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S.B. No. 8

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to making appropriations of certain federal coronavirus  
3 relief money.

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

5 SECTION 1. COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: UNEMPLOYMENT  
6 COMPENSATION FUND. The amount of \$7,245,419,946 is appropriated to  
7 the comptroller of public accounts from money received by this  
8 state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C.  
9 Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
10 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus  
11 Relief Fund No. 325 for use during the state fiscal year beginning  
12 September 1, 2021, for the purpose of immediately depositing that  
13 amount to the credit of the unemployment compensation fund under  
14 Section 203.021, Labor Code, to pay back outstanding advances  
15 received by this state under Section 1201, Social Security Act (42  
16 U.S.C. Section 1321), and to return the unemployment compensation  
17 fund to the statutory floor computed under Section 204.061, Labor  
18 Code, on October 1, 2021, as reimbursement for payments made as a  
19 result of the coronavirus disease pandemic.

20 SECTION 2. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE  
21 GOVERNOR: TOURISM, TRAVEL, AND HOSPITALITY RECOVERY GRANTS. (a)  
22 The amount of \$180,000,000 is appropriated to the Trusteed Programs  
23 within the Office of the Governor from money received by this state  
24 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section

1 802) 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 purpose of providing funding for grants during  
4 the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for  
5 tourism, travel, and hospitality industry recovery, to the extent  
6 the grants are authorized by other law.

7 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that the governor  
8 give priority to potential grantees that have not received direct  
9 federal aid and that the amount of each authorized grant awarded  
10 does not exceed \$20,000.

11 SECTION 3. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE  
12 GOVERNOR: CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY. The amount of \$1,200,000 is  
13 appropriated to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the  
14 Governor from money received by this state from the Coronavirus  
15 State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established  
16 under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and  
17 deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for  
18 the purpose of providing funding for information technology case  
19 management system improvements for children's advocacy centers  
20 during the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this  
21 Act.

22 SECTION 4. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES: COVID-19  
23 SERVICES. (a) The amount of \$2,462,085,730 is appropriated to the  
24 Department of State Health Services from money received by this  
25 state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C.  
26 Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
27 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus

1 Relief Fund No. 325 for the following purposes related to the  
2 coronavirus disease pandemic during the period beginning on the  
3 effective date of this Act and ending December 31, 2021:

4 (1) providing funding for state and local hospitals,  
5 long-term care facilities, psychiatric hospitals, and nursing  
6 facilities;

7 (2) purchasing therapeutic drugs; and

8 (3) providing funding for the operation of regional  
9 infusion centers.

10 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that any  
11 reimbursement received by the Department of State Health Services  
12 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency related to  
13 expenditures paid from money appropriated under Subsection (a) of  
14 this section be deposited to the general revenue fund and not  
15 expended until appropriated by the 88th Legislature.  
16 Appropriations made under Subsection (a) of this section that  
17 remain unobligated on January 1, 2022, lapse to the credit of the  
18 Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 and may not be expended until  
19 appropriated by the legislature.

20 SECTION 5. FISCAL PROGRAMS - COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC  
21 ACCOUNTS: BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE. (a) The amount of  
22 \$500,475,163 is appropriated to Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of  
23 Public Accounts from money received by this state from the  
24 Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 804)  
25 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.  
26 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief  
27 Fund No. 325 for the purpose of providing funding for broadband

1 infrastructure in accordance with Section [490I.0108](#), Government  
2 Code, and other applicable state or federal law during the two-year  
3 period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

4 (b) Out of money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this  
5 section, \$75,000,000 may be used only for the Texas broadband pole  
6 replacement program.

7 SECTION 6. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE  
8 GOVERNOR: VICTIMS OF CRIME. (a) The amount of \$160,000,000 is  
9 appropriated to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the  
10 Governor from money received by this state from the Coronavirus  
11 State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established  
12 under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and  
13 deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for  
14 the purpose of providing funding for grants for victims of crime  
15 during the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this  
16 Act.

17 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that grants made for  
18 victims of crime during the state fiscal year beginning September  
19 1, 2021, and the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022,  
20 equal grants made during the state fiscal year beginning September  
21 1, 2020.

