

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **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, 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. WORKFORCE COMMISSION; JOBS PROGRAM. Provides that \$5,106,092 from certain sources is appropriated to the Texas Workforce Commission for a two-year period

SECTION 2. ERS AND COMPTROLLER: EMPLOYEE BENEFIT COSTS. Provides that \$450,282 from certain sources is appropriated to the Employees Retirement System of Texas and that \$264,451 from certain funds is appropriated to the comptroller for a two-year period.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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 6. YOUTH COMMISSION. Provides that \$1,463,417, \$9,309,359, and \$100,00 from certain sources is appropriated to the Texas Youth Commission for a two-year period.

SECTION 7. WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS. Provides that \$10,827,069 from certain sources is appropriated for payment of workers' compensation benefits for a two-year period. Provides that \$1,500,000 from certain sources is appropriated to the attorney general's office until December 31, 1997. Requires the attorney general's office to reimburse the general revenue fund no later than December 31, 1997, for the amount appropriated in this section.

SECTION 8. 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.

SECTION 9. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES. Provides that \$992,000 from certain sources is appropriated to the Department of Information Resources for a two-year period.

SECTION 10. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ is enacted by the 75th Legislature at its regular session and becomes law in furtherance of Chapter 456D, Transportation Code.

SECTION 11. 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 12. NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION: CONTRACT PAYMENT. Provides that an amount not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_, 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 13. 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 14. TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND BOARD. Authorizes the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board to pay salaries of not more than 18 full-time equivalent employees during the current fiscal biennium, notwithstanding Section 160, Article IX, Chapter 1063, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995 (the General Appropriations Act).

SECTION 15. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.