

Amend **CSSB 1** (house committee report) in Article VI of the bill, following the appropriations to the Texas Workforce Commission (page VII-49), by adding the following appropriately numbered rider and renumbering subsequent riders accordingly:

_____. From funds appropriated above for the Texas Workforce Commission, \$6,500,000 in additional non-restrictive funding shall be expended to partner with East Texas Lighthouse, Vibrant Works, and the Lighthouse of Houston to expand and implement comprehensive services and training programs for people who are blind, low vision and legally blind over the 2026-2027 biennium. \$6,000,000 of the funding must be allocated equally to each organization through an unrestricted grant for these organizations to enhance and expand efforts related to independent living and workforce-readiness skills. Funding shall be dedicated to increasing the following: communication about services offered by East Texas Lighthouse, Vibrant Works, the Lighthouse of Houston, and the Texas Workforce Commission; access to technology and training for individuals who are blind, low vision and legally blind; independent living skills; and services to rural counties and underserved communities:

(1) Reduce the Article VIII appropriations to the Public Utility Commission for Strategy A.4.1, Texas Energy Fund by the amount of \$3,250,000 for the state fiscal year ending in August 31, 2026, and by the amount of \$3,250,000 for the state fiscal year ending in August 31, 2027;

(2) Increase the Article VII appropriations to the Texas Workforce Commission (page VII-34) by the amount of \$3,250,000 in general revenue for the state fiscal year ending in August 31, 2026, and by the amount of \$3,250,000 in general revenue for the state fiscal year ending in August 31, 2027, in additional non-restrictive funding to be expended on partnerships with East Texas Lighthouse, Vibrant Works, and the Lighthouse of Houston to expand and implement comprehensive services and training programs for people who are blind, low vision and legally blind over the 2026-2027 biennium and for the Texas Workforce Commission to administer the partnerships; and

(3) Adjust totals and methods of financing accordingly.