




GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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Secretary of State

The Honorable John B. Scott
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Chapter 317 of the Texas Government Code, the Legislative Budget Board sent the attached letter to the governor on Monday, June 27, 2022, stating an emergency exists under Sec. 317.002 of the code due to an insufficiency of funds. In response, the governor issued the attached letter under his signature ratifying the proposal made by the Legislative Budget Board.

Therefore, pursuant to Sec. 317.004 of the Texas Government Code, I am forwarding the proposal from the Legislative Budget Board and the order signed ratifying the proposal from the governor to the secretary of state to be duly filed for publication in the Texas Register.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachments



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EXECUTIVE CLERK

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Dear Governor Abbott,

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 317.002, this budget execution order is proposed for the following action affecting items of appropriation made by Senate Bill No. 1, General Appropriations Act, Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

Funds are necessary to support additional mental health and school safety initiatives during the 2022-2023 state fiscal biennium and this need creates an emergency. We therefore propose that:

- From appropriations made to the Texas Education Agency by Senate Bill No. 1, General Appropriations Act, Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, the amount of \$100,579,000 in General Revenue appropriated for use during fiscal year 2022 and available pursuant to the budget surplus of Foundation School Program Funds identified in Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding, shall be transferred to the following agencies and institutions for use during the 2022-2023 state fiscal biennium:
 - \$50,000,000 to the Trused Programs within the Office of the Governor for the purchase of bullet-resistant shields, as identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety as being of sufficient quality, and distributed based on the following priorities: 1) police officers directly employed by school districts, 2) police officers contracted by school districts, and 3) other law enforcement officers that may respond to school safety emergencies;
 - \$5,800,000 to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, for distribution by the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium, for expanding Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT) statewide;
 - \$4,725,000 to the Health and Human Services Commission for increasing of Multisystemic Therapy (MST) across the state;
 - \$950,000 to the Health and Human Services Commission for expanding Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) teams across the state;
 - \$7,000,000 to Texas State University for additional funding to the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERT) Center for rapid response training and

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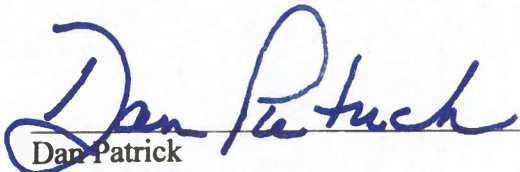
- \$3,000,000 to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for grants to local law enforcement agencies to offset travel expenditures associated with the training;
- \$7,000,000 to Texas State University for additional funding to the Texas School Safety Center for on-site campus assessments to evaluate access control measures;
 - \$17,104,000 to the Texas Education Agency for distribution to school districts to allow for the purchase of silent panic alert technology; and
 - \$5,000,000 to the Texas Department of Public Safety to expand fusion center research and capabilities.

These proposed transfers do not alter the allocation of money between particular programs or statutory allotments under the foundation school program contrary to the statutory proration formula provided by Education Code, Section 42.253(h) or its successor.

- From appropriations made to the Health and Human Services Commission by Senate Bill No. 1, General Appropriations Act, Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall be used by the Health and Human Services Commission for a planning grant to the Hill Country Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities (MHDD) Center to assist the center in evaluating mental health services in the Uvalde community and preparing a needs assessment for submission to the Legislature. None of these funds may be used for real property acquisition or construction.

Nothing in this proposal extends appropriation authority beyond August 31, 2023.

Respectfully,



Dan Patrick
Lieutenant Governor
Joint Chair, Legislative Budget Board



Dade Phelan
Speaker of the House
Joint Chair, Legislative Budget Board



Joan Huffman
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I am in receipt of your proposal dated June 27, 2022. In the proposal, you state there is an emergency pursuant to Section 317.002 of the Texas Government Code and recommend the transfer of funding between agencies as shown below.

Pursuant to Section 317.005(b) of the Government Code, I am ratifying the proposal. As the Legislative Budget Board noted, these funds are necessary to support additional mental health and school safety initiatives during the 2022-2023 state fiscal biennium and that need creates an emergency. There is no government function more critical than public safety. Though there is tremendous work that will need to be undertaken in the 88th Legislative Session, there are definitive actions we can take today that will improve safety and security for the upcoming school year. While no item is intended or imagined to address every conceivable outcome, when taken together with the steps Texas has already taken, the result will be that Texas school children, teachers, and families are safer.

Therefore, it is ordered that:

From appropriations made to the Texas Education Agency by Senate Bill No. 1, General Appropriations Act, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, the amount of \$100,579,000 in General Revenue appropriated for use during fiscal year 2022 and available pursuant to the budget surplus of Foundation School Program Funds identified in Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding, shall be transferred to the following agencies and institutions for use during the 2022-2023 state fiscal biennium:

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- \$7,000,000 to Texas State University for additional funding to the Texas School Safety Center for on-site campus assessments to evaluate access control measures;
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- \$5,000,000 to the Texas Department of Public Safety to expand fusion center research and capabilities.

As noted above, this funding is available from a budget surplus in the Foundation School Program and thus this transfer will not affect current school operations or funding. These proposed transfers do not reduce the allocation of money between particular programs or statutory allotments under the foundation school program contrary to the statutory proration formula provided by Section 42.253(h) of the Texas Education Code or its successor. Public schools in the state of Texas will continue to receive the full per student allotment appropriated in the 2021 legislative session.

- From appropriations made to the Health and Human Services Commission by Senate Bill No. 1, General Appropriations Act, Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall be used by the Health and Human Services Commission for a planning grant to the Hill Country Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities (MHDD) Center to assist the center in evaluating mental health services in the Uvalde community and preparing a needs assessment for submission to the Legislature. None of these funds may be used for real property acquisition or construction.

This fund transfer will not reduce the programs or benefits provided by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission from what was appropriated in the 2021 legislative session. To the extent this transfer results in a shortfall, it is the intent that the need will be fully addressed when the Legislature convenes in 2023.

Nothing in this proposal extends appropriation authority beyond August 31, 2023.

I hereby certify that this order has been reviewed by legal counsel and found to be within my authority.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on June 28, 2022.

Sincerely,



Greg Abbott
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Glenn Hegar, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Jerry McGinty, Executive Director, Legislative Budget Board
Mike Morath, Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
Aimee Snoddy, Executive Director, Public Safety Office at the Office of the Governor
Harrison Keller, Commissioner, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Cecile Young, Executive Commissioner, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Denise Trauth, President, Texas State University

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