

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4071
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Appropriations
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

At the conclusion of each biennium, the state has a number of outstanding claims and judgments against it for varying amounts of money, such as warrants voided by the statute of limitations, outstanding invoices to private vendors, unpaid charges for Medicaid recipients, or court judgment settlements. These claims require additional appropriations to be made in order to pay and honor the state's obligations under the law. H.B. 4071 seeks to provide for the payment of these claims.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 4071 appropriates certain sums of money for payment of itemized claims and judgments plus interest, if any, against the State of Texas out of the following funds and accounts:

- the general revenue fund;
- the state highway fund;
- the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement general revenue account;
- the water resource management general revenue account;
- the federal civil defense and disaster relief general revenue account;
- the veterans financial assistance program fund;
- the hazardous and solid waste remediation fees general revenue account;
- the unemployment compensation clearance account; and
- the lottery general revenue account.

H.B. 4071 provides for the administration of those payments.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.