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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: Canales

(1) On page v-44 and V-45, amend the Department of Public Safety rider number 51 as follows:

**51. Funding to Add 300 New Troopers.** Included in the General Revenue appropriations made above in Strategy B.1.5, Recruitment, Retention and Support, is \$41,717,187 in fiscal year 2016 and \$63,282,813 in fiscal year 2017 to fund the recruitment, training and support of 300 new troopers by the end of fiscal year 2017. Included in the 300 total troopers is a minimum of 250 troopers who shall be stationed in the border region. In this section, border region is defined in Article IX, Section 7.11 (b) (1), (2), and (3) of this Act. The appropriations are subject to the following provisions:

a) The appropriations identified in this rider are intended to fund full-length recruit schools, where "recruit school" is defined as a 23-week recruit school graduating entry-level probationary troopers.

b) The appropriations identified in this rider are in addition to, and separate from, the appropriations made above in Strategy F.1.6, Training Academy and Development, to fund six recruit schools.

c) The agency shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board by no later than December 1, 2015 detailing the agency's plan to recruit, train and support 300 new troopers by the end of fiscal year 2017. This report shall include a section on the agency's total trooper recruitment plan for the 2016-17 biennium, including the troopers expected to result from the six recruit schools noted above in (b).

d) The agency shall submit quarterly reports to the Legislative Budget Board detailing the cumulative progress attained toward the goal of graduating 300 entry-level troopers by the end of fiscal year 2017. The report shall contain a list of the names of the law enforcement agencies from which the agency has recruited or hired officers from during the last quarter. The report shall include the number of officers recruited from each Texas law enforcement agency.

e) \$41,717,187 in fiscal year 2016 and \$63,282,813 in fiscal year 2017 appropriated in Strategy B.1.5, Recruitment, Retention and Support, is subject to the prior approval authority provided by Article 16, Section 69, Texas Constitution, and in the event the agency is not in a position to graduate 300 new troopers using the funds identified in this rider, the Legislative Budget Board may direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to reduce the agency's appropriations by an amount proportion

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