



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 Amend C.S.H.B. 2 (Committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) In SECTION 24 of the bill, on page 24 at line 8, Section
3 26.012, Tax Code, is amended by adding a new Subdivision (10) and
4 renumbering the subsequent Subdivisions accordingly:

5 (10) "Matching funds investments" means the amount spent by
6 a county in the previous 12 months to provide a required match for
7 a grant, gift, donation, bequest, or devise of money or other
8 property on behalf of the county from a state, federal or non-
9 profit source.

10 (2) On page 28, line 23, SECTION 28, Section 26.04, Tax Code,
11 amend Subdivision 26.04(C)(2)(B) as proposed as follows:

12 After the "+" and before the word "UNUSED" add the following
13 words "MATCHING FUNDS INVESTMENTS +".

- Commissioners Courts are given broad authority to accept gifts and grants by LOC. GOVT. CODE Sec. 81.032.
- Increasingly, government and non-profit grant programs in the criminal justice, human services and economic development areas require matching funds as a condition.
- The use of matching funds allows counties to leverage scarce resources in order to fund necessary services. Depending on the program, matching funds can multiply the county's investment by two, three, four or more times.
- Because matching funds represent a "higher" use of limited county resources, they should be carved out of a county's baseline budget when applying a reduced rollback rate.