

## **Texas Department of Criminal Justice**

### **Summary of the FY 2020-21 General Appropriations Bill as Introduced**

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#### ***Statement from Executive Director Bryan Collier***

*The House and Senate versions of the general appropriations bill were recently filed. The following is a short summary of the proposed budget specific to TDCJ. I appreciate the work policymakers have devoted to preparing these initial budget proposals, as well the many long hours they will spend finalizing the state's budget for the next two fiscal years (FY). It is important to remember the bills as introduced are only the starting point for budget deliberations occurring during the legislative session. As you know, we have requested additional operational and policy items which are not typically funded in the introduced versions of the bill. The agency will work closely with members of the legislature and the Governor's Office throughout the next five months to ensure they have accurate information regarding the impact of various decisions on operations and staff. Final decisions regarding appropriations for the FY 2020-21 biennium will be made no earlier than May 2019.*

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#### **PROBATION:**

- Provides funding levels for felony and misdemeanor probation supervision based on the LBB June 2018 population projections.
- Maintains funding for the probation treatment/diversion programs, community corrections programs and the Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program at FY 2018-19 levels.

#### **TCOOMMI:**

- Maintains FY 2018-19 funding levels for mental health services and continuity of care for adult and juvenile offenders.

#### **INCARCERATION & TREATMENT:**

- Maintains staffing and funding for operational areas within the incarceration function (such as correctional officers, unit support, utilities, maintenance, and industry/agriculture operations) at FY 2018-19 levels.
- Provides funding to maintain current operational levels for contract prisons and privately operated state jails.
- Maintains current funding levels for rehabilitation and reentry programs such as chaplaincy, reentry transitional coordinators, substance abuse treatment programs, and the sex offender treatment program.
- The House provides an additional \$5.3 million for an academic and vocational pilot program.
- The Senate provides an additional \$2.0 million to expand vocational training programs.
- Both introduced versions of the bill provide no funding for major repair projects.
- The House provides an additional \$160.0 million to maintain offender health care at the projected FY 2018-19 expenditure level.
- The House (\$26.0 million) and Senate (\$10.0 million) provides additional funding for comprehensive video surveillance systems.

#### **PAROLE:**

- Provides staffing and funding for parole supervision based on the LBB June 2018 population projections.
- Provides funding to maintain FY 2018-19 operational levels for halfway house and intermediate sanction facility beds.

#### **OTHER AGENCY FUNCTIONS:**

- Maintains staffing and funding levels for all other administrative and support functions (such as Central Administration, Information Technology, Office of Inspector General, State Counsel for Offenders, and Health Services). Provides funding for Information Resources data center services based on the estimates provided by the Department of Information Resources (DIR).