

Rider Comparison Packet

Conference Committee on House Bill 1

2020-21 General Appropriations Bill

Article VIII – Regulatory

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Differences Only - Excludes Capital

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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:
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 - (2) percentage of uninsured in the applicable area;
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 - (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 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

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- 15. Human Trafficking Inspections.** Out of funds appropriated above for the Department of Licensing and Regulation in Strategy B.1.1, Conduct Inspections, \$763,726 in General Revenue and 12.0 FTE for fiscal year 2020, and \$756,152 in General Revenue and 12.0 FTE for fiscal year 2021 shall be used to conduct inspections by the Human Trafficking Team.

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

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- 7. Appropriation for Staff Salary Increases.** Included in the amounts above is \$1,010,584 in General Revenue for staff salary increases during the 2020-21 fiscal biennium. From these funds the Texas Medical Board shall give priority for positions with the highest percentage of turnover.