tract being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a MAG nail found at the intersection of the west line of Farm to Market Road 543, a variable width public right-of-way, with the approximate centerline of County Road 170, a public road;

THENCE along the west line of Farm to Market Road 543, the following:

S 00°00'17" E, 256.98 feet;

S 89°59'43" W, 10.00 feet;

And S 00°00'17" E, 810.56 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found for the northeast corner of Parcel No. 55 of the Collin County Outer Loop, conveyed to Collin County, Texas, recorded in Document No. 20201228002329490 OPRCCT;

THENCE along the north line of the Collin County Outer Loop, the following:

N 89°53'41" W, 313.33 feet;

A non-tangent curve to the left having a central angle of 01°35'48", a radius of 3330.00 feet, a chord of S 83°55'22" W - 92.80 feet, an arc length of 92.80 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;

S 64°20'13" W, 97.13 feet;

A non-tangent curve to the left having a central angle of 22°50'56", a radius of 3300.00 feet, a chord of S 70°06'12" W - 1307.30 feet, an arc length of 1316.00 feet;

S 63°14'13" W, 196.76 feet;

S 56°59'48" W, 309.75 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;  
A non-tangent curve to the left having a central angle of 03°21'16", a radius of 3345.00 feet, a chord of S 48°18'19" W - 195.81 feet, an arc length of 195.84 feet;  
S 46°37'41" W, 121.56 feet;  
S 43°03'59" E, 45.00 feet;  
S 46°37'41" W, 1979.12 feet;  
A tangent curve to the right having a central angle of 32°26'57", a radius of 2800.00 feet, a chord of S 62°51'10" W - 1564.66 feet, an arc length of 1585.77 feet;  
N 10°55'22" W, 20.00 feet;  
A non-tangent curve to the right having a central angle of 09°45'20", a radius of 2780.00 feet, a chord of S 83°57'18" W - 472.77 feet, an arc length of 473.34 feet;  
S 42°21'15" W, 27.49 feet;  
S 89°13'13" W, 714.00 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;  
N 76°44'37" W, 82.46 feet;  
S 89°13'13" W, 280.00 feet;  
S 75°11'03" W, 82.46 feet;  
S 89°13'13" W, 307.30 feet;  
N 82°15'37" W, 202.50 feet;  
S 89°13'13" W, 246.60 feet;  
S 75°00'42" W, 122.22 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;  
S 89°13'13" W, 1970.64 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;  
N 73°27'52" W, 134.40 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;  
S 89°13'13" W, 123.90 feet;  
S 78°50'55" W, 222.18 feet;  
S 89°13'13" W, 1680.55 feet to a 5/8" iron rod found;  
N 72°20'58" W, 158.15 feet;  
S 89°13'13" W, 232.53 feet;  
S 82°45'07" W, 443.83 feet;  
And S 89°13'13" W, 1708.36 feet to the east line of a tract conveyed to the Larry and Carolyn Smith Irrevocable Trust, recorded in Document No. 20220321000448030 OPRCCT, and from which a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found for the southwest corner of Parcel No. 55 bears S 00°49'29" E, 500.00 feet;  
THENCE along the east line thereof, the following:  
N 01°07'40" W, 435.57 feet;  
N 01°18'23" W, 387.98 feet;  
And N 02°26'05" W, 106.54 feet to the southeast corner of a tract conveyed to Virgil Dean and Patsy Marie Lassiter, recorded in Document No. 19941222001121230 OPRCCT;  
THENCE N 00°56'54" E, 156.43 feet along the common line thereof to the southeast corner of a tract conveyed to Dewayne L. Connel and Michelle A. Sutherland, recorded in Volume 3812, Page 213 DRCCT;



THENCE N 00°10'24" W, 295.02 feet along the common line thereof to the southeast corner of a tract conveyed to Nacid Limited Partnership II, recorded in Document No. 20081016001233460 OPRCCT;

THENCE N 01°22'54" W, 646.59 feet along the common line thereof to the southerly southeast corner of a tract conveyed to the Charles and Judith Frisk Revocable Trust, recorded in Document No. 20210311000489230 OPRCCT;

THENCE N 01°21'12" E, 20.49 feet along the common line thereof;

THENCE N 01°02'06" W, 286.18 feet continuing along the common line thereof to the southeast corner of a tract conveyed to Erik A. Frisk, recorded in Volume 4729, Page 2171 DRCCT;

THENCE N 01°03'26" W, 311.32 feet along the common line thereof to the northerly southeast corner of said Charles and Judith Frisk Revocable Trust tract;

THENCE N 00°59'52" W, 663.21 feet continuing along the common line thereof to a 1/2" iron rod with plastic cap found on the south line of a private drive, and being the south line of those tracts conveyed to Craig and Amy Teague, recorded in Volume 4877, Page 2565, and Volume 5007, Page 3138 DRCCT;

THENCE along the south line thereof, the following:

N 89°01'36" E, 553.52 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found;

N 88°40'13" E, 447.30 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found;

N 89°20'48" E, 404.48 feet;

And N 88°30'22" E, 357.82 feet to the southwest corner of a tract conveyed to the William E. and Barbara Vollweiler Revocable Living Trust, recorded in Document No. 20080221000205330 OPRCCT;

THENCE S 88°47'05" E, 819.32 feet along the south line thereof;

THENCE N 00°18'05" W, 2596.78 feet along the east line of said Vollweiler tract to the northeast corner thereof, being on the south line of County Road 170;

THENCE along the south line of County Road 170, the following:

S 89°36'52" E, 2265.75 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;

N 84°29'56" E, 595.90 feet;

N 53°59'54" E, 105.45 feet to a 5/8" iron rod with plastic cap found;

S 88°08'32" E, 1050.49 feet;

And N 81°21'01" E, 193.41 feet to a point being the intersection of said road with the south line of the Ninth Tract, conveyed to Frisby Farms, Ltd., recorded in Volume 4944, Page 637 DRCCT;

THENCE S 88°17'50" E, 432.78 feet along the south line of said remainder, to a point in the approximate center of Honey Creek;

THENCE along said creek, the following:

S 04°23'54" E, 66.95 feet;

S 31°44'39" E, 101.65 feet;

S 87°27'00" E, 152.99 feet;

S 77°08'23" E, 101.41 feet;

S 64°59'58" E, 180.84 feet;

S 59°31'22" E, 186.47 feet;

S 87°17'31" E, 118.78 feet;

S 68°57'40" E, 84.18 feet;

S 42°05'54" E, 58.19 feet;

S 21°37'37" E, 94.16 feet;  
S 07°01'51" E, 248.93 feet;  
S 16°21'00" E, 142.80 feet;  
S 34°20'12" E, 262.52 feet;  
S 12°27'30" E, 88.32 feet;  
S 22°55'26" W, 77.02 feet;  
S 55°47'23" W, 123.79 feet;  
S 33°58'18" W, 104.89 feet;  
S 08°33'45" W, 66.59 feet;  
S 09°33'25" E, 54.44 feet;  
S 35°06'15" E, 122.33 feet;  
S 69°27'25" E, 79.39 feet;  
S 85°59'57" E, 131.66 feet;  
S 81°05'37" E, 209.83 feet;  
S 45°06'29" E, 230.63 feet;

And S 30°27'32" E, 107.90 feet, a point being the southwest corner of a tract conveyed to Nina Dowell Ringley, recorded in Document No. 20200928001659290 OPRCCT;

THENCE S 88°43'17" E, 1048.46 feet along the common line thereof to a 1/2" iron rod found;

THENCE S 88°40'31" E, 466.85 feet continuing along the common line thereof;

THENCE N 01°03'47" E, 1526.96 feet continuing along the common line of said Ringley tract to a 3/8" iron rod found for the southeast corner of a tract conveyed to Corbin Dowell Ringley, recorded in Document No. 20210917001902070 OPRCCT;

THENCE N 01°40'38" E, 838.60 feet along the common line thereof to a 1/2" iron rod found on the south line of a tract conveyed to The 58 Land Group, LLC, recorded in Document No. 20120419000457790 OPRCCT;

THENCE S 88°48'30" E, 1065.04 feet along the south line thereof, and of a tract conveyed to Evans McKee Living Trust, recorded in Document No. 2024000027076 OPRCCT;

THENCE S 88°34'45" E, 1000.00 feet along the south line thereof;

THENCE S 89°32'45" E, 211.00 feet continuing along the south line thereof;

THENCE S 89°52'45" E, 342.33 feet continuing along the south line of said McKee tract to a 1/2" iron rod with plastic cap found in County Road 170;

THENCE S 01°38'07" W, 1997.66 feet along said road to a 1/2" iron rod with plastic cap found for a bend point thereof;

THENCE S 89°52'07" E, 1464.59 feet continuing along County Road 170 to the POINT OF BEGINNING with the subject tract containing 62,892,029 square feet or 1443.802 acres of land.

SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act have been fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 4. (a) Section 4019.0313, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, takes effect only if this Act receives a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house.

(b) If this Act does not receive a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house, Subchapter C, Chapter 4019, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by Section 1 of this Act, is amended by adding Section 4019.0313 to read as follows:

Sec. 4019.0313. NO EMINENT DOMAIN POWER. The district may not exercise the power of eminent domain.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 3697 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative E. Morales called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 3697**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the text on an application for a ballot to be voted by mail and other balloting materials.

Representative E. Morales moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 3697**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 3697** prevailed by (Record 4083): 106 Yeas, 30 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anchía; Ashby; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Cunningham; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Orr; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal;

Schoolcraft; Shofner; Simmons; Smithee; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Barry; Bumgarner; Cain; Cook; Craddick; Curry; Flores; Harrison; Hayes; Hickland; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; Leo Wilson; Lowe; McQueeney; Metcalf; Olcott; Oliverson; Patterson; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Slawson; Swanson; Villalobos; Virdell.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Capriglione; Davis, Y.; Louderback; Manuel; Reynolds.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4083 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 3697**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the text on an application for a ballot to be voted by mail and other balloting materials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 84.011(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The officially prescribed application form for an early voting ballot to be voted by mail must be:

- (1) at least eight inches by nine inches in size;
- (2) ~~and be~~ printed in at least 12-point ~~[six point]~~ type; and
- (3) printed in black text.

SECTION 2. Section 86.002, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) The balloting materials, including the instructions under Subsection (d), must be printed:

- (1) in at least 12-point type; and
- (2) in black text.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)

Amend **CSHB 3697** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 84.011(b), Election Code (page 1, line 31), strike "12-point" and substitute "10-point".

(2) Strike SECTION 2 of the bill, adding Section 86.002(j), Election Code (page 1, lines 34 through 39), and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

### **HB 3333 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative E. Morales called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 3333**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain stream segments, stream assessment units, and drainage areas.

Representative E. Morales moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 3333**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 3333** prevailed by (Record 4084): 99 Yeas, 37 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anchía; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; Lalani; Landgraf; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lozano; Lujan; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Shaheen; Simmons; Smithee; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Turner; VanDeaver; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bumgarner; Cain; Cook; Harrison; Hayes; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; LaHood; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Lowe; Luther; McQueeney; Metcalf; Money; Morgan; Oliverson; Pierson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Slawson; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Villalobos; Wharton.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Davis, Y.; Louderback; Manuel; Olcott; Reynolds.

### **STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 4084 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted no.

Olcott

When Record No. 4084 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote no.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 3333**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain river segments and drainage areas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.0275 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.0275. RESTRICTION ON PERMITS FOR DISCHARGES INTO CERTAIN SEGMENTS AND DRAINAGE AREAS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Classified segment" means any portion of Devils River located in Val Verde County and identified in Appendices A and C of 30 T.A.C. Section 307.10 as it existed on September 1, 2025.

(2) "Unclassified water body" means a water body other than a classified segment.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the commission may not issue a new permit authorizing the direct discharge from a domestic or industrial wastewater treatment facility of any waste, effluent, or pollutants into a classified segment or an unclassified water body in Val Verde County that drains into a classified segment.

(c) This section does not affect the authority of the commission to issue:

(1) an individual or general permit for a municipal separate storm sewer system; or

(2) a general permit for stormwater and associated non-stormwater discharges.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for a permit that is submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a permit that was submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 20 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Gates called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 20**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to establishing the Applied Sciences Pathway program.

Representative Gates moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 20**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 20** prevailed by (Record 4085): 134 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.;

Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Vasut(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Bowers; Campos; Davis, Y.; Lalani; Louderback; Manuel; Morales Shaw; Reynolds.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4085 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Bowers

When Record No. 4085 was taken, I was presiding in the chair and was shown voting present, not voting. I intended to vote yes.

Vasut

### Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)

Amend **HB 20** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill as follows:

(1) In added Section 29.914(d), Education Code (page 2, line 19), strike "commissioner" and substitute "Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board".

(2) Strike added Section 29.914(d)(2)(A)(ii), Education Code (page 2, lines 20 and 21), and substitute the following:

(ii) a credential recognized as a credential of value by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rule and approved by the commissioner for purposes of the program; and

(3) In added Section 29.914(d)(4), Education Code (page 2, line 28), strike "articulation" and substitute "institutional".

(4) In added Section 29.914(d)(4), Education Code (page 2, line 30), between "education" and the underlined semicolon, insert "that meets the requirements for a dual credit partnership adopted by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rule".

(5) In added Section 29.914(e), Education Code (page 2, line 33), strike "The" and substitute "Except as provided by Subsection (e-1), the".

(6) Immediately following added Section 29.914(e), Education Code (page 2, between lines 40 and 41), insert the following:

(e-1) Before a student may earn substituted credit under Subsection (e) for a secondary-level course in a subject described by Section 28.025(b-1)(1), (2), (3), or (4), the student must perform satisfactorily on each end-of-course assessment instrument required for courses in the corresponding subject that precede the course for which the student seeks substituted credit in the district's prescribed course sequence.

(7) Immediately following added Section 29.914(i), Education Code (page 2, between lines 60 and 61), insert the following:

(j) This section expires September 1, 2031.

**HB 3642 - HOUSE REFUSES TO CONCUR  
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

Without objection, Representative Hefner called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 3642**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the designation of portions of the state highway system as memorial highways and bridges, to certain memorial markers and designations on certain highways, and to highway signs for certain cultural attractions.

Representative Hefner moved that the house not concur in the senate amendments and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on **HB 3642**.

The motion prevailed.

The chair announced the appointment of the following conference committee, on the part of the house, on **HB 3642**: Hefner, chair; Anchía, Button, Patterson, and Wilson.

(Speaker in the chair)

**HB 549 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Vasut called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 549**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the availability and use of airway clearance devices at public school campuses.

Representative Vasut moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 549**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 549** prevailed by (Record 4086): 134 Yeas, 1 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.;



González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Lowe.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Cunningham; Davis, Y.; Fairly; Louderback; Manuel; Oliverson; Reynolds.

### **Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)**

Amend **HB 549** (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter E, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.2115 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.2115. CONTRACTING FOR MEDICATION FOR RESPIRATORY DISTRESS AND TRAINING. The board of trustees of a school district or governing body of an open-enrollment charter school or private school may contract with a vendor to provide:

(1) medication for respiratory distress and related equipment to the district or school; and

(2) training to school personnel and school volunteers authorized to administer medication for respiratory distress under this subchapter.

### **HB 2731 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Muñoz called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 2731**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the regulation of roadside vendors and solicitors in certain counties.

Representative Muñoz moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 2731**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 2731** prevailed by (Record 4087): 99 Yeas, 38 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anchía; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Button; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, J.; King; Kitzman; Lalani; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodriguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Shaheen; Simmons; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Ashby; Bonnen; Bumgarner; Cain; Craddick; Gerdes; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hickland; Hopper; Hull; Isaac; Kerwin; LaHood; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Lowe; McQueeney; Metcalf; Money; Morgan; Olcott; Pierson; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Vasut; Virdell; Wharton.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Campos; Cunningham; Davis, Y.; Manuel; Oliverson; Reynolds.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4087 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Spiller

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 2731**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the regulation of roadside vendors and solicitors in certain counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 285.001(b) and (c), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The commissioners court of a county with a population of more than 200,000 ~~[870,000]~~ that borders the United Mexican States by order may regulate the following activities in the unincorporated areas of the county, provided that the activities occur in a parking lot or on or in the right-of-way of a public highway or road ~~[described by Subsection (a) in the manner described by that subsection, except that]:~~

(1) the sale of items and the erection, maintenance, or placement of a structure by a vendor of live animals ~~[the regulation of activities on or in the right of way of a public highway or road is limited to public highways and roads with a speed limit of 40 miles per hour or faster];~~ and

(2) the solicitation of money ~~[the county may not prohibit the sale of livestock].~~

(c) A county regulating vendors under Subsection (b):

(1) may require that a vendor be located not closer to the edge of the public highway or road than a distance that is equal to one-half the width of the right-of-way adjacent to the highway or road; and

(2) may not adopt an order under Subsection (b) prohibiting the sale of livestock.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 4233 - WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Representative Capriglione called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 4233**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to reporting and auditing requirements for digital asset service providers.

### **HB 4233 - POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Cain raised a point of order against further consideration of the senate amendments to **HB 4233** under Rule 11, Section 2, of the House Rules.

The speaker sustained the point of order, announcing his decision to the house as follows:

Mr. Cain raises a point of order against further consideration of the senate amendments to **HB 4233** under Rule 11, Section 2, on the grounds that the amendments are not germane to the bill. Among other things, the Senate added multiple pages of text regulating virtual currency kiosks, which is plainly matter that is not on the same subject as the House engrossment and is not germane in any degree thereto. See 886 H. Jour. 5216-5217 (2019).

Accordingly, the point of order is well-taken and sustained. The chair directs the chief clerk to return the bill to the senate for further action.

**HB 4233** was returned to the senate for further action.

(Landgraf in the chair)

### **HB 3848 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Walle called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 3848**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the electronic submission of inspection reports and filing fees for the inspection of elevators, escalators, and related equipment.

Representative Walle moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 3848**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 3848** prevailed by (Record 4088): 101 Yeas, 30 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anchía; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bucy; Button; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank;

Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lozano; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Shaheen; Simmons; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bumgarner; Cain; Cook; Gerdes; Harrison; Hayes; Hickland; Hopper; Hull; Isaac; Leach; Leo Wilson; Lowe; McLaughlin; Money; Olcott; Oliverson; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Wharton.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Landgraf(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Bryant; Buckley; Campos; Capriglione; Davis, A.; Louderback; Lujan; Manuel; Reynolds; Vasut; Vo.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4088 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Vasut

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 3848**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the electronic submission of inspection reports and filing fees for the inspection of elevators, escalators, and related equipment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 754.015(e), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The commission by rule may require or permit inspection reports, other documents, and fees to be filed in a manner prescribed by the department, including electronically.

SECTION 2. Section 754.019(c), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) For the purpose of determining timely filing under Subsection (a)(3) and Section 754.016(b), an inspection report and filing fees are considered filed on the earlier of:

- (1) the date of personal delivery;
- (2) the date of postmark by United States mail if properly addressed to the executive director; ~~[or]~~
- (3) the date of deposit with a commercial courier service, if properly addressed to the executive director; or

(4) the date of electronic submission, if filed in an electronic manner prescribed by the department.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 4690 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Gerdes called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 4690**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to motor fuel measuring, quality, and testing standards.

Representative Gerdes moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 4690**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 4690** prevailed by (Record 4089): 136 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Landgraf(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Bonnen; Campos; Leach; Louderback; Manuel; Reynolds.

### **Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)**

Amend **HB 4690** (senate committee report) in SECTION 6 of the bill, as follows:

(1) In added Section 2310.2031(a), Occupations Code (page 2, line 19), strike "adjacent to" and substitute "within this state on either side of".

