

S.B. No. 1
General Appropriations Act
Eighty-ninth Legislature

STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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- (10) State Pension Review Board
- (11) State Securities Board
- (12) Teacher Retirement System of Texas
- (13) Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
- (14) Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council
- (15) Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- (16) Texas Board of Nursing
- (17) Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists
- (18) Texas Commission on Fire Protection
- (19) Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- (20) Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- (21) Texas Department of Insurance (not including the Division of Workers' Compensation)
- (22) Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
- (23) Texas Department of Transportation
- (24) Texas Funeral Service Commission
- (25) Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- (26) Texas Lottery Commission
- (27) Texas Medical Board
- (28) Texas Optometry Board
- (29) Texas Racing Commission
- (30) Texas State Board of Pharmacy
- (31) Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners

7. Unexpended Balances in Interagency Contracts. In addition to amounts appropriated above, all unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, in Interagency Contracts (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

All unexpended and unobligated balances appropriated in Interagency Contracts to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for fiscal year 2026 and remaining as of August 31, 2026, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 5,164,155	\$ 4,841,086
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 1,176,000	\$ 1,176,000
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 6,340,155</u>	<u>\$ 6,017,086</u>
Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 1,539,854	\$ 1,482,184
This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	64.0	64.0
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: LICENSURE		
Protect Public through Quality Program of Licensure.		
A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING	\$ 3,729,557	\$ 3,406,009
Operate Quality Program of Licensure.		
A.1.2. Strategy: TEXAS.GOV	<u>210,350</u>	<u>210,350</u>
Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
Total, Goal A: LICENSURE	\$ 3,939,907	\$ 3,616,359

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B. Goal: ENFORCEMENT		
Protect the Public through Enforcement of Laws and Rules.		
B.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT	\$	2,160,273
Operate A Quality Investigation/Enforcement Program.	\$	2,160,752
C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
C.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$	239,975
	\$	239,975
Grand Total, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL		
	\$	6,340,155
	\$	6,017,086
Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:		
Salaries and Wages	\$	3,700,608
Other Personnel Costs		307,720
Professional Fees and Services		334,148
Consumable Supplies		23,840
Utilities		600
Travel		130,000
Rent - Building		360
Rent - Machine and Other		10,560
Other Operating Expense		1,832,319
		1,820,251
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing		
	\$	6,340,155
	\$	6,017,086
Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$	286,509
Group Insurance		490,926
Social Security		278,269
		280,857
Subtotal, Employee Benefits		
	\$	1,055,704
	\$	1,069,005
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	\$	809,439
	\$	870,371
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act		
	\$	1,865,143
	\$	1,939,376

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Behavioral Health Executive Council. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Behavioral Health Executive Council. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Behavioral Health Executive Council shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
A. Goal: LICENSURE		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations	98%	98%
A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING		
Output (Volume):		
Number of New Certificates/Licensees Issued to Individuals	12,000	12,500
Number of Certificates/Licenses Renewed (Individuals)	34,500	34,500
Efficiencies:		
Average Time to Process Applications (Days)	35	35
Explanatory:		
Total number of individuals licensed at the end of the reporting period	86,500	88,000
B. Goal: ENFORCEMENT		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action	20%	20%
B.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT		
Output (Volume):		
Complaints Resolved	500	500
Number of Complaints Pending	850	950

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Efficiencies:		
Average Time for Complaint Resolution	375	375
Explanatory:		
Number of Complaints Received	600	600
2. Judgments and Settlements. Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 16.04 of this Act, payment of judgments or settlements, including attorney's fees, resulting from actions brought under the Texas Constitution or Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act that arise from claims challenging the validity or constitutionality of a state law and prosecuted or defended by the Office of the Attorney General that are obtained against the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council or the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, or any individual(s) acting in their official capacity on behalf of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council or the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, shall be paid out by the Comptroller and not from funds appropriated to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council.		
3. Spanish Language Social Work Licensing Exam. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Licensure, \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the 2026-27 biennium shall be used for the purpose of the Behavioral Health Executive Council contracting for the development of a Spanish language social work licensing exam for the Licensed Master's Social Worker. The council shall release the exam to applicants by November 1, 2027.		

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,152,718	\$ 1,142,718
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 99,500	\$ 99,500
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 1,252,218</u>	<u>\$ 1,242,218</u>
Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 315,450	\$ 318,202
This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	14.0	14.0
Schedule of Exempt Positions:		
Executive Director, Group 2	\$115,365	\$115,365
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: ENSURE PUBLIC PROTECTION Provide Public Protection through Enforcement of Chiropractic Statutes.		
A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING SYSTEM Operate a Comprehensive Licensing System for Chiropractors.	\$ 353,392	\$ 343,391
A.1.2. Strategy: TEXAS.GOV Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.	20,850	20,850
A.2.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT Provide a System to Investigate and Resolve Complaints.	<u>649,963</u>	<u>649,963</u>
Total, Goal A: ENSURE PUBLIC PROTECTION	\$ 1,024,205	\$ 1,014,204
B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
B.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 228,013</u>	<u>\$ 228,014</u>
Grand Total, BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS	<u>\$ 1,252,218</u>	<u>\$ 1,242,218</u>
Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 939,855	\$ 939,855
Other Personnel Costs	42,500	43,380

