

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 1898  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, there are no emergency appropriations for the Department of Human Services, the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the Employees Retirement System, the Texas Youth Commission, the Edwards Aquifer Authority, the Department of Information Resources, the Department of Transportation, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the comptroller. S.B. 1898 sets forth emergency appropriation to certain state agencies.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 1898 sets forth emergency appropriation to certain state agencies.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. Provides that \$4,639,560 from certain sources is appropriated to the Texas Department of Human Services for a two-year period.

SECTION 2. PROTECTIVE AND REGULATORY SERVICES. Provides that \$21,858,054 from certain sources is appropriated to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services for a two-year period.

SECTION 3. ERS AND COMPTROLLER: EMPLOYEE BENEFIT COSTS. Provides that \$2,333,573 from certain sources is appropriated to the Employees Retirement System and \$1,028,924 from certain sources is appropriated to the comptroller for a two-year period.

SECTION 4. YOUTH COMMISSION. Provides that \$1,672,281 from the general revenue fund, \$9,309,359 from the federal government, and \$116,716 from interagency contracts has been appropriated to the Texas Youth Commission for a two-year period.

SECTION 5. EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY. Sets forth the findings of the legislature. Provides that \$1,800,00 from certain sources is appropriated to the Texas Water Development Board for a two-year period. Provides that amounts appropriated in this section are to be expended for payments under a contract that provides for the repayment to the general revenue fund, with interest, no later than August 31, 1999. Provides that funds appropriated under this section will come from funds originally appropriated to the trustee programs within the office of the governor while the interest will remain in the general revenue fund, for the period beginning on the date of repayment and ending on the earlier of August 31, 1999, or the expiration of two years beginning on the date of repayment. Prohibits the amount of appropriation made by this subsection from exceeding \$1,800,000. Requires the appropriation to be credited to the appropriation item from which amounts were transferred under this section.

SECTION 6. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES. Provides that \$992,000 from certain sources is appropriated to the Department of Information Resources for a two-year period. Provides that the sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department

of Information Resources for a two-year period.

SECTION 7. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. Provides that \$5,600,000 from certain sources is appropriated to the Texas Department of Transportation for a two-year period, if S.B. 1706 is enacted by the 75th Legislature at its regular session and becomes law in furtherance of Chapter 456D, Transportation Code. Sets forth purposes for which the fund is to be used.

SECTION 8. NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION. Provides that \$1,000,168 from certain sources is appropriated to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a two-year period. Sets forth purposes for which the fund is to be used.

SECTION 9. NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION: CONTRACT PAYMENT. Provides that an amount not to exceed \$11,457,294, plus 12 percent interest per year from November 30, 1996, until paid, is appropriated to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a two-year period.

SECTION 10. HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD. Provides that \$450,000 from certain sources is appropriated to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a two-year period.

SECTION 11. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.

#### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Deletes SECTIONS 1, 2, 7, and 14.

Proposed SECTIONS 3, 4, and 5 have been renumbered to SECTIONS 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

Proposed SECTION 6 has been renumbered to SECTION 4. Provides that \$1,672,281 from the general revenue fund, an increase of \$208,864, and \$116,716 from interagency contracts, an increase of \$16,716, has been appropriated to the Texas Youth Commission for a two-year period.

Proposed SECTION 8 has been renumbered to SECTION 5. Provides that funds appropriated under this section will come from funds originally appropriated to the trustee programs within the office of the governor while the interest will remain in the general revenue fund, for the period beginning on the date of repayment and ending on the earlier of August 31, 1999, or the expiration of two years beginning on the date of repayment. Prohibits the amount of appropriation made by this subsection from exceeding \$1,800,000. Requires the appropriation to be credited to the appropriation item from which amounts were transferred under this section.

Proposed SECTION 9 has been renumbered to SECTION 6. Provides that the sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Department of Information Resources for a two-year period.

Proposed SECTION 10, 11, 12, and 13 have been renumbered to SECTIONS 7, 8, 9, and 10, respectively.