(2) In added Section 2310.2031(b), Occupations Code (page 2, lines 27 through 33), strike Subsection (b) and substitute the following:

(b) Gasoline sold or offered for sale in this state conforms with the Driveability Index provided in the Vapor Pressure and Distillation Class Requirements in the most recently adopted version of ASTM International's publication D4814, "Standard Specification for Automotive Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel," if it meets or exceeds vapor pressure and distillation class AAA, AA, or A.

**HB 2525 - HOUSE DISCHARGES CONFEREES  
HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS  
TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Representative Darby called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 2525**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property owned by a charitable organization that is engaged in providing housing and related facilities and services to persons who are at least 62 years of age.

Representative Darby moved to discharge the conferees and concur in the senate amendments to **HB 2525**.

The motion to discharge the conferees and concur in the senate amendments to **HB 2525** prevailed by (Record 4090): 104 Yeas, 32 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, J.; King; Kitzman; Lalani; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lujan; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Schatzline; Shaheen; Simmons; Smithee; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Anchía; Cain; Collier; González, J.; Harrison; Hernandez; Hickland; Hull; Isaac; Kerwin; LaHood; Leo Wilson; Little; Lowe; Luther; Metcalf; Money; Olcott; Oliverson; Pierson; Plesa; Rodríguez Ramos; Rose; Rosenthal; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Slawson; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Landgraf(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Leach; Louderback; Lozano; Manuel; Reynolds; Vasut.

**STATEMENTS OF VOTE**

When Record No. 4090 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Lozano

When Record No. 4090 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Vasut

**Senate Committee Substitute**

**CSHB 2525**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property owned by a charitable organization that is engaged in providing housing and related facilities and services to persons who are at least 62 years of age.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 11.18, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (k-1) to read as follows:

(d) A charitable organization must be organized exclusively to perform religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes and, except as permitted by Subsections (h) and (l), engage exclusively in performing one or more of the following charitable functions:

(1) providing medical care without regard to the beneficiaries' ability to pay, which in the case of a nonprofit hospital or hospital system means providing charity care and community benefits in accordance with Section 11.1801;

(2) providing support or relief to orphans, delinquent or dependent children in need of residential care, children with disabilities in need of residential care, abused or battered spouses or children in need of temporary shelter, the impoverished, or victims of natural disaster without regard to the beneficiaries' ability to pay;

(3) providing support without regard to the beneficiaries' ability to pay to:

(A) elderly persons, including the provision of:

(i) recreational or social activities; and

(ii) facilities designed to address the special needs of elderly

persons; or

(B) persons with disabilities, including training and employment:

(i) in the production of commodities; or

(ii) in the provision of services under 41 U.S.C. Sections

8501-8506;

(4) preserving a historical landmark or site;

(5) promoting or operating a museum, zoo, library, theater of the dramatic or performing arts, or symphony orchestra or choir;

(6) promoting or providing humane treatment of animals;

(7) acquiring, storing, transporting, selling, or distributing water for public use;

(8) answering fire alarms and extinguishing fires with no compensation or only nominal compensation to the members of the organization;

(9) promoting the athletic development of boys or girls under the age of 18 years;

(10) preserving or conserving wildlife;

(11) promoting educational development through loans or scholarships to students;

(12) providing halfway house services pursuant to a certification as a halfway house by the parole division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

(13) providing permanent housing and related social, health care, and educational facilities for persons who are 62 years of age or older;

(A) without regard to the residents' ability to pay; or

(B) as an organization that provides charitable housing and services in an amount that is not less than four percent of the charitable organization's net resident revenue;

(14) promoting or operating an art gallery, museum, or collection, in a permanent location or on tour, that is open to the public;

(15) providing for the organized solicitation and collection for distributions through gifts, grants, and agreements to nonprofit charitable, education, religious, and youth organizations that provide direct human, health, and welfare services;

(16) performing biomedical or scientific research or biomedical or scientific education for the benefit of the public;

(17) operating a television station that produces or broadcasts educational, cultural, or other public interest programming and that receives grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting under 47 U.S.C. Section 396, as amended;

(18) providing housing for low-income and moderate-income families, for unmarried individuals 62 years of age or older, for individuals with disabilities, and for families displaced by urban renewal, through the use of trust assets that are irrevocably and, pursuant to a contract entered into before December 31, 1972, contractually dedicated on the sale or disposition of the housing to a charitable organization that performs charitable functions described by Subdivision (9);

(19) providing housing and related services to persons who are 62 years of age or older in a retirement community, if the retirement community provides independent living services, assisted living services, and nursing services to its residents on a single campus:

(A) without regard to the residents' ability to pay; ~~or~~

(B) in which at least four percent of the retirement community's combined net resident revenue is provided in charitable care to its residents; or

(C) as an organization that provides charitable housing and services in an amount that is not less than four percent of the charitable organization's net resident revenue;



(20) providing housing on a cooperative basis to students of an institution of higher education if:

(A) the organization is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, by being listed as an exempt entity under Section 501(c)(3) of that code;

(B) membership in the organization is open to all students enrolled in the institution and is not limited to those chosen by current members of the organization;

(C) the organization is governed by its members; and

(D) the members of the organization share the responsibility for managing the housing;

(21) acquiring, holding, and transferring unimproved real property under an urban land bank demonstration program established under Chapter 379C, Local Government Code, as or on behalf of a land bank;

(22) acquiring, holding, and transferring unimproved real property under an urban land bank program established under Chapter 379E, Local Government Code, as or on behalf of a land bank;

(23) providing housing and related services to individuals who:

(A) are unaccompanied and homeless and have a disabling condition; and

(B) have been continuously homeless for a year or more or have had at least four episodes of homelessness in the preceding three years;

(24) operating a radio station that broadcasts educational, cultural, or other public interest programming, including classical music, and that in the preceding five years has received or been selected to receive one or more grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting under 47 U.S.C. Section 396, as amended;

(25) providing, without regard to the beneficiaries' ability to pay, tax return preparation services and assistance with other financial matters; or

(26) providing services related to planning for the placement of or placing children in foster or adoptive homes or providing support or relief to women who are or may be pregnant and who are considering placing their unborn children for adoption.

(k-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, to be entitled to an exemption from taxation under this section as an organization that performs a charitable function described by Subsection (d)(13) or (19) in the manner described by Subsection (d)(13)(B) or (19)(C), respectively, a charitable organization must:

(1) have been in existence for at least 20 years; or

(2) be under common control with an organization that:

(A) is described by Subdivision (1); and

(B) performs a charitable function described by Subsection (d).

SECTION 2. Section 11.18(k), Tax Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1-a) and amending Subdivision (2) to read as follows:

(1-a) "Charitable housing and services" means the following provided by a charitable organization to a person 62 years of age or older in financial need:

(A) housing, including as an independent living facility, assisted living facility, or nursing facility; and

(B) any service designed to meet the unique needs of a person 62 years of age or older, including:

(i) ministerial services;

(ii) government-sponsored indigent health care;

(iii) social services;

(iv) health services;

(v) educational services; and

(vi) donations to an organization that qualifies for an exemption under Subsection (d)(13) or (19).

(2) "Charity care," "government-sponsored indigent health care," and "net resident revenue" are determined in the same manner for a retirement community or nursing home as "charity care," "government-sponsored indigent health care," and "net patient revenue," respectively, are determined for a hospital under Section 11.1801(a)(2).

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an ad valorem tax year that begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

### **SB 1198 - CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED**

Representative E. Morales submitted the conference committee report on **SB 1198**.

Representative E. Morales moved to adopt the conference committee report on **SB 1198**.

The motion to adopt the conference committee report on **SB 1198** prevailed by (Record 4091): 118 Yeas, 14 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu.

Nays — Bernal; Bowers; Cain; Collier; Goodwin; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Hull; Hunter; Oliverson; Rodríguez Ramos; Rose; Slawson; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Landgraf(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Davis, A.; Flores; González, M.; Guerra; Leach; Louderback; Manuel; Reynolds; Vasut; Virdell.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4091 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Cain

When Record No. 4091 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Flores

When Record No. 4091 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Hull

When Record No. 4091 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Hunter

When Record No. 4091 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Slawson

When Record No. 4091 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Vasut

### SB 509 - CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED

Without objection, Representative Schofield submitted the conference committee report on **SB 509**.

Representative Schofield moved to adopt the conference committee report on **SB 509**.

The motion to adopt the conference committee report on **SB 509** prevailed by (Record 4092): 97 Yeas, 37 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bhojani; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Frank; Gámez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hickland; Holt; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Kerwin; King; Kitman; LaHood; Lalani; Leo Wilson; Little; Lopez, J.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Morales, E.; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero;

Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Tepper; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Wharton; Wilson.

Nays — Anchía; Bernal; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Davis, A.; Dutton; Flores; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; González, M.; Goodwin; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson; Jones, J.; Longoria; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Perez, V.; Rodríguez Ramos; Rose; Rosenthal; Simmons; Talarico; Turner; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wu; Wiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Landgraf(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — González, J.; Leach; Lopez, R.; Manuel; Martinez Fischer; Perez, M.; Reynolds; Thompson.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4092 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Bhojani

When Record No. 4092 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Capriglione

When Record No. 4092 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

M. Perez

### HB 4236 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

#### TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

Without objection, Representative Martinez Fischer called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 4236**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of a task force to evaluate the school district property value study conducted by the comptroller of public accounts.

Representative Martinez Fischer moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 4236**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 4236** prevailed by (Record 4093): 96 Yeas, 39 Nays, 3 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Anchía; Ashby; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bonnen; Bucy; Button; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, Y.; Dean; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, M.; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez;

Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Raymond; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Shaheen; Simmons; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Turner; VanDeaver; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Alders; Bhojani; Bryant; Bumgarner; Cain; Capriglione; Cook; DeAyala; González, J.; Goodwin; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hickland; Hopper; Isaac; Leo Wilson; Lowe; McQueeney; Metcalf; Morales, C.; Morgan; Olcott; Paul; Pierson; Richardson; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Vasut; Virdell; Wharton.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Barry; Landgraf(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Bowers; Buckley; Davis, A.; Leach; Manuel; Reynolds.

### **Senate Committee Substitute**

**CSHB 4236**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the creation of a study group to evaluate the school district property value study conducted by the comptroller of public accounts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. (a) In this Act:

(1) "Comptroller" means the comptroller of public accounts.

(2) "Study" means the school district property value study conducted by the comptroller under Section 403.302, Government Code.

(3) "Study group" means the school district property value study group established by this Act.

(4) "Taxing unit" has the meaning assigned by Section 1.04, Tax Code.

(b) The purpose of the study group is to hold a single public meeting to:

(1) examine the use and effect of the study in the annual distribution of state financial aid for public education; and

(2) develop recommendations on alternative methods for verifying that valuations of complex properties are determined appropriately and included in the study.

(c) The study group is composed of six members appointed as follows:

(1) three members of the senate, including one vice-chair of a standing substantive committee of the senate, appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(2) three members of the house of representatives, including one vice-chair of a standing substantive committee of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(d) The study group may request relevant information from the comptroller, Texas Education Agency, appraisal districts, and taxing units, and the entity receiving the request shall comply with the request.

(e) The study group shall examine the use and effect of the study in the annual distribution of state financial aid for public education and develop recommendations on alternative methods for verifying that valuations of complex properties are determined appropriately and included in the study.

(f) Not later than December 1, 2026, the study group shall prepare and submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives and electronically provide each other member of the legislature a report on the use and effect of the study and the recommendations developed by the study group.

(g) The study group is abolished and this Act expires January 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **HB 127 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Without objection, Representative Wilson called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 127**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to measures to protect public institutions of higher education from foreign adversaries and to the prosecution of the criminal offense of theft of trade secrets; providing civil penalties; increasing a criminal penalty.

Representative Wilson moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 127**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 127** prevailed by (Record 4094): 130 Yeas, 4 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Garcia Hernandez; Harrison; Lowe; Rodríguez Ramos.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Landgraf(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Bonnen; Buckley; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; Jones, J.; Leach; Manuel; Reynolds.

### STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 4094 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Garcia Hernandez

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 127**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to measures to protect institutions of higher education from foreign adversaries and to the prosecution of the criminal offense of theft of trade secrets; increasing a criminal penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.957 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.957. HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH SECURITY COUNCIL. (a) In this section:

(1) "Council" means the Higher Education Research Security Council established under this section.

(2) "Governing board," "institution of higher education," "private or independent institution of higher education," "public junior college," "public technical institute," and "university system" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

(3) "Postsecondary educational institution" means an institution of higher education, other than a public junior college or public technical institute, or a private or independent tier one research institution.

(4) "Private or independent tier one research institution" means a private or independent institution of higher education designated as R1: very high spending and doctorate production in the 2025 Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education published by the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research.

(b) The Higher Education Research Security Council is established to promote secure academic research at postsecondary educational institutions while mitigating the risk of foreign espionage and interference.

(c) The council is composed of the following members:

(1) one research security officer appointed by the governing board of each university system;

(2) one additional research security officer appointed by each governing board of a university system that oversees one or more medical schools, as defined by Section 61.501, if the governing board elects to make that additional appointment;

(3) one research security officer appointed by the governing board of Texas Southern University; and

(4) one research security officer appointed by each private or independent tier one research institution that elects to participate in the council.

(d) A council member appointed under Subsection (c)(2) or (4) serves as a nonvoting member.

(e) A council member serves at the will of the person who appointed the member.

(f) A vacancy on the council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(g) The council member appointed under Subsection (c)(1) for The Texas A&M University System shall serve as the initial presiding officer of the council.

(h) The council shall:

(1) identify best practices for a postsecondary educational institution to:

(A) conduct research securely while mitigating the threat of foreign espionage and interference; and

(B) vet and approve any gift to a postsecondary educational institution from an individual who is a citizen of a foreign adversary, as defined by Section 51B.001;

(2) develop a model research security policy that a postsecondary educational institution may adopt to improve research security;

(3) establish an accreditation process under which the council may award a postsecondary educational institution an accreditation for security excellence;

(4) promote attendance at the annual academic security and counter exploitation program seminar offered by The Texas A&M University System; and

(5) develop and offer an annual training program for postsecondary educational institution research security officers that includes:

(A) background and academic history checks of researchers; and

(B) research security and integrity tools and software that must be used to prevent the loss of intellectual capital.

(i) The council shall meet at least once each quarter.

(j) A meeting conducted under Subsection (i) must be in person or by video conference call, as determined by the presiding officer.

(k) The council shall prepare and submit to the governor, the attorney general's office, and the presiding officer of each legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education an annual report on the status of research security at postsecondary educational institutions and any associated recommendations.

(l) Unless otherwise approved by the council for dissemination to postsecondary educational institutions, information produced by the council under Subsection (h) is confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code. A report submitted under Subsection (k) is confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

(m) The council may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations for purposes of this section but may not solicit or accept a gift, grant, or donation from an entity or country:



(1) prohibited from participating in federal contracts under Section 889, John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. No. 115-232);

(2) identified as a Chinese military company by the United States Department of Defense in accordance with Section 1260H, William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Pub. L. No. 116-283);

(3) owned by the government of a country designated as a foreign adversary by the United States secretary of commerce under 15 C.F.R. Section 791.4; or

(4) controlled by a governing or regulatory body located in a country described by Subdivision (3).

SECTION 2. Subtitle A, Title 3, Education Code, is amended by adding Chapter 51B to read as follows:

CHAPTER 51B. HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH AND PROTECTION  
SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 51B.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Company" has the meaning assigned by Section 117.001, Business & Commerce Code.

(2) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(3) "Council" means the Higher Education Research Security Council established under Section 51.957.

(4) "Foreign adversary" means a country:

(A) identified by the United States Director of National Intelligence as a country that poses a risk to the national security of the United States in at least one of the three most recent Annual Threat Assessments of the U.S. Intelligence Community issued pursuant to Section 108B, National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. Section 3043b); or

(B) designated by the governor after consultation with the director of the Department of Public Safety.

(5) "Foreign government" means the government or an agent of a country, nation, or group of nations, or a province or other political subdivision of a country or nation, other than the United States government.

(6) "Foreign source" means:

(A) a foreign government or agency of a foreign government;

(B) a legal entity created solely under the laws of a foreign adversary and having its principal place of business in a foreign adversary;

(C) an individual who is not a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States, including a territory or protectorate of the United States;

(D) a partnership, association, organization, or other combination of persons, or a subsidiary of such an entity, organized under the laws of and having its principal place of business in a foreign adversary;

(E) a political party of a foreign adversary; or

(F) an agent acting on behalf of an individual or entity described by Paragraph (A), (B), (C), (D), or (E).

(7) "Gift" means a gift, grant, endowment, award, or donation of money, property, or a service of any kind, including a conditional or unconditional pledge of the gift, grant, endowment, award, or donation.

(8) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, except that the term does not include a public junior college or public technical institute as defined by that section.

(9) "Political party" means an organization or combination of individuals whose aim or purpose is, or who are engaged in an activity devoted to, the establishment, control, or acquisition of administration or control of a government, or the furtherance or influencing of the political or public interest, policies, or relations of a government.

Sec. 51B.002. RULES. The coordinating board shall adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter.

#### SUBCHAPTER B. REQUIREMENTS FOR GIFTS FROM AND CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN ADVERSARIES AND CERTAIN COMPANIES

Sec. 51B.051. GIFT FROM FOREIGN ADVERSARY. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an institution of higher education or employee of an institution of higher education may not accept a gift the institution or employee knows is directly or indirectly offered from a foreign source of a foreign adversary unless the gift is of de minimis value, as determined by coordinating board rule in consultation with the council.

(b) An institution of higher education shall:

(1) include the prohibition described by Subsection (a) in the institution's ethics policy; and

(2) create a mechanism by which an employee of the institution may report being offered from a foreign source of a foreign adversary a gift prohibited by Subsection (a).

(c) An institution of higher education may accept a gift of more than de minimis value from a foreign source of a foreign adversary only if:

(1) the foreign source is an individual;

(2) the gift is determined by the institution's research security officer serving on the council not to be an indirect gift from a government of a foreign adversary;

(3) the institution uses the best practices adopted by the council under Section 51.957(h)(1)(B) to vet and approve the gift; and

(4) if the gift has a value of more than \$25,000, the gift is approved by the chief executive officer of the institution and disclosed to the council at an interval established by the council.

(d) A gift described by Subsection (c)(4) is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, except as otherwise required by federal or state law.

(e) Each institution of higher education that submits reporting on foreign gift and contract disclosures to the United States Department of Education required under Section 117, Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Section

1001 et seq.), shall submit that reporting to the coordinating board at the time when the institution is required to submit that reporting to the United States Department of Education.

(f) Not later than December 1 of each year, the coordinating board shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives a report detailing the information submitted by institutions of higher education under Subsection (e) for that year.

(g) Information required to be reported under this section is not confidential except as otherwise provided by federal or state law or unless protected as a trade secret by federal or state law.

Sec. 51B.052. INVESTIGATION. (a) An institution of higher education shall investigate an alleged violation of this subchapter if the institution receives:

(1) a complaint from a compliance officer of a state agency or the institution; or

(2) a sworn complaint based on substantive information and reasonable belief.

(b) An institution of higher education may request from any person records relevant to a reasonable suspicion of a violation of this subchapter. A person who receives a request under this subsection shall produce the records not later than the 10th business day after the date the person receives the request, unless the institution and the person agree to a later date.

#### SUBCHAPTER C. ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS AND STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

Sec. 51B.101. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Academic partnership" means a written statement of mutual interest in cultural exchange or academic or research collaboration or a faculty or student exchange program, study abroad program, matriculation program, recruiting program, or dual degree program.

(2) "Benefit" and "student organization" have the meanings assigned by Section 51.9315.

Sec. 51B.102. CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS PROHIBITED. (a) An institution of higher education may not participate in an academic partnership with a foreign source of a foreign adversary, or an entity controlled by a foreign adversary, that:

(1) constrains the institution's freedom of contract;

(2) allows the institution's curriculum or values to be directed, controlled, or influenced by the foreign adversary; or

(3) promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or security of this state, the residents of this state, or the United States.

