

Amend **CSHB 1** in Article II of the bill by adding the following appropriately numbered rider following the appropriations to the Texas Department of Health:

___ . MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN. It is the intent of the legislature that the Texas Department of Health provide appropriate general revenue funding in fiscal years 2004 and 2005 in strategy D.1.3, Special Needs Children, for programs specifically designed for medically fragile children, the most critical of the children with special health care needs. These programs should match state funds with private funds and follow the guidelines and criteria developed through the pilot program for medically fragile children established and funded by Rider 57 to the appropriations made to the Department of Health during the 77th Legislature, Regular Session.