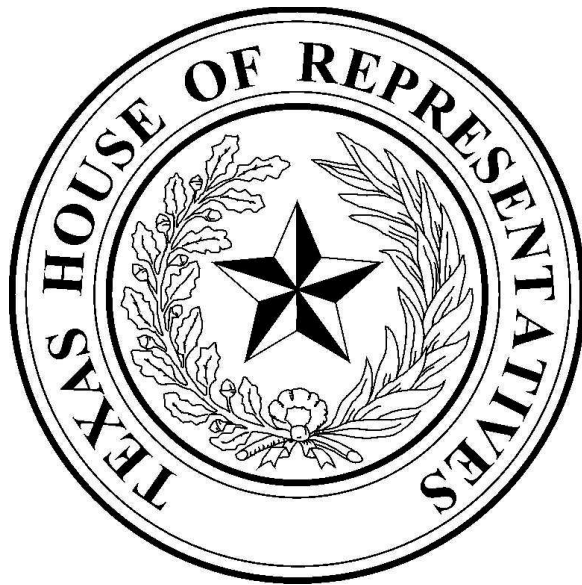


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Rider Packet
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**General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board
Proposed Rider Amendment
State Energy Marketing Program**

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Overview

The proposed rider amendment would establish legislative intent for the General Land Office to use certain revenues from the Permanent School Fund (PSF) for the purchase of gas to be sold by the State Gas Program. This also reflects an intent to separate the authority to spend PSF dollars on the gas program from the authority to spend PSF dollars on the power program.

Required Action

On page VI-33 of the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board bill pattern in House Bill 1, amend the following rider:

- 13. State Energy Marketing Program.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the General Land Office use a portion of the revenue from real property sales of the Permanent School Fund (PSF) and all receipts from the lease of PSF real property for mineral development, including royalties from existing and future active mineral leases of PSF land, to manage the State Gas Program within the State Energy Marketing Program as authorized by Natural Resources Code §31.401 and Utilities Code §§35.102 and 104.2545.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the General Land Office use only revenue generated from royalties taken in kind, as provided by §§52.133(f), 53.026, and 53.077, Natural Resources Code, to purchase power and to manage the State Power Program within the State Energy Marketing Program as authorized by Natural Resources Code §31.401 and Utilities Code §§35.102 and 104.2545.

Texas Workforce Commission, Article VII
Proposed Rider
Adult Education and Family Literacy Workforce Diploma Program Pilot Project

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Overview

Amend Rider 42, Adult Education and Family Literacy Workforce Diploma Program Pilot Project, to amend requirements of the pilot program.

Required Action

On page VII-48 of the bill pattern for the Texas Workforce Commission, amend the following rider:

42. **Adult Education and Family Literacy Workforce Diploma Program Pilot Project.** The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) may use funds appropriated above to develop and implement a AdvancED/SACS/NCA/NWAC accredited workforce-based high school diploma program pilot project with non-profit organizations or other private and regionally accredited school districts. Pilot project is entities to provide program services designed to facilitate increased participation in adult diploma and technical training programs and for high demand jobs. Pilot project outcomes will demonstrate more effective job placement outcomes and/or matriculation into post-secondary training programs for high demand job fields. The workforce diploma program pilot project shall include a graduation plan designed to lead to an accredited high school diploma; comprehensive career/college preparation program including research tools and career readiness soft skills training; technical training; and facilitated transition to employment. Federal funds appropriated for adult basic education may only be used to the extent allowable under Federal regulations. TWC shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, no later than November 1, 2020, a report that includes an evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot project detailing number of graduates and successful job placements, as well as earnings for successful graduates.

Department of Transportation, Article VII
Proposed Funding and Rider
Unexpended Balance: Construction of Intelligent Transportation Systems

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Overview

Add a new rider that directs \$32.0 million from any available source for the 2020–21 biennium, including the balances in the Texas Mobility Fund No. 365, for construction, acquisition, and installation of intelligent transportation systems at the international ports of entry at the Bridge of the Americas and the Zaragoza Bridge in El Paso. Under Rider 49 of the Texas Department of Transportation's bill pattern, 2018–19 General Appropriations Act, funding for this project is provided through the issuance of lease revenue obligations under the Texas Public Finance Authority's Master Lease Purchase Program. House Bill 1, as Introduced, Eighty-sixth Legislature, 2019 (HB 1, 2020–21 General Appropriations Bill) includes a rider providing an appropriation of unexpended balances remaining from the Rider 49 lease revenue obligations for the same purpose. The proposed new rider would replace Rider 41, Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Lease/Purchase of Intelligent Transportation System, in TxDOT's bill pattern in HB 1.

