

**House Bill 4102**  
Senate Amendments  
Section-by-Section Analysis

## HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.414 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.414. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FOR EVIDENCE TESTING GRANT PROGRAM. (a) When a person registers or renews the registration of a motor vehicle under this chapter, the person may contribute any amount to the evidence testing grant program established under Section 772.00715, Government Code.

(b) The department shall provide, in a conspicuous manner, an opportunity to contribute to the evidence testing grant program in any registration renewal system used by the department.

(c) If a person makes a contribution under this section and does not pay the full amount of a registration fee, the county assessor-collector may credit all or a portion of the contribution to the person's registration fee.

(d) The county assessor-collector shall send any contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the evidence testing account established under Section 772.00716, Government Code, at least once every three months. Before sending the money to the comptroller, the department may deduct money equal to the amount of reasonable expenses for administering this section.

No equivalent provision.

## SENATE VERSION (IE)

SECTION 1. Same as House version.

## CONFERENCE

SECTION \_\_. Subchapter H, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.414 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.414. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS FUND. (a) When a person registers or renews the registration of a motor vehicle under this chapter, the person may contribute any amount to the

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Ending Homelessness fund under Subsection (f).  
(b) The department shall provide, in a conspicuous manner,  
an opportunity to contribute to the Ending Homelessness fund  
in any registration renewal system used by the department.  
(c) If a person makes a contribution under this section and  
does not pay the full amount of a registration fee, the county  
assessor-collector may credit all or a portion of the  
contribution to the person's registration fee.  
(d) The county assessor-collector shall send any contribution  
made under this section to the comptroller for deposit to the  
Ending Homelessness fund before the 31st day after the date  
the contribution is made.  
(e) The department shall consult with the Texas Department  
of Housing and Community Affairs in performing the  
department's duties under this section.  
(f) The Ending Homelessness fund is created as a trust fund  
outside the state treasury to be held by the comptroller and  
administered by the Texas Department of Housing and  
Community Affairs as trustee. The fund is composed of  
money deposited to the credit of the fund under this section.  
Money in the fund shall be used to provide grants to counties  
and municipalities to combat homelessness.  
(g) The Texas Department of Housing and Community  
Affairs shall adopt rules governing application for grants from  
the Ending Homelessness fund and the issuance of those  
grants. [FA1]

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 772, Government Code,  
is amended by adding Sections 772.00715 and 772.00716 to  
read as follows:  
Sec. 772.00715. EVIDENCE TESTING GRANT  
PROGRAM. (a) In this section:

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(1) "Accredited crime laboratory" has the meaning assigned by Section 420.003.

(2) "Criminal justice division" means the criminal justice division established under Section 772.006.

(3) "Grant program" means the evidence testing grant program established under this section.

(4) "Law enforcement agency" means:

(A) the police department of a municipality;

(B) the sheriff's office of a county; or

(C) a constable's office of a county.

(b) The criminal justice division shall establish and administer a grant program and shall disburse funds to assist law enforcement agencies or counties in testing evidence collected in relation to a sexual assault or other sex offense.

(c) Grant funds may be used only for the testing by an accredited crime laboratory of evidence that was collected in relation to a sexual assault or other sex offense.

(d) The criminal justice division:

(1) may establish additional eligibility criteria for grant applicants; and

(2) shall establish:

(A) grant application procedures;

(B) guidelines relating to grant amounts; and

(C) criteria for evaluating grant applications.

(e) The criminal justice division shall include in the biennial report required by Section 772.006(a)(9) detailed reporting of the results and performance of the grant program.

(f) The criminal justice division may use any revenue available to the division to fund the grant program.

Sec. 772.00716. EVIDENCE TESTING ACCOUNT. (a) The evidence testing account is created as a dedicated account in the general revenue fund of the state treasury.

SENATE VERSION (IE)

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(b) Money in the account may be appropriated only to the criminal justice division established under Section 772.006 for purposes of the evidence testing grant program established under Section 772.00715.

(c) Funds distributed under Section 772.00715 are subject to audit by the comptroller.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

SENATE VERSION (IE)

(b) Money in the account may be appropriated only to the criminal justice division established under Section 772.006 for purposes of the evidence testing grant program established under Section 772.00715.

(c) Funds distributed under Section 772.00715 are subject to audit by the comptroller.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

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