22 SECTION 7. PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES: COMPENSATION.  
23 (a) From money received by this state from the Coronavirus State  
24 Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the  
25 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited  
26 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325, the following  
27 agencies are appropriated the following amounts for the purpose of

1 providing compensation for agency employees for the state fiscal  
2 biennium beginning September 1, 2021:

3 (1) Department of Criminal Justice: \$2,729,912,000;  
4 and

5 (2) Department of Public Safety: \$806,836,021.

6 (b) The agencies listed in Subsection (a) of this section  
7 shall:

8 (1) in consultation with the comptroller of public  
9 accounts and the Legislative Budget Board, determine the proper  
10 allocation of benefits included in the appropriations made under  
11 Subsection (a) of this section; and

12 (2) identify the strategies and objectives for which  
13 the appropriations made under Subsection (a) of this section are  
14 directed.

15 (c) It is the intent of the legislature that the agencies  
16 receiving appropriations under Subsection (a) of this section  
17 consider the appropriations as a change in the method of finance of  
18 the compensation to be paid to agency employees and not as an  
19 increase in total appropriations to the agencies.

20 SECTION 8. TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM: TRS-CARE AND  
21 TRS-ACTIVECARE. (a) The amount of \$286,337,761 is appropriated to  
22 the Teacher Retirement System from money received by this state  
23 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section  
24 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.  
25 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief  
26 Fund No. 325 for the purpose of providing funding for  
27 coronavirus-related claims in TRS-Care and TRS-ActiveCare incurred

1 before September 1, 2021, during the two-year period beginning on  
2 the effective date of this Act.

3 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that premiums for  
4 TRS-Care and TRS-ActiveCare insurance policies not increase as a  
5 result of coronavirus-related claims incurred before September 1,  
6 2021.

7 SECTION 9. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: FOOD BANKS. The  
8 amount of \$95,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of  
9 Agriculture from money received by this state from the Coronavirus  
10 State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established  
11 under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and  
12 deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for  
13 the purpose of providing supplemental funding to food banks in  
14 response to the coronavirus pandemic during the two-year period  
15 beginning on the effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION 10. HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD: TEXAS  
17 CHILD MENTAL HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM. (a) The amount of  
18 \$113,082,887 is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating  
19 Board from money received by this state from the Coronavirus State  
20 Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the  
21 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited  
22 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the purpose  
23 of supporting the operations and expansion of the Texas Child  
24 Mental Health Care Consortium to expand mental health initiatives  
25 for children during the two-year period beginning on the effective  
26 date of this Act. At the direction of the Texas Child Mental Health  
27 Care Consortium, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall

1 transfer appropriations through interagency contracts with  
2 health-related institutions of higher education for the following  
3 purposes:

4           (1) \$20,578,442 for enhancements and expansion of the  
5 Child Psychiatry Access Network;

6           (2) \$56,218,976 for enhancements and expansion of the  
7 Texas Child Access Through Telemedicine program;

8           (3) \$32,991,791 for expansion of the child and  
9 adolescent mental health workforce; and

10           (4) \$3,293,676 for administrative expenses.

11           (b) Not later than December 1, 2021, out of money  
12 appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section, the Higher  
13 Education Coordinating Board shall transfer \$3,293,676 to an  
14 institution of higher education designated by the Texas Child  
15 Mental Health Care Consortium for oversight and evaluation of the  
16 outlined initiatives by means of interagency agreements or any  
17 other necessary contracts.

18           (c) The Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium may  
19 transfer up to 10 percent of money appropriated for the purposes  
20 described by Subsection (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this section to any  
21 of the other purposes described by those provisions. The Texas  
22 Child Mental Health Care Consortium may transfer more than 10  
23 percent of funds for those purposes only with the prior approval for  
24 the transfer and expenditure from the Legislative Budget Board. A  
25 request for approval of the transfer and expenditure by the  
26 consortium is considered approved unless the Legislative Budget  
27 Board issues a written disapproval within 10 business days of the

1 receipt and review of the request by the Legislative Budget Board.

