

DSHS Legislative Update



TEXAS
Health and Human
Services

Texas Department of State
Health Services



Bill Statistics

- Total # of bills (HBs, SBs, HJR, SJR) filed: 9,014
- Total # of bills that DSHS tracked: 1,102
- Total # of bills sent to/signed by the Governor: 1,183
- Subset of DSHS tracked bills that have be sent to/signed by the Governor: 155

SB 1 – The Budget & Exceptional Items Highlights



Exceptional Items

- **Exceptional Item 1, Meet Increased Costs for Current Agency Operations**
 - Vehicles – HB 500 Supplemental funding includes \$965K for vehicles and \$1.5M for Boats.
 - Data Center Services is fully funded, which funds the DCS exceptional item of \$25.1M with General Revenue and COVID Federal.
 - Seat Management – HB 500 Supplemental funding includes \$2.5M.
 - Texas Center for Infectious Disease – Partially funded at \$1.8M in General Revenue.
- **Exceptional Item 2, Maintain Agency Infrastructure that Serves Texans and Communities**
 - Regional Clinic Cost Increases and Space Planning – Partially funded at \$6.9M in General Revenue and 1 FTE.
 - Lab Building Maintenance of Critical Infrastructure – Fully funded at \$2.7M in General Revenue.
 - TCID Deferred Maintenance – Fully funded at \$6.6M in General Revenue.
 - Facility Cost Increase – Partially funded at \$1.8M in General Revenue.
- **Exceptional Item 3, Expand Laboratory Capacity and Capability to Detect Risks to Health and Safety**
 - New Laboratory Building – HB500 Supplemental funding includes \$205M in capital authority with the ability to increase an additional \$123.3M in capital authority as additional federal indirect is received.
 - Maintain Laboratory Staff – Fully funded at \$6.6M in 709 Medicaid Reimbursement funds and 38 FTEs.

Exceptional Items, continued

- **Exceptional Item 4, Improve Child Mortality and Morbidity due to Congenital Syphilis**
 - **Partially funded at \$8.4M in General Revenue and 23 FTEs. This was specially funded for the Nurse Strike Team and the Call Center.**
- **Exceptional Item 5, Ensure Access to Regional and Local Public Health Services**
 - Not funded in the Conference Committee bill.
- **Exceptional Item 6, Support Growth in Texas Industries and Career Entry**
 - **Texas Meat Industry – Fully funded at \$5.3M in General Revenue Related, 4 FTEs in FY26 and 10 FTEs in FY27.**
 - The remaining of the exceptional item request was not funded in the Conference Committee bill.
- **Exceptional Item 7, Reduce the Impacts of Tobacco-Related Cancers**
 - Not funded in the Conference Committee bill
- **Exceptional Item 8, Increase the Timeliness and Quality of Maternal and Child Health Data**
 - **Maternal Mortality and Morbidity – HB500 Supplemental bill funding includes \$5.6M in General Revenue. The 7 FTEs were funded in the Intro bill.**
 - Birth Defects – Fully funded at \$1.6M in General Revenue and 8 FTEs.
- **Exceptional Item 9, Regulatory Automation System Replacement**
 - Not funded in the Conference Committee bill.

Highlighted Bill



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SB 2312 – Advisory Committee on Geopolitical Conflict

- Authored by Sen. Hughes/Sponsored by Rep. Hefner
- Relating to the establishment and powers and duties of the Texas Advisory Committee on Geopolitical Conflict
- Directs the Texas Advisory Committee on Geopolitical Conflict to study the drug supply chain of Texas to determine the impact of a geopolitical conflict
- DSHS and HHSC will act in collaboration with the advisory committee administratively attached to the Texas Military Department