

Memorandum

FROM: Darrin Hall
RE: Week 17 – 83rd Legislature
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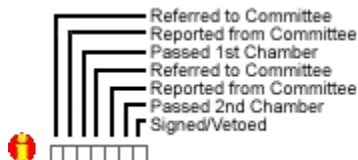
Today is the 116th day of the 140 day session. Starting next week several end-of-session rule deadlines are triggered:

Thursday, May 9	last day for House to consider House Bills and House Joint Resolutions on second reading
Friday, May 10	last day for House to consider consent House Bills
Friday, May 17	last day for House to consider local House Bills
Tuesday, May 21	last day for House to consider Senate Bills and Senate Joint Resolutions on second reading
Wednesday, May 22	last day for House to consider local and consent Senate Bills
Friday, May 24	last day for House to act on Senate Amendments
Sunday, May 26	last day for House to adopt Conference Committee Reports
Monday, May 27	sine die (the last day of the session)

The House met this Saturday and considered several gun bills including a bill (HB972) to authorizing concealed handguns on college campuses. It includes a provision that Presidents may opt out of allowing a person who has a CHL to carry their weapon on campus. The NRA lobbied to have that provision removed but it remained in the bill. During the debate, Rep. Fletcher Rep. Fletcher introduced the bill, noting CHL holders would be permitted to carry a handgun on campus in buildings and facilities (excluding reciprocal state holders). Private universities may opt in and public universities may opt out. Universities are required to develop regulations for weapon storage on campus. Most underclassmen would not qualify, as must be over age 21 or in the military. ***He noted campuses are not crime-free zones and referred to UH statistics over 2009-2011.*** The bill permits trained and licensed persons to carry on a campus. Rep. Canales confirmed universities can presently opt in and raised a point of order (overruled). (resume at 4 hours) Points of order raised (both overruled). (resume at 4:35) Amendment #7 by Rep. Patrick includes law enforcement, in consultation with staff, students and faculty (adopted). Rep. Patrick then asked about the section requiring institutions to adopt rules and regulations related to concealed weapons in residential facilities, asking if institutions can prohibit arms in these facilities? Rep. Fletcher responded institutions can prohibit anything they want to; Rep. Patrick asked rules that could be adopted for large gatherings in addition to sporting events—graduation, concerts, etc. and if an amendment would be accepted to apply to all official mass gatherings? Rep. Fletcher said he would accept this because universities can opt out or opt in. Rep. Chris Turner asked if each institution could opt in/out (it is the President who makes that decision; intent is that one institution within a system can only make this decision for their particular campus). Rep. Turner asked if the decision can be appealed (up to the university/regents). He asked if the Board of Regents or Chancellor can be approached to



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[HB 1](#)



[Pitts, Jim\(R\)](#)

General Appropriations Bill.

Last Action: 3-21-13 H Meeting set for 8:30 a.m.,
E1.030, House Appropriations

[HB 4](#)



[Ritter, Allan\(R\)](#)

[Fraser, Troy\(R\)](#)

Relating to the creation and funding of
the state water implementation fund for
Texas to assist the Texas Water
Development Board in the funding of
certain water-related projects.

Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Set on the House Items Eligible
Calendar

[HB 5](#)



[Aycock, Jimmie Don\(R\)](#)

[Patrick, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to public school accountability,
including assessment, and curriculum
requirements.

Last Action: 5- 3-13 S Placed on the Senate Calendar
for

[HB 6](#)



[Otto, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to the creation and re-creation
of funds and accounts in the state
treasury, the dedication and rededication
of revenue, and the exemption of
unappropriated money from use for
general governmental purposes.

Last Action: 5- 3-13 S Received in the Senate - Not
referred

[HB 7](#)



[Darby, Drew\(R\)](#)

Relating to the amounts, availability, and
use of certain statutorily dedicated
revenue and accounts.

Last Action: 5- 3-13 S Received in the Senate - Not
referred

[HB 9](#)

[Flynn, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to posting certain information



regarding compensation of state agency executive staff on the Internet.

Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Reported favorably from committee on Select on Transparency in Agency Operations

[HB 10](#)



[Pitts, Jim\(R\)](#)

[Williams, Tommy\(R\)](#)

Relating to making emergency supplemental appropriations and providing direction and transfer authority regarding certain appropriations.

Last Action: 3-13-13 G Earliest effective date

[HB 11](#)



[Ritter, Allan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the appropriation of money from the economic stabilization fund to finance certain water-related projects.

Last Action: 4-29-13 H Recommitted to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 12](#)



[Flynn, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to gifts made to a state agency for a state employee salary supplement.

Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Reported favorably from committee on Select on Transparency in Agency Operations

[HB 14](#)



[Pitts, Jim\(R\)](#)

Relating to the fiscal transparency and accountability of certain entities responsible for public money.

Companions: [SB 14](#) Williams, Tommy(R) (Identical)
3-18-13 S Committee action
pending Senate Finance

Last Action: 5- 3-13 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 16](#)



[Flynn, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to a requirement that a state agency post the results of certain audits on the state agency's Internet website.

Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Reported favorably from committee on Select on Transparency in Agency Operations

[HB 19](#)



[Darby, Drew\(R\)](#)

Relating to the appropriation of money from the economic stabilization fund to finance certain transportation infrastructure and water-related projects.

Last Action: 4-23-13 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., 1W.14, House Appropriations

[HB 20](#)



[Kolkhorst, Lois\(R\)](#)

Relating to the repurchase of real property from an entity with eminent domain authority.

Last Action: 4-15-13 H Committee action pending

HB 22 	Martinez Fischer, Trey(D)	House Land and Resource Management Relating to the establishment of a public service requirement for undergraduate students, known as Service to Texas, at public institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	3- 6-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 25 	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's student success-based funding recommendations for certain public institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	4-23-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 28 	Martinez Fischer, Trey(D)	Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.
	Last Action:	2- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 29 	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to offer a fixed tuition rate plan to undergraduate students.
	Last Action:	5- 3-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred
HB 30 	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to measures to facilitate the transfer of students within the public higher education system and the timely graduation of students from public institutions of higher education.
	Companions:	SB 1710 Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical) 3-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
	Last Action:	4-15-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 31 	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to certain requirements applicable to meetings of the governing board of a state university or state university system.
	Last Action:	5- 3-13 H Set on the House Calendar
HB 66	Lucio III, Eddie(D)	Relating to the establishment of a pilot

		program under which high school students may accrue prepaid tuition units at public institutions of higher education by completing certain community service activities.
	Last Action:	3- 6-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 67 	Lucio III, Eddie(D)	Relating to the establishment by The University of Texas System of a law school in the Rio Grande Valley.
	Last Action:	2- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 81 	Pickett, Joe(D)	Relating to the eligibility of children and other dependents of certain military personnel or veterans for tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	2- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 82  	McClendon, Ruth Jones(D)	Relating to a single common course numbering system for public institutions of higher education in this state.
	Last Action:	4-25-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 88 	Callegari, Bill(R)	Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations.
	Last Action:	2- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 92 	White, James(R)	Relating to state formula funding for pharmacy schools and colleges and graduate-level pharmacy programs.
	Last Action:	2- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 93 	White, James(R)	Relating to entities that qualify as historically underutilized businesses.
	Last Action:	2- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 98 	Perry, Charles(R)	Relating to zero-based budgeting for certain entities funded by this state.
	Last Action:	4-23-13 H Committee action pending House Appropriations
HB 99  	Perry, Charles(R)	Relating to the state contributions to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

		Last Action:	4-26-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Pensions
HB 110 ■	Raymond, Richard(D)		Relating to leave for junior college district or university system employees who are physically assaulted while on duty.
		Last Action:	2- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 122 ■	Larson, Lyle(R)		Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.
		Last Action:	2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 136 ■	Raymond, Richard(D)		Relating to an annual state budget and legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years and to political contributions made during a legislative session.
		Last Action:	2- 6-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 142 ■	Raymond, Richard(D)		Relating to a prohibition against human cloning and regulating other uses of human tissue by institutions of higher education.
		Last Action:	4-17-13 H Voted favorably from committee on House State Affairs
HB 171 ■	Alonzo, Roberto(D)		Relating to the establishment of veterans resource centers at certain institutions of higher education.
		Last Action:	4- 9-13 H Committee action pending House Defense and Veteran's Affairs
HB 173 ■	Alonzo, Roberto(D)		Relating to an optometry career program at the University of Houston.
		Last Action:	4- 3-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 175 ■	Martinez, Armando(D)		Relating to a cost-of-living increase applicable to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
	Companions:	HB 498	Hernandez Luna, Ana(D) (Identical) 4-22-13 H Committee action pending House Pensions
		Last Action:	4-22-13 H Committee action pending

		House Pensions
HB 180 ■	Zedler, Bill(R)	Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education. Last Action: 2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 185 ■	Dutton, Harold(D)	Relating to liability of a governmental unit for personal injury and death caused by the governmental unit's negligence. Last Action: 2- 6-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 204 ■	Krause, Matt(R)	Relating to zero-based budgeting for certain entities funded by this state and requiring a state agency that is undergoing review by the Sunset Advisory Commission to undergo a financial audit. Last Action: 2- 6-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 207 ■	Marquez, Marisa(D)	Relating to prohibited retaliation against state or local public employees for reporting to certain persons violations of law. Companions: SB 121 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical) 5- 2-13 H Committee action pending House State Affairs Last Action: 2-20-13 H Not heard in committee House State Affairs
HB 219 ■	White, James(R)	Relating to the provision of certain public benefits and services to persons not lawfully present in the United States and reimbursement from the federal government for those benefits and services. Last Action: 2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 228 ■	Perry, Charles(R)	Relating to the maximum rate of growth of appropriations. Last Action: 2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 230 ■	Isaac, Jason(R)	Relating to exempting textbooks purchased, used, or consumed by university and college students from the

		sales and use tax for a limited period.
	Last Action:	2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 237 ■	King, Phil(R)	Relating to the limitation on the rate of growth in appropriations from state tax revenues.
	Last Action:	2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 257 ■ ■	Gonzalez, Naomi(D)	Relating to the creation of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso as a component institution of the Texas Tech University System.
	Companions:	SB 120 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical) 5- 3-13 S Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar
	Last Action:	4-29-13 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 120
HB 285 ■	Zedler, Bill(R)	Relating to prohibiting discrimination by public institutions of higher education against faculty members and students based on their conduct of research relating to intelligent design.
	Last Action:	4-17-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 291 ■	King, Phil(R)	Relating to a hiring freeze of nonessential personnel employed by a state agency.
	Last Action:	2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 318 ■ ■ ■	Giddings, Helen(D)	Relating to prohibiting an employer from requiring or requesting access to the personal accounts of employees and job applicants through electronic communication devices.
	Companions:	SB 118 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical) 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
	Last Action:	5- 3-13 H Passed (Vote: Y: 79/N: 64)
HB 340 ■ ■ ■	Rodriguez, Eddie(D)	Relating to the power of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to authorize certain injection wells that transect or terminate in the Edwards Aquifer.