2 SECTION 11. TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: STATE  
3 OPERATIONS CENTER. (a) The amount of \$300,000,000 is appropriated  
4 to the Texas Division of Emergency Management from money received  
5 by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42  
6 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act  
7 of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the  
8 Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the purpose of the acquisition  
9 of land for, and construction of, a state operations center during  
10 the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

11 (b) The capital budget authority of the Texas Division of  
12 Emergency Management in Chapter 1053 (S.B. 1), Acts of the 87th  
13 Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (the General Appropriations  
14 Act), is increased by \$300,000,000 for the appropriation made under  
15 Subsection (a) of this section.

16 SECTION 12. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES:  
17 CYBERSECURITY PROJECTS. (a) The amount of \$200,000,000 is  
18 appropriated to the Department of Information Resources for deposit  
19 into the Technology Improvement and Modernization Fund No. 187 and  
20 for use during the two-year period beginning on the effective date  
21 of this Act for the purpose of cybersecurity projects from money  
22 received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
23 Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue  
24 Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of  
25 the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325.

26 (b) The capital budget authority of the Department of  
27 Information Resources in Chapter 1053 (S.B. 1), Acts of the 87th



1 Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (the General Appropriations  
2 Act), is increased by \$200,000,000 for the appropriation made under  
3 Subsection (a) of this section.

4 SECTION 13. HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD:  
5 UNIVERSITY CONSTRUCTION. Contingent on legislation by the 87th  
6 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2021, relating to the issuance of  
7 tuition revenue bonds, becoming law, the amount of \$325,000,000 is  
8 appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Board 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 purpose of university  
13 construction during the two-year period beginning on the effective  
14 date of this Act.

15 SECTION 14. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: DALLAS  
16 STATE HOSPITAL. (a) The amount of \$237,800,000 is appropriated to  
17 the Health and Human Services Commission from money received by  
18 this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42  
19 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act  
20 of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the  
21 Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the purpose of completing  
22 construction of a state hospital in Dallas during the two-year  
23 period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

24 (b) The capital budget authority of the Health and Human  
25 Services Commission in Chapter 1053 (S.B. 1), Acts of the 87th  
26 Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (the General Appropriations  
27 Act), is increased by \$237,800,000 for the appropriation made under

1 Subsection (a) of this section.

2 SECTION 15. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: STAFFING  
3 NEEDS. (a) The amount of \$400,000,000 is appropriated to the  
4 Health and Human Services Commission from money received by this  
5 state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C.  
6 Section 802) 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 purpose of providing funding for the  
9 Health and Human Services Commission to administer one-time grants  
10 related to critical staffing needs of frontline health care workers  
11 affected by COVID-19, including recruitment and retention bonuses  
12 for nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, home health  
13 facilities, community attendants, and emergency medical services  
14 providers, during the two-year period beginning on the effective  
15 date of this Act.

16 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that the Health and  
17 Human Services Commission prioritize grantees that comply with the  
18 reporting requirements prescribed by Rider 143, Chapter 1053 (S.B.  
19 1), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (the  
20 General Appropriations Act), the reporting requirements  
21 established by Chapter 588 (S.B. 809), Acts of the 87th  
22 Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, or equivalent reporting  
23 requirements established by the Health and Human Services  
24 Commission.

25 (c) Annually, the Health and Human Services Commission  
26 shall report to the Legislative Budget Board the grants awarded  
27 under this section. The report must include, for the year covered

1 by the report, the amount of grants awarded, the award recipients,  
2 and the total amount of each grant used by the recipient. The  
3 report must be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board not later  
4 than December 1 of the year in which the report is due.

5 (d) Of the amount appropriated under Subsection (a) of this  
6 section:

7 (1) \$200,000,000 may be used only for grants for  
8 nursing facilities; and

9 (2) \$200,000,000 may be used only for grants for  
10 assisted living facilities, home health facilities, community  
11 attendants, and emergency medical services providers.

12 SECTION 16. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: RURAL  
13 HOSPITALS. The amount of \$75,000,000 is appropriated to the Health  
14 and Human Services Commission 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 (Pub. L.  
17 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief  
18 Fund No. 325 for the purpose of providing funding for grants to  
19 support rural hospitals that have been affected by the COVID-19  
20 pandemic during the two-year period beginning on the effective date  
21 of this Act.