(b) Before entering into an academic partnership with a foreign source of a foreign adversary, an institution of higher education shall share the partnership with the council and omit information that may be confidential or proprietary. The council may establish a process for reviewing an academic partnership under this section and best practices for institutions of higher education seeking to enter

into an academic partnership. If the council determines that an academic partnership violates the prohibition under Subsection (a), the council may recommend that the institution not participate in the partnership.

(c) Not later than December 1 of each year, the council shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives a report detailing the total number of academic partnerships that were entered into by institutions of higher education but not recommended for participation by the council in the 12 months preceding the date of the report.

Sec. 51B.103. PROHIBITIONS IN RELATION TO CERTAIN FOREIGN INFLUENCE ON STUDENT ORGANIZATION. (a) A student organization at an institution of higher education may not:

(1) accept a gift from a foreign adversary or an agent of a foreign adversary; or

(2) enter into a contract or agreement with a foreign adversary or an agent of a foreign adversary under which the student organization receives financial support.

(b) Subsection (a) does not prohibit a student organization at an institution of higher education from accepting member dues or fees.

(c) Each student organization at an institution of higher education annually shall certify to the institution the organization's compliance with Subsection (a).

(d) Notwithstanding Section 51.9315, an institution of higher education may not provide any benefit to a student organization that violates this section. An institution of higher education that determines a student organization has violated this section shall terminate the organization's recognition or registration, as applicable.

#### SUBCHAPTER D. SCREENING OF FOREIGN RESEARCHERS

Sec. 51B.151. SCREENING OF FOREIGN RESEARCHERS REQUIRED. (a) Before offering a person employment for a research or research-related support position at the institution or granting a person access to research data or activities or other sensitive data of the institution, an institution of higher education must screen the person as provided by this subchapter if the person:

(1) is a citizen of a foreign country and is not a permanent resident of the United States; or

(2) is affiliated with an institution or program, or has at least one year of employment or training, in a foreign adversary, other than employment or training by an agency of the United States.

(b) A screening under this section must include a background check to determine if the person has any ties to a foreign adversary that would prevent the person from being able to maintain the security or integrity of the institution of higher education and research data or activities or other sensitive data of the institution. The council may establish a risk-based framework for the screening of a person under this subchapter.

(c) If an institution of higher education procures a third party to conduct a background check under Subsection (b), the institution may consult with the Department of Public Safety and the council in determining whether the third party is qualified to conduct a background check that meets the requirements of that subsection.

(d) An institution of higher education may screen additional persons as provided by this subchapter for a position described by Subsection (a) at the institution's discretion.

(e) An institution of higher education may waive the screening requirement under Subsection (a) for a person who possesses an active United States government security clearance issued by a federal agency.

Sec. 51B.152. EMPLOYMENT: REQUIRED MATERIALS. (a) An institution of higher education must require a person subject to screening under Section 51B.151 to submit to the institution:

(1) if the person is a citizen of a foreign country, a copy of the person's passport and nonimmigrant visa application most recently submitted to the United States Department of State; and

(2) any additional information as determined by the council.

(b) An institution of higher education may destroy or return to a person subject to screening under Section 51B.151 the copy of the person's nonimmigrant visa application submitted under Subsection (a)(1) after extracting all information relevant to the requirements of this subchapter.

Sec. 51B.153. RESEARCH SECURITY OFFICE. (a) The chief administrative officer of an institution of higher education shall establish a research security office to:

(1) review the materials submitted to the institution by a person under Section 51B.152;

(2) take reasonable steps to verify the information in the submission;  
and

(3) take any other action the office considers appropriate.

(b) A research security office established under this section may serve in an institutional or system-wide capacity.

(c) An institution of higher education may direct the research security office to approve persons for hire using a risk-based determination that considers the nature of the research and the person's background and ongoing affiliations.

(d) An institution of higher education must complete the requirements of this subchapter before:

(1) hiring a person described by Section 51B.151(a) in a research or research-related support position; or

(2) granting the person access to research data or activities or other sensitive data.

(e) An institution of higher education may not employ a person subject to screening under Section 51B.151 in a research or research-related support position if the person fails to disclose in the submission a substantial educational, employment, or research-related activity, publication, or presentation unless the applicable department head or the department head's designee certifies in writing

the substance of the failure to disclose and the reasons for disregarding that failure. A copy of the certification must be kept in the investigative file of the research security office.

(f) The research security office shall report to any law enforcement agency designated by the governor or the institution of higher education's governing board the identity of a person who is rejected for employment based on the screening required by this subchapter or other risk-based screening.

#### SUBCHAPTER E. FOREIGN TRAVEL

Sec. 51B.201. FOREIGN TRAVEL. (a) An institution of higher education shall establish an international travel approval and monitoring program.

(b) The program must establish a risk-based framework for employment-related foreign travel approval, including health, safety, and security factors.

(c) A research security office must preapprove certain employment-related foreign travel according to the risk-based framework established under the program. The preapproval must require a traveling employee to review and acknowledge guidance related to foreign adversaries or countries under sanctions or other restrictions by this state or the United States government.

(d) A traveling employee must agree to comply with the institution of higher education's limitation on travel and activities abroad and all applicable federal laws.

Sec. 51B.202. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS AND REPORT. (a) An institution of higher education shall maintain for at least three years, or any longer period of time required by applicable federal or state law, records relating to employment-related foreign travel to and activities involving a foreign adversary by a faculty member, researcher, or research department staff member of the institution, including:

(1) each foreign travel request and approval;

(2) expenses reimbursed by the institution for foreign travel, including for travel, food, and lodging;

(3) payments and honoraria received during foreign travel and activities, including for travel, food, and lodging;

(4) a statement of the purpose of each foreign travel; and

(5) any record related to the foreign activity review.

(b) An institution of higher education shall annually submit to the institution's governing board a report on employment-related foreign travel by a faculty member, researcher, or research department staff member of the institution to a foreign adversary. The report must list each traveler, foreign location visited, and foreign institution visited.

#### SUBCHAPTER F. FOREIGN ADVERSARY EDUCATION SOFTWARE

Sec. 51B.251. REVIEW OF EDUCATION SOFTWARE. (a) The council, in coordination with the coordinating board, shall:

(1) conduct a thorough review of the use of testing, tutoring, or other education software owned or controlled by a foreign adversary or a company domiciled or headquartered in a foreign adversary; and

(2) publish a list of prohibited software on the coordinating board's Internet website.

(b) An institution of higher education may not enter into or renew a contract to provide testing, tutoring, or other education software included on the list published under Subsection (a)(2).

#### SUBCHAPTER G. ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 51B.301. ENFORCEMENT. (a) An institution of higher education may not spend money appropriated to the institution for a state fiscal year until the governing board of the institution submits to the governor, the legislature, the coordinating board, and the council a report certifying the governing board's compliance with this chapter during the preceding state fiscal year.

(b) In the interim between each regular session of the legislature, the governing board of each institution of higher education, or the board's designee, shall testify before the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over higher education at a public hearing of the committee regarding the board's compliance with this chapter.

(c) The state auditor shall periodically conduct a compliance audit of each institution of higher education to determine whether the institution has spent state money in violation of this section. The state auditor shall adopt a schedule by which the state auditor will conduct compliance audits under this subsection. The schedule must ensure that each institution of higher education is audited at least once every four years.

(d) If the state auditor determines pursuant to a compliance audit conducted under Subsection (c) that an institution of higher education has spent state money in violation of this section, the institution:

(1) must cure the violation not later than the 180th day after the date on which the determination is made; and

(2) if the institution fails to cure the violation during the period described by Subdivision (1), is ineligible to receive formula funding increases, institutional enhancements, or exceptional items during the state fiscal biennium immediately following the state fiscal biennium in which the determination is made.

SECTION 3. Section 31.05(a), Penal Code, is amended by adding Subdivisions (2-a), (2-b), and (2-c) to read as follows:

(2-a) "Foreign agent" means an officer, employee, proxy, servant, delegate, or representative of a foreign government.

(2-b) "Foreign government" has the meaning assigned by Section 51B.001, Education Code.

(2-c) "Foreign instrumentality" means an agency, bureau, ministry, component, institution, association, or legal, commercial, or business organization, corporation, firm, or entity that is substantially owned, controlled, sponsored, commanded, managed, or dominated by a foreign government.

SECTION 4. Section 31.05(c), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree, except that the offense is a felony of the second degree if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the person who committed the offense intended to benefit a foreign agent, foreign government, or foreign instrumentality.

SECTION 5. (a) Not later than October 1, 2025, the appropriate entities shall designate the members of the Higher Education Research Security Council established under Section 51.957, Education Code, as added by this Act.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Higher Education Research Security Council established under Section 51.957, Education Code, as added by this Act, shall hold its initial meeting.

SECTION 6. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 31.05, Penal Code, apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 7. Section 51B.103, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

SECTION 8. Sections 51B.051, 51B.151, and 51B.152, Education Code, as added by this Act, apply beginning with the academic year immediately following the adoption of standards relating to those sections by the Higher Education Research Security Council established under Section 51.957, Education Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 9. Section 51B.301(a), Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with money appropriated to a public institution of higher education for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)**

Amend **CSHB 127** (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, immediately following added Section 51.957(h), Education Code (page 2, between lines 37 and 38), insert the following appropriately lettered subsection and reletter subsequent subsections accordingly:

( ) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall provide administrative support to the council at the council's request.

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 51.957(k), Education Code (page 2, line 42), strike "The council" and substitute "Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the council".

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 51.957(k), Education Code (page 2, line 45), strike "an annual" and substitute "a".

(4) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 51B.001, Education Code (page 3, lines 25 through 44), strike Subdivisions (6) and (7) and substitute the following:

(6) "Foreign source" means:

(A) a foreign government or agency of a foreign government;



(B) a legal entity created solely under the laws of a foreign adversary and having its principal place of business in a foreign adversary;

(C) a partnership, association, organization, or other combination of persons, or a subsidiary of such an entity, organized under the laws of and having its principal place of business in a foreign adversary;

(D) a political party of a foreign adversary; or

(E) an agent acting on behalf of an entity described by Paragraph (A), (B), (C), or (D).

(7) "Gift" means any gift of money or property.

(5) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 51B.051(c), Education Code (page 4, line 4), strike "foreign source" and substitute "citizen".

(6) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 51B.051(c)(1), Education Code (page 4, line 6), strike "foreign source" and substitute "citizen".

(7) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 51B.051(c), Education Code (page 4, lines 7 through 9), strike Subdivision (2) and renumber subsequent subdivisions accordingly.

(8) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 51B.051(d), Education Code (page 4, line 17), strike "Subsection (c)(4)" and substitute "Subsection (c)".

(9) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 51B.102, Education Code (page 4, line 69, through page 5, line 16), strike Subsections (b) and (c) and substitute the following:

(b) The council shall establish:

(1) best practices to be used by an institution of higher education when entering into an academic partnership with a foreign source of a foreign adversary; and

(2) a process by which an institution of higher education annually shall certify to the council the institution's compliance or noncompliance with the best practices established under Subdivision (1).

(c) Not later than December 1 of each year, the council shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives a report identifying each institution of higher education that did not certify the institution's compliance with the best practices under Subsection (b) in the 12 months preceding the date of the report.

(10) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 51B.151(b), Education Code (page 5, line 56), between "subchapter" and the underlined period, insert "₂, which may prescribe low-risk circumstances under which the screening may be waived".

(11) In SECTION 8 of the bill, providing transition language (page 8, line 32), between "Sections 51B.051," and "51B.151", insert "51B.102(b)".

## **HB 223 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Representative Capriglione called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 223**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to competitive requirements for a procurement by a municipality for lobbying, government relations, or similar services.

Representative Capriglione moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 223**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 223** prevailed by (Record 4095): 103 Yeas, 28 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bonnen; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Frank; Gámez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; González, M.; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hopper; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Kerwin; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Pierson; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Anchía; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Collier; Dutton; Flores; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Goodwin; Harrison; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Jones, J.; Leo Wilson; Metcalf; Money; Morales, C.; Perez, V.; Plesa; Rodríguez Ramos; Rosenthal; Swanson; Talarico; Turner; Ward Johnson.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Landgraf(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Buckley; Dean; Fairly; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; King; Leach; Manuel; Reynolds; Simmons; Virdell.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4095 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Bernal

When Record No. 4095 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Cole

When Record No. 4095 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Romero

When Record No. 4095 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Rose

When Record No. 4095 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Swanson

When Record No. 4095 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Thompson

When Record No. 4095 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Virdell

When Record No. 4095 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Vo

When Record No. 4095 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Wu

When Record No. 4095 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Zwiener

### **Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)**

Amend **HB 223** (senate committee report), in amended Section 252.022(a), Local Government Code (page 1, line 38), between "to" and "influence" by adding "directly or indirectly".

### **HB 14 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Representative Bonnen called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 14**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to support for the development of the nuclear energy industry.

Representative Bonnen moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 14**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 14** prevailed by (Record 4096): 118 Yeas, 6 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, Y.; DeAyala; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Gámez; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez;

Gates; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Kerwin; LaHood; Lalani; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lozano; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Cain; Harrison; Lowe; Olcott; Swanson; Toth.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Landgraf(C).

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Bowers; Davis, A.; Dean; Dorazio; Dutton; Frank; Gerdes; González, J.; King; Kitzman; Leach; Lopez, J.; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Meza; Paul; Reynolds.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4096 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Cain

When Record No. 4096 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted yes.

Kitzman

### Senate Committee Substitute

**CSHB 14**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to support for the development of the nuclear energy industry.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 4, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 483 to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 483. TEXAS ADVANCED NUCLEAR ENERGY OFFICE

##### SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 483.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Advanced nuclear project" means an electric generation facility that relies on an advanced nuclear reactor to generate power, steam, or heat, a nuclear fuel cycle facility that supplies advanced nuclear reactors, or associated technologies supporting the advanced nuclear energy industry.

(2) "Advanced nuclear reactor" means a range of nuclear reactor technologies determined by the office to be either of generation III or generation IV, including large light water reactors, small modular reactors, microreactors, and nuclear cogeneration.

(3) "Construction permit" means a permit issued by the regulatory commission for the construction of:

(A) a nuclear production or utilization facility; or

(B) a research or test reactor that contributes to the future commercialization of that research or test reactor technology.

(4) "Director" means the director of the office.

(5) "License" means a license issued by the regulatory commission that authorizes the license holder to construct and operate a nuclear power facility, such as a nuclear plant at a specific site, with specified conditions.

(6) "Office" means the Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Office established under Subchapter B.

(7) "Regulatory commission" means the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

(8) "Utility commission" means the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Sec. 483.002. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires September 1, 2040.

#### SUBCHAPTER B. TEXAS ADVANCED NUCLEAR ENERGY OFFICE

Sec. 483.101. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF OFFICE. (a) The Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Office is an office within the office of the governor.

(b) The purposes of the office are to:

(1) provide strategic leadership for the advanced nuclear reactor system in this state;

(2) collaborate with interested stakeholders and state and local leaders to craft a statewide strategic advanced nuclear energy public outreach program;

(3) promote the development of advanced nuclear reactors for dispatchable electric generation while creating high-wage advanced manufacturing jobs in this state;

(4) lead the transition to a balanced energy future by advancing innovative nuclear energy generation technologies while delivering safe, reliable, and clean energy solutions that address the state's growing demand;

(5) enhance the state's energy security, foster economic growth, and ensure the safety of future nuclear energy generation development;

(6) identify barriers to the financial viability of nuclear energy generation and regulatory and licensing complexities that increase risk to developers of nuclear energy;

(7) leverage the expertise and capacity of institutions of higher education, the nuclear energy industry, the industrial manufacturing sector, and regulatory stakeholders to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to ensure the development of advanced nuclear energy and associated technologies in this state; and

(8) support the development of an advanced nuclear energy supply chain and associated technologies in this state.

(c) The office may:

(1) subject to Subsection (d), solicit and accept gifts, grants, or loans from and contract with any entity;

(2) establish ad hoc advisory committees as necessary to carry out the office's duties under this chapter; and

(3) exercise any other power necessary to carry out this chapter.

(d) The office may not accept a gift, grant, or loan from or contract with an applicant for or a beneficiary of a grant provided under Subchapter C.

(e) The office may adopt and enforce rules necessary to carry out this chapter.

(f) The office and the utility commission, with the assistance of any other state entity the office or the utility commission determines is necessary, shall conduct a study to identify necessary state regulatory functions related to nuclear energy generation facilities in this state. The office shall submit the study to the legislature not later than December 1, 2026. This subsection expires August 31, 2027.

Sec. 483.102. DIRECTOR; DUTIES. (a) The governor shall employ a director of the office. The director serves at the pleasure of the governor.

(b) The director must have demonstrated:

(1) experience in the field of advanced nuclear energy; and

(2) executive and organizational ability.

(c) The director may not have any direct or indirect interests that substantially conflict with the director's duties.

(d) The director shall:

(1) manage the affairs of the office;

(2) advise the utility commission on the provision of grants from the Texas energy fund under Chapter 34, Utilities Code, for nuclear energy generation facilities;

(3) administer programs established by this chapter;

(4) establish appropriate milestones and standards to ensure proper use of money under this chapter; and

(5) facilitate the location, expansion, and retention of advanced nuclear reactors and advanced nuclear projects in this state.

(e) The director may hire staff as necessary to implement the duties of the office under this chapter.

Sec. 483.103. STRATEGIC PLAN. Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the director shall submit to the governor and Legislative Budget Board a strategic plan for furthering the goals, purposes, and objectives established by this chapter.

Sec. 483.104. NUCLEAR PERMITTING COORDINATOR. (a) The director may employ a nuclear permitting coordinator to assist businesses throughout the nuclear energy permitting and regulatory process.

(b) A nuclear permitting coordinator must have:

(1) a demonstrated familiarity with the permitting and regulatory process in this state; and

(2) a network of contacts within the government of this state.

(c) The nuclear permitting coordinator shall:

(1) act as a single point of contact for stakeholders during the nuclear energy permitting and regulatory process;

(2) identify active or likely siting opportunities and required permits and approvals for nuclear energy generation sites and key personnel; and

(3) provide assistance for regulated persons navigating local, state, and federal regulations for nuclear energy generation facilities.

(d) The nuclear permitting coordinator shall make any assistance provided under this section equally available to all businesses engaged in the nuclear energy permitting and regulatory process.

(e) The nuclear permitting coordinator shall document all activities carried out in the provision of assistance under this section and make that information available to the public on request.

#### SUBCHAPTER C. TEXAS ADVANCED NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT FUND; GRANT PROGRAMS

Sec. 483.201. TEXAS ADVANCED NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT FUND. (a) The Texas advanced nuclear development fund is created as a dedicated account in the general revenue fund. The fund consists of:

(1) subject to Section 483.101(d), gifts, grants, or donations to the fund;  
and

(2) money from any other source designated by the legislature.

(b) The office may use money in the fund:

(1) to provide reimbursement-based grants to businesses, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities, including institutions of higher education, through the programs established in this subchapter; and

(2) to pay for reasonable and necessary costs for staff support necessary to facilitate the work of the office.

Sec. 483.202. REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED. (a) The office shall establish grant programs under this subchapter and the director shall administer those programs.

(b) The office may provide a grant under this subchapter only to reimburse expenses paid by a recipient using the recipient's or the recipient's project partner's own funds. An applicant for a grant under this subchapter may have received financial assistance or incentives from a local, state, or federal source, but the office may not provide a grant under this subchapter to reimburse expenses paid by a recipient or the recipient's project partner using financial assistance or incentives from the local, state, or federal source. An applicant shall provide the office with detailed information regarding any financial assistance or incentives requested or received for the project for which it is requesting grant funds.