Required Action

(1) On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, strike the following rider.

- ~~41. **Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Lease/Purchase of Intelligent Transportation System.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unexpended balances of lease revenue obligations and net proceeds of obligations remaining as of August 31, 2019, from amounts appropriated to the Department of Transportation in the 2018–19 biennium for the construction, acquisition, and installation of an Intelligent Transportation System at the International Ports of Entry at the Bridge of the Americas and the Zaragoza Bridge in El Paso, as authorized by Rider 49, Appropriation: Lease Purchase of Intelligent Transportation System, Article VII, Department of Transportation, Senate Bill 1, General Appropriations Act, Eighty-fifth Legislature, 2017, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Department of Transportation in the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2019, for the same purposes. In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unexpended balances of State Highway Funds remaining as of August 31, 2019, from appropriations made to the Department of Transportation for the 2018–19 biennium for lease payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program (MLPP) for the "Intelligent Transportation System (MLPP)" project (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated in the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2019, for the same purpose.~~

(2) On page VII-34 of the Department of Transportation bill pattern, add the following rider:

- _____. **Unexpended Balance: Construction of Intelligent Transportation Systems.** Out of amounts appropriated to the Department of Transportation by this Act, an amount not to exceed \$32,000,000 from any available source of revenue, including the balances in the Texas Mobility Fund No. 365, which is the same amount of funding authorized but not used for the construction of certain intelligent transportation systems in the 2018-19 biennium, shall be allocated to provide funding for the design, construction, acquisition, and installation of an intelligent transportation system and the design and construction of infrastructure projects at the international port of entry at the Bridge of the Americas and the international port of entry at the Ysleta Bridge, also known as the Zaragoza Bridge, in El Paso, on right of way or other property that is part of or outside the state highway system, to increase security measures and expedite border crossings and trade.

Texas Department of Insurance, Article VIII
Proposed Rider
Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs

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Overview

Amend Rider 13, Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs, to appropriate \$3,000,000 each year of the biennium out of amounts collected in excess of those contained in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate from fines, penalties, and sanctions deposited to General Revenue for the Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs.

Required Action

On page VIII-22 of the Texas Department of Insurance bill pattern, amend the following rider:

13. Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs.

- a. Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Insurance of \$64,847 in fiscal year 2020 and \$64,847 in fiscal year 2021 in General Revenue - Insurance Companies Maintenance Tax and Insurance Department Fees in Strategy A.4.1, Three-Share Assistance Programs, and 1.0 Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) position each fiscal year included above in the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" is for the purpose of awarding, through a competitive application process, grants to local government entities for the research, planning, development, and continuation of "three-share" premium assistance programs to increase access to private healthcare coverage for the uninsured, and providing technical assistance to grant recipients. The agency shall consider the following factors in selecting recipients of grant funds:

- (1) proposals to match grant awards with local funds;
- (2) percentage of uninsured in the applicable area;
- (3) existing efforts in pursuing "three-share" premium assistance programs; and
- (4) healthcare use and delivery factors affecting the area's healthcare infrastructure and capacity.

- b. In addition to amounts appropriated above, out of funds collected from regulated entities except for workers compensation for fines, penalties, and sanctions and deposited to General Revenue, the Department of Insurance is appropriated, out of amounts collected in excess of those contained in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate (estimated to be \$0), an amount not to exceed ~~\$3,000,000~~\$1,500,000 in each year of the biennium for the Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs. Any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2019, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2019. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2020, are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2020. The agency shall spend any unexpended and unobligated balances that are appropriated to it for the same purposes to the extent necessary to maintain the agency's approved enrollment levels for that biennium for each Three-Share Premium Assistance Program.

The agency shall report a summary of the grants awarded to local government entities to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than January 1, 2021.