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Opinions

**Opinion No. KP-0087**

The Honorable Charles Perry

Chair, Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs

Texas State Senate

Post Office Box 12068

Austin, Texas 78711-2068

Re: State compliance with restrictions on federal refugee dollars (RQ-0074-KP)

## S U M M A R Y

A court would likely conclude that any conditions placed on a state's acceptance of federal refugee dollars that are not found in the text of a federal statute are unenforceable because the conditions do not provide clear notice to the state of how it must use the federal funding.

We find no law generally prohibiting the State of Texas from performing security verifications when allocating refugee funding.

**Opinion No. KP-0088**

Ms. Judy McAdams

Victoria County Auditor

115 North Bridge, Room 122

Victoria, Texas 77901

Re: Whether a criminal district attorney may use forfeiture funds to investigate operations of a juvenile detention center (RQ-0075-KP)

## S U M M A R Y

An attorney representing the State may expend forfeiture funds to investigate a juvenile detention center only to the extent the expenditure is for an official purpose of the attorney's office under article 59.06 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Whether a particular expenditure is authorized under article 59.06 involves a question of fact that cannot be answered in an attorney general opinion.

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