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H.B. No. 140

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the Texas Leading on Opportunity, Investment, and
3 Economic Stimulus Through Aid and Relief (LONESTAR) Supplemental
4 Appropriations Act of 2021; making appropriations and giving
5 direction regarding appropriations.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the Texas
8 Leading on Opportunity, Investment, and Economic Stimulus Through
9 Aid and Relief (LONESTAR) Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021.

10 SECTION 2. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: RESTORATION OF
11 STATE AGENCY BUDGET REDUCTIONS. (a) The amount of \$1,000,000,000 is
12 appropriated to the comptroller of public accounts from money
13 received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
14 Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue
15 Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of
16 the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
17 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of restoring funding
18 to state agencies, as authorized by other law, to make up for
19 reductions in appropriated amounts equal to five percent of total
20 appropriations made to state agencies from the general revenue fund
21 and dedicated accounts in the general revenue fund for the state
22 fiscal year ending August 31, 2021, made by Chapter 1353 (H.B. 1),
23 Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (the General
24 Appropriations Act), due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1 (b) The comptroller, in consultation with the Legislative
2 Budget Board, shall identify the strategies and objectives out of
3 which the reductions in amounts appropriated to each state agency
4 from the general revenue fund and dedicated accounts in the general
5 revenue fund were made and allocate the money appropriated under
6 Subsection (a) in a manner that, to the greatest extent
7 practicable, restores the amounts appropriated to state agencies
8 before the reductions in appropriations occurred.

9 SECTION 3. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: PREMIUM PAY FOR
10 ELIGIBLE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY STATE AGENCIES. (a) In this section,
11 "premium pay" and "eligible workers" have the meanings assigned by
12 42 U.S.C. Section 802(g).

13 (b) The amount of \$1,000,000,000 is appropriated to the
14 comptroller of public accounts from money received by this state
15 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section
16 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
17 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus
18 Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium beginning
19 September 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing funding for premium
20 pay for eligible workers employed by state agencies as authorized
21 by other law.

22 SECTION 4. TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS: ARTS AND CULTURAL
23 GRANTS FOR PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC DAMAGE. The amount of \$11,000,000
24 is appropriated to the Texas Commission on the Arts from money
25 received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
26 Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue
27 Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of

1 the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
2 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of increasing funding
3 for arts and cultural grants authorized by other law to offset
4 physical damage caused by hurricanes or winter storms or economic
5 damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

6 SECTION 5. TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS: ARTS AND CULTURAL
7 GRANTS FOR SUMMER EDUCATION. The amount of \$10,000,000 is
8 appropriated to the Texas Commission on the Arts from money
9 received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
10 Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue
11 Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of
12 the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
13 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing funding
14 for arts and cultural grants authorized by other law benefiting
15 nonprofit organizations that provide summer camps or summer
16 education programming for students in this state.

17 SECTION 6. TEXAS MUSIC OFFICE, TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE
18 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: MUSIC VENUE AND FESTIVAL REBATES. The
19 amount of \$10,000,000 is appropriated to the Texas Music Office
20 within the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor from
21 money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
22 Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the
23 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited
24 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state
25 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of
26 providing funding for rebates for eligible music venues and
27 festival promoters to reduce the impact of venue closures and

1 social distancing requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2 SECTION 7. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: SMALL BUSINESS DISASTER
3 RECOVERY LOANS. The amount of \$300,000,000 is appropriated to the
4 Office of the Governor from money received by this state from the
5 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)
6 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
7 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus
8 Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium beginning
9 September 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing funding for small
10 business disaster recovery loans authorized by other law for small
11 businesses that experienced physical damage caused by hurricanes or
12 winter storms or economic damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

13 SECTION 8. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: BROADBAND
14 SERVICES. The amount of \$3,000,000,000 is appropriated to the
15 comptroller of public accounts from money received by this state
16 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section
17 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
18 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus
19 Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium beginning
20 September 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing funding for grants,
21 loans, and incentives authorized by other law for broadband
22 services in areas of the state currently in need of those services.

23 SECTION 9. HISTORICAL COMMISSION: MAIN STREET PROGRAM. The
24 amount of \$2,000,000 is appropriated to the Historical Commission
25 from money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
26 Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the
27 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited

1 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state
2 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of
3 providing funding for downtown and main street revitalization
4 projects in small and rural municipalities designated as part of
5 the Main Street Program, including projects for infrastructure
6 improvement, to encourage tourism and economic development in rural
7 areas impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

8 SECTION 10. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES: IT LEGACY
9 SYSTEMS AND CYBERSECURITY. The amount of \$500,000,000 is
10 appropriated to the Department of Information Resources from money
11 received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
12 Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue
13 Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of
14 the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
15 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of upgrading and
16 modernizing state agency information technology (IT) legacy
17 systems and cybersecurity enhancements for state agency IT systems.