22 SECTION 17. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: INTERNET  
23 PORTAL. The amount of \$20,000,000 is appropriated to the Health and  
24 Human Services Commission from money received by this state from  
25 the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)  
26 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.  
27 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief

1 Fund No. 325 for the purpose of providing funding for the creation  
2 of a consolidated Internet portal for Medicaid and the Children's  
3 Health Insurance Program medical services provider data during the  
4 two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

5 SECTION 18. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION:  
6 TECHNOLOGY UPDATES. The amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated to  
7 the Health and Human Services Commission from money received by  
8 this 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 purpose of providing  
12 funding for technology updates to the Medicaid eligibility computer  
13 system during the two-year period beginning on the effective date  
14 of this Act.

15 SECTION 19. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: TEXAS  
16 CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE. The amount of \$14,250 is appropriated to  
17 the Health and Human Services Commission for the Texas Civil  
18 Commitment Office from money received by this state from the  
19 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)  
20 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.  
21 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief  
22 Fund No. 325 for the purpose of providing funding for COVID-19  
23 related expenses incurred by the Texas Civil Commitment Office  
24 related to consumable supplies and travel during the two-year  
25 period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

26 SECTION 20. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES: FEDERALLY  
27 QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER INCUBATOR PROGRAM. The amount of

1 \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of State Health  
2 Services from money received by this state from the Coronavirus  
3 State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established  
4 under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and  
5 deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for  
6 use during the two-year period beginning on the effective date of  
7 this Act for the Federally Qualified Health Center Incubator  
8 Program.

9 SECTION 21. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES: RIO  
10 GRANDE VALLEY. The amount of \$16,700,000 is appropriated to the  
11 Department of State Health Services from money received by this  
12 state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C.  
13 Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
14 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus  
15 Relief Fund No. 325 for the purpose of upgrading existing  
16 laboratory facilities in Starr County during the two-year period  
17 beginning on the effective date of this Act.

18 SECTION 22. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER  
19 AT HOUSTON: TEXAS EPIDEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE. The amount of  
20 \$40,000,000 is appropriated to The University of Texas Health  
21 Science Center at Houston 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 purpose of operating the Texas Epidemic Public  
26 Health Institute during the two-year period beginning on the  
27 effective date of this Act.

1 SECTION 23. HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD: TEXAS  
2 RESKILLING AND UPSKILLING THROUGH EDUCATION (TRUE) PROGRAM. (a)  
3 The amount of \$15,000,000 is appropriated to the Higher Education  
4 Coordinating Board 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 (Pub. L.  
7 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief  
8 Fund No. 325 for the purpose of operating the Texas Reskilling and  
9 Upskilling through Education (TRUE) Program during the two-year  
10 period beginning on the effective date of this Act.

11 (b) The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall  
12 distribute the money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section  
13 in a manner consistent with Subchapter T-2, Chapter 61, Education  
14 Code, as added by Section 1, Chapter 601 (S.B. 1102), Acts of the  
15 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021. The board may not place  
16 additional eligibility requirements on eligible entities beyond  
17 the statutory limitations of Subchapter T-2, Chapter 61, Education  
18 Code, as added by Section 1, Chapter 601 (S.B. 1102), Acts of the  
19 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, including matching fund  
20 requirements by recipients of money appropriated by this section.

21 SECTION 24. HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD:  
22 PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING FOR AT-RISK STUDENTS AT COMPREHENSIVE  
23 REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES. (a) The amount of \$20,000,000 is  
24 appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Board 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 purpose of allocating  
2 and distributing the money in a manner that is consistent with  
3 Subsection (b) of this section and Section 62.183(b), Education  
4 Code, as added by Section 2, Chapter 186 (S.B. 1295), Acts of the  
5 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, during the state fiscal  
6 year beginning September 1, 2021.

7 (b) After consultation with the Legislative Budget Board,  
8 the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall allocate and  
9 distribute the money appropriated by Subsection (a) of this section  
10 to each eligible institution, as defined by Section 62.181,  
11 Education Code, as added by Section 2, Chapter 186 (S.B. 1295), Acts  
12 of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, in an amount equal  
13 to the sum of the following:

14 (1) \$250,000; and

15 (2) the product of:

16 (A) an amount of money (estimated to be \$400);

17 and

18 (B) the average number of at-risk students  
19 awarded a degree by the eligible institution each year during the  
20 three state fiscal years preceding the first year of the state  
21 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2021.

