



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Raymond

Amend Amendment No. E870006 by Raymond to C.S.S.B. No. 1 (page 184, prefiled amendments packet) by striking the text of the amendment and substituting the following:

Amend CSSB 1 (House committee printing) as follows:

(1) In Article IV of the bill, in the bill pattern for the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department on page IV-30, reduce the appropriations for Strategy A.1.3, Visiting Judges – Regions, by \$500,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year;

(2) In Article IV of the bill, in the bill pattern for the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council on page IV-21, increase the appropriations for Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, by \$500,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year;

(3) In Article IV of the bill, in the bill pattern for the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, on page VI-25, add the following new rider:

_____. **Information Technology Modernization to Address Court Backlogs.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, \$500,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year shall be used for the purpose of implementing an information technology modernization program to address court backlogs, including backlogs arising due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Contingent on the Office of Court Administration making a determination that the information technology modernization program is effective at reducing the backlog of court cases resulting from the pandemic, the Office of Court Administration shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller of Public Accounts of its determination and appropriations for Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology shall be increased by an amount not to exceed \$4,343,306 each fiscal year. Also contingent on the Office of Court Administration making a notification of its determination that the information technology modernization program is effective at reducing the backlog of court cases resulting from the pandemic, appropriations in the bill pattern of the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department in Strategy A.1.3, Visiting Judges – Regions shall be reduced by a like amount of the amounts increased in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration.

(4) Adjust Methods of Finance at the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department and the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council accordingly.