

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Darrin Hall
RE: Week 3 – 83rd Legislature
DATE: January 25, 2013

While the general flow of business has been slow in the legislature, the Senate Finance Committee has started an aggressive schedule. Regent Nelda Luce Blair, Chancellor Renu Khator and Presidents Bill Staples, Bill Flores and Phil Castille testified before the committee today on SB 1, the state appropriations bill. Chairman Tommy Williams (R-The Woodlands) has indicated that he wants to finish in committee by March 13 with floor debate on March 18. While the House has yet to appoint committees, we anticipate testifying there in mid-February.

Legislative coalitions and delegations have been organizing. Representative Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) was elected chair of the House Republican Delegation. Representative Sylvester Turner (D-Houston and a UH alumnus) was elected chair of the Greater Harris County Delegation and Representative Jim Murphy (R-Houston) was elected vice chair.

After taking off a couple of days this week for the inaugural and MLK Day, they will have another short week next week. They will not convene until Tuesday.

On Thursday, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (CB) held their quarterly meeting and considered a rule change that would have prohibited regents and administrators funding buildings with student fees at more than 75 percent. The commissioner recommended and the board concurred with postponing the rule. The members were rather adamant that they want to make progress on this issue quickly. They will appoint a committee comprised of board members and institutional representatives. One of the members also said that he would like to see a rule requiring greater participation at student elections to raise fees for construction.

Of note, Representative Tyron Lewis (R-Odessa) has filed legislation to reimburse universities for tuition exemptions for veterans and their dependents (Hazelwood exemptions).

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

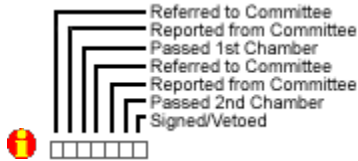


WEEKLY UPDATE 3

Bill Status Report

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 - Action in the date range  - Link to Related Information () - Priority



University of Houston System

[HB 1](#)

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

General Appropriations Bill.



Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-15-13 H Filed

[HB 10](#)

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

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



Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-24-13 H Filed

[HB 22](#)

[Martinez Fischer, Trey\(D\)](#)

Relating to the establishment of a public service requirement for undergraduate students, known as Service to Texas, at public institutions of higher education.



Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[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.



Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[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.



Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 29](#)

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

Relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to offer a fixed tuition



rate plan to undergraduate students.

Track Name(s): Nancy Nguyen, Chris Stanich

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 30](#)

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[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.

Track Name(s): Chris Stanich

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 31](#)

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

Relating to certain requirements applicable to meetings of the governing board of a state university or state university system.

Track Name(s): Dennis Fouty

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 66](#)

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[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.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 67](#)

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[Lucio III, Eddie\(D\)](#)

Relating to the establishment by The University of Texas System of a law school in the Rio Grande Valley.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 81](#)

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[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.

Track Name(s): Nancy Nguyen

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 82](#)

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[McClendon, Ruth Jones\(D\)](#)

Relating to a single common course numbering system for public institutions of higher education in this state.

Track Name(s): Chris Stanich

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 88](#) [Callegari, Bill\(R\)](#) Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations.
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Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 92](#) [White, James\(R\)](#) Relating to state formula funding for pharmacy schools and colleges and graduate-level pharmacy programs.
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Track Name(s): Chris Stanich

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 93](#) [White, James\(R\)](#) Relating to entities that qualify as historically underutilized businesses.
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Track Name(s): Nancy Nguyen, Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 98](#) [Perry, Charles\(R\)](#) Relating to zero-based budgeting for certain entities funded by this state.
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Track Name(s): Nancy Nguyen

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 99](#) [Perry, Charles\(R\)](#) Relating to the state contributions to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
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Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 110](#) [Raymond, Richard\(D\)](#) Relating to leave for junior college district or university system employees who are physically assaulted while on duty.
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Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 122](#) [Larson, Lyle\(R\)](#) Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.
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Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[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.
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Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 142](#)

