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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

BY: Rose

Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee printing) in Article IV of the bill as follows:

(1) Increase the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents" (FTEs) in the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council bill pattern (page IV-23) by 1.0 FTE in the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2018, and in the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2019.

(2) Following the appropriations to the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, amend Rider 8, Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) (page IV-26), in the first paragraph, by striking "\$1,164,988 and 11.0 FTEs" and substituting "\$1,264,988 and 12.0 FTEs" in each instance it appears.

(3) Add the following appropriately numbered rider following the appropriations to the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council:

\_\_\_\_. Allocation for Defense of Indigent Defendants With Mental Illness. Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, the amount of \$5 million shall be allocated for each year of the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2019, for the Texas Indigent Defense Commission to provide grants to counties for the early identification and specialized representation of indigent defendants with mental illness. The grant funding may be used to establish new mental health defender programs or to expand the capacity of existing mental health defender programs. Of that amount, the commission shall award a grant for that purpose in the amount of \$500,000 each to the public defender's offices for Cameron, Dallas, and Hidalgo

Counties for each year of the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2019.