		Last Action: 5- 3-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred
HB 360 ■	Krause, Matt(R)	Relating to withholding state funding from a public or private institution of higher education that requires student organizations to allow student participation regardless of status or beliefs.
		Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 400 ■	Crownover, Myra(R)	Relating to the elimination of smoking in certain workplaces and public places.
	Companions:	SB 86 Ellis, Rodney(D) (Identical) 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
		Last Action: 3-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
HB 418 ■ ■	Farias, Joe(D)	Relating to leave for certain veterans returning to state employment.
		Last Action: 4- 2-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Defense and Veteran's Affairs
HB 432 ■ ■ ■	Riddle, Debbie(R)	Relating to charitable contributions by state employees to assist domestic victims of human trafficking.
		Last Action: 4-25-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred
HB 443 ■	Dukes, Dawnna(D)	Relating to the liability of certain public and private institutions of higher education for failure by an administrator to report child abuse or neglect.
		Last Action: 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 451 ■	Dukes, Dawnna(D)	Relating to restrictions on access to certain personal online accounts through electronic communication devices by employers or public or private institutions of higher education.
	Companions:	SB 416 Ellis, Rodney(D) (Identical) 2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

		Last Action: 2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 463 ■	Johnson, Eric(D)	Relating to the designation of certain election days as state holidays.
	Companions: SB 80 Ellis, Rodney(D) (Identical)	1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
		Last Action: 2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections
HB 476 ■	Kolkhorst, Lois(R)	Relating to the repurchase of real property from an entity with eminent domain authority.
	Companions: SB 180 Van de Putte, Leticia(D) (Identical)	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
		Last Action: 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management
HB 480 ■■■■	Alvarado, Carol(D)	Relating to leave for certain state employees who are attending educational activities of their children.
		Last Action: 4-30-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate State Affairs
HB 498 ■	Hernandez Luna, Ana(D)	Relating to a cost-of-living increase applicable to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
	Companions: HB 175 Martinez, Armando(D) (Identical)	4-22-13 H Committee action pending House Pensions
		Last Action: 4-22-13 H Committee action pending House Pensions
HB 501 ■	Hernandez Luna, Ana(D)	Relating to the use of proceeds from criminal asset forfeiture to provide college scholarships to children of peace officers killed in the line of duty.
		Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence
HB 515 ■	Pitts, Jim(R)	Relating to the remittance of certain taxes and fees and the allocation of certain state money.

		Last Action:	2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 531 ■	Lozano, Jose(R)		Relating to a cost-of-living increase applicable to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
		Last Action:	2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions
HB 535 ■■■■■	Davis, Yvonne(D) Zaffirini, Judith(D)		Relating to the preference given by state agencies to goods offered by bidders in this state or manufactured, produced, or grown in this state or in the United States.
		Last Action:	5- 1-13 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
HB 539 ■	Alonzo, Roberto(D)		Relating to repealing certain limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.
		Last Action:	2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 551 ■■	Cortez, Philip(D)		Relating to the payment of tuition for public high school students who participate in college credit programs.
	Companions:	SB 435 Duncan, Robert(R) (Identical) 4- 4-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Public Education	
		Last Action:	3-20-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar
HB 556 ■	Clardy, Travis(R)		Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education and Research Center at Stephen F. Austin State University.
	Companions:	SB 177 Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical) 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance	
		Last Action:	2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 558 ■	Davis, Yvonne(D)		Relating to the purchase of iron, steel, and manufactured goods made in the United States for certain state, state-aided, and governmental entity

		construction projects.
	Last Action:	3-27-13 H Committee action pending House Economic and Small Business Development
HB 565 ■	Laubenberg, Jodie(R)	Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of entering students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education.
	Companions:	SB 62 Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical) 5- 2-13 H Voted favorably from committee on House Public Health
	Last Action:	2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
HB 581 ■ ■	Howard, Donna(D)	Relating to a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for state and local governmental entities in certain employment lawsuits filed by nurses.
	Last Action:	4-22-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 586 ■	Workman, Paul(R)	Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for certain claims arising under written contracts with state agencies.
	Companions:	SB 296 Deuell, Bob(R) (Identical) 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
	Last Action:	4-29-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 602 ■	Lozano, Jose(R)	Relating to the composition of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
	Last Action:	2-14-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions
HB 603 ■	Lozano, Jose(R)	Relating to exempting certain textbooks for university and college courses from the sales and use tax.
	Last Action:	2-14-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 639 ■	Patrick, Diane(R)	Relating to the eligibility requirements for admission of undergraduate students to a general academic teaching institution.

Companions:		HB 874 Lavender, George(R) (Identical) 2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
Last Action:		2-14-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 643 	Patrick, Diane(R)	Relating to the name of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry.
Last Action:		2-14-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 644 	Patrick, Diane(R)	Relating to common requirements applicable to waivers, exemptions, and other tuition or fee benefits.
Last Action:		3-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 662 	Lewis, Tryon(R)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a medical education building for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
Last Action:		2-14-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 681 	Davis, Sarah(R)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.
Last Action:		2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 690  	Lewis, Tryon(R)	Relating to reimbursing public institutions of higher education for tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their dependents.
Last Action:		4- 8-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 706 	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with schools or institutions of higher education.
Last Action:		3-14-13 H Committee action pending House Homeland Security and Public Safety
HB 715 	Creighton, Brandon(R)	Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations.

Companions: [SB 1656](#) Williams, Tommy(R) (Identical)
4- 4-13 S Committee action
pending Senate Finance

Last Action: 4-23-13 H Committee action pending
House Appropriations

[HB 726](#)



[Alvarado, Carol\(D\)](#)

Relating to a fixed tuition rate provided by general academic teaching institutions and public lower-division institutions of higher education to certain undergraduate students.

Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Higher Education

[HB 741](#)



[Walle, Amando\(D\)](#)

Relating to the right of a public employee to breast-feed, or to express breast milk for, the employee's child in the workplace.

Last Action: 4- 8-13 H Reported from committee as
substituted House Business and Industry

[HB 747](#)



[Raymond, Richard\(D\)](#)

Relating to the duty of certain professionals, including employees of public or private institutions of higher education, to report child abuse or neglect.

Last Action: 4-30-13 S Referred to Senate Committee
on Senate Health and Human Services

[HB 754](#)



[Ashby, Trenton\(R\)](#)

Relating to prohibiting the use of eminent domain to take private property for recreational purposes.

Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Land and Resource
Management

[HB 769](#)



[Howard, Donna\(D\)](#)

Relating to legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years and to reports of political contributions accepted during a budget session.

Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Appropriations

[HB 774](#)



[Guillen, Ryan\(D\)](#)

Relating to applying credit earned by a student at a general academic teaching institution to an associate's degree at a lower-division institution of higher education previously attended by the student.

Companions: [SB](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)

		779 2-26-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
	Last Action:	4- 4-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred
HB 778 	Guillen, Ryan(D) 	Relating to an annual football game between The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University. Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 783 	Sanford, Scott(R) 	Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations and the use of surplus state revenues. Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 794 	Lozano, Jose(R) 	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for capital projects at Texas A&M University--Kingsville. Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 800   	Murphy, Jim(R) 	Relating to a sales and use tax exemption and a franchise tax credit related to certain research and development activities. Companions: SB 859 Deuell, Bob(R) (Identical) 5- 6-13 S Subcommittee meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.036, Senate Finance
	Last Action:	5- 3-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred
HB 810 	Cook, Byron(R) 	Relating to distribution of state agency reports to legislators. Last Action: 2-27-13 H Not heard in committee House State Affairs
HB 813 	Davis, Sarah(R) 	Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs. Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 814 	Davis, Sarah(R) 	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund a Basic Science

		Research Building II at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 830 ■	Fletcher, Allen(R)	Relating to the portion of designated tuition set aside to provide student financial assistance at institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	5- 2-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 841 ■	Callegari, Bill(R)	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Center for Innovative Desalination Technology at the University of Houston in partnership with The University of Texas at El Paso.
	Last Action:	4-16-13 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources
HB 854 ■	Lucio III, Eddie(D)	Relating to exempting books purchased by university and college students from the sales tax for a limited period.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 856 ■	Lucio III, Eddie(D)	Relating to the liability of the state for a violation of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 870 ■■■■	Bell, Cecil(R)	Relating to Prairie View A&M University's eligibility to participate in the research development fund.
	Companions:	SB 1171 Hegar, Glenn(R) (Identical) 3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
	Last Action:	4-29-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Higher Education
HB 874 ■	Lavender, George(R)	Relating to the eligibility requirements for admission of undergraduate students to a general academic teaching institution.
	Companions:	HB 639 Patrick, Diane(R) (Identical)

		2-14-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
	Last Action:	2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 889 ■ ■	Fallon, Pat(R)	Relating to the requirement that certain governmental bodies broadcast meetings on the Internet.
	Last Action:	4-16-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Technology
HB 891 ■	Bell, Cecil(R)	Relating to the intercollegiate athletics fee at Prairie View A&M University.
	Companions:	SB 1145 Hegar, Glenn(R) (Identical) 5- 2-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
	Last Action:	5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 895 ■ ■	Kolkhorst, Lois(R)	Relating to access by a public institution of higher education to the criminal history record information of certain persons seeking to reside in on-campus housing.
	Companions:	SB 146 Williams, Tommy(R) (Identical) 4-29-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Higher Education
	Last Action:	4- 4-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Higher Education
HB 951 ■	Keffer, Jim(R)	Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.
	Last Action:	3-12-13 H Rereferred to Committee on House Public Health
HB 953 ■ ■	Button, Angie(R)	Relating to a franchise tax credit for research and development activities performed in conjunction with institutions of higher education; authorizing a tax credit.
	Last Action:	5- 6-13 H Set on the House Calendar
HB 959 ■	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to historically underutilized businesses and the preference given for goods and services purchased by state agencies.

		Last Action:	2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform
HB 969 ■ ■	Dukes, Dawнна(D)		Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain child protective services workers.
		Companions:	SB 737 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical) 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
		Last Action:	3-18-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Human Services
HB 972 ■ ■	Fletcher, Allen(R)		Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education.
		Companions:	SB 182 Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical) 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice
		Last Action:	5- 4-13 H Set on the House Calendar
HB 1000 ■ ■ ■	Oliveira, Rene(D)		Relating to the creation of a new university in South Texas within The University of Texas System.
		Companions:	SB 24 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical) 3-14-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
		Last Action:	3-20-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred
HB 1004 ■ ■	Gonzales, Larry(R)		Relating to an electronic system adopted and maintained by public institutions of higher education to employ a person to track the academic progress of military veterans or their family members.
		Last Action:	5- 1-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar
HB 1019 ■ ■	Patrick, Diane(R)		Relating to conforming the eligibility under a major events trust fund of a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision postseason event with the changes to the Bowl Championship Series system.
		Companions:	SB 398 Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)

		4-17-13 G Earliest effective date
	Last Action:	4-11-13 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 398
HB 1025 ■■■■■	Pitts, Jim(R)	Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.
	Last Action:	4-29-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Finance
HB 1033 ■	Alvarado, Carol(D)	Relating to eligibility for tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain military personnel, veterans, and dependents residing in this state.
	Last Action:	2-21-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1052 ■	Lavender, George(R)	Relating to the automatic admission to a public institution of higher education of a child of a person who dies while on or as a result of active duty in the United States armed forces.
	Last Action:	5- 2-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 1071 ■■	Allen, Alma(D)	Relating to the use of state institutions of higher education to provide training to state agency employees.
	Last Action:	4-24-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House State Affairs
HB 1073 ■■	Allen, Alma(D)	Relating to student loan repayment assistance for speech-language pathologists or audiologists employed by a public school or as faculty members of certain graduate programs at public institutions of higher education.
	Companions:	SB 620 Van de Putte, Leticia(D) (Identical) 4-30-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
	Last Action:	5- 6-13 H Set on the House Calendar
HB 1078 ■	Kleinschmidt, Tim(R)	Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with institutions of

higher education.

