

# Texas Department of Criminal Justice

## Summary of the FY 2016-17 General Appropriations Bill as Introduced, HB1/SB2

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### ***Statement from Executive Director Brad Livingston***

*The House and Senate versions of the general appropriations bill were recently filed. The following is a short summary of the proposed budget specific to TDCJ. Note that all agency operations and programs remain funded at the FY 2014-15 levels with the exception of certain capital expenditures.*

*It is important to remember the bill as introduced is only the starting point for budget deliberations occurring during the legislative session. As you know, we have requested a significant pay raise for correctional and parole staff, as well as additional operational and policy items which are not typically funded in the introduced versions of the bill. The agency will work closely with members of the legislature and the Governor's Office throughout the next five months to ensure they have accurate information regarding the impact of various decisions on operations and staff. Final decisions regarding appropriations for the FY 2016-17 biennium will be made no earlier than May 2015.*

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### **PROBATION:**

- Provides funding levels for felony and misdemeanor probation supervision based on the LBB June 2014 population projections.
- Maintains funding for the probation treatment/diversion programs at the FY 2014-15 levels.
- Maintains funding for the community corrections programs and the Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program at the FY 2014-15 levels.
- Maintains funding for CSCD Health Insurance at the FY 2015 funding level.

### **TCCOOMMI:**

- Maintains FY 2014–2015 funding levels for mental health services and continuity of care for adult and juvenile offenders.

### **INCARCERATION & TREATMENT:**

- Maintains staffing and funding for operational areas within the incarceration function (such as correctional officers, unit support staff, utilities, maintenance, and agriculture operations) at the FY 2014-15 levels.
- Provides funding to maintain current operational levels for Contract Prisons, Privately Operated State Jails, and Pre-Parole Transfer Facilities.
- Maintains funding for the rehabilitation and reentry programs such as chaplaincy, reentry transitional coordinators and the sex offender treatment program.
- Maintains funding for substance abuse treatment programs at the current operational levels.
- Maintains funding for Academic/Vocational Training for offenders at the FY 2014-15 levels.
- Maintains funding for offender Unit Care, Hospital Care, and Pharmacy at the FY 2014-15 levels.

### **PAROLE:**

- Provides staffing and funding for parole supervision based on the LBB June 2014 population projections.
- Provides funding to maintain FY 2014-15 operational levels for halfway house and intermediate sanction facility beds.

### **OTHER AGENCY FUNCTIONS:**

- Maintains staffing and funding levels for all other administrative and support functions (such as Central Administration, Information Technology, Office of Inspector General, State Counsel for Offenders, and Health Services).
- Provides funding for Information Resources data center services based on the estimates provided by the Department of Information Resources (DIR).