

Statement from Executive Director Bryan Collier

The conference committees' funding decisions for Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for the FY 2022-23 biennium have been approved by the Texas House of Representatives and Texas Senate.

The TDCJ's Legislative Appropriations Request included a request to restore a portion (\$179 million) of our 5% reduction to base funding required by State leadership for FY 2022-23. Without restoration of this item, essential operations such as probation, institutional goods and services, parole supervision, correctional unit support, and administrative operations would have been greatly impacted. This funding was restored by the Legislature as requested.

During the last few months, we have worked closely with State leadership and their staff considering our requests for additional items of policy and operational significance. We are especially grateful for the SBI Conference Committee's decisions to provide a unit pay differential for correctional staff working on our maximum-security facilities.

Please note that the items described below will not be finalized until these bills have been approved by the Governor.

RESTORATION OF 5% ITEMS:

- Provides \$179 million for restoration of funding for items critical to the effectiveness of the criminal justice system.

TARGETED SALARY INCREASES:

- Provides \$34.1 million for a 3% unit pay differential for correctional staff assigned to or covering positions on one of 23 maximum security facilities. (see below)

CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Provides \$24.2 million for the Corrections Information Technology System Project, which will modernize the agency's current mainframe inmate management systems.
- Provides \$105.5 million for major repair and renovation projects in FY 2022-23.

PROBATION:

- Provides funding levels for felony and misdemeanor probation supervision based on the LBB January 2021 population projections.
- Maintains funding for the probation treatment/diversion programs, community corrections programs and the Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program at current levels.

TEXAS CORRECTIONAL OFFICE ON OFFENDERS WITH MEDICAL OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS (TCOOMMI):

- Maintains FY 2020-21 funding levels for mental health services and continuity of care for adult and juvenile offenders.

CORRECTIONAL OPERATIONS, PROGRAMS & HEALTH CARE:

- Maintains staffing and funding for operational areas within the incarceration function (such as correctional officers, unit support, utilities, maintenance, and industry/agriculture operations) at FY 2020-21 levels.
- Maintains current funding levels for rehabilitation and reentry programs such as chaplaincy, reentry transitional coordinators, substance abuse treatment programs, and the sex offender treatment program.
- Provides an additional \$60.0 million to maintain inmate health care, and \$21.5 million for enhancement of critical IT systems, including the Electronic Health Management System.
- Provides an additional \$1.0 million for reentry services pilot programs in Houston and Dallas.
- Restores \$1.9 million for expanded academic and vocational training programs.

PAROLE:

- Provides staffing and funding for parole supervision based on the LBB January 2021 population projections.
- Maintains current operational levels for residential reentry centers 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).

Maximum Security Facilities:

Allred	Jester IV
Beto	Lewis
Clements	McConnell
Coffield	Michael
Connally	Montford
Darrington	Polunsky
Eastham	Robertson
Ellis	Skyview
Estelle	Smith
Ferguson	Stiles
Hughes	Telford
	Wynne

	Months	Current Salary	3% Unit Pay Differential
Correctional Officer III	0-12	\$ 36,238	\$ 37,325
Correctional Officer IV	13-36	\$ 39,411	\$ 40,594
Correctional Officer IV	37-72	\$ 41,769	\$ 43,022
Correctional Officer V	72+	\$ 44,642	\$ 45,981

Laundry and Food Service Managers would also receive the unit pay differential.

Sergeant	\$ 46,873	\$ 48,279
Lieutenant	\$ 49,218	\$ 50,695
Captain	\$ 51,679	\$ 53,229
Major	\$ 55,414	\$ 57,077
Assistant Warden	\$ 66,745	\$ 68,747
Warden I*	\$ 80,477	\$ 82,891
Warden II	\$ 91,838	\$ 94,593

**Average*