18 SECTION 11. VETERANS COMMISSION: VETERANS ASSISTANCE. The
19 amount of \$100,000,000 is appropriated to the Veterans Commission
20 from money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
21 Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the
22 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited
23 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state
24 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of
25 providing funding for general assistance grants, housing
26 assistance grants, treatment court grants, and behavioral health
27 assistance grants, as authorized by other law, to assist veterans

1 who have been substantially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

2 SECTION 12. DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES:
3 TEXAS HOME VISITING NURSE PROGRAM AND NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP
4 PROGRAM. (a) The amount of \$146,800,000 is appropriated to the
5 Department of Family and Protective Services from money received by
6 this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42
7 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act
8 of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the
9 Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
10 beginning September 1, 2021, to be allocated as follows:

11 (1) \$71,200,000 to provide funding for the Texas Home
12 Visiting Program; and

13 (2) \$75,600,000 to provide funding for the
14 Nurse-Family Partnership Program to expand home visiting.

15 (b) To the extent authorized by other law, the Department of
16 Family and Protective Services shall coordinate with the Maternal
17 Mortality Review Commission and the Office for the Elimination of
18 Health Disparities to target the spending of money appropriated by
19 Subsection (a) of this section to areas of the state with high
20 instances of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity and
21 high rates of removal of children from their homes.

22 SECTION 13. DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES:
23 FOSTER CARE PROVIDER CAPACITY. The amount of \$65,800,000 is
24 appropriated to the Department of Family and Protective Services
25 from money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
26 Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the
27 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited

1 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state
2 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of
3 increasing foster care provider capacity, including through
4 temporary rate increases, as authorized by other law.

5 SECTION 14. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES: HIV
6 MEDICATION PROGRAM. The amount of \$67,000,000 is appropriated to
7 the Department of State Health Services from money received by this
8 state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42
9 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act
10 of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the
11 Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
12 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing
13 additional funding for the HIV Medication Program.

14 SECTION 15. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES: FIREARM
15 INJURY PREVENTION RESEARCH. The amount of \$10,000,000 is
16 appropriated to the Department of State Health Services from money
17 received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
18 Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue
19 Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of
20 the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
21 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing funding
22 for grants authorized by other law to health-related institutions
23 in this state to conduct research into firearm injury prevention.
24 To the extent authorized by other law, the department shall
25 prioritize those research projects that have received federal
26 funding to support the project.

27 SECTION 16. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES: OFFICE FOR

1 THE ELIMINATION OF HEALTH DISPARITIES. The amount of \$100,000,000
2 is appropriated to the Department of State Health Services from
3 money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
4 Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the
5 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited
6 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state
7 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of
8 providing funding for the department's Office for the Elimination
9 of Health Disparities to support the office's evidence-based
10 initiatives to reduce health conditions contributing to COVID-19
11 mortality, including diabetes, cancer, heart disease, obesity, and
12 smoking.

13 SECTION 17. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES: SURGE
14 RESPONSE. The amount of \$100,000,000 is appropriated to the
15 Department of State Health Services from money received by this
16 state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C.
17 Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
18 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus
19 Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium beginning
20 September 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing, in coordination
21 with the Texas Division of Emergency Management, grants and
22 financial assistance authorized by other law to local and county
23 health departments and hospital districts to respond to surges in
24 COVID-19 cases and to maintain access to health care services
25 during surges in COVID-19 cases.

26 SECTION 18. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION:
27 POSTPARTUM MEDICAID BENEFITS. The amount of \$91,400,000 is

1 appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission from money
2 received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
3 Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue
4 Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of
5 the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
6 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of extending maternal
7 postpartum Medicaid benefits for an additional six months as
8 authorized by other law.

9 SECTION 19. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: MENTAL
10 AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT. (a)
11 The amount of \$928,000,000 is appropriated to the Health and Human
12 Services Commission from money received by this state from the
13 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)
14 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.
15 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief
16 Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1,
17 2021, for the purpose of providing funding for mental and
18 behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment.