Last Action: 3-14-13 H Committee action pending House Homeland Security and Public Safety

[HB 1128](#)



[Herrero, Abel\(D\)](#)

Relating to posting suggestions and ideas on cost-efficiency on certain state agency websites.

Last Action: 5- 7-13 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., 2E.20, Senate Government Organization

[HB 1140](#)



[Naishtat, Elliott\(D\)](#)

Relating to the authority of certain university systems to provide benefits to certain qualified individuals.

Companions: [SB 1486](#) Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
3-18-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Last Action: 3-19-13 H Committee action pending House Insurance

[HB 1182](#)



[Kacal, Kyle\(R\)](#)

Relating to energy and water management planning and reporting by state agencies and institutions of higher education.

Companions: [HB 2674](#) Ashby, Trenton(R) (Identical)
3-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform
[SB 700](#) Hegar, Glenn(R) (Identical)
4-30-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Government Efficiency and Reform

Last Action: 4-15-13 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E1.026, House Government Efficiency and Reform

[HB 1189](#)



[Larson, Lyle\(R\)](#)

Relating to interstate cooperation to address regional water issues.

Companions: [SB 1168](#) Hegar, Glenn(R) (Identical)
3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

Last Action: 4-16-13 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

HB 1229 ■ ■	Dukes, Dawwna(D)	Relating to the establishment of a statewide task force to address sexual assault occurring on the campuses of public and private institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	4-23-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 1284 ■ ■ ■ ■	Johnson, Eric(D)	Relating to the offense of making or causing a false alarm or report involving a public or private institution of higher education.
	Last Action:	4-29-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Criminal Justice
HB 1296 ■ ■ ■ ■	Alvarado, Carol(D)	Relating to providing information to assist postsecondary educational institutions in addressing the state's projected workforce needs for training and education.
	Last Action:	5- 1-13 S Committee action pending Senate Economic Development
HB 1298 ■	Stickland, Jonathan(R)	Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns by certain license holders on certain locations associated with a public or private school or educational institution.
	Last Action:	3-14-13 H Committee action pending House Homeland Security and Public Safety
HB 1313 ■	Creighton, Brandon(R)	Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with schools or institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	3-14-13 H Committee action pending House Homeland Security and Public Safety
HB 1314 ■ ■	Creighton, Brandon(R)	Relating to the unlawful seizure of a firearm by a governmental officer or employee.
	Last Action:	5- 4-13 H Set on the House Calendar
HB 1315 ■	Creighton, Brandon(R)	Relating to annual reports regarding federal funding for state agencies.
	Last Action:	2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 1351 ■	Nevarez, Poncho(D)	Relating to the authority of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

regarding the initiation, consolidation, or elimination of a degree or certificate program offered by a public institution of higher education.

Companions: [SB 857](#) Seliger, Kel(R) (Identical)
4-17-13 H Referred to House
Committee on House Higher
Education

Last Action: 3-27-13 H Committee action pending
House Higher Education

[HB 1363](#)



[Callegari, Bill\(R\)](#)

Relating to certain required reports and other documents prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education.

Companions: [SB 59](#) Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)
5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from
committee as substituted House
Government Efficiency and Reform

Last Action: 3-18-13 H Committee action pending
House Government Efficiency and Reform

[HB 1370](#)



[Gonzalez, Mary\(D\)](#)

Relating to a limitation on the amount of tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

Last Action: 2-26-13 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Higher Education

[HB 1383](#)



[Keffer, Jim\(R\)](#)

Relating to the state contribution for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Last Action: 4-26-13 H Reported from committee as
substituted House Pensions

[HB 1409](#)



[Wu, Gene\(D\)](#)

Relating to the granting of undergraduate course credit by examination at public institutions of higher education.

Last Action: 4-25-13 H Reported from committee as
substituted House Higher Education

[HB 1484](#)



[Laubenberg, Jodie\(R\)](#)

Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.

Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Higher Education

[HB 1486](#)



[Lavender, George\(R\)](#)

Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M University--Texarkana.

		Companions: SB 691 Eltife, Kevin(R) (Identical) 5- 2-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
		Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 1517 ■	Sheffield, J.D.(R)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for capital projects at Tarleton State University. Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1526 ■	Gonzalez, Naomi(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a medical science building for the El Paso campus of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1527 ■	Gonzalez, Naomi(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a clinical sciences building for the El Paso campus of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1548 ■■■■	Callegari, Bill(R)	Relating to the effect of certain agreements with a collective bargaining organization on certain state-funded public work contracts. Companions: SB 1381 Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical) 3-18-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Government Organization
		Last Action: 5- 7-13 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., 2E.20, Senate Government Organization
HB 1569 ■	Howard, Donna(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas at Austin. Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1576 ■	Taylor, Van(R)	Relating to prohibiting state officers and employees and related individuals from engaging in insider trading. Last Action: 4- 3-13 H Committee action pending

		House State Affairs
HB 1578 ■	Vo, Hubert(D)	Relating to a leave of absence for certain state employees who are donating adult stem cells. Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 1610 ■	Schaefer, Matt(R)	Relating to the establishment of a pharmacy school at The University of Texas at Tyler. Companions: SB 566 Eltife, Kevin(R) (Identical) 5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee on House Higher Education Last Action: 3-27-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 1611 ■	Perez, Mary Ann(D)	Relating to the date by which certain entering students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education must receive a vaccination against bacterial meningitis. Last Action: 3- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
HB 1618 ■	Munoz, Sergio(D)	Relating to limitations imposed on baccalaureate degree programs offered by public junior colleges. Last Action: 3- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1629 ■	Murphy, Jim(R)	Relating to information prepared by the Texas Education Agency for public school students regarding institutions of higher education in this state. Last Action: 3- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Economic and Small Business Development
HB 1642 ■■■■■	Bonnen, Dennis(R)	Relating to the Port of Houston Authority. Companions: SB 203 Whitmire, John(D) (Identical) 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation Last Action: 5- 3-13 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
HB 1675	Bonnen, Dennis(R)	Relating to governmental entities subject



to the sunset review process.

Companions: [SB 207](#) Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical)
2-25-13 S Introduced and referred
to committee on Senate
Transportation

Last Action: 4-29-13 S Received in the Senate - Not
referred

[HB 1749](#)



[Perry, Charles\(R\)](#)

Relating to the meeting of a
governmental body held by
videoconference call.

Companions: [SB 984](#) Ellis, Rodney(D) (Identical)
5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from
committee on House Government
Efficiency and Reform

Last Action: 4-18-13 H Recommended for Local and
Consent Calendar

[HB 1752](#)



[Patrick, Diane\(R\)](#)

Relating to creating the Texas Teacher
Residency Program.

Last Action: 5- 1-13 S Committee action pending
Senate Higher Education

[HB 1753](#)



[Patrick, Diane\(R\)](#)

Relating to authorizing the board of
regents of The University of Texas
System to acquire certain property in the
city of Arlington.

Companions: [SB 842](#) Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)
3- 5-13 S Introduced and referred
to committee on Senate Higher
Education

Last Action: 4-29-13 S Referred to Senate Committee
on Senate Higher Education

[HB 1778](#)



[Schaefer, Matt\(R\)](#)

Relating to abolishing the regulation of
the practice of interior design.

Last Action: 3- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to
committee on Licensing and
Administrative Procedures

[HB 1789](#)



[Sheffield, Ralph\(R\)](#)

Relating to authorizing the issuance of
revenue bonds for a research building at
Texas A&M University Health Science
Center College of Medicine--Temple.

Companions: [SB 956](#) Fraser, Troy(R) (Identical)
3-12-13 S Introduced and referred
to committee on Senate Finance

		Last Action:	3- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1805 ■	Pitts, Jim(R)		Relating to the fiscal transparency and accountability of certain entities responsible for public money.
		Last Action:	3-18-13 H Committee action pending House Appropriations
HB 1834 ■	Herrero, Abel(D)		Relating to a fixed tuition rate provided by general academic teaching institutions and public junior colleges to certain undergraduate students.
		Last Action:	3- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1843 ■ ■	Branch, Dan(R)		Relating to limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.
		Last Action:	4- 4-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Higher Education
HB 1868 ■	Villarreal, Mike(D)		Relating to conditioning certain TEXAS grant awards on a grant recipient's participation in a student engagement program.
		Last Action:	3- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1884 ■ ■	Callegari, Bill(R)		Relating to the administration of and benefits payable by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
		Companions:	SB 1458 Duncan, Robert(R) (Identical) 5- 3-13 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for
		Last Action:	4-29-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Pensions
HB 1892 ■	Gonzales, Larry(R)		Relating to the composition and functions of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation.
		Companions:	SB 653 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical) 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
		Last Action:	3- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1915	Cortez, Philip(D)		Relating to the adoption of an ethics



policy by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

Last Action: 4-15-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House State Affairs

[HB 1938](#)



[Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#)

Relating to curriculum requirements in American and Texas history at institutions of higher education.

Companions: [SB 1128](#) Patrick, Dan(R) (Identical)
3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education

Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Higher Education

[HB 1939](#)



[Orr, Rob\(R\)](#)

Relating to a veteran's employment preference for employment with a public entity or public work of this state.

Last Action: 4- 2-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs

[HB 1974](#)



[Bonnen, Dennis\(R\)](#)

Relating to certain duties of public junior colleges and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in relation to baccalaureate degree programs offered by public junior colleges.

Last Action: 3- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

[HB 1977](#)



[Kuempel, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to construction manager-agents and managers-at-risk used by governmental entities.

Last Action: 3-25-13 H Committee action pending House Government Efficiency and Reform

[HB 1993](#)



[Guillen, Ryan\(D\)](#)

Relating to the discharge of a firearm across the property line of an educational facility and educating hunters on that subject.

Last Action: 3- 6-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

[HB 1994](#)



[Reynolds, Ron\(D\)](#)
[Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#)

Relating to the purchase of certain commodity items by a state agency.

Last Action: 5- 3-13 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

[HB 2000](#)

[Thompson, Senfronia\(D\)](#)

Relating to career schools and colleges.



Last Action: 5- 3-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred

[HB 2002](#)

[Otto, John\(R\)](#)



Relating to a limit on state reimbursement to public institutions of higher education for debt service on tuition revenue bonds.

Last Action: 4- 2-13 H Committee action pending House Appropriations

[HB 2011](#)

[Fallon, Pat\(R\)](#)



Relating to the service retirement annuity of certain state employees.

Last Action: 3- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions

[HB 2020](#)

[Crownover, Myra\(R\)](#)



Relating to the adoption of wellness policies and programs by state agencies.

Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Passed to third reading

[HB 2036](#)

[Branch, Dan\(R\)](#)



Relating to the creation of a commission to prepare for the celebration of the state's bicentennial.

Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

[HB 2039](#)

[Giddings, Helen\(D\)](#)



Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a library and student success center at the University of North Texas at Dallas.

Last Action: 3- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

[HB 2046](#)

[Workman, Paul\(R\)](#)



Relating to a study evaluating and making recommendations for wastewater management in the contributing zone of the Barton Springs segment of the Edward Aquifer.

Companions: [SB 1024](#) Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

Last Action: 4- 2-13 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

[HB 2051](#)

[Villalba, Jason\(R\)](#)



Relating to the authority of public institutions of higher education to make certain investments to support technology commercialization.