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

Relating to a prohibition against human cloning and regulating other uses of human tissue by institutions of higher education.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 171](#)

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[Alonzo, Roberto\(D\)](#)

Relating to the establishment of veterans resource centers at certain institutions of higher education.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-13-12 H Filed

[HB 173](#)

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[Alonzo, Roberto\(D\)](#)

Relating to an optometry career program at the University of Houston.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-13-12 H Filed

[HB 175](#)

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[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 (Identical)
1-14-13 H Filed

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-13-12 H Filed

[HB 180](#)

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

Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-13-12 H Filed

[HB 185](#)

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[Dutton, Harold\(D\)](#)

Relating to liability of a governmental unit for personal injury and death caused by the governmental unit's negligence.

Track Name(s): Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 11-14-12 H Filed

[HB 204](#)

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[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.

Track Name(s): Nancy Nguyen

Bill History: 11-19-12 H Filed

[HB 207](#)

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[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 (Identical)
11-12-12 S Filed

Track Name(s): Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 11-20-12 H Filed

[HB 219](#)

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[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.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-27-12 H Filed

[HB 228](#)

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

Relating to the maximum rate of growth of appropriations.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-30-12 H Filed

[HB 230](#)

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[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.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-30-12 H Filed

[HB 237](#)

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[King, Phil\(R\)](#)

Relating to the limitation on the rate of growth in appropriations from state tax revenues.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-30-12 H Filed

[HB 257](#)

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[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 (Identical)
11-12-12 S Filed

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 12-06-12 H Filed

[HB 285](#)
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[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.

Track Name(s): Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 12-14-12 H Filed

[HB 291](#)
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[King, Phil\(R\)](#)

Relating to a hiring freeze of nonessential personnel employed by a state agency.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 12-17-12 H Filed

[HB 318](#)
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[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.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 12-21-12 H Filed

[HB 360](#)
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[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.

Track Name(s): Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 01-07-13 H Filed

[HB 418](#)
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[Farias, Joe\(D\)](#)

Relating to leave for certain veterans returning to state employment.

Track Name(s): Nancy Nguyen

Bill History: 01-09-13 H Filed

[HB 443](#)
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[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.

Track Name(s): Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 01-10-13 H Filed

[HB 463](#)

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[Johnson, Eric\(D\)](#)

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

Companions: [SB 80](#) Ellis, Rodney (Identical)
11-12-12 S Filed

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-10-13 H Filed

[HB 476](#)

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

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

Companions: [SB 180](#) Van de Putte, Leticia (Identical)
1-16-13 S Filed

Track Name(s): Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 01-14-13 H Filed

[HB 480](#)

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

Relating to leave for certain state employees who are attending educational activities of their children.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-14-13 H Filed

[HB 498](#)

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[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 (Identical)
11-13-12 H Filed

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-14-13 H Filed

[HB 501](#)

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[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.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-14-13 H Filed

[HB 531](#)

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[Lozano, Jose\(R\)](#)

Relating to a cost-of-living increase applicable to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-15-13 H Filed

[HB 535](#)

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

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.

Track Name(s): Nancy Nguyen

Bill History: 01-15-13 H Filed

[HB 539](#)

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[Alonzo, Roberto\(D\)](#)

Relating to repealing certain limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-15-13 H Filed

[HB 551](#)

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[Cortez, Philip\(D\)](#)

Relating to the payment of tuition for public high school students who participate in college credit programs.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-15-13 H Filed

[HB 556](#)

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[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 (Identical)
1-15-13 S Filed

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-16-13 H Filed

[HB 558](#)

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[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.

Track Name(s): Nancy Nguyen, Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 01-16-13 H Filed

[HB 565](#)

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[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 (Identical)

11-12-12 S Filed

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-16-13 H Filed

[HB 581](#)

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

Relating to a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for state and local governmental entities in certain employment lawsuits filed by nurses.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-17-13 H Filed

[HB 586](#)

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

Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for certain claims arising under written contracts with state agencies.

