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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

BY: Patterson

1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 8 (house committee printing) to read as  
2 follows:

3 (1) On page 3 of the bill, strike "\$200,000,000" and  
4 substitute "\$175,000,000" in each of the following places it  
5 appears:

6 (A) line 9; and

7 (B) line 26.

8 (2) On page 7, line 20, strike "\$150,000,000" and substitute  
9 "\$125,000,000".

10 (3) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the  
11 bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

12 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE: WORKERS'  
13 COMPENSATION DEATH BENEFITS. (a) The amount of \$50,000,000 is  
14 appropriated to the Department of Insurance for the two-year period  
15 beginning on the effective date of this Act from money received by  
16 this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42  
17 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act  
18 of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the  
19 Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the purpose of distributing the  
20 money to political subdivisions and pools, as defined by Section  
21 504.001, Labor Code, to support payment of workers' compensation  
22 death benefits of public safety employees, as defined by Section  
23 607.001, Government Code:

24 (1) who contracted severe acute respiratory syndrome  
25 coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) or coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)  
26 that resulted in death;

27 (2) for whom the presumption under Section 607.0545,  
28 Government Code, applies; and

29 (3) who at the time the virus or disease was contracted

1 were employed by a political subdivision other than a municipality  
2 with a population of greater than 200,000.

3 (b) The Department of Insurance may distribute not more than  
4 \$1,000,000 to a political subdivision or pool for each claim for  
5 death benefits to which Subsection (a) of this section applies.