		Last Action:	4-29-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Higher Education
HB 2059 ■	Branch, Dan(R)		Relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to study and report the feasibility of certain administrative staff budget reductions.
		Last Action:	3-20-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 2103 ■■■■	Villarreal, Mike(D)		Relating to education research centers and data sharing among cooperating state agencies.
		Last Action:	4-30-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Higher Education
HB 2127 ■■	Howard, Donna(D)		Relating to the eligibility of certain employees of public institutions of higher education to participate in a state group benefits program.
		Companions:	SB 1055 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical) 3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
		Last Action:	5- 3-13 H Set on the House Calendar
HB 2207 ■	Crownover, Myra(R)		Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at the University of North Texas.
		Last Action:	3-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 2209 ■	Crownover, Myra(R)		Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a College of Visual Arts and Design building at the University of North Texas.
		Last Action:	3-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 2236 ■	Isaac, Jason(R)		Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their dependents.
		Last Action:	3-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 2238 ■■	Isaac, Jason(R)		Relating to the name of Texas State University--San Marcos.
		Last Action:	4-25-13 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 974

HB 2252 ■■■■	Ashby, Trenton(R)	Relating to eligibility of charitable organizations to participate in a state employee charitable campaign.
	Last Action:	4-30-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Government Organization
HB 2261 ■	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to the preference given by state agencies for certain goods and services produced or offered by small businesses.
	Last Action:	4-17-13 H Committee action pending House State Affairs
HB 2274 ■■	Morrison, Geanie(R)	Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue to enhance and upgrade sports facilities in certain municipalities.
	Companions:	SB 585 Hegar, Glenn(R) (Identical) 4- 8-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Ways and Means
	Last Action:	5- 1-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar
HB 2301 ■	Bonnen, Greg(R)	Relating to requiring state contractors and governmental entities to participate in the federal electronic verification of work authorization program, or E-Verify.
	Last Action:	3-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 2313 ■	Otto, John(R)	Relating to increasing the recreational sports fee at Texas State University System institutions.
	Last Action:	3-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 2322 ■	Gonzalez, Naomi(D)	Relating to an emergency loan program at a public institution of higher education.
	Last Action:	3-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 2334 ■	Callegari, Bill(R)	Relating to the regulation, development, and treatment of brackish and marine water.
	Last Action:	4-26-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Natural Resources
HB 2335 ■	Harper-Brown, Linda(R)	Relating to state contracting issues, including the duties of the comptroller,

quality assurance team, and Contract Advisory Team.

Last Action: 4-15-13 H Committee action pending House Government Efficiency and Reform

[HB 2336](#)



[Harper-Brown, Linda\(R\)](#)

Relating to the requirement of competitive bidding for certain purchases by a state agency.

Last Action: 4-29-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform

[HB 2337](#)



[Harper-Brown, Linda\(R\)](#)

Relating to a vendor performance tracking system for state contracts.

Last Action: 4- 4-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform

[HB 2342](#)



[Zedler, Bill\(R\)](#)

Relating to the research, collection, and use of adult stem cells.

Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House State Affairs

[HB 2381](#)



[Isaac, Jason\(R\)](#)

Relating to the carrying of a concealed handgun by a license holder on certain premises.

Last Action: 4-18-13 H Committee action pending House Homeland Security and Public Safety

[HB 2414](#)



[Button, Angie\(R\)](#)

Relating to requirements for open meetings held by videoconference call.

Last Action: 5- 3-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred

[HB 2422](#)



[Gonzales, Larry\(R\)](#)

Relating to consideration of cloud computing services when a state agency purchases services for a major information resources project.

Last Action: 4-24-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Government Organization

[HB 2431](#)



[Murphy, Jim\(R\)](#)

Relating to public high school graduation, including curriculum requirements for graduation.

Companions: [SB 1344](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)
3-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

		Last Action:	3-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
HB 2468 ■	Villarreal, Mike(D)		Relating to financial aid.
		Last Action:	3-27-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 2472 ■■■■■	Cook, Byron(R) Birdwell, Brian(R)		Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Information Resources and certain procurement functions of the comptroller of public accounts.
	Companions:	SB 216	Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical) 3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Government Organization
		Last Action:	5- 2-13 S Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)
HB 2491 ■	Otto, John(R)		Relating to the student center fee at component institutions of the Texas State University System.
		Last Action:	3-12-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 2507 ■	Anchia, Rafael(D)		Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
	Companions:	SB 215	Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical) 5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Higher Education
		Last Action:	4- 3-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 2550 ■■■	Patrick, Diane(R)		Relating to the consolidation of the Higher Education Enrollment Assistance Program and the Higher Education Assistance Plan and the transfer of certain enrollment assistance duties to institutions of higher education.
		Last Action:	5- 3-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred
HB 2551 ■	Patrick, Diane(R)		Relating to the repeal of the Texas B-On-time student loan program.
		Last Action:	3-14-13 H Introduced and referred to

		committee on House Higher Education
HB 2555 ■ ■	Patrick, Diane(R)	Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their dependents. Last Action: 4-29-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 2578 ■ ■	Larson, Lyle(R)	Relating to the development of brackish groundwater. Companions: SB 1760 Uresti, Carlos(D) (Identical) 3-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Natural Resources
HB 2611 ■	Pitts, Jim(R)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for Tarleton State University for construction of a university center for the multi-institution teaching center in Midlothian. Last Action: 3-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 2639 ■	Larson, Lyle(R)	Relating to the authority of public institutions of higher education to determine the eligibility of certain persons to pay tuition at the rates established for residents of this state. Last Action: 3-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 2666 ■	Taylor, Van(R)	Relating to the first day of the school year for public schools. Last Action: 4- 9-13 H Committee action pending House Public Education
HB 2674 ■	Ashby, Trenton(R)	Relating to energy and water management planning and reporting by state agencies and institutions of higher education. Companions: HB 1182 Kacal, Kyle(R) (Identical) 4-15-13 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E1.026, House Government Efficiency and Reform SB 700 Hegar, Glenn(R) (Identical) 4-30-13 H Reported from

		committee as substituted House Government Efficiency and Reform
	Last Action:	3-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform
HB 2689 ■ ■	Howard, Donna(D)	Relating to a study regarding state formula funding for health-related institutions and general academic teaching institutions.
	Last Action:	4-19-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Appropriations
HB 2711 ■	Perez, Mary Ann(D)	Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of public school students and of certain entering students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education.
	Companions:	SB 1054 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical) 3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education
	Last Action:	3-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
HB 2713 ■	Eiland, Craig(D)	Relating to making auxiliary and institutional funds of a state institution of higher education subject to legislative appropriation.
	Last Action:	3-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 2714 ■	Eiland, Craig(D)	Relating to a waiver of sovereign immunity by public institutions of higher education with respect to certain contracts paid using institutional funds.
	Last Action:	3-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 2715 ■	Eiland, Craig(D)	Relating to institutional funds held by public institutions of higher education in this state.
	Last Action:	3-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 2738 ■ ■ ■ ■ ■	Elkins, Gary(R) Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to a study by the Department of Information Resources regarding state agency technology efficiency.
	Last Action:	5- 1-13 S Recommended for

		Local/Uncontested Calendar
HB 2753 ■ ■	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to excellence funding for certain health-related institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	4-25-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 2754 ■	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to certain responsibilities of education research centers and to a joint advisory board for education research centers.
	Last Action:	3-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 2755 ■ ■	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to authorizing participation in state-funded student financial assistance programs by certain students of Western Governors University Texas or similar online nonprofit universities.
	Last Action:	4-23-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 2765 ■ ■	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to the creation of the Texas competitive knowledge fund to support excellence at qualifying institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	4-25-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 2780 ■ ■	Elkins, Gary(R)	Relating to the establishment of research technology corporations by public institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	5- 6-13 H Set on the House Calendar
HB 2793 ■	Simpson, David(R)	Relating to an exemption from compulsory public school attendance for children who have completed grade 10 and are attending an institution of higher education or a trade school or are employed as an apprentice.
	Last Action:	3-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
HB 2829 ■ ■	Howard, Donna(D)	Relating to eligibility for a TEXAS grant and to administration of the TEXAS grant program.
	Last Action:	4-29-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 2852 ■	Callegari, Bill(R)	Relating to state purchase of information technology commodity items.

		Last Action: 4-15-13 H Committee action pending House Government Efficiency and Reform
HB 2892 ■■■■	Raney, John(R)	Relating to the authority of the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System to dispose of real property and mineral interests under its jurisdiction.
		Last Action: 4-30-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Higher Education
HB 2893 ■	Raney, John(R)	Relating to the use of a tax-exempt property of a higher education development foundation or an alumni association.
		Last Action: 3-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 2906 ■	Harper-Brown, Linda(R)	Relating to a hiring freeze of nonessential personnel employed by certain state agencies.
		Last Action: 3-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 2934 ■	Hunter, Todd(R)	Relating to electronic communications during a public meeting and the definitions of public information and official business under the public information law.
		Last Action: 4- 1-13 H Committee action pending House Government Efficiency and Reform
HB 2962 ■■	Harper-Brown, Linda(R)	Relating to the use of a credit or charge card by a state agency to make certain purchases.
		Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Passed to third reading
HB 3013 ■■	Larson, Lyle(R)	Relating to the underground storage of water for later retrieval and beneficial use.
		Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Natural Resources
HB 3023 ■	Zedler, Bill(R)	Relating to procedures to resolve complaints against faculty members at institutions of higher education.
		Last Action: 3-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 3047 ■■	Darby, Drew(R)	Relating to the powers and duties of the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System.

		Companions: SB 986 Duncan, Robert(R) (Identical) 4-22-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
		Last Action: 4-23-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 3075 ■ ■	Miller, Rick(R)	Relating to the use of real property by the University of Houston--Sugar Land.
		Companions: SB 1165 Hegar, Glenn(R) (Identical) 5- 1-13 G Sent to the Governor
		Last Action: 4-25-13 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1165
HB 3093 ■ ■	Elkins, Gary(R)	Relating to information resources technologies of state agencies.
		Last Action: 5- 3-13 H Set on the House Calendar
HB 3099 ■	Lewis, Tryon(R)	Relating to the eligibility of tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their dependents.
		Last Action: 3-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 3180 ■	Raymond, Richard(D)	Relating to eligibility of business entities to receive funding under the Texas Enterprise Fund, the Texas small business incubator fund, or the Texas emerging technology fund.
		Last Action: 3-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Economic and Small Business Development
HB 3191 ■ ■	Otto, John(R)	Relating to the Correctional Management Institute of Texas at Sam Houston State University.
		Companions: SB 1313 Schwertner, Charles(R) (Identical) 4-30-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
		Last Action: 4-29-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar
HB 3198 ■	Gonzales, Larry(R)	Relating to default on a student loan administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and to the effects of default on renewal of certain licenses.