(c) The office shall submit to the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives a notice of each grant the office proposes to approve. The office may not approve the grant if both those officers submit a written communication to the office disapproving the grant on or before the 30th day after the date the office submits the notice of the proposed grant to those officers. The lieutenant governor or speaker of the house of representatives may extend the review deadline for an additional 14 days by submitting a written notice to that effect to the office before the expiration of the initial review period.

(d) Before awarding a grant under this subchapter, the office shall enter into a written agreement with the grant recipient. A written agreement under this subsection must:

(1) specify benchmarks and milestones for the completion of the project for which the grant is provided; and

(2) require the grant recipient to repay to the state money received if the recipient fails to reach the specified benchmarks.

(e) The office may not during a state fiscal biennium award out of money appropriated for grants under this subchapter a total amount greater than:

(1) for grants provided under Section 483.203, 20 percent of the appropriated money; and

(2) for grants provided under Section 483.204, 80 percent of the appropriated money.

Sec. 483.203. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM. (a) The office may provide a reimbursement grant from the Texas advanced nuclear development fund under this section for the expenses associated with or required for initial development of an advanced nuclear project in this state.

(b) Expenses that qualify for reimbursement under this section are limited to expenses attributable or allocable to:

(1) technology development, including university technology development;

(2) feasibility studies;

(3) site planning, including conceptual site-specific engineering studies;

(4) front-end engineering design;

(5) site and environmental characterization;

(6) regulatory commission early site permit work;

(7) preparation of the construction permit or license application to the regulatory commission;

(8) developing manufacturing capacity and readiness;

(9) fuel processing, manufacturing, and fabrication activities essential to the fuel cycle supply;

(10) preparation of local, state, and nonregulatory commission federal permits; and

(11) regulatory commission licensing fees.

(c) To be eligible for a reimbursement grant under this section, an applicant must provide with an application proof of incurred expenses described by Subsection (b).

(d) A grant provided under this section may not exceed the lesser of:

(1) 50 percent of the amount of qualifying expenses associated with the project; or

(2) \$12.5 million.

(e) The office by rule shall establish procedures for the application for and provision of a grant under this section.



Sec. 483.204. ADVANCED NUCLEAR CONSTRUCTION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM. (a) The office may provide a reimbursement grant from the Texas advanced nuclear development fund under this section for expenses associated with the construction of an advanced nuclear project in this state.

(b) Expenses that qualify for reimbursement under this section are limited to expenses associated with:

(1) the regulatory commission's review of the construction permit or license application;

(2) procurement and development of long-lead components; or

(3) construction activities, including the manufacture, fabrication, quality assurance, placement, erection, installation, modification, inspection, or testing of an advanced nuclear project.

(c) To be eligible for a reimbursement grant under this section, an applicant must provide with an application proof of incurred expenses described by Subsection (b).

(d) A grant provided under this section may not exceed the lesser of:

(1) 50 percent of the amount of qualifying expenses associated with the project; or

(2) \$100 million.

(e) The office by rule shall establish procedures for the application for and provision of a grant under this section.

(f) The office may not provide a reimbursement grant for a project under this section until the regulatory commission has docketed a construction permit or license application for the project.

(g) The office by rule shall establish a process to distribute the proceeds of each grant awarded under this section to the grant recipient on a rolling basis for qualifying expenses. The process must include milestones associated with:

(1) the regulatory commission's permitting process; and

(2) the recipient's financial investment decisions relating to the project.

Sec. 483.205. COMPLETION BONUS GRANT PROGRAM FOR GRID-CAPABLE REACTORS. (a) The office may provide a grant under this subchapter for the costs associated with the completion and operation of an advanced nuclear reactor in this state that is capable of interconnection with the ERCOT power grid.

(b) The office, in consultation with the utility commission, by rule shall establish the amount of a grant the office will provide under this section on a per megawatt basis according to the generation capacity of the advanced nuclear reactor.

(c) The office, in consultation with the utility commission, by rule shall establish procedures for:

(1) the application for and award of a grant under this section;

(2) the administration of the grant program; and

(3) providing grants according to a tiered system based on the amount of electricity in megawatts provided to the ERCOT power grid by an advanced nuclear reactor.

Sec. 483.206. GRANT APPLICATION EVALUATION. The office shall evaluate each application for a grant under this subchapter based on:

(1) the grant applicant's:  
(A) quality of services and management;  
(B) efficiency of operations;  
(C) access to resources essential for operating the project for which the grant is requested, such as land, water, and reliable infrastructure, as applicable;

(D) application for or docketing of a permit or license with the regulatory commission; and

(E) ability to repay the grant if project benchmarks are not met; and

(2) the project's potential benefit to this state.

Sec. 483.207. CONFIDENTIALITY. Information submitted to the office in an application for a grant under this subchapter is confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552.

SECTION 2. The office of the governor is required to implement the changes in law made by this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the office of the governor may, but is not required to, implement those changes in law using other appropriations available for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

### **Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1)**

Amend CSHB 14 (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill as follows:

(1) In added Section 483.001(2), Government Code (page 1, lines 37 and 38), strike "office to be either of generation III" and substitute "regulatory commission to be either of generation III+".

(2) Immediately after added Section 483.101(d), Government Code (page 2, between lines 41 and 42), insert the following appropriately designated subsection and reletter subsequent subsections accordingly:

( ) The office may not require an advanced nuclear project to be located in a specific location.

(3) In added Section 483.101(f), Government Code (page 2, line 48), between "office" and "shall", insert "and the utility commission".

(4) In added Section 483.102(d), Government Code (page 2, line 60, through page 3, line 1), strike Subdivisions (2) and (5) and renumber subsequent subdivisions accordingly.

(5) In added Section 483.103, Government Code (page 3, lines 5 and 6), strike "governor and Legislative Budget Board" and substitute "the governor, the legislature, and the Legislative Budget Board".

(6) Strike added Section 483.104(b), Government Code (page 3, lines 12 through 16), and substitute the following:

(b) A nuclear permitting coordinator must have a demonstrated familiarity with the permitting and regulatory process in this state.

(7) In added Section 483.104(c), Government Code (page 3, line 23), strike "assistance" and substitute "guidance".

(8) In added Section 483.201(b)(1), Government Code (page 3, lines 45 and 46), between "to" and "businesses", insert "eligible".

(9) In added Section 483.202(b), Government Code (page 3, line 56), strike "or the recipient's project partner's".

(10) In added Section 483.202(d), Government Code (page 4, line 13), between "received" and "if", insert "from that grant".

(11) In the heading to added Section 483.205, Government Code (page 5, line 24), strike "GRID-CAPABLE" and substitute "INTERCONNECTED".

(12) In added Section 483.205(a), Government Code (page 5, lines 25 through 27), strike "and operation of an advanced nuclear reactor in this state that is capable of interconnection with the ERCOT power grid" and substitute "of an operational advanced nuclear reactor in this state that is interconnected with the ERCOT power grid".

### **Senate Amendment No. 2 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 2)**

Amend **CSHB 14** (senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the bill by striking added Section 483.002, Utilities Code (page 1, lines 59 and 60) and substituting the following:

Sec. 483.002. SUNSET PROVISION. The office is subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the office is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2035.

### **Senate Amendment No. 3 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 - Third Reading)**

Amend **HB 14** (senate committee report) on third reading as follows:

(1) In added Section 483.202, Government Code (page 3, between lines 65 and 66), insert the following appropriately lettered subsection and reletter subsequent subsections and cross-references to those subsection appropriately:

( ) An applicant that has received state-appropriated money for an advanced nuclear reactor is not eligible to receive a grant under Section 483.204.

(2) In added Section 483.204 (d) (2), Government Code (page 5, line 8), strike "\$100" and substitute "\$120".

### **HB 500 - HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TEXT OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

Representative Bonnen called up with senate amendments for consideration at this time,

**HB 500**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.

Representative Bonnen moved to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 500**.

The motion to concur in the senate amendments to **HB 500** prevailed by (Record 4097): 112 Yeas, 24 Nays, 2 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Alders; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris Davila; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Landgraf(C); Leach; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Raymond; Richardson; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Shaheen; Shofner; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Nays — Bryant; Cain; Garcia, L.; Goodwin; Harrison; Hayes; Hopper; Kerwin; Leo Wilson; Little; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Luther; Money; Morales, C.; Olcott; Pierson; Rodríguez Ramos; Schofield; Simmons; Swanson; Tinderholt; Toth.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker; Plesa.

Absent, Excused — Allen; Garcia, J.; Harris; Jones, V.; Lambert; Phelan.

Absent — Bowers; Dutton; Perez, V.; Reynolds; Schoolcraft; Virdell.

The chair stated that **HB 500** was passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a, of the Texas Constitution.

### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 4097 was taken, I was temporarily out of the house chamber. I would have voted yes.

V. Perez

When Record No. 4097 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Richardson

When Record No. 4097 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Schatzline

When Record No. 4097 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Schoolcraft

When Record No. 4097 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Virdell

**Senate Committee Substitute**

**CSHB 500**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**SECTION 1.01. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: TRANSFER FOR CRIME VICTIMS.** The amount of \$40,454,048 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the comptroller of public accounts for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be deposited to the compensation to victims of crime account number 0469.

**SECTION 1.02. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: TRANSFER OF MONEY PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED.** (a) Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from the appropriation made to the comptroller of public accounts by Section 41, Chapter 10 (**SB 8**), Acts of the 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), for immediate deposit to an account or fund to be managed by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company as trustee for the benefit of the State Preservation Board to maintain the Bob Bullock State History Museum (estimated to be \$104,498,347) are appropriated to the comptroller of public accounts for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for deposit not later than August 31, 2025, to the Texas state buildings preservation endowment fund number 1016 established under Section 443.0103, Government Code, to be used for the purposes provided by that section and other applicable law.

(b) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the comptroller of public accounts shall transfer the money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section from the Maintain Bullock State History Museum Fund account held by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company to the Texas state buildings preservation endowment fund number 1016 established under Section 443.0103, Government Code.

**SECTION 1.03. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: SPACE EXPLORATION AND AERONAUTICS RESEARCH FUND.** The amount of \$300,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the comptroller of public accounts for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, to be deposited by the comptroller to the space exploration and aeronautics research trust fund number 1203.

**SECTION 1.04. TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION: COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION GRANTS.** (a) The amount of \$100,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Historical Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for the commission's courthouse grant program.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Texas Historical Commission may use \$100,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 1.05. TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION: STATE INSURANCE BUILDING.** (a) The amount of \$121,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Facilities Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of removing and replacing the State Insurance Building. Any proceeds from the sale of the building are appropriated to the commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of replacing the building.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Texas Facilities Commission may use \$121,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made under Subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 1.06. STATE PRESERVATION BOARD: SENATE FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.** (a) The amount of \$75,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the State Preservation Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of making improvements to senate facilities. The board may spend money appropriated under this subsection only with the prior approval of the lieutenant governor.

(b) For purposes of the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section, the State Preservation Board is exempt from the competitive bidding process under Section 2269.101, Government Code.

(c) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the board during that period, the State Preservation Board may use \$75,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made under Subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 1.07. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: FACILITIES.** (a) The amount of \$429,106 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the comptroller of public accounts for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to relocate the audit office in Tulsa and reconfigure and upgrade the audit offices in San Antonio, McAllen, and Los Angeles.

(b) Contingent on the implementation by the comptroller of public accounts of a policy requiring enforcement office employees in the following areas to work in the office lease space five days per week, the amount of \$1,649,724 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the comptroller for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to reconfigure and upgrade the office lease space and obtain additional office lease space for enforcement offices in Abilene, Amarillo, north Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and Lubbock.

(c) The amount of \$285,400 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the comptroller of public accounts for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to relocate the comptroller's warehouse and distribution center facility.

(d) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the comptroller during that period, the comptroller of public accounts may use \$2,364,230 in capital budget authority for the appropriations made by Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section.

SECTION 1.08. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES: REGIONAL SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTERS. The amount of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Information Resources for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to operate the existing regional security operations centers.

SECTION 1.09. TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION: SAM HOUSTON BUILDING RELOCATION. The amount of \$4,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Facilities Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to relocate tenants of the Sam Houston Building.

SECTION 1.10. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: MOVING IMAGE INDUSTRY INCENTIVE PROGRAM. Contingent on the failure to enact **SB 22**, **HB 4568**, or similar legislation of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to the Texas moving image industry incentive program and the establishment and funding of the Texas moving image industry incentive fund, the amount of \$250,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to establish and fund the Texas moving image industry incentive program.

SECTION 1.11. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FACILITY. The amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for a regional law enforcement training facility at the University of North Texas at Dallas.

SECTION 1.12. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: MOVE AND TEMPORARY FACILITIES. The amount of \$13,900,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for costs associated with leasing temporary facilities, relocating staff, and other miscellaneous related costs.

SECTION 1.13. TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION: RUDDER BUILDING. (a) The amount of \$50,900,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Facilities Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to renovate the James E. Rudder State Office Building.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Texas Facilities Commission may use \$50,900,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 1.14. TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION: SCIF CONSTRUCTION. (a) The amount of \$94,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Facilities Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the commission to contract for the design and construction of two sensitive compartmentalized information facilities (SCIF) in a manner consistent with Strategy A.2.1, Facilities Design and Construction, as listed in Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), including:

(1) \$44,000,000 to construct one SCIF in the Lubbock area, contingent upon federal sponsorship of facility clearance; and

(2) \$50,000,000 to construct one SCIF in the San Antonio area, contingent upon federal sponsorship of facility clearance and consolidation of the Air Forces Cyber Command into a new headquarters at Port San Antonio.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Texas Facilities Commission may use \$94,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 1.15. SECRETARY OF STATE: RECORDS DIGITIZATION. (a) The amount of \$4,500,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Secretary of State for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to digitize that agency's paper and microfiche records.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the secretary during that period, the Secretary of State may use \$4,500,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 1.16. TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION: NORTH AUSTIN FLEX SPACE. (a) The amount of \$17,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Facilities Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purchase of land and the construction of a flexible multi-purpose building for use as permanent and temporary office space.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Texas Facilities Commission may use \$17,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 1.17. STATE PRESERVATION BOARD: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE. The amount of \$250,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the State Preservation Board for the two-year period beginning



on the effective date of this Act for use in a manner consistent with Strategy A.1.2, Building Maintenance, as listed in Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act).

SECTION 1.18. CANCER PREVENTION AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS: GRANT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CAPITAL BUDGET AUTHORITY. (a) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the institute during that period, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas may use \$11,609,609 in capital budget authority for the grant management program from money appropriated by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act).

(b) The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas may reduce appropriations from bond proceeds made by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), for Strategy A.1.1, Award Cancer Research Grants, and Strategy A.1.2, Award Cancer Prevention Grants, as listed in that Act, and transfer those appropriations to Strategy A.1.3, Grant Review and Award Operations, as listed in that Act. The institute may enter into an agreement with the Department of Information Resources for technology solution services under the comprehensive data center services program for:

(1) the department to assess the institute's needs and requirements in the acquisition of an off-the-shelf grant management software solution;

(2) the department to conduct the procurement process of the software solution described by Subdivision (1) of this subsection on the institute's behalf;

(3) the department to develop, configure, and test a new software platform for the institute; and

(4) the department's assistance in migrating the institute's existing grant data to the platform described by Subdivision (3) of this subsection.

(c) Notwithstanding Rider 6, page I-19, Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas may spend the amounts authorized by this section without the approval of the Legislative Budget Board.

SECTION 1.19. EDUCATION FISCAL PROGRAMS - COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM.

(a) The amount of \$7,491,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Education Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of establishing an education savings account program.

(b) During the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, in addition to the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees other law authorizes the Education Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts to employ during that period, the Education Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts may employ 28.0 FTE employees out of money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section for the purpose of implementing the education savings account program.

SECTION 1.20. STATE PRESERVATION BOARD: GOVERNOR'S MANSION. (a) The amount of \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the State Preservation Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for historical enhancement and upgrades of the governor's mansion.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the board during that period, the State Preservation Board may use \$20,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 1.21. STATE PRESERVATION BOARD: WAREHOUSE CONSTRUCTION. (a) The amount of \$47,163,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the State Preservation Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to prepare for construction of facilities to serve as a warehouse, space for Department of Information Resources servers, document storage, and flexible office space for legislative agency employees.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the board during that period, the State Preservation Board may use \$47,163,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 1.22. EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM: BIENNIAL LEGACY PAYMENTS. The amount of \$915,960,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund and \$104,040,000 is appropriated from the state highway fund to the Employees Retirement System for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for a legacy payment to reduce the system's unfunded actuarial liabilities and long-term interest costs.

SECTION 1.23. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: DEFENSE ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS. The amount of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for defense economic adjustment assistance grants to military defense impacted communities as administered by the Texas Military Preparedness Commission.

SECTION 1.24. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: GOVERNOR'S UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INCENTIVE PROGRAM. (a) The amount of \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for transfer to the governor's university research initiative account number 5161 and use during the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to make grants under the Governor's University Research Initiative in accordance with Subchapter H, Chapter 62, Education Code.

(b) It is the intent of the legislature that the grants described by Subsection (a) of this section are awarded only to institutions of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(c) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from the appropriation made from the governor's university research initiative account number 5161 to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the

Governor by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), for Strategy C.1.1, Create Jobs and Promote Texas (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, to the trusted programs for purposes of the Governor's University Research Initiative in accordance with Subchapter H, Chapter 62, Education Code.

SECTION 1.25. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: FEDERAL VICTIMS OF CRIME FUNDING. The amount of \$177,200,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to address the federal victims of crime funding shortfall.

SECTION 1.26. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: DISASTER GRANTS SUPPLEMENT. The amount of \$64,007,981 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for potential disaster needs and existing invoices related to disasters.

SECTION 1.27. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: CHILDREN'S RIGHTS LITIGATION. The amount of \$9,500,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to pay outside counsel to represent the trusted programs in litigating the case of *M.D., et al. v. Abbott, et al.*

SECTION 1.28. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS. The amount of \$95,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to make grants to local units of government for preparations in advance of major events.

SECTION 1.29. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: TEXAS SEMICONDUCTOR INNOVATION CONSORTIUM CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION. (a) Contingent on the enactment of **SB 1758** or similar legislation by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to the operation of a cement kiln and the production of aggregates near a semiconductor wafer manufacturing facility, the comptroller of public accounts shall immediately transfer the amount of \$250,000,000 from the general revenue fund to the Texas semiconductor innovation account number 5197.

(b) Contingent on the enactment of **SB 1758** or similar legislation by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to the operation of a cement kiln and the production of aggregates near a semiconductor wafer manufacturing facility, the amount of \$250,000,000 is appropriated from the Texas semiconductor innovation account number 5197 to the Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor for the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium.

(c) Money appropriated by Subsection (b) of this section may be spent only with the prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board. A request for approval of an expenditure submitted by the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor to the board is considered approved by the board unless the board objects to the request within 30 calendar days after the date the request is submitted to the board.

SECTION 1.30. APPROPRIATION REDUCTION: PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY. (a) The unencumbered appropriations remaining as of the effective date of this Act made to the Public Finance Authority from the general revenue fund by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), for use during the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, for bond debt service payments, including appropriations subject to Rider 4, page I-53, of that Act, are reduced by \$10,000,000.

(b) The Public Finance Authority shall identify the strategies and objectives out of which the reduction in appropriations described by Subsection (a) of this section are to be made and the amount of the reduction for each of those strategies and objectives.

SECTION 1.31. APPROPRIATION REDUCTION: FACILITIES COMMISSION. (a) The unencumbered appropriations remaining as of the effective date of this Act made to the Texas Facilities Commission from the general revenue fund by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), for use during the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, for lease payments are reduced by \$55,025,396.

(b) The Texas Facilities Commission shall identify the strategies and objectives out of which the reduction in appropriations described by Subsection (a) of this section are to be made and the amount of the reduction for each of those strategies and objectives.