19 (b) Out of money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this
20 section, the amount of:

21 (1) \$50,000,000 may be used only to provide funding
22 for evidence-based initiatives for survivors of domestic assault
23 and sexual assault authorized by other law;

24 (2) \$47,200,000 may be used only to reduce the
25 substance use treatment waitlist for pregnant women and women with
26 children in the manner authorized by other law;

27 (3) \$10,000,000 may be used only to provide funding

1 for a temporary rate increase for substance use treatment services
2 in the manner authorized by other law;

3 (4) \$10,000,000 may be used only to provide funding
4 for evidence-based initiatives to reduce opioid addiction in this
5 state authorized by other law; and

6 (5) \$40,000,000 may be used only to support mobile
7 crisis services authorized by other law that are available 24 hours
8 a day, 7 days a week.

9 SECTION 20. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: MENTAL
10 HEALTH INITIATIVES. The amount of \$10,000,000 is appropriated to
11 the Health and Human Services Commission from money received by
12 this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42
13 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act
14 of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the
15 Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
16 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of supporting
17 evidence-based initiatives authorized by other law that address
18 trauma relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and promote children's
19 mental health, including providing proportional rate increases for
20 providers, hospitals, rural hospitals, and graduate medical
21 institutions with COVID-19 patients and expanding access to mental
22 health care and telemedicine.

23 SECTION 21. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: EARLY
24 CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION SERVICE PROVIDERS. The amount of
25 \$81,000,000 is appropriated to the Health and Human Services
26 Commission from money received by this state from the Coronavirus
27 State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established

1 under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and
2 deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for
3 the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2021, for the
4 purpose of increasing rates for early childhood intervention
5 service providers as authorized by other law.

6 SECTION 22. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: PROVIDERS
7 AND HOSPITALS. (a) The amount of \$1,000,000,000 is appropriated to
8 the Health and Human Services Commission from money received by
9 this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42
10 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act
11 of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the
12 Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
13 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing rate
14 increases and incentive payments, as authorized by other law, to
15 providers and hospitals that have been substantially affected by
16 the COVID-19 pandemic to retain and attract staff necessary to
17 handle surges in COVID-19 case counts and to maintain access to
18 emergency surgeries and to vital, elective, and non-cosmetic
19 surgeries.

20 (b) To the extent authorized by other law, the commission
21 shall collaborate with affected industries to develop a payment
22 methodology for incentive payments made from money appropriated by
23 Subsection (a) of this section. The methodology must:

- 24 (1) provide for quarterly lump sum payments;
- 25 (2) accurately reflect COVID-19-related costs; and
- 26 (3) prioritize providers and hospitals that have not
27 received other federal or state COVID-19 relief funding.

1 (c) To receive incentive payments, a provider or hospital
2 must submit to the commission quarterly a report of the provider's
3 or hospital's COVID-19-related costs. As authorized by other law, a
4 provider or hospital that receives an incentive payment from money
5 appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section is subject to audit
6 by the State Auditor's Office and the Office of the Inspector
7 General and the provider or hospital may be required to return a
8 payment if an audit demonstrates that fraud, waste, or abuse
9 occurred.

10 SECTION 23. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION, OFFICE OF
11 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL: FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS. The amount of
12 \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the Health and Human Services
13 Commission, Office of the Inspector General, from money received by
14 this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42
15 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act
16 of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the
17 Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
18 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of increasing
19 activities authorized by other law to detect, recoup, and prevent
20 instances of fraud, waste, and abuse relating to COVID-19
21 flexibilities in state public benefit programs.

22 SECTION 24. TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY: GRANTS TO SCHOOL
23 DISTRICTS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND TESTING. The
24 amount of \$100,000,000 is appropriated to the Texas Education
25 Agency from money received by this state from the Coronavirus State
26 Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the
27 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited

1 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state
2 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of
3 providing grants as authorized by other law to school districts to
4 support personal protective equipment acquisition and targeted
5 COVID-19 testing for teachers and students.

6 SECTION 25. TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY: GRANTS TO SCHOOL
7 DISTRICTS FOR ONLINE LEARNING AND ADDRESSING LEARNING
8 DEFICIENCIES. The amount of \$81,000,000 is appropriated to the
9 Texas Education Agency from money received by this state from the
10 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)
11 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.
12 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief
13 Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1,
14 2021, for the purpose of providing grants as authorized by other law
15 to school districts to bolster online learning capabilities and
16 address student learning deficiencies resulting from the COVID-19
17 pandemic.