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- (c) The council shall develop and implement a five-year Strategic Plan for Preventing Human Trafficking encompassing fiscal years 2026 through 2030. No later than December 1, 2026, the council shall submit the five-year Strategic Plan for Preventing Human Trafficking to the Legislature. The five-year Strategic Plan for Preventing Human Trafficking shall include:
 - (1) An inventory of human trafficking prevention programs and services in this state that are administered by state agencies, including institutions of higher education, and political subdivisions;
 - (2) A report on the number of persons served by the programs inventoried in Subsection (c)(1);
 - (3) A plan to coordinate the programs inventoried in Subsection (c)(1) with the goals of eliminating redundancy, ensuring the use of best practices in preventing human trafficking, as well as identifying and collecting data regarding the efficacy of the programs inventoried in Subsection (c)(1); and
 - (4) A plan, aligned with the goals provided in Subsection (c)(3), to coordinate the expenditure of state monies appropriated in this Act for the prevention of human trafficking, including monies expended by the task force established under Government Code, Section 402.035, or by a successor entity established by the Office of the Attorney General.
- (d) Not later than December 1, 2027, the council shall submit an annual report detailing the progress of implementing the strategic plan described in Subsection (c) to the Legislature. The annual report shall include:
 - (1) A description of the level of participation in the strategic plan by each agency represented on the council;
 - (2) How the implementation of the strategic plan serves to coordinate the programs and services inventoried in Subsection (c)(1) and achieve the goals provided in Subsection (c)(3); and
 - (3) An update of the inventory described in Subsection (c)(1) and how each new program or service furthers the goals provided in Subsection (c)(3).

Sec. 17.12. Real-time Captioning of Open Meetings. It is the intent of the Legislature that, to the extent their capabilities and resources allow, state agencies include communication access real-time translation captioning in any live video broadcast, including a video broadcast over the Internet, of an open meeting of the agency.

Sec. 17.13. Information Listing of Program Funding. The Legislative Budget Board shall produce an informational report on Senate Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 appropriations that allocates 2026-27 biennial funding to the program level. The Legislative Budget Board shall post the report on its website and, upon request, provide printed copies to the members of the Legislature.

Sec. 17.14. Contact Tracing. None of the monies appropriated by this Act may be used for the purpose of contact tracing of COVID-19 in the 2026-27 biennium.

Sec. 17.15. Appropriation for a Salary Increase for Licensed Attorneys in Certain Positions.

- (a) As used in this section, “salary increase” shall mean:
 - (1) a six percent increase in salary, to begin on September 1, 2025, for licensed attorneys in all classified positions generally requiring a law degree; and
 - (2) any related employee benefits costs associated with the increase in salary described by Subsection (a)(1) including contributions required by Sections 17.03 and 17.06.
- (b) In addition to other amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act, for the biennium the Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated an amount estimated to be \$39,300,000 out of the General Revenue Fund to provide for a salary increase as described in Subsection (a).
- (c) The amounts appropriated by this section intended to be used for the salary increase described by Subsection (a) of this section may not be used to provide a salary increase for statewide elected

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officials, justices and judges of the appellate and district courts, district attorneys, criminal district attorneys, county attorneys performing the duties of a district attorney, or the compensatory per diem of board or commission members.

- (d) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to administer this section and the appropriations that are intended to be used for the salary increase described by Subsection (a) of this section. Amounts appropriated in this section shall be allocated to each agency, and to the appropriate employee benefit appropriation items, in accordance with these rules and regulations and may be used for the purpose of providing a salary increase and paying associated benefit costs.
- (e) This section does not authorize an increase of classified salary rates or exempt salary rates above the rates listed in the applicable schedule in this Act.
- (f) This section shall apply to part-time employees hired pursuant to Government Code, Section 658.009. For the purposes of this section, in computing the annual salary increase for a part-time employee, the salary increase shall be proportional to an employee working 40 hours per week.
- (g) Licensed attorneys employed in the following classification titles and series of classification titles to be provided with a salary increase as provided by this section include:
 - (1) Attorney series;
 - (2) Assistant Attorney General series;
 - (3) General Counsel series;
 - (4) Administrative Law Judge series;
 - (5) Master Administrative Law Judge series;
 - (6) Law Clerk;
 - (7) Court Law Clerk series;
 - (8) Hearings Officer series;
 - (9) Associate Deputy Attorney General;
 - (10) Deputy Attorney General;
 - (11) Deputy First Assistant Attorney General; and
 - (12) First Assistant Attorney General.
- (h) This section shall apply to attorney positions at the Special Prosecution Unit, Walker County.

Sec. 17.16. Contingent Appropriation of All Unexpended Balances Remaining from House Bill 500. Contingent upon the enactment of House Bill 500 or similar legislation relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session:

- (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of the second anniversary of the effective date of House Bill 500, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act) from all appropriations made by that Act, from all funds or sources and for all purposes as stated by that Act (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated for those same purposes and from those same funds for the period beginning on the second anniversary of the effective date of that Act until August 31, 2027.
- (b) All capital budget authority provided by House Bill 500, Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 (the Supplemental Appropriations Act) for the appropriations made by Subsection (a) of this section is extended for the period beginning on the second anniversary of the effective date of that Act until August 31, 2027.

Sec. 17.17. Parks and Wildlife Department: Direction for Local Park Grants for Specific Recreational Facilities Funded in House Bill 500. Contingent upon the enactment of House Bill 500 or similar legislation relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, the Parks and Wildlife Department shall use \$60,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund appropriated in HB 500, Section 6.08, to provide local park grants for the following recreational facilities in the following amounts:

- (1) \$3,000,000 for Olmito Nature Park Nature Center;
- (2) \$1,000,000 for City of Pharr All-Abilities Park;
- (3) \$3,000,000 for Cloverland and Tom Bass Parks;
- (4) \$5,000,000 for Quinta Mazatlan;