SECTION 1.32. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: JOBS, ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION ACT ADMINISTRATION. The amount of \$5,940,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the comptroller of public accounts for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for administration of the jobs, energy, technology, and innovation act established under Subchapter T, Chapter 403, Government Code, as added by Chapter 377 (**HB 5**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023.

SECTION 1.33. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: HOMELAND SECURITY. (a) The amount of \$149,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to make a grant, in a manner consistent with Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, as listed in Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), to Texas Tech University, including \$114,000,000 for an electromagnetic pulse site and \$35,000,000 for associated critical cybersecurity infrastructure.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 17(j), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

## ARTICLE 2. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SECTION 2.01. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: TRANSFER AUTHORITY. (a) Notwithstanding any transfer limitation provided by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), the Health and Human Services Commission may transfer unexpended balances from strategies in goals other than Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, to strategies in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, and may transfer unexpended balances between strategies in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, as listed in that Act. Money may be transferred under this subsection:

- (1) during the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2025; and
- (2) during the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2024, and then moved forward to the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2025.

(b) Not later than October 1, 2025, the Health and Human Services Commission shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the office of the governor regarding any money transferred and spent as provided by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2.02. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: NEW CAPACITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND INPATIENT FACILITIES IN EL PASO. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 3.02(a)(13), Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission for use for the purpose of pre-planning, planning, land acquisition, and initial construction of a new El Paso State Hospital (estimated to be \$43,431,000) are appropriated to the commission and may be used only for the construction and operation of facilities related to crisis services, including crisis stabilization, extended observation, crisis respite, and other related services in El Paso for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act. It is the intent of the legislature that, of the money appropriated by this subsection, \$2,774,000 be used for operations and the remainder of the money be used for one-time construction costs.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Health and Human Services Commission may use the amount appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

SECTION 2.03. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) EMPLOYEES. During the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, in addition to the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees other law authorizes the Health and Human Services Commission to employ during that period, the Health and Human Services

Commission may employ 414.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees out of money appropriated by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), to provide staff for newly renovated state mental health hospitals.

SECTION 2.04. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: STATE HOSPITAL APPROPRIATION AMENDMENTS. Section 3.02(a), Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), is amended to read as follows:

(a) The following amounts totaling \$2,154,376,606 are appropriated from the following sources to the Health and Human Services Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the following strategies as listed in Chapter 1053 (**SB 1**), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (the General Appropriations Act):

(1) Uvalde Behavioral Health Campus: \$33,600,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, for the construction of a behavioral health campus in Uvalde, Texas;

(2) Grants Management System: \$21,400,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy L.1.2, Information Technology Capital Projects Oversight & Program Support, for a grants management system for improving mental health outcomes;

(3) Dallas State Hospital: \$101,890,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, for additional construction funding for the 200-bed adult unit at the new state hospital in Dallas, Texas, with at least 75 percent of the beds to be used for forensic purposes;

(4) State Hospitals Electronic Health Record System Upgrade:

(A) \$38,772,184 from the general revenue fund for Strategy L.1.2, Information Technology Capital Projects Oversight & Program Support, for an electronic health record system upgrade for state hospitals; and

(B) \$100,870 from the general revenue fund and \$48,206 from federal funds for Strategy L.2.1, Central Program Support, for an electronic health record system upgrade for state hospitals;

(5) Deferred Maintenance Needs for State Facilities: \$50,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, for deferred maintenance for state facilities;

(6) Emergency Facility Repairs: \$14,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, for emergency repairs for state facilities;

(7) Lubbock Campus: \$121,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, to construct a 50-bed state hospital maximum security facility at the John Montford Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice ~~[on the existing state-supported living center campus]~~ in Lubbock, Texas;

(8) San Antonio State Hospital: \$15,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, to rehabilitate the Alamo Unit at the San Antonio State Hospital campus into a 40-bed state hospital maximum security facility;

(9) Amarillo State Hospital: \$159,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, to construct a 75-bed state hospital in Amarillo, Texas, with at least 50 forensic beds;

(10) Rio Grande Valley Facility: \$120,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, to construct a 50-bed state hospital maximum security facility in the Rio Grande Valley;

(11) Terrell State Hospital: \$573,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, to construct a 275-bed ~~[250-bed]~~ replacement campus for Terrell State Hospital, including 50 maximum security beds, 150 ~~[140]~~ forensic beds, 50 ~~[35]~~ adolescent beds, and 25 civil beds;

(12) North Texas State Hospital - Wichita Falls: \$452,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, to construct a 225-bed ~~[200-bed]~~ replacement for North Texas State Hospital - Wichita Falls, including 25 ~~[24]~~ maximum security beds, 159 ~~[136]~~ forensic beds, 25 ~~[24]~~ adolescent beds, and 16 civil beds;

(13) El Paso State Hospital: \$50,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, for pre-planning, planning, land acquisition, and initial construction of a new ~~[50-bed]~~ El Paso State Hospital, with 50 percent of the beds to be forensic;

(14) Sunrise Canyon Facility in Lubbock: \$45,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, to construct 30 additional beds at the Sunrise Canyon facility in Lubbock, Texas, with at least 50 percent of the beds having forensic capacity;

(15) Community Mental Health Grant Program: \$100,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy D.2.6, Community Mental Health Grant Programs, to establish a one-time community mental health program for county-based collaboratives with the following conditions:

(A) a grant awarded under the program may only be used to construct jail diversion facilities, step-down facilities, permanent supportive housing, crisis stabilization units, and crisis respite units, not including office space; and

(B) the grantee must provide a local match at least equal to the highest of the following applicable amounts:

(i) 25 percent of the grant amount if the collaborative includes a county with a population of less than 100,000;

(ii) 50 percent of the grant amount if the collaborative includes a county with a population of at least 100,000 but less than 250,000; or

(iii) 100 percent of the grant amount if the collaborative includes a county with a population of 250,000 or more;

(16) Mental Health Inpatient Facility Grant Program: \$175,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, to establish a one-time grant program to construct or expand a

mental health inpatient facility to have at least 50 percent forensic capacity, using only donated land, to increase inpatient bed availability for forensic patients ordered to a state hospital for competency restoration as follows:

(A) \$85,000,000 for construction of up to 100 inpatient beds by a hospital located in the Rio Grande Valley region that, as of June 1, 2023, meets the following criteria:

- (i) is licensed as a general hospital;
- (ii) has a Level 1 trauma designation;
- (iii) is located in a county with a population of more than 300,000; and
- (iv) has fewer than 100 licensed psychiatric beds;

(B) \$50,000,000 for construction of no more than 100 inpatient beds by Montgomery County to expand the existing Montgomery County Mental Health Facility; and

(C) \$40,000,000 for construction of up to 60 inpatient beds by Victoria County;

(17) Psychiatric Residential Youth Treatment Facility Voluntary Quality Standards Implementation: \$4,712,356 from the general revenue fund for Strategy H.2.1, Child Care Regulation, to make necessary enhancements in Child Care Licensing Automated Support Systems (CLASS) required by Chapter 1032 (**HB 3121**), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021;

(18) Beaumont Baptist Hospital: \$64,000,000 from the general revenue fund for Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation, to construct 72 beds, with 36 forensic beds and 36 civil beds, at the Baptist Hospital in Beaumont, Texas; and

(19) Children's Hospitals Construction Grant Program: \$15,852,990 from the general revenue fund for Strategy D.2.6, Community Mental Health Grant Programs, to establish a one-time children's hospitals construction grant program with the following conditions:

(A) a grant awarded under the program may only be used to construct inpatient mental health beds for children; and

(B) the grantee must provide a local match at least equal to:

- (i) 25 percent of the grant amount for construction in a county with a population of less than 100,000;
- (ii) 50 percent of the grant amount for construction in a county with a population of at least 100,000 but less than 250,000; or
- (iii) 100 percent of the grant amount for construction in a county with a population of 250,000 or more.

**SECTION 2.05. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE SHORTFALL.** The amount of \$7,380,403 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission, for the benefit of the Texas Civil Commitment Office, for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to reimburse the office for offsite health care costs and services related to the supervision and treatment of sexually violent predators.



SECTION 2.06. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: HARRIS COUNTY PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. (a) The amount of \$12,863,315 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission, for the benefit of The University Of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purposes of building renovations, including patient care areas, patient and visitor areas, physical plant items, and other life and safety updates, at the Harris County Psychiatric Hospital.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 18(i), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

(c) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Health and Human Services Commission may use \$12,863,315 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2.07. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES: LABORATORY CAPACITY. (a) The amount of \$205,000,000 is appropriated from federal money received as reimbursements to the Department of State Health Services for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for expansion of the department's laboratory capacity as requested by the department in the department's 2024 legislative appropriation request exceptional item number three.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of State Health Services may use \$328,332,698 in capital budget authority for the appropriations made by Subsections (a) and (c) of this section.

(c) In addition to the amount appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section, all federal money received as reimbursements to the Department of State Health Services during the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, not to exceed \$123,332,698, is appropriated for the same period to the department for the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2.08. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES: SHORTFALL. (a) The amount of \$82,568,491 is appropriated from the general revenue fund and the amount of \$14,000,000 is appropriated from federal funds to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to address a budget shortfall associated with children without placement, child protective services staffing, adult protective services staffing, and day care services.

(b) In addition to the amounts appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services may transfer:

(1) \$7,558,230 appropriated to the department from the general revenue fund for Strategy B.1.10, Adoption Subsidy and Permanency Care Assistance Payments, as listed in Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), to be used consistent with Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, as listed in that Act; and

(2) \$1,565,363 appropriated to the department from the general revenue fund for Strategy E.1.1, Central Administration, as listed in Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act) to be used consistent with Strategy D.1.1, APS Direct Delivery Staff, as listed in that Act, for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grants program.

SECTION 2.09. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: FENCING AT TERRELL STATE HOSPITAL. (a) The amount of \$900,000 is appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission from the general revenue fund for use during the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act in a manner consistent with Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at State Supported Living Centers, State Hospitals, and Other, as listed in Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), for one-time repairs and renovations relating to fencing at the Terrell State Hospital.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Health and Human Services Commission may use \$900,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2.10. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE. (a) The amount of \$98,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of addressing the deferred maintenance of state facilities under the control of the commission in a manner consistent with Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at State Supported Living Centers, State Hospitals, and Other, as listed in Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), and **SB 1**, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 (the General Appropriations Act).

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Health and Human Services Commission may use \$98,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2.11. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: THRIVING TEXAS FAMILIES. The amount of \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of pregnancy support services as an alternative to abortion under Strategy D.1.2, Alternatives to Abortion, as listed in Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th

Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), and Strategy D.1.2, Thriving Texas Families Program, as listed in **SB 1**, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 (the General Appropriations Act).

**SECTION 2.12. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: DALLAS STATE HOSPITAL.** (a) The amount of \$100,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the Dallas State Hospital.

(b) For the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees other law authorizes the commission to employ during that period, the Health and Human Services Commission may employ 144.0 FTE employees out of money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 2.13. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: ADDRESS BACKLOG.** (a) The amount of \$957,502 is appropriated from the general revenue fund and \$12,420 is appropriated from federal money to the Health and Human Services Commission for use during the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to address a backlog in abuse, neglect, and exploitation cases.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees other law authorizes the commission to employ during that period, the Health and Human Services Commission may employ 34.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees out of money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 2.14. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: MEDICAID PROGRAM.** The amount of \$750,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the medical assistance program under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code.

### ARTICLE 3. EDUCATION

**SECTION 3.01. TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY: FOUNDATION SCHOOL PROGRAM.** (a) The amount of \$1,149,607,286 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Education Agency for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the Foundation School Program.

(b) Notwithstanding Rider 3, page III-5, Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), to the bill pattern of the appropriations to the Texas Education Agency, the sum-certain appropriation to the Foundation School Program for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, is \$30,924,285,550.

**SECTION 3.02. TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY: **HB 2** CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION.** Contingent on enactment of **HB 2** or similar legislation by the 89th Legislature relating to public education and public school finance, the amount of \$243,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Education Agency for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to support school districts and charter schools in adopting and using open educational resource instructional materials.

SECTION 3.03. SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF: CAMPUS MASTER PLAN PHASE 3B. (a) The amount of \$35,300,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the School for the Deaf for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for construction related to the Campus Master Plan Phase 3B adding upgrades to the central utility plant to expand capacity of the chilled water and heating water systems, including replacement of the site distribution piping and the connected building pump systems.

(b) Pursuant to Section 30.052(h-1), Education Code, and Section 2165.007, Government Code, the School for the Deaf shall transfer the amounts appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section to the Texas Facilities Commission to be used as provided by that subsection.

(c) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Texas Facilities Commission may use \$35,300,000 in capital budget authority for the money transferred under Subsection (b) of this section.

SECTION 3.04. TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM: TRS-ACTIVECARE. The amount of \$369,224,574 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Teacher Retirement System for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the benefit of TRS-ActiveCare.

SECTION 3.05. SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED. The amount of \$1,394,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the following purposes:

(1) \$930,000 for special education;

(2) \$314,000 for use consistent with Strategy D.1.1, Central Administration, as listed in Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), to fund previously vacant positions; and

(3) \$150,000 for transportation.

SECTION 3.06. TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE: NATURAL DISASTERS. The amount of \$124,754,143 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas A&M Forest Service for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of responding to natural disasters that occurred before the effective date of this Act and natural disasters occurring in the future, including responding through the mobilization of ground and aviation resources for wildfire suppression.

SECTION 3.07. TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANTS. (a) The comptroller of public accounts shall immediately transfer the amount of \$44,000,000 from the general revenue fund to the volunteer fire department assistance account number 5064.

(b) The amount of \$44,000,000 is appropriated from the volunteer fire department assistance account number 5064 to the Texas A&M Forest Service for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the

administration and operation of the rural volunteer fire department assistance program. Of the amount appropriated by this subsection, the forest service may use not more than \$1,540,000 for administrative expenses.

SECTION 3.08. TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE: FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT. The amount of \$257,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas A&M Forest Service for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purchase, maintenance, and operation of aircraft for wildfire suppression.

SECTION 3.09. TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE. The amount of \$192,291,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas A&M Forest Service for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to address the backlog of volunteer fire department assistance.

SECTION 3.10. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM: BUSH COMBAT DEVELOPMENT CENTER. (a) The amount of \$59,800,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas A&M University System for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for the Bush Combat Development Center.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 18(i), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 3.11. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM: EASTERWOOD AIRPORT RUNWAY IMPROVEMENTS. (a) The amount of \$25,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas A&M University System for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of funding capital improvements to the runway at Easterwood Airport.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 18(i), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 3.12. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY: PULSED POWER CLEAN ROOM. (a) The amount of \$71,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to Texas Tech University for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for capital improvements to further pulsed power research.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 17(j), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 3.13. HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD: RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. Contingent on the enactment of **SB 2066** or similar legislation by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to the repeal

of the Texas Research Incentive Program, the amount of \$400,948,993 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to address the backlog in eligible unmatched donations received through the program and certified by the coordinating board as of the board's January 2025 board meeting.

**SECTION 3.14. TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: OPERATION FACILITIES AND STAGING AREAS.** (a) The amount of \$135,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Division of Emergency Management for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of:

(1) supporting regional emergency management operations facilities and resource staging areas as requested in the division's 2024 legislative appropriation request exceptional item number one;

(2) enhancing the regional operations centers in the Houston-Galveston area and two other locations; and

(3) supporting emergency response operations.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 18(i), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

**SECTION 3.15. HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD: PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGE FORMULA FUNDING.** The amount of \$89,500,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of funding higher than projected growth in fundable outcomes for public junior colleges and the application of weights and rates set for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, in the public junior college funding formula.

**SECTION 3.16. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY: ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT RAPID RESPONSE TRAINING.** (a) The amount of \$24,945,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to Texas State University for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of funding construction for the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 17(j), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

**SECTION 3.17. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO: COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER - PHASE II.** (a) The amount of \$65,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to

the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to support the development of phase II of a comprehensive oncology center partnership.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 17(j), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 3.18. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER: RURAL CANCER COLLABORATIVE. (a) The amount of \$25,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to support the development of a rural cancer collaborative.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 17(j), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 3.19. TEXAS UNIVERSITY FUND: CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION. (a) An amount equal to the sum of \$650,000,000 for each institution of higher education that becomes eligible to receive a distribution under Section 62.145(b) or 62.1481(a)(1), Education Code, on or after the effective date of this Act, as certified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, not to exceed \$1,300,000,000, is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the comptroller of public accounts for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for deposit by the comptroller to the Texas University Fund to provide additional money to ensure stable funding for institutions that are eligible to receive a distribution under Section 62.145 or 62.1481(a)(1), Education Code, before the effective date of this Act.

(b) The amount appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section may be used by an eligible institution of higher education under Subchapter G, Chapter 62, Education Code, only for the support and maintenance of educational and general activities that promote increased research capacity at the institution.

#### ARTICLE 4. JUDICIAL

SECTION 4.01. OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL: TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION. (a) The amount of \$5,100,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used in a manner consistent with Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, as listed in Chapter 1170 (HB 1), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), for the purpose of providing grants to counties for indigent defense in accordance with all uses authorized by Chapter 79, Government Code.

(b) The appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section may not be used to offset the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council's administrative support provided to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission except by mutual agreement of the office and the commission.

SECTION 4.02. JUDICIARY SECTION, COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT: BUSINESS COURT JUDGES. (a) The comptroller of public accounts may use general revenue appropriated to the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), to provide an additional annual salary to each business court judge in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

(b) The comptroller of public accounts shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this section, including rules necessary to provide for associated benefit costs as well as fairness and equity among the business court judges and between the business court judges and district court judges.

SECTION 4.03. STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT: OFFICE SPACE. (a) The amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to either reconfigure the commission's existing office lease space or obtain office space in a new leased facility.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct may use \$2,500,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

## ARTICLE 5. CRIMINAL JUSTICE

SECTION 5.01. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: OPERATIONS. The amount of \$566,436,555 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be allocated for the following purposes as follows:

(1) \$230,000,000 for correctional security operations and other operational expenses of the department; and

(2) \$336,436,555 for correctional managed health care consistent with Strategy C.1.9, Hospital and Clinical Care, as listed in Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act).

SECTION 5.02. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: DORMITORY EXPANSION. (a) The amount of \$301,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of constructing dormitories within existing security fencing at the department's existing facilities located in areas with a strong labor pool, as requested in the department's 2024 legislative appropriation request exceptional item number 21.



(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of Criminal Justice may use \$301,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 5.03. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: MAJOR REPAIR AND RESTORATION PROJECTS. (a) The amount of \$226,299,300 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for construction and major repair and restoration projects at the department's facilities, including:

(1) \$7,000,000 for a water supply project at the Hobby Unit in Marlin, Texas; and

(2) \$4,500,000 for an 80-bed employee dormitory at the William P. Clements Unit in Potter County.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of Criminal Justice may use \$226,299,300 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section, including:

(1) \$16,900,000 in capital budget authority for a water supply project at the Hobby Unit in Marlin, Texas; and

(2) \$6,600,000 in capital budget authority for an 80-bed employee dormitory at the William P. Clements Unit in Potter County.

SECTION 5.04. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: DALBY FACILITY. (a) The amount of \$110,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purchase of the Giles Dalby Correctional Facility in Post, Texas.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of Criminal Justice may use \$110,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 5.05. JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: FACILITY COMPLETION. (a) The amount of \$104,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Juvenile Justice Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose described by Rider 41, page V-38, Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), to the bill pattern of the appropriations to the department, including completing the construction of the two new facilities that would expand capacity for the department by 200 beds.

(b) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made to the Juvenile Justice Department by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), for the construction of two new facilities that would

expand capacity for the department by 200 beds as provided by Rider 41, page V-38, of that Act (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to the department for the same purpose.

