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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee printing) as follows:

1. In the bill pattern for the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council (page IV - 22), amend Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology by striking "\$29,525,164" and substituting "\$31,985,164" for fiscal year 2022.
2. In Article IV of the bill, following the appropriations to Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council (page IV - 22), add the following appropriately numbered rider and renumber subsequent riders accordingly:

____. Information Technology Modernization to Address Court Backlogs. Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Office of Court Administration in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, \$2,460,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2022 for the purpose of implementing an information technology modernization program to address court backlogs, including backlogs arising due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is the intent of the legislature that:

(a) this appropriation be expended through a competitive procurement process to implement the program in accordance with general law and that at least two respondents meet qualifications for evaluation; and

(b) to the extent authorized by general law, the program as implemented:

(1) increases Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) compliance throughout the state for a secure end-to-end case access;

(2) provides means for frequent, timely and accurate digital sharing of evidence, exhibits, documents, and multimedia;

(3) provides the ability to annotate and redact documents;
and

(4) ensures there are no barriers to entry for pro se litigants thus ensuring access to justice.