22 SECTION 25. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: HOME-DELIVERED  
23 MEALS. The amount of \$5,000,000 is appropriated to the Department  
24 of Agriculture from money received by this state from the  
25 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802)  
26 established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.  
27 No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief

1 Fund No. 325 for the purpose of providing funding for  
2 home-delivered meals during the two-year period beginning on the  
3 effective date of this Act.

4 SECTION 26. GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND VETERANS LAND BOARD:  
5 TEXAS STATE VETERANS HOMES. The amount of \$35,000,000 is  
6 appropriated to the General Land Office and the Veterans Land Board  
7 from money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal  
8 Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the  
9 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited  
10 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the purpose  
11 of providing funding for HVAC upgrades, negative pressure COVID-19  
12 wards, and mobile HEPA air filtration units for Texas state  
13 veterans homes during the two-year period beginning on the  
14 effective date of this Act.

15 SECTION 27. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: SUNRISE  
16 CANYON HOSPITAL. The amount of \$15,000,000 is appropriated to the  
17 Health and Human Services Commission from money received by this  
18 state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C.  
19 Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
20 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus  
21 Relief Fund No. 325 for the purpose of providing funding during the  
22 two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the  
23 expansion of capacity of Sunrise Canyon Hospital.

24 SECTION 28. HISTORICAL COMMISSION:  
25 WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS CAPITAL PLAN PROJECT. The amount of  
26 \$20,000,000 is appropriated to the Texas Historical Commission from  
27 money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal



1 Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the  
2 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited  
3 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the purpose  
4 of providing funding during the two-year period beginning on the  
5 effective date of this Act for the purposes of the commission's  
6 capital plan project for the Washington-on-the-Brazos state  
7 historic site.

8 SECTION 29. LEGISLATIVE INTENT REGARDING APPROPRIATIONS.

9 (a) It is the intent of the legislature that the appropriations  
10 made by this Act are one-time appropriations made for the purpose of  
11 addressing the needs of this state for the two-year period  
12 beginning on the effective date of this Act.

13 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that the  
14 appropriations made by this Act be used only for purposes  
15 authorized by state and federal law, including guidance issued by  
16 the United States Department of the Treasury as part of the interim  
17 final rules published in 86 Fed. Reg. 26786 (May 17, 2021).

18 (c) It is the intent of the legislature that the  
19 appropriations made by this Act be used before all other methods of  
20 finance if more than one method of finance has been appropriated by  
21 this and a prior act of the legislature for use during a state  
22 fiscal year.

23 (d) It is the intent of the legislature that if the purpose  
24 of an appropriation, for any reason, is determined by the United  
25 States Department of the Treasury or any other qualified state or  
26 federal authority to have been made for an improper use, the  
27 appropriated money not be spent and instead be retained in the

1 treasury and available for later legislative appropriation.

2 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. The  
3 appropriations made under Sections 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,  
4 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 of this Act  
5 using money received by this state from the Coronavirus State  
6 Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the  
7 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) are made in  
8 accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 802(c)(1)(C), which allows money  
9 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to be used to  
10 provide government services to the extent of a reduction in the  
11 revenue of a state government caused by the COVID-19 public health  
12 emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full  
13 fiscal year of the state government that ended before that  
14 emergency.

15 SECTION 31. APPLICABILITY OF TRANSFER PROVISIONS OF OTHER  
16 LAW. The transfer provisions of Part 14, Article IX, Chapter 1053  
17 (S.B. 1), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021 (the  
18 General Appropriations Act), and the transfer provisions of Section  
19 65, Chapter 995 (H.B. 2), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular  
20 Session, 2021 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act), apply to the  
21 appropriations made by this Act to allow appropriate transfer of  
22 appropriations made by this Act as if the appropriations made by the  
23 General Appropriations Act, the Supplemental Appropriations Act,  
24 and this Act were all a part of the same Act, to the extent permitted  
25 by federal law.

26 SECTION 32. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
27 immediately.