(c) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Juvenile Justice Department may use an amount estimated to be \$104,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriations made by Subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

(d) Rider 41, page V-38, Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), is amended to read as follows:

41. Construction of Facilities. Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$200,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy B.3.1, Construct and Renovate Facilities, for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) to construct a minimum of 200 beds in new state facility capacity. Newly constructed facilities may include services and appropriate physical features to serve youth with acute mental health needs, youth exhibiting highly aggressive or violent behavior, and female youth.

It is the intent of the legislature that these new facilities be located in Ellis County and Brazoria County as close as practical to population centers which have existing workforce capacity to hire Juvenile Correctional Officers (JCOs) and provide necessary mental health, counseling, therapy and other services to rehabilitate youth and to provide appropriate workforce development training for youth as appropriate. The selection of sites for the new facilities shall be contingent on approval from the Legislative Budget Board. TJJD shall coordinate with the Texas Facilities Commission for the construction of the facilities.

Out of funds appropriated above, TJJD shall develop a plan for the ongoing operations of the current and new state-operated juvenile correctional facilities and submit the plan in writing[~~, not later than August 31, 2024,~~] to the Offices of the Lt. Governor, Speaker, Sunset Advisory Commission, Senate Finance Committee and House Appropriations Committee. The plan shall:

(a) Indicate a long-term plan for youth residential placements in each facility based on youth needs and available community and TJJD facility resources;

(b) Assess the available regional workforce in the context of each residential facility's designated use; and

(c) Provide facility condition assessments and deferred maintenance reports for each residential facility.

SECTION 5.06. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: WATER AND WASTEWATER. (a) The amount of \$30,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for water and wastewater systems at the Memorial Unit.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may use \$30,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 5.07. TEXAS MILITARY DEPARTMENT: ROOF REPLACEMENT.** (a) The amount of \$9,652,500 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Military Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for critical roof replacement and facility operational support, including roof replacement for five facilities and support for other facilities throughout this state.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Texas Military Department may use \$9,652,500 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 5.08. JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: LIFE SAFETY PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE.** (a) The amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Juvenile Justice Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for life safety improvements and preventative maintenance upkeep, including funding for generator replacement or improvement, facility safety improvements, water heater replacement, civil engineering work, and gas and electrical distribution replacement or improvement.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Juvenile Justice Department may use \$5,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 5.09. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY: CAPITOL COMPLEX SECURITY.** The amount of \$300,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Public Safety for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for deployment of additional security cameras pursuant to Section 301.073, Government Code.

**SECTION 5.10. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY: LOCKS.** (a) The amount of \$1,200,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Public Safety for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for replacing locks.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of Public Safety may use \$1,200,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 5.11. TEXAS MILITARY DEPARTMENT: STAR PROJECTS.** (a) The amount of \$75,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Military Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for the State of Texas Armory Revitalization (STAR) program and deferred maintenance projects.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Texas Military Department may use \$75,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 5.12. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY: MISCELLANEOUS FACILITY NEEDS.** (a) The amount of \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Public Safety for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for deferred maintenance and essential repairs, including repairs for roofing, plumbing, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.

(b) The amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Public Safety for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to expand generator capacity for the Austin crime laboratory.

(c) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of Public Safety may use the amounts in capital budget authority for the appropriations made by Subsections (a) and (b) of this section as follows:

(1) \$41,500,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section; and

(2) \$2,500,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (b) of this section.

**SECTION 5.13. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: HOSPITAL GALVESTON RENOVATION.** (a) Subject to Subsection (b) of this section, the amount of \$30,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for renovations at Hospital Galveston.

(b) The Department of Criminal Justice may use the money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section only if the department and The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston execute an interagency contract that establishes a one-to-one cost-sharing agreement between the two entities for the cost of renovations at Hospital Galveston. The department may not spend more than \$30,000,000 pursuant to the cost-sharing agreement during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

(c) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of Criminal Justice may use \$30,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 5.14. JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES.** The amount of \$13,300,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Juvenile Justice Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of reimbursing counties for the costs of holding juveniles for whom the department does not have adequate capacity.

SECTION 5.15. JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: INSPECTOR GENERAL SALARIES. The amount of \$675,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Juvenile Justice Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of covering an operational shortfall for the department's Office of the Inspector General related to the office filling more employee positions.

SECTION 5.16. APPROPRIATION REDUCTION: TEXAS MILITARY DEPARTMENT. All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), for Strategy A.1.1, State Active Duty - Disaster, as listed in that Act, from the general revenue fund to the Texas Military Department are reduced by an amount estimated to be \$159,000,000 to a balance of \$0.

#### ARTICLE 6. NATURAL RESOURCES

SECTION 6.01. WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD: MATCHING FUNDS. (a) The amount of \$48,270,951 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Water Development Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for deposit to the clean water state revolving fund number 0651 and use consistent with applicable law.

(b) The amount of \$82,989,629 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Water Development Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for deposit to the drinking water state revolving fund number 0951 and use consistent with applicable law.

(c) It is the intent of the legislature that the money appropriated by Subsections (a) and (b) of this section be used by the Water Development Board to draw down federal matching funds under the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (Pub. L. No. 117-58, 135 Stat. 1351) and other available federal programs. Not later than August 31, 2027, the Water Development Board shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board a report showing the disposition of that money and the amount of federal matching funds that were drawn down with that money.

SECTION 6.02. WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD: WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPLY. (a) The amount of \$1,038,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Water Development Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for water infrastructure and supply projects and grants as determined by the board.

(b) The amount of \$881,000,000 is appropriated from the Texas water fund to the Water Development Board as provided by Section 49-d-16(b), Article III, Texas Constitution, as proposed by **SJR 75**, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be transferred to other funds or accounts administered by the board.

(c) The amount of \$581,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Water Development Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for specific water infrastructure and supply projects and grants.

SECTION 6.03. COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: OFFICE RELOCATION. The amount of \$55,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Commission on Environmental Quality for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to relocate the commission's Amarillo office.

SECTION 6.04. PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT: CONSTRUCTION. (a) The amount of \$3,350,950 is appropriated from the game, fish, and water safety account number 0009, the amount of \$2,129,580 is appropriated from the lifetime license endowment fund number 0544, and the amount of \$162,470 is appropriated from the state parks account number 0064 to the Parks and Wildlife Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for parks, fisheries, and wildlife capital construction needs, including for various land and facility holdings, including field offices, state parks, natural areas, historic sites, wildlife management areas, fish hatcheries, and outreach centers.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Parks and Wildlife Department may use \$5,643,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriations made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 6.05. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: STATE SEED LABORATORY RENOVATIONS. (a) The amount of \$6,300,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Agriculture for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for renovations to the state seed laboratory.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of Agriculture may use \$6,300,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 6.06. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: FACILITIES RENOVATION. (a) The amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Agriculture for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to renovate an office facility donated by the Texas Cooperative Inspection Program.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of Agriculture may use \$1,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 6.07. GENERAL LAND OFFICE: ALAMO. The amount of \$150,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the General Land Office for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for continued construction costs at the Alamo, support for new Alamo exhibit and collection costs, and property enhancements to protect the Alamo Complex from encroaching urban surroundings.

SECTION 6.08. PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT: LOCAL PARKS GRANTS. The amount of \$60,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Parks and Wildlife Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for use in a manner consistent with Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, as listed in Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act).

SECTION 6.09. PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT: HEADQUARTERS FACILITY. (a) The amount of \$21,400,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Parks and Wildlife Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for improvements to and repairs of the department's headquarters facility.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Parks and Wildlife Department may use \$21,400,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 6.10. RAILROAD COMMISSION: WELL PLUGGING PROGRAM. The amount of \$100,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Railroad Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for use in the commission's well plugging program.

#### ARTICLE 7. BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SECTION 7.01. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: RAILROAD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECTS. Contingent on **HB 3727**, **SB 1555**, or similar legislation by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to a grant program to fund certain railroad grade separation projects, being enacted and becoming law, the amount of \$250,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Transportation for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of making grants for railroad grade separation projects.

SECTION 7.02. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: AIRCRAFT. (a) The amount of \$52,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Transportation for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purchase of three new aircraft.

(b) The proceeds from the sale during the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act of the aircraft to be replaced and real property owned by the Department of Transportation is appropriated to the department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purchase of the three new aircraft described by Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section is reduced by the amount of the proceeds from the sale of aircraft and real property appropriated by Subsection (b) of this section.

(d) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of Transportation may use \$52,000,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriations made by Subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

SECTION 7.03. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: AVIATION SERVICES. (a) The amount of \$106,800,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Transportation for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for use in a manner consistent with Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, as listed in Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act).

(b) Of the amount appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section, the Department of Transportation shall use \$40,000,000 for upgrades and improvements at Lubbock Reese Redevelopment Authority.

SECTION 7.04. TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION: UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND. The amount of \$68,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Workforce Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be deposited to the credit of the unemployment compensation fund under Section 203.021, Labor Code.

SECTION 7.05. TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION: VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION. (a) The amount of \$30,793,540 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Workforce Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for vocational rehabilitation and sustaining the state's required maintenance of effort under federal law.

(b) It is the intent of the legislature that the money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section be used by the Texas Workforce Commission to draw down federal matching funds and sustain the state's required maintenance of effort under federal law. Not later than August 31, 2027, the commission shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board a report showing the disposition of the money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section and the amount of federal matching funds that were drawn down with that money.

SECTION 7.06. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: STATE HIGHWAY 99 ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. The amount of \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Transportation for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used consistent with Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, as listed in **SB 1**, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 (the General Appropriations Act), for access road improvements on State Highway 99 between Interstate Highway 10 and Westpark Tollway in Fort Bend County.

SECTION 7.07. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: TEXARKANA REGIONAL AIRPORT. The amount of \$22,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Transportation for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used consistent with Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, as listed in **SB 1**, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 (the General Appropriations Act), for a runway expansion and improvements at the Texarkana Regional Airport.



SECTION 7.08. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: AIRCRAFT HANGAR. The amount of \$15,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Transportation for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for construction of an aircraft hangar.

#### ARTICLE 8. REGULATORY

##### SECTION 8.01. FUNERAL SERVICES COMMISSION: OFFICE SPACE.

(a) The amount of \$750,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Funeral Services Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for additional office space.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Funeral Services Commission may use \$750,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The Funeral Services Commission may not increase fees or taxes during the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, through the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2027, to offset the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 8.02. BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS: HEADQUARTERS RELOCATION. (a) The amount of \$675,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Board of Plumbing Examiners for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used only to support an agency headquarters relocation to a new facility. This appropriation may not be transferred to another purpose.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the board during that period, the Board of Plumbing Examiners may use \$675,000 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The Board of Plumbing Examiners may not increase fees or taxes during the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, through the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2027, to offset the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 8.03. TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION: INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT FOR TRANSITION. (a) Contingent on the enactment of **SB 3070** or similar legislation of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to the abolishment of the Texas Lottery Commission and the transfer of the administration of the state lottery and the licensing and regulation of charitable bingo to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, the Department of Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Lottery Commission shall enter into interagency contracts or agreements as needed to implement the transition of responsibilities, personnel, records, property, and functions from the Texas Lottery Commission to the Department of Licensing and Regulation.

(b) The interagency contracts or agreements required under Subsection (a) of this section must provide for:

- (1) the transfer or loan of personnel;
- (2) the coordination of regulatory and administrative functions;

- (3) information technology and systems integration;
- (4) financial accounting and records reconciliation;
- (5) continuation of services to licensees and the public; and
- (6) any other operational support necessary to ensure a seamless transition.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning 90 days after the effective date of this Act, the Department of Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Lottery Commission shall jointly submit quarterly written reports to the Legislative Budget Board detailing the status of the transition. In addition to any information requested by the Legislative Budget Board, each report must include:

- (1) a summary of key milestones achieved;
- (2) a description of unresolved transition issues;
- (3) anticipated costs and savings associated with the transfer;
- (4) any staffing or administrative changes made or planned; and
- (5) any legislative or regulatory actions required to facilitate the transition.

(d) The authority and requirements under this section are in addition to any authority or direction provided by **SB 3070** or similar legislation of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to the abolishment of the Texas Lottery Commission and the transfer of the administration of the state lottery and the licensing and regulation of charitable bingo to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, or other applicable law.

**SECTION 8.04. DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION: ADDITIONAL OPERATING FUNDS.** (a) Contingent on the enactment of **SB 3070** or similar legislation by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to the abolishment of the Texas Lottery Commission and the transfer of the administration of the state lottery and the licensing and regulation of charitable bingo to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, the amount of \$2,500,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Licensing and Regulation for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for the department's operations.

(b) It is the intent of the legislature that the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section is not subject to Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections, page VIII-57, Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections, page VIII-57, **SB 1**, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 (the General Appropriations Act), or any similar provisions of those Acts requiring that fees, fines, miscellaneous revenues, and available fund balances as authorized and generated by agencies cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made to those agencies by the General Appropriations Act and other legislation.

**SECTION 8.05. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: TEXAS ADVANCED NUCLEAR ENERGY OFFICE GRANTS AND COSTS FOR STAFF SUPPORT.** (a) Contingent on the enactment of **HB 14** or similar legislation by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to support for the development of the nuclear energy

industry, the comptroller of public accounts shall transfer the amount of \$350,000,000 from the general revenue fund to the Texas advanced nuclear development fund.

(b) The amount of \$350,000,000 is appropriated from the Texas advanced nuclear development fund to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for use consistent with Section 483.201(b), Government Code, as proposed by the legislation described by Subsection (a) of this section.

#### ARTICLE 9. UNEXPENDED AND UNOBLIGATED BALANCES

SECTION 9.01. TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION: FLEX-SPACE BUILDING PROJECT. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 8.04, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the economic stabilization fund to the Texas Facilities Commission for the purchase of land and the construction of a flexible space multi-purpose building for use as short-term storage or temporary office space (estimated to be \$26,463,141) are appropriated to the commission for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Texas Facilities Commission may use the amount of the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

SECTION 9.02. TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION & SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF: MASTER PLAN PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 4.06, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the School for the Deaf and transferred to the Texas Facilities Commission pursuant to Section 30.052(h-1), Education Code, and Section 2165.007, Government Code, to be used as described by the commission's campus master plan for the school (estimated to be \$4,954,159), are appropriated to the commission for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Texas Facilities Commission may use an amount equal to the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

SECTION 9.03. HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD: CHILD MENTAL HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM. All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), to the Higher Education

Coordinating Board for Strategy D.1.7, Child Mental Health Care Consortium, as listed in that Act (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated to the board for the same purposes for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9.04. FIFTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS: HEARING ROOM.

(a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 10, Contingency for **SB 1045**, page IV-41, Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), to the Fifteenth Court of Appeals (estimated to be \$275,846) are appropriated to the court of appeals for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used to construct a hearing room in a building located in Austin, Texas.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the court of appeals during that period, the Fifteenth Court of Appeals may use an amount equal to the amount appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

SECTION 9.05. OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL: BUSINESS COURT ADMINISTRATION. All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 18.06, Contingency for **HB 19** or **SB 27**, page IX-123, Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), (estimated to be \$1,175,482) to the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council are appropriated to the office to be used for administration of the business courts during the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9.06. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY: SPECIAL THREAT TRAINING FACILITY. All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Rider 54, page V-60, Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Department of Public Safety to be used for the ongoing use and operation of the Special Threat Training Facility in Montgomery County (estimated to be \$20,000,000), not to exceed \$20,000,000, are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9.07. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY: KATY DRIVER'S LICENSE OFFICE. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Department of Public Safety for Strategy D.1.1, Driver License Services, as listed in that Act, to be used for the driver's license office in Katy, Texas (estimated to be \$7,000,000) are appropriated to the department for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of Public Safety may use the amount of the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

SECTION 9.08. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY: LICENSING PLATFORM. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), to the Department of Public Safety for Strategy C.2.1, Regulatory Services, as listed in that Act, for an information technology capital item, license to carry and agency licensing platform (estimated to be \$22,500,000) are appropriated to the department for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of Public Safety may use the amount of the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

SECTION 9.09. GENERAL LAND OFFICE: ALAMO. All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the General Land Office for Strategy A.3.1, Preserve & Maintain Alamo Complex, as listed in that Act, and Rider 15, page VI-32, for the purposes authorized by Subchapter I, Chapter 31, Natural Resources Code (estimated to be \$4,000,000), are appropriated to the office for the same purposes for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9.10. GENERAL LAND OFFICE: TEXAS STATE VETERANS CEMETERY. All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), to the General Land Office for state veterans' cemeteries as described by Rider 25, page VI-35, of that Act (estimated to be \$350,000) are appropriated to the office for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of working collaboratively with the Department of Transportation to construct a deceleration lane on Farm to Market Road 835 at the West Texas Veterans Cemetery in Lubbock, Texas.

SECTION 9.11. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: NEW CAPACITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND INPATIENT FACILITIES. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 3.02, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission for purposes specified in that section relating to new

capacity for mental health services and inpatient facilities (estimated to be \$2,112,200,000) are appropriated to the commission for the same purposes for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Health and Human Services Commission may use the amount of the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

SECTION 9.12. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 8.36, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission for the purchase of motor vehicles (estimated to be \$2,350,000) are appropriated to the commission for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 9.02(5), Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission for the purpose of purchasing motor vehicles for the agency's use as authorized by general law (estimated to be \$7,850,000) are appropriated to the commission for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(c) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Health and Human Services Commission may use the amount of the appropriations made by Subsections (a) and (b) of this section in capital budget authority for those appropriations.

SECTION 9.13. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: BUILDING. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 8.24, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from master lease purchase revenue bonds to the Health and Human Services Commission to address deferred maintenance needs at state supported living centers and state hospitals as described by Section 10, Chapter 995 (**HB 2**), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act) (estimated to be \$400,000), are appropriated to the commission for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Health and Human Services Commission may use the amount of the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

SECTION 9.14. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: CONSTRUCTION OF STATE HOSPITALS. All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 8.25, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the economic stabilization fund to the Health and Human Services Commission for projects that have been approved under the provisions of Rider 221, page II-110, Chapter 605 (**SB 1**), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (the General Appropriations Act), to the bill pattern of the appropriations to the commission and appropriated again by Chapter 1353 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (the General Appropriations Act) (estimated to be \$12,200,000), are appropriated to the commission for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9.15. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION AND PROCUREMENT AND TRANSITION PHASE 1. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 8.27, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund and federal funds to the Health and Human Services Commission for phase 1 of the management information systems modernization and procurement and transition (estimated to be an aggregate of \$142,672,493, of which \$20,831,840 is estimated to be from the general revenue fund and \$121,840,653 is estimated to be from federal funds) are appropriated to the commission for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Health and Human Services Commission may use the amount of the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

SECTION 9.16. TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY: SCHOOL SAFETY. All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 4.02, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Texas Education Agency to award grants to assist school districts in implementing school safety initiatives (estimated to be \$335,000) are appropriated to the agency for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9.17. TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY: LIBRARY REGULATION. All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 4.35, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Texas Education

Agency for the regulation of library materials sold to or included in public school libraries (estimated to be \$2,000,000) are appropriated to the agency for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9.18. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN: SALT REACTOR. All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to The University of Texas at Austin for Strategy C.2.7, Digital Molten Salt Reactor, as listed in that Act, for the purchase of equipment for a molten salt reactor (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the university for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9.19. LAMAR UNIVERSITY: DISASTER MITIGATION AND RENOVATIONS. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 4.14, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to Lamar University for the purpose of mitigating storm damage and making renovations at the university (estimated to be \$3,000,000) are appropriated to the university for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purpose described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required by Section 17(j), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 9.20. TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE: EDUCATION, RESPONSE, RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION. All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 4.31, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service for education, response, recruitment, and retention (estimated to be \$1,500,000) are appropriated to the extension service for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9.21. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM: ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 4.34, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Texas A&M University System for quantum and artificial intelligence chip fabrication and the Center for Microdevices and Systems (estimated to be \$167,000,000) are appropriated to the university system for the same purposes for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.



