

Amend **CSSB 1** by adding the following appropriately numbered rider following the Article V appropriations for the Department of Criminal Justice (page V-27):

_____. Permian Basin Mental Health Deputy Program. Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Special Needs Projects, up to \$280,000 per fiscal year shall be used to provide grants to counties in the Permian Basin to establish the Permian Basin Mental Health Deputy Program. The Permian Basin Mental Health Deputy Program shall provide funding for two deputies in both Ector and Midland Counties. The deputies shall promote the diversion of mentally ill individuals from incarceration and facilitate assessments for appropriate treatment.