Track Name(s): Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 01-18-13 H Filed

[HB 602](#)

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[Lozano, Jose\(R\)](#)

Relating to the composition of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-22-13 H Filed

[HB 603](#)

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[Lozano, Jose\(R\)](#)

Relating to exempting certain textbooks for university and college courses from the sales and use tax.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-22-13 H Filed

[HB 639](#)

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

Relating to the eligibility requirements for admission of undergraduate students to a general academic teaching institution.

Track Name(s): Chris Stanich

Bill History: 01-23-13 H Filed

[HB 643](#)

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

Relating to the name of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-23-13 H Filed

[HB 662](#)

[Lewis, Tryon\(R\)](#)

Relating to authorizing the issuance of

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revenue bonds for a medical education building for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-23-13 H Filed

[HB 681](#)

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[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.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-24-13 H Filed

[HB 690](#)

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[Lewis, Tryon\(R\)](#)

Relating to reimbursing public institutions of higher education for tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their dependents.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-24-13 H Filed

[HB 706](#)

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

Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with schools or institutions of higher education.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only), Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 01-24-13 H Filed

[HJR 26](#)

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

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for an annual state budget and annual legislative sessions for budget purposes.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HJR 49](#)

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

Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the maximum amount of appropriations for a state fiscal biennium.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-30-12 H Filed

[HJR 64](#)

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[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 (Identical)
1-22-13 S Filed

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-23-13 H Filed

[SB 1](#)

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

General Appropriations Bill.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-28-13 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., E1.036
Senate Finance

[SB 26](#)

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

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 27](#)

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

Relating to eligibility for a Texas B-on-Time loan.

Track Name(s): Chris Stanich

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 30](#)

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

Relating to the distribution of money appropriated from the national research university fund.

Track Name(s): Nancy Nguyen, Chris Stanich

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 31](#)

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

Relating to formula funding for certain semester credit hours earned for dual course credit.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 46](#)

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[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.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 52](#)

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

Relating to exemptions for disabled peace

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officers from payment of tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 54](#)

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

Relating to leave for junior college district or university system employees who are physically assaulted while on duty.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 59](#)

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

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

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 62](#)

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[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 (Identical)
1-16-13 H Filed

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 67](#)

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

Relating to reporting requirements for institutions of higher education conducting human stem cell research.

Track Name(s): Chris Stanich

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 80](#)

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

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

Companions: [HB 463](#) Johnson, Eric (Identical)
1-10-13 H Filed

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 86](#)

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

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

Track Name(s): Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 96](#)

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

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

Track Name(s): Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 101](#)

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

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

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 120](#)

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

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 (Identical)
12- 6-12 H Filed

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 121](#)

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[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 (Identical)
11-20-12 H Filed

Track Name(s): Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 125](#)

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

Relating to designated tuition.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 11-14-12 S Filed

[SB 143](#)

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

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

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 12-11-12 S Filed

[SB 146](#)

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

Relating to access by a public institution of

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higher education to the criminal history record information of certain persons seeking to reside in on-campus housing.

Track Name(s): Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 12-12-12 S Filed

[SB 149](#)

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

Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 12-19-12 S Filed

[SB 150](#)

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

Relating to the cancer prevention and research fund.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 12-19-12 S Filed

[SB 177](#)

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[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 556](#) Clardy, Travis (Identical)
1-16-13 H Filed

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-15-13 S Filed

[SB 180](#)

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

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

Companions: [HB 476](#) Kolkhorst, Lois (Identical)
1-14-13 H Filed

Track Name(s): Dona Hamilton

Bill History: 01-16-13 S Filed

[SB 182](#)

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[Birdwell, Brian\(R\)](#)

Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-17-13 S Filed

[SB 195](#)

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

Relating to the maintenance by the Legislative Budget Board of a searchable

database containing certain budget
information.

Track Name(s): (Master List Only)

Bill History: 01-22-13 S Filed