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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Amend C.S.H.B. No. 1 as follows:

- (1) On page XI-7, under "Public Education, Texas Education Agency", add the following new item:

Contingency General Revenue Appropriation for School Finance Legislation, HB 1759, which improves equity, reduces recapture, and increases the state share: \$800,000,000

- (2) On page III-18 in the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency amend the following rider:

66. Foundation School Program Funds for Improving Equity, Reducing Recapture, and Increasing State Share: Allocation of Funds to the Basic Allotment. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP-Equalized Operations, is ~~\$1,108,100,000 in each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium~~ \$1,105,700,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,107,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 out of the Foundation School Fund No. 193 to be allocated to school districts and charter schools through ~~formula~~ the Basic Allotment or other changes to the Foundation School Program to be determined by the Eighty-Fourth Legislature for the purposes of improving equity, reducing recapture, and increasing the state share of the Foundation School Program.

- (3) On page III-5, in the bill pattern for the Texas Education Agency, modify the following rider:

3. Foundation School Program Funding. Out of the funds appropriated above, a

total of \$20,788,300,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$20,629,200,000 in fiscal year 2017 shall represent the sum-certain appropriation to the Foundation School Program. The total appropriation may not exceed the sum-certain amount. This appropriation includes allocations under Chapters 41, 42 and 46 of the Texas Education Code.

Formula Funding: The Commissioner shall make allocations to local school districts under Chapters 41, 42 and 46 based on the March 2015 estimates of average daily attendance and local district tax rates as determined by the Legislative Budget Board and the final tax year 2014 property values. Property values, and the estimates of local tax collections on which they are based, shall be increased by 5.71 percent for tax year 2015 and by 5.30 percent for tax year 2016.

For purposes of distributing the Foundation School Program basic tier state aid appropriated above and in accordance with §42.101 of the Texas Education Code, the Basic Allotment is established at ~~\$5,040~~ \$5,213 in fiscal year 2016 and \$5,218 in fiscal year 2017.

For purposes of distributing the Foundation School Program enrichment tier state aid appropriated above and in accordance with §41.002(a)(2) and §42.302(a-1)(1) of the Texas Education Code, the Guaranteed Yield is \$72.94 in fiscal year 2016 and \$76.75 in fiscal year 2017.

For purposes of distributing the Foundation School Program Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction appropriated above and in accordance with §42.2516(i), the percentage applied for purposes of §§42.2516(b)(1), 42.2516(b)(2), and 42.2516(d)(1) is 92.63 percent for the 2015-16 and the 2016-17 school years.

Out of amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider to the Foundation School Program, no funds are appropriated for the New Instructional Facilities Allotment under §42.158 of the Texas Education Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Texas Education Agency may make transfers as appropriate between Strategy A.1.1, FSP-Equalized Operations, and Strategy A.1.2, FSP-Equalized Facilities. The TEA shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of any such transfers at least 15 days prior to the transfer.

The Texas Education Agency shall submit reports on the prior month's expenditures on programs described by this rider no later than the 20th day of each month to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office in a format determined by the Legislative Budget Board in cooperation with the agency.

Contingent on the Commissioner of Education identifying a budget surplus of Foundation School Program funds appropriated above in either fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium, the Commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor in writing no later than 30 calendar days before taking any action pursuant to the Education Code §§7.062, 42.2517, 42.2521, 42.2522, 42.2523, or 42.2524.

- (4) On page VII-29, in the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Transportation, modify the following rider:**

44. Proposition 1 Appropriations. Amounts appropriated above in Strategy I.1.1, Proposition 1 2014, from State Highway Fund No. 006 - Proposition 1, 2014, reflect estimated revenue transfers to the State Highway Fund pursuant to Article III, Section 49-g(c-1) of the Texas Constitution (estimated to be \$1,216,274,000 in fiscal year 2016 and

\$1,197,393,000 in fiscal year 2017) to be used for constructing, maintaining, and acquiring rights-of-way for non-tolled public roadways. The funds appropriated above in Strategy I.1.1, Proposition 1, 2014, shall be allocated for the following purposes: The final appropriation amount and allocation of these funds for the 2016-17 biennium is to be determined by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session.

- a. 45 percent for mobility and added capacity projects in urban areas to decrease congestion and increase the safe and efficient movement of traffic (estimated to be \$547,323,300 for fiscal year 2016 and \$538,826,850 for fiscal year 2017);
- b. 25 percent for projects that improve regional connectivity along strategic corridors in rural areas of the state (estimated to be \$304,068,500 for fiscal year 2016 and \$299,348,250 for fiscal year 2017);
- c. 20 percent for statewide maintenance and preservation projects (estimated to be \$243,254,800 for fiscal year 2016 and \$239,478,600 for fiscal year 2017); and
- d. 10 percent for roadway safety and maintenance projects in areas of the state impacted by increased oil and gas production activity (estimated to be \$121,627,400 for fiscal year 2016 and \$119,739,300 for fiscal year 2017).

(5) On page V-44, in the bill pattern for the Department of Public Safety, modify the following rider:

50. Limitation on Appropriations: ~~23-Week~~ Recruit Schools

- a) As used in this section:
 - 1) "training school" and "recruit school" include any school or other training program operated by or for the benefit of the Department of Public Safety ("department")

for a purpose which may include training a trooper who has been employed by the department for fewer than 52 weeks.

2) "new trooper" means a trooper employed by the department for fewer than 52 weeks.

b) ~~No funds~~ Funds appropriated by this Act may be used to pay any cost or expense that may be directly or indirectly related to the operation of a an eight-week training school or recruit school that provides a new trooper with fewer than 23 weeks of training, only to graduate and employ a total of 250 troopers from such eight-week recruit schools.

c) The number of additional troopers referenced above in section b is reduced by the number of troopers graduated from eight-week recruit schools from April 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015.

ed) Employees completing the 23 week or longer recruit school shall graduate and shall be compensated only as entry level troopers.

(6) On page V-44-45, in the bill pattern of the Department of Public Safety, modify the following rider:

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~~ may be used to fund eight-week recruit schools but may only be used to graduate and employ no more than 250 troopers from such recruit schools. ~~where "recruit school" is defined as a 23-week recruit school graduating entry-level~~

probationary troopers. If the Department of Public Safety has graduated and employed 250 troopers through the use of eight-week recruit schools, the appropriations identified in this rider may only be used to fund recruit schools 23 weeks or longer in length graduating entry-level probationary troopers. Funds identified in this rider may be used to fund eight-week recruit schools and also those 23 weeks or longer concurrently.

- 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.
- 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 proportionate to the difference between the targeted number and actual number of troopers graduated.