(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 18(i), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 9.22. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO: COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 4.36, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso to support the development of a comprehensive oncology center partnership (estimated to be \$51,000,000) are appropriated to the health science center for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purpose described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 17(j), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 9.23. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON: MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 8.51, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to Texas A&M University at Galveston for dock and other infrastructure improvements needed to accept new and larger vessels from the United States Department of Transportation and the United States Maritime Administration (MARAD) (estimated to be \$43,000,000) are appropriated to the university for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purpose described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required by Section 18(i), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 9.24. TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: STATE OPERATIONS CENTER. All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 8.53, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the coronavirus relief fund number 325 to the Texas Division of Emergency Management for the purpose of the acquisition of land

for, and construction of, a state operations center (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the division for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9.25. PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT: PARK ACQUISITION. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 6.03, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Parks and Wildlife Department to acquire real property for use as state parks (estimated to be \$125,000,000) are appropriated to the department for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Parks and Wildlife Department may use the amount of the appropriation made under Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

SECTION 9.26. RAILROAD COMMISSION: MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 9.02(19), Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund, the oil and gas regulation and cleanup account number 5155, and federal funds to the Railroad Commission for the purpose of purchasing motor vehicles for the commission's use as authorized by general law (estimated to be an aggregate of \$7,319,038, of which \$4,747,416 is estimated to be from the general revenue fund, \$1,482,922 is estimated to be from the oil and gas regulation and cleanup account number 5155, and \$1,088,700 is estimated to be from federal funds) are appropriated to the commission for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Railroad Commission may use the amount of the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

SECTION 9.27. WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD: MATCHING FUNDS FOR FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM. (a) All unexpended balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 74, Chapter 465 (**SB 500**), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the Texas infrastructure resiliency fund to the Water Development Board for the purpose of providing matching funds for projects sponsored by municipalities and counties in this state and approved for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (estimated to be \$219,516,698) are appropriated to the board for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) Contingent on the failure by a claimant to present a claim to the comptroller of public accounts for payment in a timely manner as required by Section 403.071(b)(1), Government Code, and the related expiration of a part of the appropriation originally made by Section 74, Chapter 465 (**SB 500**), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), an amount equal to the claims expiring because of the failure to be timely presented to the comptroller for payment (estimated to be \$0) is appropriated for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act from the Texas infrastructure resiliency fund to the Water Development Board for the purpose of providing matching funds for projects sponsored by municipalities and counties in this state and approved for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SECTION 9.28. WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD: MATCHING FUNDS FOR FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM. (a) All unexpended balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 75, Chapter 465 (**SB 500**), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the Texas infrastructure resiliency fund to the Water Development Board for the purpose of providing matching funds for projects sponsored by municipalities and counties in this state and approved for the Public Assistance grant program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (estimated to be \$263,978,241) are appropriated to the board for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) Contingent on the failure by a claimant to present a claim to the comptroller of public accounts for payment in a timely manner as required by Section 403.071(b)(1), Government Code, and the related expiration of a part of the appropriation originally made by Section 75, Chapter 465 (**SB 500**), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), an amount equal to the claims expiring because of the failure to be timely presented to the comptroller for payment (estimated to be \$0) is appropriated for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act from the Texas infrastructure resiliency fund to the Water Development Board for the purpose of providing matching funds for projects sponsored by municipalities and counties in this state and approved for the Public Assistance grant program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SECTION 9.29. STATE PRESERVATION BOARD: SENATE FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 2.34, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the State Preservation Board for the purpose of making improvements to senate facilities (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the board for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act. The board may spend money appropriated under this subsection only with the prior approval of the lieutenant governor.

(b) For purposes of the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section, the State Preservation Board is exempt from the competitive bidding process under Section 2269.101, Government Code.

SECTION 9.30. STATE PRESERVATION BOARD: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 2.35, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the State Preservation Board for the purpose of making improvements to house of representatives facilities (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the board for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act. The board may spend money appropriated under this subsection only with prior approval of the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) For purposes of the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section, the State Preservation Board is exempt from the competitive bidding process under Section 2269.101, Government Code.

SECTION 9.31. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: CORRECTIONS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM PROJECT. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 8.80, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the economic stabilization fund to the Department of Criminal Justice to be used for corrections information technology system projects as provided under Strategy G.1.4, Information Resources, as listed in Chapter 605 (**SB 1**), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (the General Appropriations Act) (estimated to be \$8,000,000), are appropriated to the department for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the department during that period, the Department of Criminal Justice may use the amount of the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

SECTION 9.32. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN: TEXAS INSTITUTE OF ELECTRONICS. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 4.33, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to The University of Texas at Austin for research on forward-looking technologies, the operation and establishment of a research and development fabrication facility, a fabrication facility with security clearance requirements to support the defense electronics sector, and a leading edge shared fabrication facility to support United States technological and economic advantages and fabricate small run productions for breakthroughs in advanced packaging (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the university for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) The legislature finds that there is demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purpose described in Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 18(i), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 9.33. TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION: HOBBY BUILDING AND CAPITOL COMPLEX - PHASE II. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Rider 19, Page I-50, Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), to the bill pattern of the appropriations of the Texas Facilities Commission from the proceeds from the sale of the William P. Hobby, Jr. State Office Building in Travis County to the commission for the sole purpose of funding the Capitol Complex - Phase 2 construction project as identified in that Act (estimated to be \$53,299,326) are appropriated to the commission for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) Money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section must:

(1) be spent on the Capitol Complex - Phase 2 construction project before any other money lawfully available for that project may be spent; and

(2) be fully spent not later than the second anniversary of the date of the close of the sale of the William P. Hobby, Jr. State Office Building.

(c) The appropriations made by Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to the Texas Facilities Commission for Capitol Complex - Phase 2 construction are reduced by \$53,299,326, an amount equal to the proceeds from the sale of the William P. Hobby, Jr. State Office Building in Travis County.

(d) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the commission during that period, the Texas Facilities Commission may use \$53,299,326 in capital budget authority for the appropriation made by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 9.34. OBLIGATED BUT UNEXPENDED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS. All obligated but unexpended balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), or Chapter 10 (**SB 8**), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Third Called Session, 2021 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the coronavirus relief fund number 325 to a state agency are appropriated to that same agency for the purpose for which the money was obligated for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 9.35. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT TYLER: INPATIENT FACILITY. (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the effective date of this Act from appropriations made by Section 4.37, Chapter 458 (**SB 30**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), from the general revenue fund to The University of Texas at Tyler to renovate a facility to add an additional 44 forensic and civil complex medical needs inpatient beds (estimated to be \$7,000,000) are appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler for the same purpose for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purpose described by Subsection (a) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 18(i), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

#### ARTICLE 10. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 10.01. BOND REVIEW BOARD: DATABASE MODERNIZATION. The amount of \$480,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Bond Review Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of modernizing the board's state and local debt database.

SECTION 10.02. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION AND COST INCREASES. The amount of \$8,959,546 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the comptroller of public accounts for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of funding critical information technology projects, including projects related to capacity and growth, network and voice transformation, and security improvements.

SECTION 10.03. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION. The amount of \$8,666,041 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the comptroller of public accounts for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of continuing the State of Texas Accounting and Reporting Resource (STARR) project from the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, to replace the Uniform Statewide Accounting System (USAS) and Texas Identification Number System (TINS).

SECTION 10.04. TEXAS EMERGENCY SERVICES RETIREMENT SYSTEM: DATA SECURITY ENHANCEMENT AND TEXAS RISK AND AUTHORIZATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (TX-RAMP) COMPLIANCE. The amount of \$947,800 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of migrating servers to the Texas Data Center Services program and funding and staff for software procurement, licensing, configuration, disaster recovery exercises, and ongoing maintenance on current systems.

SECTION 10.05. TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION: BUILDING CONTROL NETWORK BANDWIDTH NEEDS - PHASE 1. The amount of \$6,490,856 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Facilities Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for funding and staff to upgrade connectivity at the agency's main data center at the William B. Travis building and other locations and to increase bandwidth at the Barbara Jordan building.

SECTION 10.06. SECRETARY OF STATE: THREAT INTELLIGENCE. The amount of \$568,726 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the secretary of state for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for threat intelligence information technology needs.

SECTION 10.07. SECRETARY OF STATE: WEBSITE REDESIGN. The amount of \$5,240,352 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the secretary of state for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of redesigning the agency's website to reflect modern web programming.

SECTION 10.08. SECRETARY OF STATE: DASHBOARD APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT BACKLOG AND ENHANCEMENTS. The amount of \$5,673,660 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the secretary of state for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of creating an internal agency dashboard to track key performance indicators and provide data visualizations.

SECTION 10.09. SECRETARY OF STATE: RISK AND PRIVACY PROGRAM. The amount of \$175,281 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the secretary of state for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of professional services to implement a risk and privacy program, including development of policies, procedures, and training for staff.

SECTION 10.10. DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES: CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION. The amount of \$24,167,271 is appropriated from the general revenue fund and the amount of \$30,367,274 is appropriated from federal funds to the Department of Family and Protective Services for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of developing a new case management system that includes data exchange with external state agencies and modernization of the contracts and grants management system.

SECTION 10.11. DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES: IMPLEMENTATION OF BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM. The amount of \$12,462,734 is appropriated from the general revenue fund and the amount of \$814,864 is appropriated from federal funds to the Department of Family and Protective Services for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of providing resources to implement the Search Engine for Multi-Agency Reportable Conduct (SEMARC).

SECTION 10.12. TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION. The amount of \$980,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Historical

Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for an information technology project to update legacy systems, enhance operations at state historic sites, and improve retail operations.

**SECTION 10.13. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES: CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF CYBERSECURITY SERVICES.** The amount of \$48,243,334 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Information Resources for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of expanding delivery of cybersecurity services, including endpoint detection and response, network detection and response, an external attack surface management tool, and hard token security keys.

**SECTION 10.14. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICE MANAGEMENT TOOLS.** The amount of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from telecommunications revolving account number 8123 (appropriated receipts) to the Department of Information Resources for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of implementing additional information technology service management system (ITSM) capabilities across the department and replacing existing legacy systems.

**SECTION 10.15. PENSION REVIEW BOARD: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES.** The amount of \$700,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Pension Review Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of enhancements to the board's three main information technology systems and replacement of information technology equipment.

**SECTION 10.16. STATE OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT: RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM.** The amount of \$1,194,904 is appropriated from interagency contract receipts to the State Office of Risk Management for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of integrating additional functionality onto the cloud-based Risk Management Information System (RMIS), including enterprise risk management, insurance purchasing, continuity of operations, and current and future operational systems.

**SECTION 10.17. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES: ADVANCING CYBERSECURITY PROTECTIONS AND TECHNOLOGIES.** The amount of \$8,436,864 is appropriated from the general revenue fund and the amount of \$563,136 is appropriated from federal funds to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of providing staff to address current cybersecurity threats and preparing the department to mitigate future risks.

**SECTION 10.18. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES: SEAT MANAGEMENT.** The amount of \$2,545,287 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of State Health Services for the two-year



period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of maintaining devices, including warranty, lease, and software costs for approximately 3,500 desktops, laptops, and tablets used in the department's business activities.

**SECTION 10.19. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES: IMPROVING TIMELINESS AND QUALITY OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH DATA.** The amount of \$5,635,520 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of State Health Services for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of information technology to link existing maternal child health data systems and the State Health Analytics Reporting Platform (SHARP).

**SECTION 10.20. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: INCREASED LICENSE COSTS FOR MEDICAID AND CHIP FORECASTING AND RATE SETTING.** The amount of \$744,364 is appropriated from the general revenue fund and the amount of \$755,636 is appropriated from federal funds to the Health and Human Services Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of supporting increased license costs for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program forecasting and rate setting.

**SECTION 10.21. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 LICENSE UPGRADE.** The amount of \$43,002 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Health and Human Services Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of replacing the Texas Civil Commitment Office's Microsoft Office 2016 with Microsoft Office 365.

**SECTION 10.22. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: SYSTEM OF CONTRACT OPERATION AND REPORTING (SCOR) ENHANCEMENTS.** The amount of \$6,292,741 is appropriated from the general revenue fund and the amount of \$1,898,777 is appropriated from federal funds to the Health and Human Services Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of System of Contract Operation and Reporting (SCOR) enhancements.

**SECTION 10.23. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL STAFF RESOURCES AND ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY SOFTWARE.** (a) The amount of \$1,318,691 is appropriated from the general revenue fund and the amount of \$763,288 is appropriated from federal funds to the Health and Human Services Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of staff resources and electronic discovery software for the commission's office of inspector general.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees other law authorizes the commission to employ during that period, the Health and Human Services Commission may employ 5.2 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees out of money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 10.24. TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY: COMPLAINTS AND MISCONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS TECHNOLOGY NEEDS. The amount of \$1,468,911 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Education Agency for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of providing funding and staff for a new automated case management system for investigations.

SECTION 10.25. TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY: WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY NEEDS. The amount of \$1,600,000 is appropriated from the foundation school account number 0193 to the Texas Education Agency for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of improving classroom bandwidth connectivity at the Windham School District.

SECTION 10.26. TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED: TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION RESOURCES UPGRADE. The amount of \$1,351,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of upgrading technology and information resources.

SECTION 10.27. SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CYBERSECURITY INITIATIVES. The amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the School for the Deaf for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of information technology and cybersecurity initiatives.

SECTION 10.28. OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL: TEXAS APPELLATE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPLACEMENT. The amount of \$11,942,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of creating a new appellate case management system.

SECTION 10.29. OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL: SPECIALTY COURT CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. The amount of \$3,943,685 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of providing a new specialty court case management system and staff to standardize data collection practices and court reporting for specialty courts.

SECTION 10.30. STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT: NEW CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. The amount of \$72,320 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of procuring a new case management system.

SECTION 10.31. JUDICIARY SECTION, COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT: NEW CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - TECHSHARE. The amount of \$188,454 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the

Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of providing a new case management system.

SECTION 10.32. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: INTEGRATION SOLUTIONS FOR CENTRALIZED ACCOUNTING PAYROLL/PERSONNEL SYSTEM (CAPPS). The amount of \$19,489,260 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of purchasing integration solutions for the Centralized Accounting Payroll/Personnel System to maintain functionality for current business practices, including human resources and accounting.

SECTION 10.33. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL CRIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. The amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of replacing the department's Office of the Inspector General Crime Management System.

SECTION 10.34. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT. The amount of \$29,077,480 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of replacing video surveillance equipment.

SECTION 10.35. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE. The amount of \$21,993,600 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of replacing outdated telephone systems.

SECTION 10.36. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION. The amount of \$29,265,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of expanding broadband access to all department facilities.

SECTION 10.37. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE. The amount of \$562,640 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of purchasing an automated call distribution system to modernize the Board of Pardons and Paroles' telephone system.

SECTION 10.38. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: CORRECTIONS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM (CITS) 2.0. The amount of \$58,300,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of purchasing an inmate management system for incarceration and parole supervision.

SECTION 10.39. DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES COMPUTER PURCHASE. The amount of \$294,176 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Criminal Justice for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of replacing approximately 350 desktop and laptop computers at the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

SECTION 10.40. TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION: INTEGRATION AND SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS FOR QUALITY SERVICE. The amount of \$3,059,176 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of obtaining necessary information technology tools to implement software solutions and providing user support and staff related to this purpose.

SECTION 10.41. COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT UPGRADES. The amount of \$160,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Commission on Fire Protection for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of information technology equipment upgrades.

SECTION 10.42. COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS: LEGACY MODERNIZATION. The amount of \$87,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Commission on Jail Standards for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of replacing laptops and other hardware and providing software updates.

SECTION 10.43. COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS: CLOUD MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY. The amount of \$38,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Commission on Jail Standards for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of ongoing cloud maintenance to keep data secure.

SECTION 10.44. JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: APPLICATION MODERNIZATION. The amount of \$4,500,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Juvenile Justice Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of modernizing seven applications.

SECTION 10.45. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY: DRIVER LICENSE SERVICES TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS. The amount of \$13,858,646 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Public Safety for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of driver license services technology improvements.

SECTION 10.46. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY: DRIVER LICENSE CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS. The amount of \$5,000,511 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Public Safety for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for software to add customer self-help features and automation.

SECTION 10.47. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICE TRACKING SYSTEM. The amount of \$800,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Public Safety for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of implementing an accounts payable invoice tracking system.

SECTION 10.48. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY: DISASTER RECOVERY AND TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION. The amount of \$96,999,688 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Public Safety for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of implementing disaster recovery strategies through off-site and cloud-based platforms and modernizing over 40 end-of-life applications.

SECTION 10.49. JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL CRIMES DATABASE ENHANCEMENTS. The amount of \$30,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Juvenile Justice Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of making enhancements to the department's Office of the Inspector General's CRIMES database.

SECTION 10.50. JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INTERVIEW ROOMS. The amount of \$100,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Juvenile Justice Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of establishing audio and visual interview rooms at each department facility.

SECTION 10.51. JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL BODY-WORN CAMERAS. The amount of \$200,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Juvenile Justice Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of procuring body-worn cameras for the department's Office of the Inspector General.

SECTION 10.52. JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: COMPUTER REFRESH. The amount of \$1,600,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Juvenile Justice Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of replacing computer equipment older than five years.

SECTION 10.53. COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: CYBERSECURITY. The amount of \$1,662,839 is appropriated from the clean air account number 0151, the amount of \$1,413,290 is appropriated from the water resource management account number 0153, the amount of \$1,059,962 is appropriated from the waste management account number 0549, the amount of \$1,059,962 is appropriated from the hazardous and solid waste remediation fees account number 0550, the amount of \$1,059,961 is appropriated from the petroleum storage tank remediation account number 0655, and the amount of \$1,238,865 is appropriated from the operating permit fees account number 5094 to the Commission on Environmental Quality for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of implementing cybersecurity practices.

SECTION 10.54. RAILROAD COMMISSION: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) CLOUD UPGRADE. The amount of \$2,142,778 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Railroad Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of migrating the current geographic information system (GIS) from its current platform to a cloud-based platform.

SECTION 10.55. RAILROAD COMMISSION: PRODUCED WATER AND INJECTION DATA REPORTING SYSTEM. The amount of \$7,685,824 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Railroad Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of developing a produced water and injection data reporting system.

SECTION 10.56. RAILROAD COMMISSION: OIL AND GAS AUTHORIZED PIT REGISTRATION SYSTEM. The amount of \$2,748,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Railroad Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of developing a new oil and gas authorized pit registration system.

SECTION 10.57. RAILROAD COMMISSION: OVERSIGHT AND SAFETY REGULATORY FILING AND PERMITTING SYSTEMS. The amount of \$6,288,068 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Railroad Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of modernizing the current alternative fuels online system and developing a new gas utilities' audit and market oversight online system.

SECTION 10.58. RAILROAD COMMISSION: DATA CENTER SERVICES ADJUSTMENT. The amount of \$7,728,398 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Railroad Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of addressing a forecasted increase in data center services.

SECTION 10.59. WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RISK MITIGATION. The amount of \$2,676,054 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Water Development Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of supporting mitigation of information technology risks by assisting with Microsoft server migrations, modernizing applications, and improving data security and practices.

SECTION 10.60. TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION OR SUCCESSOR: INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES TO BINGO OPERATION SERVICE SYSTEM AND BINGO SERVICE PORTAL. The amount of \$1,260,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund and the amount of \$329,344 is appropriated from the lottery account number 5025 to the Texas Lottery Commission or its successor in function for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of upgrading the Bingo Operation Service System (BOSS) and the Bingo Service Portal and for staff needed for post-launch support and ongoing maintenance.

SECTION 10.61. DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES: REGISTRATION AND TITLE SYSTEM (RTS) TRANSITION. The amount of \$125,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of implementing the second phase of the legacy Registration and Titling System (RTS) replacement project.

SECTION 10.62. TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FRAUD DETECTION AND DETERRENCE. The amount of \$3,264,540 is appropriated from the unemployment compensation special administration account number 0165 to the Texas Workforce Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of implementing an unemployment insurance fraud detection and deterrence system.

