

Issue Docket

Conference Committee on House Bill 1

2020-21 General Appropriations Bill

Article IX - General Provisions

ARTICLE IX - RIDER COMPARISON ISSUES

Item	House 2020-21	Senate 2020-21	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Sec. 3.04. Scheduled Exempt Positions.	IX-33 Rider Packet, Page IX-19	IX-33 Rider Packet, Page IX-19		The House and Senate differ with respect to the salary group assigned to certain exempt positions at certain state agencies.
Sec. 7.13. Notification of Certain Expenditures Related to Mitigation of Adverse Environmental Impacts.		IX-43 Rider Packet, Page IX-40		The Senate prohibits state agencies and institutions of higher education from expending funds under the Act to enter agreements to comply with federal requirements relating to the mitigation of impacts to wetlands and natural habitats and state requirements relating to the mitigation of adverse environmental impacts, prior to providing notice to the LBB.
Sec. 9.01. Purchases of Information Resources Technologies.	IX-44 Rider Packet, Page IX-44	IX-44 Rider Packet, Page IX-44		The House and Senate versions differ in the procedures to be followed with regards to reporting, review and/or approval of certain major information resources projects or contracts to/by QAT.
Sec. 9.02. Quality Assurance Review of Major Information Resources Projects.	IX-46 Rider Packet, Page IX-45	IX-46 Rider Packet, Page IX-45		The House prohibits the Comptroller from issuing warrants for the expenditure of appropriated funds for a major information resources project (MIRP) that has not been approved by QAT, whereas the Senate requires QAT to make recommendations based on an analysis of a MIRP's risk. The House and Senate differ with regards to the entity (either the LBB or QAT) that may issue guidelines on software development, quality assurance and review of MIRPs. The House and Senate differ as to whether QAT is required or authorized to require a state agency to define, monitor and evaluate certain metrics related to a MIRP.
Sec. 9.11. Staff Telecommunications Survey and Analysis.		IX-49 Rider Packet, Page IX-49		The Senate requires each state agency to survey its employees with regards to telecommunications preferences and report the survey results and analysis to DIR by September 1, 2020.
Sec. 9.12. Assignment of Contract Responsibility.		IX-49 Rider Packet, Page IX-49		The Senate provides a framework for approval with regards to the assignment of certain types of contracts.

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Sec. 9.13. Report on Monitoring Assessments by State Auditor.		IX-53 Rider Packet, Page IX-51		The Senate requires the state auditor to assign ratings pertaining to contract monitoring assessments to each of the 25 largest agencies before July 1 of each year and provide a report on these ratings to the Comptroller on or before September 1 of each year. The Senate requires the Comptroller to develop certain guidelines pertaining to contract monitoring assessments.
Sec. 10.04. Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures.	IX-59 Rider Packet, Page IX-51	IX-59 Rider Packet, Page IX-54		The House and Senate differ with regards to the composition of the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council. The House requires the Council to collaborate with the Board of Pharmacy and the Medical Board to create a sub-plan related to substance abuse. The House requires the Comptroller to prohibit the expenditure of General Revenue-Related funds listed in the rider if the LBB determines that a state agency has not complied with provisions relating to the coordination of behavioral health expenditures.
Sec. 10.06. Cross-agency Coordination on Healthcare Strategies and Measures.	IX-63 Rider Packet, Page IX-54	IX-63 Rider Packet, Page IX-57		The House requires HHSC to expend \$5 million per year with the Center of Healthcare Data at the UT Health Science Center at Houston for data analysis. The Senate requires specified agencies to meet quarterly to carry out coordination activities. The House requires the report to be submitted under the rider to include individual agency policies and practices that have been improved due to the application of the healthcare data.
Sec. 10.07. Cross-agency Collaboration on Value-based Payment Strategies.	IX-64 Rider Packet, Page IX-57			The House requires HHSC, ERS, and TRS to collaborate on the development and implementation of potential value-based payment strategies.
Sec. 13.02. Report of Additional Funding.	IX-66 Rider Packet, Page IX-59	IX-66 Rider Packet, Page IX-62		The Senate removes the approval requirements, pertaining to the release of federal funds in an amount in excess of \$10 million by the Comptroller to a state agency, in the event of a disaster proclamation. A state agency is still required to provide notice of receipt to the LBB and the governor.
Sec. 17.04. Veterans Services at Other State Agencies.	IX-68 Rider Packet, Page IX-75	IX-68 Rider Packet, Page IX-78		The House contains a provision requiring information provided pursuant to the rider to be made available on the websites of state agencies, in addition to the other modes of communication.

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Sec. 17.06. Additional Payroll Contribution for Retirement Contribution.	IX-68 Rider Packet, Page IX-76	IX-68 Rider Packet, Page IX-78		The House specifies a state agency contribution to the Employees Retirement System's Retirement Program in the amount of 1.0 percent of the total base wages and salaries for each eligible employee of the agency. The Senate specifies a state agency contribution of 0.5 percent.
Sec. 17.10. Contract Management and Oversight.	IX-70 Rider Packet, Page IX-78	IX-70 Rider Packet, Page IX-81		The Senate makes changes to the procedures and requirements relating to the reprocurement of contracts valued at the lesser of \$10 million or 10 percent of a state agency's or institution's All Funds budget.
Sec. 17.11. Information Listing of Program Funding.		IX-73 Rider Packet, Page IX-82		The Senate requires the LBB to produce an informational report on House Bill 1 appropriations that allocates 2020-21 biennial funding to the program level.
Sec. 17.11. Energy Efficiency Savings for State Facilities.	IX-74 Rider Packet, Page IX-80			The House requires state agencies that are appropriated money in the Act with charge and control over a facility with at least 100,000 gross square feet to have an assessment of the facility performed by a qualified provider to determine whether implementation of continuous commissioning or existing building commissioning practices would result in estimated savings of at least 10 percent. If so, the House requires the state agency to have a qualified provider prepare a plan for implementation and monitoring of the implementation for the state agency.
Sec. 17.12. Additional Funding for School Safety - Informational Listing.	IX-74 Rider Packet, Page IX-80			The House includes an informational listing of \$109.4 million in funding for school safety in addition to funding provided in the 2018-19 biennium.
Sec. 17.12. Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council.		IX-75 Rider Packet, Page IX-82		The Senate includes an informational listing of appropriations made in the Act for the purpose of addressing human trafficking.
Sec. 17.13. Informational Listing of Certain Appropriations.	IX-77 Rider Packet, Page IX-80			The House includes an informational listing of appropriations made in Article I-VIII of the Act from the Economic Stabilization Fund.

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Sec. 17.14. Reports on Interagency Contracts.	IX-79 Rider Packet, Page IX-81			The House requires state agencies to make available on their Internet website quarterly reports which provide information on each interagency contract entered into by the agency.
Sec. 17.15. Realtime Captioning of Open Meetings.	IX-80 Rider Packet, Page IX-82			The House requires state agencies to include communication access real-time translation captioning in any live video broadcast, including a video broadcast over the Internet, of an open meeting of the agency.