		Last Action:	5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Government Efficiency and Reform
HB 3203 ■	Creighton, Brandon(R)		Relating to design-build procedures for certain civil works projects.
		Last Action:	4-15-13 H Committee action pending House Government Efficiency and Reform
HB 3224 ■	Coleman, Garnet(D)		Relating to inclusion of instruction in the detection and education of students with mental or emotional disorders in the requirements for educator training programs.
		Companions:	SB 460 Deuell, Bob(R) (Identical) 5- 2-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
		Last Action:	4-30-13 H Committee action pending House Public Education
HB 3229 ■	Coleman, Garnet(D)		Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a library at Texas Southern University.
		Last Action:	3-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 3250 ■	Callegari, Bill(R)		Relating to protecting landowners against aquifer depletion.
		Last Action:	4-16-13 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources
HB 3265 ■	Turner, Chris(D)		Relating to the administration of the Texas B-On-time loan program to permit a portion of tuition set-asides to be used to fund tuition exemptions for veterans and other student financial assistance.
		Companions:	SB 1543 Van de Putte, Leticia(D) (Identical) 3-20-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
		Last Action:	4-17-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 3268 ■	Creighton, Brandon(R)		Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain peace officers and firefighters.
		Last Action:	3-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

HB 3276 ■ ■	Simmons, Ron(R)	Relating to the coverage by certain health benefit plans for the screening and treatment of autism spectrum disorder.
	Last Action:	4-25-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Insurance
HB 3295 ■	Miller, Rick(R)	Relating to tuition and fees for veterans and certain family members of veterans.
	Last Action:	3-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 3308 ■	Crownover, Myra(R)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a science and technology learning center at Texas Woman's University.
	Last Action:	3-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 3318 ■	Crownover, Myra(R)	Relating to certain fees at Texas Woman's University.
	Last Action:	3-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 3339 ■	Martinez Fischer, Trey(D)	Relating to an appropriation of money from the economic stabilization fund to be used for public education.
	Last Action:	4-16-13 H Committee action pending House Appropriations
HB 3341 ■	Martinez Fischer, Trey(D)	Relating to a requirement that public institutions of higher education provide a student receiving student financial assistance an annual disclosure regarding the status of the student's financial assistance.
	Last Action:	4-24-13 H Not heard in committee House Higher Education
HB 3346 ■	Rodriguez, Eddie(D)	Relating to the appropriations of money from the economic stabilization fund for the 2014-2015 state fiscal biennium.
	Companions:	SB 1378 Ellis, Rodney(D) (Identical) 3-18-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
	Last Action:	3-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 3349	Rodriguez, Eddie(D)	Relating to accelerated educational



programs offered by public institutions of higher education to qualified persons seeking licensure as physician assistants.

Companions: [SB 1674](#) Taylor, Larry(R) (Identical)
3-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education

Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education

[HB 3353](#)
■ ■

[Frank, James\(R\)](#)

Relating to the investment of funds by the governing boards of certain institutions of higher education.

Companions: [SB 1019](#) Estes, Craig(R) (Identical)
5- 2-13 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:147/N: 0)

Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1019

[HB 3357](#)
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[Callegari, Bill\(R\)](#)

Relating to the administration of and benefits payable by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Companions: [SB 1490](#) Duncan, Robert(R) (Identical)
3-18-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Last Action: 5- 3-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred

[HB 3364](#)
■

[Davis, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to the payment of resident tuition and fees by certain high school students who enroll in dual credit courses.

Last Action: 3-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

[HB 3367](#)
■

[Pitts, Jim\(R\)](#)

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a specialty and technical course building in Ellis County for the Texas State Technical College System.

Last Action: 3-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

[HB 3372](#)
■

[Giddings, Helen\(D\)](#)

Relating to the administration of the Texas B-On-time loan program and to permitting an institution of higher

		education to retain excess B-On-time tuition set-asides to provide financial assistance to students of the institution.
	Last Action:	3-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 3481 ■	Fletcher, Allen(R)	Relating to the appropriation of money from the economic stabilization fund to be used for the purpose of repairing certain roadways and bridges.
	Last Action:	3-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 3492 ■	Larson, Lyle(R)	Relating to eliminating the automatic admission of students to certain public institutions of higher education and scholarships for certain students who qualify for automatic admission.
	Last Action:	3-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 3498 ■ ■	Turner, Scott(R)	Relating to a requirement that a student's postsecondary transcript include the average or median grade awarded in each class.
	Companions:	SB 1721 Patrick, Dan(R) (Identical) 3-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
	Last Action:	5- 1-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Higher Education
HB 3518 ■	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to long-term statewide planning to achieve the goals of the state's master plan for higher education, "Closing the Gaps".
	Last Action:	3-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 3519 ■	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to providing information to entering undergraduate students at general academic teaching institutions to promote timely graduation.
	Companions:	SB 1531 Seliger, Kel(R) (Identical) 4-30-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education

		Last Action: 3-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 3524 ■	Dutton, Harold(D)	Relating to payment by a school district of the costs of developmental coursework provided by an institution of higher education under the success initiative.
		Last Action: 3-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
HB 3544 ■	Menendez, Jose(D)	Relating to higher education for veterans and their families.
	Companions:	SB 1158 Van de Putte, Leticia(D) (Identical) 4-26-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
		Last Action: 4-30-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Defense and Veteran's Affairs
HB 3545 ■ ■	Menendez, Jose(D)	Relating to employment, higher education, and state purchasing programs for veterans.
	Companions:	SB 10 Van de Putte, Leticia(D) (Identical) 4-25-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs SB 1737 Van de Putte, Leticia(D) (Identical) 3-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Veteran Affairs/Military Installations
		Last Action: 4-24-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs
HB 3648 ■ ■	Harper-Brown, Linda(R)	Relating to the performance of certain state purchasing contracts.
		Last Action: 4-29-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Government Efficiency and Reform
HB 3675 ■	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to a study regarding air quality by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas Southern University.
		Last Action: 4-16-13 H Committee action pending House Environmental Regulation
HB 3682	Workman, Paul(R)	Relating to the appropriation of money

		from the economic stabilization fund to the state highway fund for terminating comprehensive development agreements related to State Highway 130.
	Last Action:	3-21-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 3718	Martinez Fischer, Trey(D)	Relating to the development, protection, and production of brackish aquifers.
	Last Action:	4-16-13 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources
HB 3732	Coleman, Garnet(D)	Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.
	Last Action:	3-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
HB 3751	Farrar, Jessica(D)	Relating to the use of certain letters of credit as related to the deposit and investment of public funds.
	Last Action:	3-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investment and Financial Services
HB 3781	Isaac, Jason(R)	Relating to prohibiting the use of money from the Texas Enterprise Fund or the Texas emerging technology fund for compensation to executives.
	Last Action:	3-26-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Economic and Small Business Development
HB 3792	Coleman, Garnet(D)	Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas Southern University.
	Companions:	SB 1810 Ellis, Rodney(D) (Identical) 4-30-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
	Last Action:	5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Higher Education
HB 3821	Carter, Stefani(R)	Relating to two supplemental payments for retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and the unfunded actuarial liabilities allowed under that system.
	Last Action:	3-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions
HB 3827	Davis, Yvonne(D)	Relating to the initial eligibility

		requirements for a TEXAS grant for certain economically disadvantaged students enrolling in public institutions of higher education or public technical institutes.
	Last Action:	3-21-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 3855	Pitts, Jim(R)	Relating to fiscal matters.
	Last Action:	3-21-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 3862	Harper-Brown, Linda(R)	Relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes, to the nonsubstantive codification or disposition of various laws omitted from enacted codes.
	Companions:	SB 1093 West, Royce(D) (Identical) 5- 3-13 S Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar
	Last Action:	5- 2-13 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1093
HCR 59	Hunter, Todd(R)	Requesting the speaker and lieutenant governor to create a joint interim committee to study seawater desalination on the Texas coast.
	Last Action:	5- 3-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred
HCR 75	Craddick, Tom(R) Seliger, Kel(R)	In memory of former state representative Frank Kell Cahoon of Midland.
	Last Action:	4-30-13 G Sent to the Governor
HCR 79	Nevarez, Poncho(D)	Granting Jerry E. Patterson permission to sue the State of Texas and the University of Texas System.
	Last Action:	3-21-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HJR 26	Raymond, Richard(D)	Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for an annual state budget and annual legislative sessions for budget purposes.
	Last Action:	2- 6-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 49	Perry, Charles(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment

		regarding the maximum amount of appropriations for a state fiscal biennium.
		Last Action: 2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 64	Laubenberg, Jodie(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment discontinuing the authority to issue bonded indebtedness on behalf of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.
		Companions: SJR 19 Eltife, Kevin(R) (Identical) 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
		Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HJR 67	Howard, Donna(D)	Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years.
		Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 70	King, Phil(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the maximum rate of growth of appropriations.
		Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 89	Harless, Patricia(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit using revenues, other money, or account or fund balances dedicated by law for nondedicated general governmental purposes.
		Companions: SJR 26 Estes, Craig(R) (Identical) 3-18-13 S Sent to subcommittee Senate Finance
		Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 93	Hughes, Bryan(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the rate of growth of appropriations from all sources of revenue except the federal government and to authorize the legislature to appropriate money for tax rebates.
		Last Action: 3- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 142	Ritter, Allan(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment to



authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation real and personal property used for the conservation, reuse, or recycling of water.

Last Action: 3-21-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[SB 1](#)



[Williams, Tommy\(R\)](#)
[Pitts, Jim\(R\)](#)

General Appropriations Bill.

Last Action: 4-24-13 H Conference committee set for 8:00 A.M., E1.036

[SB 3](#)



[Patrick, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to public high school graduation, including curriculum requirements for graduation and funding in support of certain curriculum authorized for graduation.

Last Action: 3-27-13 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

[SB 4](#)



[Fraser, Troy\(R\)](#)

Relating to the administration and functions of the Texas Water Development Board.

Last Action: 4-30-13 H Received in the House - Not referred

[SB 10](#)



[Van de Putte, Leticia\(D\)](#)
[Menendez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to employment, higher education, and state purchasing programs for veterans.

Companions: [HB 3545](#) Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)
4-24-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs
[SB 1737](#) Van de Putte, Leticia(D) (Identical)
3-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Veteran Affairs/Military Installations

Last Action: 4-25-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs

[SB 14](#)



[Williams, Tommy\(R\)](#)

Relating to the fiscal transparency and accountability of certain entities responsible for public money.

Companions: [HB 14](#) Pitts, Jim(R) (Identical)
5- 3-13 H Set on the House Calendar

		Last Action: 3-18-13 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
SB 15 ■■■■■	Seliger, Kel(R) Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to the duties and responsibilities of members of governing boards of university systems and institutions of higher education.
		Last Action: 4-26-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Higher Education
SB 16 ■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education.
		Last Action: 4-24-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 22 ■	Fraser, Troy(R)	Relating to the administration of the Texas Water Development Board.
		Last Action: 3-11-13 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
SB 24 ■■■	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	Relating to the creation of a new university in South Texas within The University of Texas System.
		Companions: HB 1000 Oliveira, Rene(D) (Identical) 3-20-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred
		Last Action: 3-14-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 26 ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education.
		Last Action: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 27 ■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to eligibility for a Texas B-on-Time loan.
		Last Action: 4-25-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 30 ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the distribution of money appropriated from the national research university fund.
		Last Action: 3-13-13 S Not heard in committee Senate Higher Education
SB 31 ■■■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to formula funding for certain semester credit hours earned for dual course credit.

		Last Action:	5- 1-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
SB 46 ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)		Relating to exempting books purchased, used, or consumed by university and college students from the sales and use tax for a limited period.
		Last Action:	4-25-13 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
SB 52 ■■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)		Relating to exemptions for disabled peace officers from payment of tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education.
		Last Action:	4-10-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 54 ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)		Relating to leave for junior college district or university system employees who are physically assaulted while on duty.
		Last Action:	1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 59 ■■■■	Nelson, Jane(R)		Relating to certain required reports and other documents prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education.
		Companions:	HB 1363 Callegari, Bill(R) (Identical) 3-18-13 H Committee action pending House Government Efficiency and Reform
		Last Action:	5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Government Efficiency and Reform
SB 62 ■■■■	Nelson, Jane(R)		Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of entering students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education.
		Companions:	HB 565 Laubenberg, Jodie(R) (Identical) 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
		Last Action:	5- 2-13 H Voted favorably from committee on House Public Health
SB 67	Nelson, Jane(R)		Relating to reporting requirements for



institutions of higher education
conducting human stem cell research.

Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Committee action pending
House Higher Education

[SB 80](#)



[Ellis, Rodney\(D\)](#)

Relating to the designation of certain
election days as state holidays.

Companions: [HB 463](#) Johnson, Eric(D) (Identical)
2-11-13 H Introduced and referred
to committee on House Elections

Last Action: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 86](#)



[Ellis, Rodney\(D\)](#)

Relating to the elimination of smoking in
certain workplaces and public places.

Companions: [HB 400](#) Crownover, Myra(R) (Identical)
3-19-13 H Introduced and referred
to committee on House Public
Health

Last Action: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Health and Human
Services

[SB 96](#)



[Nichols, Robert\(R\)](#)

Relating to prohibiting the use of
eminent domain to take private property
for recreational purposes.

Last Action: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 101](#)



[Patrick, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the constitutional limit on the
rate of growth of appropriations and the
use of surplus state revenues.

Last Action: 5- 3-13 S Placed on the Senate Calendar
for

[SB 120](#)



[Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)
[Gonzalez, Naomi\(D\)](#)

Relating to the creation of the Texas
Tech University Health Sciences Center
at El Paso as a component institution of
the Texas Tech University System.

Companions: [HB 257](#) Gonzalez, Naomi(D) (Identical)
4-29-13 H Laid on the table -
subject to call - see SB 120

Last Action: 5- 3-13 S Set on the Senate Items Eligible
Calendar

[SB 121](#)

[Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to prohibited retaliation against



state or local public employees for reporting to certain persons violations of law.

Companions: [HB 207](#) Marquez, Marisa(D) (Identical)
2-20-13 H Not heard in committee House State Affairs

Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Committee action pending House State Affairs

[SB 125](#) [Ellis, Rodney\(D\)](#)



Relating to designated tuition.

Last Action: 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education

[SB 143](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)



Relating to programs designed to enhance medical education in this state.

Last Action: 4-24-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education

[SB 146](#) [Williams, Tommy\(R\)](#)
[Kolkhorst, Lois\(R\)](#)



Relating to access by a public institution of higher education to the criminal history record information of certain persons seeking to reside in on-campus housing.

Companions: [HB 895](#) Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)
4- 4-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Higher Education

Last Action: 4-29-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Higher Education

[SB 149](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)



Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Committee action pending House Public Health

[SB 150](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)



Relating to the cancer prevention and research fund.

Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.012, House Public Health

[SB 177](#) [Nichols, Robert\(R\)](#)



Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education and Research Center at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Companions: [HB](#) Clardy, Travis(R) (Identical)

		556	2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
		Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 180 ■	Van de Putte, Leticia(D)		Relating to the repurchase of real property from an entity with eminent domain authority.
	Companions:	HB 476	Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical) 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management
		Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 182 ■	Birdwell, Brian(R)		Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education.
	Companions:	HB 972	Fletcher, Allen(R) (Identical) 5- 4-13 H Set on the House Calendar
		Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice
SB 195 ■	Watson, Kirk(D)		Relating to the maintenance by the Legislative Budget Board of a searchable database containing certain budget information.
		Last Action:	2-13-13 S Sent to subcommittee Senate Finance
SB 215 ■■■■	Birdwell, Brian(R)		Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
	Companions:	HB 2507	Anchia, Rafael(D) (Identical) 4- 3-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
		Last Action:	5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Higher Education
SB 216 ■	Birdwell, Brian(R)		Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Information Resources and certain procurement functions of the comptroller

of public accounts.

Companions: [HB 2472](#) Cook, Byron(R) (Identical)
5- 2-13 S Passed on local
calendar (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

Last Action: 3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Government
Organization

[SB 217](#)
■■■■■

[Patrick, Dan\(R\)](#)
[Anchia, Rafael\(D\)](#)

Relating to the continuation and
functions of the state employee
charitable campaign.

Companions: [HB 2510](#) Anchia, Rafael(D) (Identical)
4- 2-13 H Reported from
committee as substituted House
State Affairs

Last Action: 4-23-13 H Reported favorably from
committee on House State Affairs

[SB 224](#)
■

[Seliger, Kel\(R\)](#)

Relating to the availability of money from
the economic stabilization fund to be
used for the purposes of projects in the
state water plan.

Last Action: 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

[SB 235](#)
■

[Fraser, Troy\(R\)](#)

Relating to the creation of regional
authorities for water infrastructure
projects.

Last Action: 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Natural Resources

[SB 276](#)
■■■■■

[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)
[Crownover, Myra\(R\)](#)

Relating to the authority of certain
transportation authorities to create a
local government corporation.

Companions: [HB 1274](#) Crownover, Myra(R) (Identical)
3-12-13 H Committee action
pending House Transportation

Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Passed on local calendar (Vote:
Y:147/N: 0)

[SB 279](#)
■■■■■

[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)
[Elkins, Gary\(R\)](#)

Relating to certain information about
high-value data sets provided by state
agencies to the Department of
Information Resources.

Last Action: 4-30-13 H Recommended for Local and
Consent Calendar

SB 296 ■	Deuell, Bob(R)	Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for certain claims arising under written contracts with state agencies.
Companions:		HB 586 Workman, Paul(R) (Identical) 4-29-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
Last Action:		2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 301 ■■■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the authority of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue to a foreign postsecondary institution a certificate of authority to grant professional degrees.
Last Action:		5- 1-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 328 ■■■■■	Carona, John(R)	Relating to the hiring of entrepreneurs-in-residence by state agencies.
Last Action:		5- 1-13 H Committee action pending House Economic and Small Business Development
SB 386 ■	Davis, Wendy(D)	Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.
Last Action:		2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
SB 398 ■■■■■■■■■	Hancock, Kelly(R) Patrick, Diane(R)	Relating to conforming the eligibility under a major events trust fund of a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision postseason event with the changes to the Bowl Championship Series system.
Companions:		HB 1019 Patrick, Diane(R) (Identical) 4-11-13 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 398
Last Action:		4-17-13 G Earliest effective date
SB 414 ■	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.
Last Action:		5- 1-13 S Voted favorably from committee

		as substituted Senate Higher Education
SB 416 ■	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to restrictions on access to certain personal online accounts through electronic communication devices by employers or public or private institutions of higher education. Companions: HB 451 Dukes, Dawnna(D) (Identical) 2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education Last Action: 2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 431 ■	Patrick, Dan(R)	Relating to eliminating the set-aside of a portion of designated tuition for student financial assistance at public institutions of higher education. Last Action: 2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 435 ■■■■	Duncan, Robert(R)	Relating to the payment of tuition for public high school students who participate in college credit programs. Companions: HB 551 Cortez, Philip(D) (Identical) 3-20-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar Last Action: 4- 4-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Public Education
SB 436 ■	Birdwell, Brian(R)	Relating to administration of collegiate learning assessments to students at general academic teaching institutions. Last Action: 4-17-13 S Committee action pending Senate Higher Education
SB 437 ■	Birdwell, Brian(R)	Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education. Last Action: 2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 445 ■	Birdwell, Brian(R)	Relating to an informed student document for prospective students of certain public institutions of higher education. Last Action: 2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education

SB 460 	Deuell, Bob(R)	Relating to inclusion of instruction in the detection and education of students with mental or emotional disorders in the requirements for educator training programs.
		Companions: HB 3224 Coleman, Garnet(D) (Identical) 4-30-13 H Committee action pending House Public Education
		Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 496 	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to the authority of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to review and approve capital projects and purchases of real property at public institutions of higher education in this state.
		Last Action: 4-30-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 497 	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to the number of semester credit hours required to earn an associate degree at public institutions of higher education.
		Last Action: 4-10-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 498 	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to applying credit earned by a student at a general academic teaching institution to an associate's degree at a lower-division institution of higher education previously attended by the student.
		Last Action: 4- 2-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 533 	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to a review of cost savings to state agencies and institutions of higher education under energy savings performance contracts.
		Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Not heard in committee House Higher Education
SB 541 	Watson, Kirk(D)	Relating to annual reports regarding federal funding for state agencies.
		Last Action: 3- 4-13 S Sent to subcommittee Senate Finance
SB 566 	Eltime, Kevin(R)	Relating to the establishment of a pharmacy school at The University of

Texas at Tyler.

Companions: [HB 1610](#) Schaefer, Matt(R) (Identical)
3-27-13 H Committee action
pending House Higher Education

Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee
on House Higher Education

[SB 579](#)



[Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects on the El Paso campus of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Last Action: 2-20-13 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

[SB 585](#)



[Hegar, Glenn\(R\)](#)

Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue to enhance and upgrade sports facilities in certain municipalities.

Companions: [HB 2274](#) Morrison, Geanie(R) (Identical)
5- 1-13 H Recommended for
Local and Consent Calendar

Last Action: 4- 8-13 H Referred to House Committee
on House Ways and Means

[SB 620](#)



[Van de Putte, Leticia\(D\)](#)

Relating to student loan repayment assistance for speech-language pathologists or audiologists employed by a public school or as faculty members of certain graduate programs at public institutions of higher education.

Companions: [HB 1073](#) Allen, Alma(D) (Identical)
5- 6-13 H Set on the House
Calendar

Last Action: 4-30-13 H Referred to House Committee
on House Higher Education

[SB 629](#)



[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas at Austin.

Last Action: 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

[SB 636](#)



[Paxton, Ken\(R\)](#)

Relating to public information regarding bonds and other obligations issued by the state and local governments.

Last Action: 3-11-13 S Committee action pending
Senate Open Government

SB 653 ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the composition and functions of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation.
	Companions:	HB 1892 Gonzales, Larry(R) (Identical) 3- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
	Last Action:	2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 667 ■■■	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to a study on the feasibility of requiring certain researchers to make research papers available to the public.
	Last Action:	4-25-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 680 ■■■■	West, Royce(D)	Relating to a pilot program to improve student loan default rates and financial aid literacy among postsecondary students.
	Last Action:	4-10-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 691 ■■■	Eltime, Kevin(R)	Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M University--Texarkana.
	Companions:	HB 1486 Lavender, George(R) (Identical) 5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Higher Education
	Last Action:	5- 2-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 700 ■■■■■	Hegar, Glenn(R) Kacal, Kyle(R)	Relating to energy and water management planning and reporting by state agencies and institutions of higher education.
	Companions:	HB 1182 Kacal, Kyle(R) (Identical) 4-15-13 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E1.026, House Government Efficiency and Reform HB 2674 Ashby, Trenton(R) (Identical) 3-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform
	Last Action:	4-30-13 H Reported from committee as

		substituted House Government Efficiency and Reform
SB 726 ■	Paxton, Ken(R)	Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs. Last Action: 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 737 ■	Watson, Kirk(D)	Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain child protective services workers. Companions: HB 969 Dukes, Dawnna(D) (Identical) 3-18-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Human Services Last Action: 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
SB 754 ■	Patrick, Dan(R)	Relating to the reporting of the hiring of lobbyists on behalf of a governmental entity. Last Action: 2-26-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 779 ■	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	Relating to applying credit earned by a student at a general academic teaching institution to an associate's degree at a lower-division institution of higher education previously attended by the student. Companions: HB 774 Guillen, Ryan(D) (Identical) 4- 4-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred Last Action: 2-26-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 794 ■ ■	Lucio, Eddie(D)	Relating to the development, hosting, and management of computer software for state agencies. Last Action: 4- 8-13 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for
SB 806 ■	Carona, John(R)	Relating to the use of a credit or charge card by a state agency to make certain purchases. Last Action: 4- 9-13 S Committee action pending