SECTION 10.63. TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CYBERSECURITY. The amount of \$3,162,408 is appropriated from the unemployment compensation special administration account number 0165 to the Texas Workforce Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of implementing items identified in the Texas Cybersecurity Framework Assessment to improve the agency's cybersecurity.

SECTION 10.64. TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STATE INFORMATION DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM. The amount of \$2,613,576 is appropriated from the unemployment compensation special administration account number 0165 to the Texas Workforce Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of implementing unemployment insurance State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES) modules.

SECTION 10.65. TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION: NETWORK MODERNIZATION. The amount of \$76,212 is appropriated from the general revenue fund, the amount of \$1,452,262 is appropriated from the unemployment compensation special administration account number 0165, and the amount of \$2,705,526 is appropriated from federal funds to the Texas Workforce Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of addressing network deficiencies.

SECTION 10.66. STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS: CYBERSECURITY. The amount of \$320,645 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of the Act for the purpose of providing funding for a full-time information security officer to improve the agency's cybersecurity program.

SECTION 10.67. OFFICE OF INJURED EMPLOYEE COUNSEL: CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. The amount of \$731,598 is appropriated from the Texas Department of Insurance operating account number 0036 to the Office of Injured Employee Counsel for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of providing staff for information technology modernization of the COMPASS case management system.

SECTION 10.68. DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE: CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. The amount of \$1,097,040 is appropriated from the Texas Department of Insurance operating account number 0036 to the Department of Insurance for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of providing staff to replace the COMPASS claims management system.

SECTION 10.69. DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE: SOFTWARE MODERNIZATION. The amount of \$2,450,000 is appropriated from the Texas Department of Insurance operating account number 0036 to the Department of Insurance for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of providing new and ongoing software products associated with network adequacy, data management, data collection, learning management, and analytics.

SECTION 10.70. BOARD OF PHARMACY: DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES COST INCREASES. The amount of \$13,136 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Board of Pharmacy for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of addressing a Department of Information Resources cost increase for cloud services.

SECTION 10.71. PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS: CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. The amount of \$3,951,400 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of developing a case management system to streamline and improve contested case processes and improve case processing data collection and tools.

SECTION 10.72. COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: CYBERSECURITY MODERNIZATION. The amount of \$418,026 is appropriated from the clean air account number 0151, the amount of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the water resource management account number 0153, and the amount of \$8,500,000 is appropriated from the operating permit fees account number 5094 to the Commission on Environmental Quality for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of modernizing two legacy applications to become web-based applications.

SECTION 10.73. COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: PERSONAL COMPUTER (PC) REPLACEMENT. The amount of \$60,289 is appropriated from the clean air account number 0151, the amount of \$60,289 is appropriated from the water resource management account number 0153, the amount of \$45,216 is appropriated from the waste management account number 0549, the amount of \$45,215 is appropriated from the hazardous and solid waste remediation fees account number 0550, the amount of \$45,215 is appropriated from the petroleum storage tank remediation account number 0655, and the amount of \$45,215 is appropriated from the operating permit fees account number 5094 to the Commission on Environmental Quality for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of replacing personal computers reaching the end of their life cycle.



SECTION 10.74. COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: DATA CENTER SERVICES. The amount of \$4,874,458 is appropriated from the clean air account number 0151, the amount of \$4,874,460 is appropriated from the water resource management account number 0153, the amount of \$3,655,846 is appropriated from the waste management account number 0549, the amount of \$3,655,844 is appropriated from the hazardous and solid waste remediation fees account number 0550, the amount of \$3,655,844 is appropriated from the petroleum storage tank remediation account number 0655, and the amount of \$3,655,844 is appropriated from the operating permit fees account number 5094 to the Commission on Environmental Quality for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of addressing forecasted increases in data center services costs.

SECTION 10.75. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: WEBSITE REWRITE. The amount of \$900,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Agriculture for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of updating the department's website.

SECTION 10.76. PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT: EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF DEPARTMENT NETWORK. The amount of \$1,250,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Parks and Wildlife Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of improving core infrastructure to support connectivity upgrades at sites throughout the state.

SECTION 10.77. WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD: DATA CENTER SERVICES. The amount of \$2,744,229 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Water Development Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of maintaining current obligations for data center services based on revised estimates provided by the Department of Information Resources.

SECTION 10.78. BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS: IMPROVING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. The amount of \$167,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Board of Plumbing Examiners for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of enhancing and improving the license database (VERSA) and improving electronic communication capabilities with licensees, registrants, and the public.

SECTION 10.79. BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS: INCREASE INTERNET BANDWIDTH. The amount of \$36,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of increasing the board's Internet bandwidth.

SECTION 10.80. DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION: CYBERSECURITY PROJECTS. The amount of \$1,438,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Licensing and Regulation for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of modernizing the department's cybersecurity system alongside several new cybersecurity projects.

SECTION 10.81. DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION: NEW HELP DESK SYSTEM. The amount of \$150,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Licensing and Regulation for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of replacing the department's help desk system.

SECTION 10.82. BOARD OF PHARMACY: ADOBE SOFTWARE LICENSES. The amount of \$53,340 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Board of Pharmacy for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of purchasing Adobe software licenses.

SECTION 10.83. BOARD OF PHARMACY: TABLEAU SOFTWARE LICENSE SUBSCRIPTIONS. The amount of \$24,990 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Board of Pharmacy for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of purchasing Tableau software license subscriptions.

SECTION 10.84. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES AND MAINTENANCE. The amount of \$67,645 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to maintain use of the Parchment transcript management program, incorporate DocuSign signature software upgrade, lease copiers, and implement new call center phone software.

SECTION 10.85. TEXAS FUNERAL COMMISSION: AGENCY AUTOMATION. The amount of \$330,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Funeral Commission for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of operations through automation to efficiently serve licensees and the public.

SECTION 10.86. STATE SECURITIES BOARD: MAINTAIN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE LICENSES. The amount of \$168,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the State Securities Board for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of maintaining licenses for two software applications that the agency is currently piloting to more effectively investigate fraudulent digital asset schemes.

SECTION 10.87. BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS: NEW DATABASE EXPANSION. The amount of \$500,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of expanding the licensing database to include enforcement, inspection, and legal capabilities.

SECTION 10.88. JUDICIARY SECTION, COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT: NEW CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - AXON. The amount of \$170,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department, for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of creating a new discovery management system.

SECTION 10.89. CAPITAL BUDGET AUTHORITY. During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the state agencies appropriated money under this article during that period, those agencies may use the total amount of the appropriations made to the agency under this article in capital budget authority for those appropriations.

#### ARTICLE 11. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 11.01. MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES. (a) The following amounts are appropriated from the specified sources to the following agencies for use during the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of purchasing motor vehicles for the agency's use as authorized by general law:

(1) Department of State Health Services: \$2,465,539 from the general revenue fund, which includes \$1,500,000 for the purchase of boats as provided by Subsection (c) of this section;

(2) Health and Human Services Commission: a total of \$7,910,164 from the general revenue fund allocated as follows:

(A) the Texas Civil Commitment Office: \$60,164; and

(B) the Health and Human Services Commission: \$7,850,000;

(3) School for the Blind and Visually Impaired: \$690,000 from the general revenue fund;

(4) School for the Deaf: \$510,000 from the general revenue fund;

(5) Texas A&M Forest Service: \$2,056,918 from the general revenue fund;

(6) Texas Division of Emergency Management: \$7,800,000 from the general revenue fund;

(7) Department of Criminal Justice: \$43,587,907 from the general revenue fund;

(8) Juvenile Justice Department: a total of \$6,364,265 from the general revenue fund allocated as follows:

(A) Office of the Independent Ombudsman: \$140,765;

(B) Office of the Inspector General: \$550,000; and

(C) Juvenile Justice Department: \$5,673,500;

(9) Department of Public Safety: \$146,884,563 from the general revenue fund;

(10) Department of Agriculture: \$1,500,000 from the general revenue fund;

(11) Animal Health Commission: \$1,290,000 from the general revenue fund;

(12) Commission on Environmental Quality: a total of \$1,119,775 from:

(A) the clean air account number 0151: \$189,841;

(B) the water resource management account number 0153: \$337,127;

(C) the waste management account number 0549: \$336,125;

(D) the hazardous and solid waste remediation fees account number 0550: \$41,000;

(E) the petroleum storage tank remediation account number 0655: \$107,841; and

(F) the operating permit fees account number 5094: \$107,841;

(13) General Land Office: a total of \$1,000,000, which includes \$850,000 for the purchase of boats as provided by Subsection (e) of this section, from the following sources:

(A) the general revenue fund, for the purchase of boats as provided by Subsection (e) of this section: \$850,000;

(B) the coastal protection account number 0027: \$77,850; and

(C) the permanent school fund number 0044 (other funds): \$72,150;

(14) Parks and Wildlife Department: a total of \$9,123,786 from:

(A) the general revenue fund: \$6,051,994;

(B) the game, fish, and water safety account number 0009: \$509,840; and

(C) the state parks account number 0064: \$2,561,952;

(15) Railroad Commission: \$4,889,841 from the general revenue fund;

(16) Department of Transportation: \$38,337,116 from the state highway fund number 0006 (other funds);

(17) Department of Insurance: \$365,000 from the Texas Department of Insurance operating account number 0036;

(18) Department of Licensing and Regulation: \$515,000 from the general revenue fund;

(19) Board of Pharmacy: \$320,000 from the general revenue fund;

(20) Racing Commission: \$160,000 from the general revenue fund;

(21) Board of Plumbing Examiners: \$116,500 from the general revenue fund;

(22) Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission: \$1,399,050 from the general revenue fund;

(23) Texas Historical Commission: \$1,453,410 from the general revenue fund; and

(24) Commission on Fire Protection: \$225,000 from the general revenue fund.

(b) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the agency during that period, each agency listed under Subsection (a) of this section may use the amount of the appropriation made to the agency by Subsection (a) of this section in capital budget authority for that appropriation.

(c) Of the amount appropriated by Subsection (a)(1) of this section, the Department of State Health Services may use \$1,500,000 for the purchase of three boats for the department's oyster program.

(d) Of the amount appropriated by Subsection (a)(9) of this section, the Department of Public Safety may use \$6,000,000 for aircraft maintenance and \$2,550,000 for aircraft engine overhauls.

(e) The appropriation made by Subsection (a)(13)(A) of this section to the General Land Office may be used for the replacement of boats.

(f) During the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act, in addition to the capital budget authority other law grants to the Texas Military Department during that period, the department is granted \$1,050,000 in capital budget authority for the purchase of vehicles.

SECTION 11.02. LIMITATION, REPORTING, AND TRANSFER PROVISIONS OF GAA INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. The provisions relating to limitations, reporting, or transfer of Article IX, Chapter 1170 (**HB 1**), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), and of Article IX, **SB 1**, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 (the General Appropriations Act), are incorporated into this Act by reference and apply to the appropriations made by this Act.

SECTION 11.03. INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT. Money appropriated by this Act shall be spent, as nearly as practicable, for the purposes for which the money was appropriated. In the event an agency cannot determine the legislative purpose of an appropriation from the pattern of appropriations, the agency shall seek to determine that purpose from the proceedings of the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over appropriations and from the request for appropriations made by the agency.

#### ARTICLE 12. FEDERAL FUNDS

SECTION 12.01. FEDERAL FUNDS: BLOCK GRANTS; REIMBURSEMENTS. (a) Funds received from the United States government by a state agency or institution named in this Act are appropriated to the agency or institution for the purposes for which the federal grant, allocation, aid, payment, or reimbursement was made subject to the provisions of this Act, specifically excluding funds made available to reimburse the state for border security expenditures billed to the federal government or under federal legislation that authorizes that reimbursement enacted after the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, adjourns sine die.

(b) As applicable, federal reimbursements received for expenditures previously made or services performed on behalf of federal programs from state monies shall be credited by the comptroller of public accounts to the fund or account from which the expenditure was originally made. The credit shall be made to the agency's or institution's current appropriation item or accounts from which the expenditures of like character were originally made and are appropriated. Reimbursements received from employee benefits paid from the general revenue fund appropriations of other administering agencies shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(c) Funds made available to reimburse the state for border security expenditures billed to the federal government or under federal legislation that authorizes that reimbursement enacted after the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, adjourns sine die are specifically excluded from the appropriations made by this Act.

## ARTICLE 13. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 13.01. EFFECTIVE DATE. (a) Subject to Subsections (b) and (c) of this section, this Act takes effect immediately.

(b) Sections 9.01, 9.14, and 9.31 of this Act take effect only if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of the members present in each house of the legislature, as provided by Section 49-g(m), Article III, Texas Constitution.

(c) Sections 1.33, 2.06, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.14, 3.16, 3.17, 3.18, 9.19, 9.21, 9.22, 9.23, 9.32, and 9.35 of this Act take effect only if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of the members present in each house of the legislature, as provided by Section 17(j) or 18(i), Article VII, Texas Constitution, as applicable.

**Senate Amendment No. 1 (Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 - Third Reading)**

Amend **HB 500** on third reading as follows:

(1) Immediately following SECTION 3.19 of the bill (page 15, between lines 55 and 56), insert the following:

SECTION 3.20. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY: DEMONSTRATION REACTOR AND WATER DESALINATION. (a) The amount of \$120,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to Texas Tech University for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to support:

(1) the design, construction permitting, operation licensing, and construction of an advanced nuclear reactor; and

(2) research relating to water desalination in the Permian Basin in cooperation with the Texas Produced Water Consortium.

(b) The legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes described by Subsection (a)(1) of this section. The appropriation made by this section is contingent on approval by two-thirds of each chamber of the legislature, as required under Section 17(j), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

(2) In SECTION 13.01(c) of the bill, adding an effective date (page 44, line 25), between "3.18," and "9.19", insert "3.20,".

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to Article 1 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that article and references to those SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION. Contingent on the enactment of **HB 2217** or similar legislation of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to establishing a grant program to equip motor vehicles used by peace officers with certain bullet-resistant components, the amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for purposes consistent with that legislation.

(4) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to Article 3 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS and references to those SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION 3.\_\_\_\_. WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE INITIATIVE. The amount of \$4,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to West Texas A&M University for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to support a behavioral health workforce initiative to increase the supply and quantity of a behavioral health workforce in the Texas Panhandle.

SECTION 3.\_\_\_\_. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH GALVESTON: AGING AND TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE (AGE-TECH). The amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to support the creation of the Aging and Technology Initiative to provide artificial intelligence-powered and robotic solutions to help maintain the independence of aging Texans in their homes.

SECTION 3.\_\_\_\_. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - CENTRAL TEXAS: MILITARY TALENT PIPELINE. The amount of \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to Texas A&M University - Central Texas for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to establish a new Military Transition Program to support veterans transitioning from active duty to the civilian workforce through development of coursework and training in semiconductor technology, cybersecurity, data analytics, and STEM education and accelerated career paths for veterans.

(5) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to Article 6 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that article accordingly:

SECTION 6.\_\_\_\_. PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT: AQUARIUM GRANT. The amount of \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Parks and Wildlife Department for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to provide a grant to the Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Rescue Center.

(Speaker in the chair)

### HOUSE AT EASE

At 3 p.m., the chair announced that the house would stand at ease.

The chair called the house to order at 3:20 p.m.

### PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

At 3:27 p.m., Representative Ashby moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the signing of bills and resolutions, the receipt of messages, and granting the request of the senate to appoint conferees, the house adjourn until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

**Saturday, May 31**

The chair called the house to order at 1:46 p.m. Saturday, May 31.

### ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 1:46 p.m. Saturday, May 31, adjourned until 2 p.m. today.

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**ADDENDUM**

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**REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

**List No. 1**

**HR 1464** (By Dyson), Commending Hayden M. Richards of Wichita Falls for his service as a public policy intern in the office of State Representative Paul Dyson.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 1465** (By Dyson), Commending Bennett Bush for his service as legislative director in the office of State Representative Paul Dyson.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 1466** (By Rose), Commending Adrian Cornejo for his service as a legislative aide in the office of State Representative Toni Rose.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 1467** (By Rose), Commending Joseph Frausto for his service as a policy analyst in the office of State Representative Toni Rose.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 1468** (By Darby), In memory of Alan George Moravcik of Midland.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 1469** (By Hayes), Commending the members of the PowerHouse Texas Energy Policy Fellowship Program for their service during the 89th Legislative Session.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 1470** (By Gámez), Congratulating Dr. Pastor Alvarado of Brownsville on his retirement.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 1471** (By Schofield), Commending PowerHouse Church in Katy for hosting the Wise Up to Rise Up Foundation's Winner's Circle 2025 event.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 1472** (By Schofield), Honoring Khristopher Alexander Fields of the Wise Up to Rise Up Foundation on the occasion of the organization's Winner's Circle 2025 event.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 1473** (By Shofner), Commending Carter Moxley for his service as deputy chief of staff in the office of State Representative Mike Schofield.

To Local and Consent Calendars.



**HR 1474** (By Darby), In memory of David Louis Hirschfeld of San Angelo.  
To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 1475** (By Darby), Congratulating the Texas Book Festival on its 30th anniversary.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**List No. 2**

**HR 1476** (By Howard), In memory of Mark James Hanna of Austin.  
To Local and Consent Calendars.

**HR 1477** (By Zwiener), Congratulating Carol and Jeff Zwiener on their 40th wedding anniversary.

To Local and Consent Calendars.

**SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER**

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

**House List No. 26**

**HB 18, HB 35, HB 43, HB 103, HB 107, HB 114, HB 138, HB 143, HB 163, HB 171, HB 216, HB 227, HB 426, HB 449, HB 581, HB 647, HB 654, HB 700, HB 713, HB 721, HB 762, HB 851, HB 1237, HB 1500, HB 1522, HB 1584, HB 2080, HB 2213, HB 2221, HB 2313, HB 2348, HB 2495, HB 2637, HB 2688, HB 2712, HB 2818, HB 2851, HB 3016, HB 3092, HB 3126, HB 3153, HB 3250, HB 3348, HB 3463, HB 3464, HB 3486, HB 3487, HB 3512, HB 3629, HB 3711, HB 3824, HB 4226, HB 4263, HB 4264, HB 4310, HB 4341, HB 4384, HB 4386, HB 4486, HB 4488, HB 4520, HB 5033, HB 5081, HB 5247, HB 5323, HB 5331, HB 5659, HB 5671, HCR 9**

**House List No. 27**

**HB 24, HB 101, HB 541, HB 824, HB 1052, HB 1306, HB 1532, HB 1629, HB 1868, HB 1960, HB 2012, HB 2035, HB 2037, HB 2217, HB 2488, HB 2517, HB 2520, HB 2598, HB 2655, HB 2686, HB 2694, HB 2757, HB 2820, HB 3005, HB 3112, HB 3185, HB 3388, HB 3516, HB 3546, HB 3623, HB 3686, HB 3815, HB 4099, HB 4134, HB 4145, HB 4158, HB 4170, HB 4202, HB 4214, HB 4285, HB 4350, HB 4361, HB 4463, HB 4466, HB 4530, HB 4535, HB 4559, HB 4630, HB 4765, HB 4848, HB 4894, HB 4903, HB 4904, HB 4995, HB 5154, HB 5196, HB 5320, HB 5435, HB 5437, HB 5650, HB 5651, HB 5652, HB 5654, HB 5655, HB 5656, HB 5661, HB 5662, HB 5664, HB 5665, HB 5670, HB 5672, HB 5674, HB 5679, HB 5695, HB 5698, HCR 46, HCR 81, HCR 83, HCR 111**

**Senate List No. 29**

**SB 127, SB 401, SB 546, SB 1021, SB 1032, SB 1242, SB 1343, SB 1346, SB 1534, SB 1663, SB 2055, SB 2075, SB 2835, SCR 52**

