



PROPOSED BUDGET RIDERS

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Article II – Health and Human Services

In addition to amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding for the following mental health programs in the supplemental appropriation bill for fiscal year 2026:

(a) New Capacity for Mental Health Services and Inpatient Facilities.

- (1) **Facility in the Coastal Bend.** \$20,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to construct a 50-bed state hospital maximum security facility in the Coastal Bend region.
- (2) **Grant Program to Construct a Mental Health Inpatient Facility.** \$20,000,000 in General Revenue in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other, to establish a one-time grant program to construct a mental health inpatient facility with at least 50 percent forensic capacity as listed below. Facility to be operated by the local mental health authority or under contract with the local mental health authority. Land, site work, and utility and infrastructure connections for any construction project must be donated. Of this funding:
 - (a) \$20,000,000 is to be used for construction of up to 100 inpatient beds in Nueces County.

Article III – Higher Education Coordinating Board

Within the Higher Education Coordinating Board's bill pattern, add the following new General Revenue strategy:

		2026	2027
X.X.X	Locally Supported GME Expansion	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

Grant Funding for Locally Supported GME Expansion Program. The Coordinating Board is directed to pursue additional funds for this program from governmental entities, foundations, and other entities interested in promoting local expansion of graduate medical education by hospital districts who do not operate a hospital in counties of less than 500,000 population.

Match for Locally Supported GME Expansion Program. The Coordinating Board is directed to allocate funds for this program to hospital districts in counties of less than 500,000 population that do not operate a hospital facility that provides direct financial support for one or more graduate medical programs operated by a hospital within the district that does not receive Medicare GME funding for at least one of its graduate medical education programs.