		Senate Government Organization
SB 838 ■	Birdwell, Brian(R)	Relating to giving priority to United States citizens and permanent resident aliens in awarding state-funded student financial assistance.
Last Action:		3- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 842 ■	Hancock, Kelly(R)	Relating to authorizing the board of regents of The University of Texas System to acquire certain property in the city of Arlington.
Companions:		HB 1753 Patrick, Diane(R) (Identical) 4-29-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Higher Education
Last Action:		3- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 857 ■■■■	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to the authority of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding the initiation, consolidation, or elimination of a degree or certificate program offered by a public institution of higher education.
Companions:		HB 1351 Nevarez, Poncho(D) (Identical) 3-27-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
Last Action:		4-17-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 882 ■	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to limitations on the percentage of money awarded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas for certain uses.
Last Action:		3- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
SB 895 ■■■■	Davis, Wendy(D)	Relating to access to records of a nonprofit organization supporting the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas under the public information law.
Last Action:		4-30-13 H Voted favorably from committee on Select on Transparency in Agency Operations

SB 923 ■	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	Relating to the creation and funding of the state water plan fund to assist the Texas Water Development Board in the funding of certain projects included in the state water plan; imposing a fee and a surcharge.
	Last Action:	3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources
SB 940 ■	West, Royce(D)	Relating to the application of whistleblower protections to employees of an open-enrollment charter school.
	Last Action:	3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 956 ■	Fraser, Troy(R)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a research building at Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine--Temple.
	Companions:	HB 1789 Sheffield, Ralph(R) (Identical) 3- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
	Last Action:	3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 974 ■■■■■	Campbell, Donna(R) Isaac, Jason(R)	Relating to the name of Texas State University--San Marcos.
	Last Action:	5- 1-13 G Sent to the Governor
SB 976 ■■■■■	West, Royce(D)	Relating to the temporary approval of an institution to participate in the tuition equalization grant program.
	Last Action:	5- 1-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 984 ■■■■■	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to the meeting of a governmental body held by videoconference call.
	Companions:	HB 1749 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical) 4-18-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar
	Last Action:	5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform
SB 986 ■■■■■	Duncan, Robert(R)	Relating to the powers and duties of the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System.

		Companions: HB 3047 Darby, Drew(R) (Identical) 4-23-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
		Last Action: 4-22-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 1019 ■■■■■	Estes, Craig(R) Frank, James(R)	Relating to the investment of funds by the governing boards of certain institutions of higher education.
		Companions: HB 3353 Frank, James(R) (Identical) 5- 2-13 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1019
		Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:147/N: 0)
SB 1024 ■	Watson, Kirk(D)	Relating to a study evaluating and making recommendations for wastewater management in the contributing zone of the Barton Springs Segment of the Edwards Aquifer.
		Companions: HB 2046 Workman, Paul(R) (Identical) 4- 2-13 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources
		Last Action: 3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources
SB 1038 ■	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to the disclosure by public institutions of higher education of the identity of private sponsors of certain research.
		Last Action: 3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 1042 ■	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund an interdisciplinary research facility at The University of Texas at El Paso.
		Last Action: 3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 1054 ■	Watson, Kirk(D)	Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of public school students and of certain entering students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education.

	Companions:	HB 2711 Perez, Mary Ann(D) (Identical) 3-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
	Last Action:	3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education
SB 1055 	Watson, Kirk(D) 	Relating to the eligibility of certain employees of public institutions of higher education to participate in a state group benefits program.
	Companions:	HB 2127 Howard, Donna(D) (Identical) 5- 3-13 H Set on the House Calendar
	Last Action:	3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 1061   	Van de Putte, Leticia(D) 	Relating to parking privileges of disabled veterans on the property of institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	4-29-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1093     	West, Royce(D) Harper-Brown, Linda(R)	Relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.
	Companions:	HB 3862 Harper-Brown, Linda(R) (Identical) 5- 2-13 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1093
	Last Action:	5- 3-13 S Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar
SB 1113    	Zaffirini, Judith(D) 	Relating to matching private grants given to enhance an additional research activity at institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	5- 1-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
SB 1128 	Patrick, Dan(R) 	Relating to curriculum requirements in American and Texas history at institutions of higher education.
	Companions:	HB 1938 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical) 5- 2-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Higher Education

		Last Action:	3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 1145 ■■■	Hegar, Glenn(R)		Relating to the intercollegiate athletics fee at Prairie View A&M University.
	Companions:	HB 891	Bell, Cecil(R) (Identical) 5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Higher Education
		Last Action:	5- 2-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1157 ■■■■■	Schwertner, Charles(R) Otto, John(R)		Relating to the conveyance of certain state property for use by Sam Houston State University.
		Last Action:	5- 2-13 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:147/N: 0)
SB 1158 ■■■	Van de Putte, Leticia(D)		Relating to higher education for veterans and their families.
	Companions:	HB 3544	Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical) 4-30-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Defense and Veteran's Affairs
		Last Action:	4-26-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1159 ■■■	Van de Putte, Leticia(D)		Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their dependents.
		Last Action:	4-18-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1165 ■■■■■	Hegar, Glenn(R) Miller, Rick(R)		Relating to the use of real property by the University of Houston--Sugar Land.
	Companions:	HB 3075	Miller, Rick(R) (Identical) 4-25-13 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 1165
		Last Action:	5- 1-13 G Sent to the Governor
SB 1168 ■	Hegar, Glenn(R)		Relating to interstate cooperation to address regional water issues.
	Companions:	HB 1189	Larson, Lyle(R) (Identical) 4-16-13 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

		Last Action: 3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources
SB 1169 ■■■■	Hegar, Glenn(R)	Relating to water conservation.
		Last Action: 4-10-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Natural Resources
SB 1171 ■	Hegar, Glenn(R)	Relating to Prairie View A&M University's eligibility to participate in the research development fund.
	Companions: HB 870	Bell, Cecil(R) (Identical) 4-29-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Higher Education
		Last Action: 3-12-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 1185 ■■■■	Huffman, Joan(R)	Relating to the creation of a mental health jail diversion pilot program.
		Last Action: 4-10-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Corrections
SB 1210 ■■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to conditions on the receipt of tuition and fee exemptions and waivers at public institutions of higher education.
		Last Action: 4-15-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 1258 ■■■	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	Relating to improving access to nursing education programs.
		Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1295 ■	Davis, Wendy(D)	Relating to state agency purchasing.
		Last Action: 3-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Government Organization
SB 1297 ■■■■	Watson, Kirk(D)	Relating to written electronic communications between members of a governmental body.
		Last Action: 4- 8-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform
SB 1313 ■■■■	Schwertner, Charles(R)	Relating to the Correctional Management Institute of Texas at Sam Houston State University.

		Companions: HB 3191 Otto, John(R) (Identical) 4-29-13 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar Last Action: 4-30-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 1344 ■	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	Relating to public high school graduation, including curriculum requirements for graduation. Companions: HB 2431 Murphy, Jim(R) (Identical) 3-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education Last Action: 3-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education
SB 1368 ■■■	Davis, Wendy(D)	Relating to contracts by certain state governmental entities that involve the exchange or creation of public information. Last Action: 4-25-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1378 ■	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to the appropriations of money from the economic stabilization fund for the 2014-2015 state fiscal biennium. Companions: HB 3346 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) (Identical) 3-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations Last Action: 3-18-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 1381 ■	Hancock, Kelly(R)	Relating to the effect of certain agreements with a collective bargaining organization on certain state-funded public work contracts. Companions: HB 1548 Callegari, Bill(R) (Identical) 5- 7-13 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., 2E.20, Senate Government Organization Last Action: 3-18-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Government Organization
SB 1458	Duncan, Robert(R)	Relating to the administration of and



benefits payable by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Companions: [HB 1884](#) Callegari, Bill(R) (Identical)
4-29-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Pensions

Last Action: 5- 3-13 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

[SB 1484](#)



[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)

Relating to health benefit plan coverage for enrollees diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Received in the House - Not referred

[SB 1486](#)



[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)

Relating to the authority of certain university systems to provide benefits to certain qualified individuals.

Companions: [HB 1140](#) Naishtat, Elliott(D) (Identical)
3-19-13 H Committee action pending House Insurance

Last Action: 3-18-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 1490](#)



[Duncan, Robert\(R\)](#)

Relating to the administration of and benefits payable by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Companions: [HB 3357](#) Callegari, Bill(R) (Identical)
5- 3-13 S Received in the Senate - Not referred

Last Action: 3-18-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 1496](#)



[Davis, Wendy\(D\)](#)

Relating to use of the money from the Texas Enterprise Fund and the Texas emerging technology fund to benefit certain historically underutilized businesses.

Last Action: 5- 3-13 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

[SB 1500](#)



[Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to the criteria to be used by the Texas Water Development Board in prioritizing applications for funds for the implementation of water supply projects.

Last Action: 3-18-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

SB 1509 ■■■■	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to college readiness and success.
	Last Action:	5- 7-13 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.036, House Public Education
SB 1525 ■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to including disability awareness training in risk management programs required for members and advisors of student organizations at postsecondary educational institutions.
	Last Action:	5- 2-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1530 ■■■■■	Seliger, Kel(R) Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to the admission of undergraduate students to public institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	4-30-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Higher Education
SB 1531 ■■■■	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to providing information to entering undergraduate students at general academic teaching institutions to promote timely graduation.
	Companions:	HB 3519 Branch, Dan(R) (Identical) 3-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
	Last Action:	4-30-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 1543 ■	Van de Putte, Leticia(D)	Relating to the administration of the Texas B-On-time loan program to permit a portion of tuition set-asides to be used to fund tuition exemptions for veterans and other student financial assistance.
	Companions:	HB 3265 Turner, Chris(D) (Identical) 4-17-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
	Last Action:	3-20-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 1563 ■■	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to the definition of and access to public information.
	Last Action:	5- 3-13 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
SB 1572 ■	Patrick, Dan(R)	Relating to the character of and citation to enacted legislation.

		Last Action: 3-19-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 1576 ■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to a study and report of issues affecting persons with disabilities at state agencies and postsecondary educational institutions.
		Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1590 ■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to requirements for personal financial literacy training offered by public school districts and public universities.
		Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1597 ■■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the development of state agency information security plans.
		Last Action: 4-16-13 H Referred to House Committee on House State Affairs
SB 1602 ■■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to reports and other information required of or held by institutions of higher education.
		Last Action: 4-16-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 1603 ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to risk management at institutions of higher education.
		Last Action: 3-20-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 1604 ■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to asset management and acquisition by institutions of higher education.
		Last Action: 5- 2-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1613 ■■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the abolition of the Office of State-Federal Relations.
		Last Action: 4-16-13 H Referred to House Committee on House State Affairs
SB 1616 ■	West, Royce(D)	Relating to authorizing a school district to establish a higher education scholarship endowment.
		Last Action: 3-20-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education
SB 1624 ■	Davis, Wendy(D)	Relating to the establishment of regional water banks by the Texas Commission on

		Environmental Quality and the Texas Water Development Board.
	Last Action:	3-20-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources
SB 1652 ■	Williams, Tommy(R)	Relating to the fiscal transparency and accountability of certain entities responsible for public money.
	Last Action:	3-20-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 1653 ■	Williams, Tommy(R)	Relating to the creation and re-creation of funds and accounts in the state treasury, the dedication and rededication of revenue, and the exemption of unappropriated money from use for general governmental purposes.
	Last Action:	3-20-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 1656 ■	Williams, Tommy(R)	Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations.
	Companions:	HB 715 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical) 4-23-13 H Committee action pending House Appropriations
	Last Action:	4- 4-13 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
SB 1668 ■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the institutions of higher education eligible to participate in the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (T-STEM) Challenge Scholarship Program.
	Last Action:	4-24-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1674 ■	Taylor, Larry(R)	Relating to accelerated educational programs offered by public institutions of higher education to qualified persons seeking licensure as physician assistants.
	Companions:	HB 3349 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) (Identical) 5- 1-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
	Last Action:	3-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 1679 ■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to state agency procurement.