18 SECTION 26. HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD: STUDENT
19 FINANCIAL EMERGENCIES. (a) The amount of \$60,000,000 is
20 appropriated to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board from
21 money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
22 Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the
23 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited
24 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state
25 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of
26 providing grants as authorized by other law to assist undergraduate
27 and graduate students to overcome financial emergencies that

1 threaten their ability to complete their courses of study.

2 (b) A student who receives a grant under Subsection (a) of
3 this section:

4 (1) must have completed not less than 50 percent of the
5 student's coursework;

6 (2) must have a passing cumulative grade point
7 average; and

8 (3) may not be the cause of the financial emergency.

9 SECTION 27. HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD: CAREERS IN
10 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, MATHEMATICS, AND ENGINEERING. (a) The amount
11 of \$100,000,000 is appropriated to the Texas Higher Education
12 Coordinating Board from money received by this state from the
13 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)
14 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.
15 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief
16 Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1,
17 2021, to be distributed as authorized by other law in coordination
18 with the Texas Education Agency and Texas Workforce Commission for
19 programs at universities and junior colleges to train undergraduate
20 and graduate students for careers that contribute to this state's
21 future economic and workforce needs with a focus on careers in
22 science, technology, mathematics, and engineering fields.

23 (b) To the extent authorized by other law, the board shall
24 ensure that at least \$25,000,000 of the money appropriated by
25 Subsection (a) of this section is distributed to programs at
26 universities and junior colleges that retrain workers who lost jobs
27 in industries severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

1 SECTION 28. TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:
2 STRATEGIC PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT STOCKPILE. The amount of
3 \$100,000,000 is appropriated to the Texas Division of Emergency
4 Management from money received by this state from the Coronavirus
5 State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established
6 under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and
7 deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for
8 the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2021, for the
9 purpose of establishing and maintaining a strategic personal
10 protective equipment and medical supply stockpile for the state
11 based on planning required by legislation passed by the 87th
12 Legislature as authorized by that legislation.

13 SECTION 29. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY: TESTING AND
14 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. The amount of \$5,000,000 is
15 appropriated to the Department of Public Safety from money received
16 by 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 state fiscal biennium
20 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of providing targeted
21 COVID-19 testing and purchasing personal protective equipment for
22 law enforcement officers and other public safety employees as
23 authorized by other law.

24 SECTION 30. SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS: LEGAL REPRESENTATION
25 GRANTS FOR EVICTEES. The amount of \$10,000,000 is appropriated to
26 the Supreme Court of Texas from money received by this state from
27 the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)

1 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.
2 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief
3 Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1,
4 2021, for the purpose of providing, in consultation with the Texas
5 Access to Justice Commission and State Bar of Texas, grants
6 authorized by other law to provide legal representation for
7 individuals facing eviction due to economic effects and other legal
8 issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

9 SECTION 31. SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS: REDUCTION OF COURT
10 BACKLOG. (a) The amount of \$20,000,000 is appropriated to the
11 Supreme Court of Texas from money received by this state from the
12 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)
13 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.
14 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief
15 Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1,
16 2021, for the purpose of providing, in coordination with the Office
17 of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System, grants
18 authorized by other law to courts, counties, and district
19 attorneys' offices to reduce court backlogs caused by the COVID-19
20 pandemic.

21 (b) To the extent authorized by other law, the grants
22 provided under Subsection (a) of this section must be distributed
23 proportionally among courts, counties, and district attorneys'
24 offices based on the size of the populations served by the
25 applicable entity and the size of the backlog of the applicable
26 entity.

27 SECTION 32. SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS: REDUCTION OF CRIMINAL

1 JUSTICE CASE BACKLOG. The amount of \$15,000,000 is appropriated to
2 the Supreme Court of Texas from money received by this state from
3 the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)
4 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.
5 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief
6 Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1,
7 2021, for the purpose of providing grants authorized by other law to
8 support programs that reduce the criminal justice case backlog
9 through mental health and drug courts and community supervision and
10 diversion programs for low-level, nonviolent first-time offenders.

11 SECTION 33. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: NUTRITIONAL
12 PROGRAMS. The amount of \$30,000,000 is appropriated to the Texas
13 Department of Agriculture from money received by this state from
14 the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)
15 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.
16 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief
17 Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1,
18 2021, for the purpose of supporting food and nutritional programs
19 and allocated as follows:

20 (1) \$20,000,000 for the Texans Feeding Texans - Home
21 Delivered Meals Grant Program; and

22 (2) \$10,000,000 for the Texans Feeding Texans -
23 Surplus Agricultural Products Grant Program.

