



Legislative Update

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Bills Now Law

- ▶ House Bill 106 - Inmate Health Care & 340B Program
- ▶ House Bill 108 - PED/Safekeeper Health Care Cost Recovery Practices
- ▶ House Bill 138 - Damage Jail & Prison Fire Sprinkler/Penalty
- ▶ House Bill 617 - Allow Repeat Referral to Teen Court
- ▶ Senate Bill 413 - Raise the Age Modifications

Bills of Interest

- ▶ House Bill 283 - Conner's Law
- ▶ House Bill 671 - Modifications to Various DPS Provisions
- ▶ Senate Bill 579 - Prison Reform Act of 2019

House Bill 966 - 2019 Appropriations Act

- ▶ Funding for an across-the-board salary increase of 2.5% effective July 1, 2019, and an additional across-the-board salary increase of 2.5% effective July 1, 2020.
- ▶ Additional five days of annual leave which does not expire. Part-time, permanent employees will receive a pro rata amount of the five days
- ▶ \$15M recurring in each year of the biennium for differentiated salary supplements for employees at prison facilities with staffing difficulties

House Bill 966 - 2019 Appropriations Act

- ▶ \$400,000 non-recurring in FY 2019-20 for additional stab resistant vests and exterior carriers
- ▶ \$730,937 non-recurring in FY 2019-20 for security netting over prison fence lines to deter and intercept contraband
- ▶ \$216,750 non-recurring in FY 2019-20 for additional hand-held metal detectors to reduce contraband in prison facilities
- ▶ \$675,360 non-recurring in FY 2019-20 for key lock boxes that will be distributed throughout facilities
- ▶ \$2.4M non-recurring in FY 2019-20 for IT security equipment upgrades for man down technology and cameras

House Bill 966 - 2019 Appropriations Act

- ▶ \$643,310 in total funding across the biennium to create 32 intermediate inmate substance abuse treatment slots, effective October 1, 2019
- ▶ \$645,240 recurring in FY 2020-21 to fund eight Registered Nurse positions to address the medical staffing needs of inmates
- ▶ \$2.5 annually in additional funding to address the rising costs of prescription drugs.
- ▶ \$30,754,037 in FY 2019-20 and \$39,646,310 in FY 2020-21 for Raise the Age

Budget Possibilities

- ▶ Veto Override
- ▶ “Mini” Budgets
- ▶ Status Quo



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Questions