		Last Action: 4-24-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1680 ■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to certain requirements applicable to contracts entered into by state agencies.
		Last Action: 4-24-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1681 ■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to oversight and management of state contracts.
		Last Action: 4-24-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1682 ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to certain ethics requirements applicable to state agencies, including requirements by state contractors.
		Last Action: 3-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 1710 ■	Birdwell, Brian(R)	Relating to measures to facilitate the transfer of students within the public higher education system and the timely graduation of students from public institutions of higher education.
	Companions: HB 30 Branch, Dan(R) (Identical)	4-15-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education
		Last Action: 3-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 1720 ■	Patrick, Dan(R)	Relating to the Texas Teach Corps Loan Repayment Assistance Program for undergraduate students who agree to teach in school districts in this state that have shortages of teachers in mathematics or science.
		Last Action: 5- 1-13 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Higher Education
SB 1721 ■	Patrick, Dan(R)	Relating to a requirement that a student's postsecondary transcript include the average or median grade awarded in each class.
	Companions: HB 3498 Turner, Scott(R) (Identical)	5- 1-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Higher Education

		Last Action:	3-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 1724 ■ ■	Patrick, Dan(R)		Relating to high school graduation requirements, including end-of-course assessment instruments.
		Last Action:	3-27-13 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for
SB 1737 ■	Van de Putte, Leticia(D)		Relating to employment, higher education, and state purchasing programs for veterans.
		Companions:	HB 3545 Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical) 4-24-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs SB 10 Van de Putte, Leticia(D) (Identical) 4-25-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs
		Last Action:	3-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Veteran Affairs/Military Installations
SB 1741 ■ ■ ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)		Relating to training requirements applicable to members of the governing board of a public institution of higher education.
		Last Action:	4-25-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1760 ■	Uresti, Carlos(D)		Relating to the development of brackish groundwater.
		Companions:	HB 2578 Larson, Lyle(R) (Identical) 5- 2-13 H Reported from committee as substituted House Natural Resources
		Last Action:	3-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources
SB 1810 ■ ■ ■ ■	Ellis, Rodney(D)		Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas Southern University.
		Companions:	HB 3792 Coleman, Garnet(D) (Identical) 5- 1-13 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Higher Education

		Last Action: 4-30-13 H Referred to House Committee on House Higher Education
SB 1882 ■■■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to information for legislative purposes requested under the Texas Public Information Act.
		Last Action: 4-25-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1887 ■	Carona, John(R)	Relating to excellence funding for health-related institutions of higher education.
		Last Action: 4-11-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 1907 ■■■	Hegar, Glenn(R)	Relating to the transportation and storage of concealed handguns and ammunition by students in vehicles on the campuses of institutions of higher education.
		Last Action: 5- 1-13 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 1911 ■	Garcia, Sylvia(D)	Relating to the right of a public employee to representation in certain internal investigatory interviews.
		Last Action: 4-29-13 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs
SCR 30 ■■■■	Uresti, Carlos(D)	Granting permission to the State of Texas to sue The University of Texas System.
		Last Action: 5- 6-13 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.016, House Land and Resource Management
SCR 31 ■	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Supporting the University of Houston System Board of Regents' creation of a health science center at the University of Houston.
		Last Action: 3-26-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SJR 19 ■	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment discontinuing the authority to issue bonded indebtedness on behalf of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.
		Companions: HJR 64 Laubenberg, Jodie(R) (Identical) 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

		Last Action: 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SJR 26 ■	Estes, Craig(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit using revenues, other money, or account or fund balances dedicated by law for nondedicated general governmental purposes.
	Companions: HJR 89	Harless, Patricia(R) (Identical) 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
		Last Action: 3-18-13 S Sent to subcommittee Senate Finance
SJR 38 ■	Williams, Tommy(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the state infrastructure fund and board to provide financial assistance for certain projects related to economic development infrastructure.
		Last Action: 4-10-13 S Removed from hearing 04/11/13, Senate Finance
SJR 56 ■	Williams, Tommy(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the limitation on the rate of growth of state appropriations.
		Last Action: 4- 4-13 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

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Total Bills:	449	0

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overturn a President's decision (Rep. Fletcher believes all of the leaders will be involved in making these decisions). Rep. Turner noted sometimes presidents disagree with chancellor/regents—so is the intent of the bill structured to keep political appointees out of the decision (Fletcher: yes, this is my intent). Amendment #8 by Rep. Patrick inserts “other official mass gatherings” into the text. Passed by voice vote to engrossment.

The House Higher Education Committee on Wednesday reported SB 215 by Senator Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury), which is the Coordinating Board sunset bill. The House version is slightly different than the Senate version but still retains negotiated rulemaking in certain circumstances and prohibits the CB from closing low performing programs.

Other actions of interest:

HB 12 by Flynn	Relating to gifts made to a state agency for a state employee supplement. Reported from House Committee 5/1/13
HB 29 by Branch	Relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to offer a fixed tuition rate plan Passed the House 5/3/13
HB 31 by Branch	Requiring board of regents meetings to be webcast Set on House Calendar for 5/3/13
HB 318 by Giddings	Relating to prohibiting an employer from requiring or requesting access to the personal accounts of employees and job applicants through electronic communication devices Passed the House 5/3/13
HB 1284 by Johnson	Relating to the offense of making or causing a false alarm or report involving a public or private institution of higher education Passed the House 4/28/13
HB 2414 by Button	Relating to requirements for open meetings held by videoconference call Passed the House 5/2/13
HB 2962 by Harper	Relating to the use of a credit card by a state agency to make certain purchases Amended to exclude higher education and passed the House 5/2/13

Summary of the House and Senate Higher Education hearings courtesy of Rissa Potter:

Senate Higher Education, May 1, 2013

- Passed CS SB 1720 Patrick Relating to the Texas Teach Corps Loan Repayment Assistance Program for undergraduate students who agree to teach in school districts in this state that have shortages of teachers in mathematics or science. Sen. Birdwell explained the CS, providing annual loan repayment awards to appropriate education scholars who teach math or science in a Title I school and four additional years in any school (total eight years). Passed 4-0. Will not go local, instead Senator Patrick will offer a “little adjustment” on the Senate floor.
- Pending CS HB 1752 Patrick, Diane | et al. SP: Seliger Relating to creating the Texas Teacher Residency Program. Senator Zaffirini explained the bill, working with THECB to establish the program, based on a medical residency model, with graduates of the

program placed in economically disadvantaged schools. Senator Patrick referred to the fiscal note, confirmed the bill will be held due to the note (not voted out). Mr. Fitzpatrick referred to a meeting with Commissioner Paredes and university education deans; programs such as one with Baylor University have strong relationships with school districts, but many universities do not have strong school district relationships.

- Pending Bills: Passed and Adopted New CS SB 414 Ellis | et al. Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs. Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs. Senator Zaffirini provided a new CS – removing language authorizing a pilot BA at a junior college, instead requiring the THECB to conduct a feasibility study. The CB will determine the regions of the state that will benefit from whether a junior college offers a BA program.

House Higher Education, May 1, 2013

- Passed 5-3 CS HB2507 Anchia Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. (SB 215 Birdwell, companion, engrossed) Major provisions of the bill address THECB Board composition to require higher education experience—the Senate took this out; the CS today puts it back in. This is to have 1/3 of the Board with higher education experience from a university, community college or technical college. The bill provides the opportunity for public comment. The bill has advisory committees reporting directly to the Board, not just to agency staff. Negotiated rulemaking is in the bill, required if the CB anticipates a controversy or if 1/2 of the impacted institutions agree to share costs. Institutions are interested in returning to current law (without negotiated rulemaking). Regarding negotiated rulemaking, the Senate amendment requires every rule to be rulemaking. This bill triggers at 50% of institutions or a controversial topic. Institutions are concerned with the definition of controversy and the numerator/denominator to determine 50%. Language is pending regarding negotiated rulemaking. Rep. Anchia noted even if negotiated rulemaking occurs, the CB does not have to accept the recommendation. The Senate removed THECB authority and replaced it with the CB recommending action to institution's governing boards. The CS also streamlines CB power with regard to academic approval authority, consolidates CB long-range planning requirements, eliminates 19 unfunded programs/funds and eliminates four unnecessary reporting requirements. The bill has THECB establish a risk-based compliance program to audit data provided by the institutions (no input/comments were received on this), removes community colleges from BOT, new to the CS is a change in the status of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp/TGSLC, creates a student loan default prevention pilot program, and continues the THECB for 12 years.
- Passed 8-0 CS HB 891 Relating to the intercollegiate athletics fee at Prairie View A&M University; authorizing an increase in the fee.
- Passed LC 8-0 HB 1004 Relating to an electronic system adopted and maintained by public institutions of higher education to employ a person to track the academic progress of military veterans or their family members receiving student financial assistance.
- Passed LC 8-0 HB 1486 Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M University--Texarkana.

- Passed LC 8-0 CS HB 3792 Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas Southern University.
- Passed 8-0 SB 566 Relating to the establishment of a pharmacy school at The University of Texas at Tyler.
- Passed 5-2 HB 3498 Relating to a requirement that a student's postsecondary transcript include the average or median grade awarded in each class.
- Pending CS HB 3349 Rodriguez, Eddie Relating to accelerated educational programs offered by public institutions of higher education to qualified persons seeking licensure as physician assistants. The bill would authorize the creation of an accelerated PA program for foreign medical doctors and military-trained doctors at public institutions in Texas. The CS requires the foreign degree to be recognized by the Texas Medical Board and removes language requiring negotiated rulemaking. Testimony was by four individuals in support of the bill. A representative of the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants spoke against the bill. She said all seven university PA program directors also oppose this bill. The national accreditation body has concerns, in that state law should not over-ride national standards. Rep. Howard noted the nursing profession experienced similar shortages and needs for accelerated pathways. Chair Branch encouraged TAPA to consider the value of competency based learning and to work toward quality and value
- Pending SB 1113 Zaffirini Relating to matching private grants given to enhance additional research activities at institutions of higher education. Adds undergraduate research as an area for an eligible institution to receive gifts to be matched by TRIP (in addition to graduate research/stipends). This does not apply for undergraduate scholarships or grants (financial aid). Chair Branch commended the research presented by students with the Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol event conducted last week.

Senate Floor, April 30

SB 1907 Hegar/others Relating to the transportation and storage of concealed handguns and ammunition by students in vehicles on the campuses of institutions of higher education. Senator Hegar's intent is to permit a handgun to be legally locked into a vehicle for college students with a CHL, recognizing they are the only population that cannot legally do this. Debate confirmed CHL holders who parents, prospective students, the general population, etc. are permitted to keep a weapon in their car—but enrolled students may not do so. Senator Birdwell confirmed this bill only addresses students who are CHL holders. Amendment #1-prevents an institution from posting a 30.06 Code prohibiting a firearm in the parking lot. Passed for engrossment.

Please see the attached report for the status of all pertinent legislation and go to <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us> for more legislative information.