24 SECTION 34. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: DOWNTOWN AND
25 MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION PROJECTS. The amount of \$2,000,000 is
26 appropriated to the Texas Department of Agriculture from money
27 received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery

1 Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue
2 Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of
3 the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
4 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of supporting downtown
5 and main street revitalization projects, including infrastructure
6 improvement, in rural municipalities and towns, as authorized by
7 other law, to encourage tourism and economic development in rural
8 areas affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

9 SECTION 35. PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT: DEFERRED
10 MAINTENANCE OF STATE PARKS. The amount of \$700,000,000 is
11 appropriated to the Parks and Wildlife Department from money
12 received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
13 Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue
14 Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of
15 the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
16 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of addressing unfunded
17 deferred maintenance of state parks.

18 SECTION 36. WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD: CLEAN DRINKING WATER
19 AND FLOODING AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE. (a) The amount of
20 \$100,000,000 is appropriated to the Water Development Board from
21 money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
22 Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the
23 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited
24 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state
25 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of
26 providing loans and grants and issuing bonds authorized by other
27 law to support clean drinking water and flooding and wastewater

1 infrastructure.

2 (b) To the extent authorized by other law, the board shall
3 ensure that at least \$25,000,000 of the money appropriated by
4 Subsection (a) of this section is used to provide loans and grants
5 and issue bonds for economically distressed areas of this state and
6 high-risk areas with a substantial need for clean drinking water
7 and flooding and wastewater infrastructure.

8 SECTION 37. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:
9 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. The amount of \$500,000,000 is appropriated to
10 the Department of Housing and Community Affairs from money received
11 by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42
12 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act
13 of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the
14 Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium
15 beginning September 1, 2021, for the purpose of addressing housing
16 issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as authorized by other law,
17 including by providing access to and availability of safe,
18 affordable housing through initiatives that may include new housing
19 development, upgrades to infrastructure, and weatherization of
20 existing affordable housing units.

21 SECTION 38. TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION: CHILD CARE. The
22 amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the Texas Workforce
23 Commission from money received by this state from the Coronavirus
24 State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established
25 under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and
26 deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for
27 the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2021, for the

1 purpose of providing child care to unemployed or recently employed
2 caregivers of children to support reentry into the workforce for
3 individuals who lost employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

4 SECTION 39. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: UNEMPLOYMENT
5 COMPENSATION FUND. For the two-year period beginning on the
6 effective date of this Act, the amount of \$4,500,000,000 is
7 appropriated to the comptroller of public accounts from money
8 received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery
9 Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue
10 Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of
11 the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325, for deposit to the credit of
12 the unemployment compensation fund under Section 203.021, Labor
13 Code, for the purpose of paying back outstanding advances received
14 by this state under Section 1201, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 Section 1321), and returning the unemployment compensation fund to
16 the statutory floor computed under Section 204.061, Labor Code, on
17 October 1, 2021, as reimbursement for payments made as a result of
18 the coronavirus disease pandemic.

19 SECTION 40. APPROPRIATION: ELECTRICAL GRID IMPROVEMENTS.
20 The amount of \$1,000,000,000 is appropriated to the Public
21 Utilities Commission from money received by this state from the
22 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)
23 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.
24 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief
25 Fund No. 325 for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1,
26 2021, for the purpose of providing, in coordination with the
27 Railroad Commission of Texas, Electric Reliability Council of

1 Texas, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Division of
2 Emergency Management, Texas Electric Supply Chain Security and
3 Mapping Committee, and Texas Energy Reliability Council, funding
4 for grants, loans, and incentives authorized by other law to
5 support electrical grid and infrastructure weatherization,
6 hardening, resiliency, and improvements, with a focus on projects
7 that do not increase energy bills and taxes paid by homeowners and
8 businesses.

9 SECTION 41. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. Each state agency to
10 which money is appropriated under this Act shall submit to the
11 governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
12 representatives, members of the Senate Finance Committee, and
13 members of the House Appropriations Committee each quarter any
14 report the agency is required to submit to the United States
15 secretary of the treasury in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section
16 802(d)(2).

17 SECTION 42. USE OF MONEY FOR BORDER WALL PROHIBITED. Money
18 appropriated by this Act may not be used to construct, renovate,
19 maintain, or otherwise facilitate the construction or maintenance
20 of a wall, fence, or other barrier on public or private land along
21 the United States' international border with Mexico.

22 SECTION 43. Section 17.16, Article IX, Chapter 1053 (S.B.
23 1), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (the
24 General Appropriations Act), is repealed.

25 SECTION 44. This Act takes effect immediately.