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Overview of the 81st Regular Session

In its personality, every legislative session is different. Each one develops its own character as a result of changing politics, policies, and perhaps most importantly changes among interpersonal and group dynamics. Styles of leadership, legislative process and methods of resolving conflict evolve anew each session. This was especially true in the House this session given the House's election of a new speaker and the 76-74 Republican/Democrat split. Previous power dynamics dissolved and new ones emerged, new expedient relationships are discovered and new lines of communication are formed; these changes are part of the natural order, and understanding them is vital to our success in each legislative session. For the 81st Legislature, actions taken early on by both the House and Senate confirmed once again that such changes are real and consequential.

At the close of the 80th Legislature in 2007, five House members had announced their candidacy for Speaker of the Texas House. Throughout much of 2008, candidates jockeyed for position and traction, but no clear front-runner emerged, leading to speculation by insiders that Representative Tom Craddick (R-Midland) might retain his Speakership. However, just prior to the start of the session a small group of Republicans who were committed to "anybody but Craddick" (the ABCs) met to try to coalesce around a single candidate. Their goal was to select a consensus candidate who could garner a coalition of supporters from both parties sufficient to unseat the incumbent. Representative Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) emerged as the surprise choice. Straus received the support of over 100 of his colleagues. Given the numbers, Speaker Craddick stepped down, and Straus assumed the Speakership without opposition on the first day of the session. In his opening statements, Speaker Straus pledged his commitment to foster a more positive tone in the House, to allow the "will of the House" to determine the ultimate outcome of issues, and to give committee chairs and their committees primary sway regarding the issues assigned to their committees.

After the normal delays associated with assembling a new staff, making committee assignments and choosing chairs, the House began its work with a recommitted emphasis on "the process." Though media published stories on the (alleged lack of) speed with which legislation was moving through the House during the first half of the Session, bills moved to the floor in about the same numbers as before, including the unprecedented unanimous passage of the budget. However, that all changed in the final days when the House gridlocked over consideration of Voter Identification (Voter ID) legislation.

Voter ID had already been the subject of controversy in the upper chamber. On the second day of the session, Republican Senators successfully carved out an exception to the Senate's long-standing "two-thirds" rule. The two-thirds rule is a Senate parliamentary procedure which traditionally ensures that highly controversial legislation doesn't reach the Senate floor unless the bill has the support of 2/3 of the Senate membership to be brought up for consideration. Led by Lt. Governor David Dewhurst and Senator Tommy Williams (R-The Woodlands), the Senate voted in an 18-13 decision to allow consideration of Voter ID legislation before the Senate adopted its operating rules, and thus circumventing the traditional two-thirds rule for that one issue. After intense, sometimes decidedly "un-collegial" and personally vitriolic debate, the Voter ID bill passed the Senate by a party line vote and the Senate tried to

return to business as usual. However, evidence of relationships that were tested and strained over Voter ID remained evident throughout the Session.

The federal government had an unusually significant impact on the tone and focus of the 81st Legislative Session. The passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) made Texas eligible for an immediate infusion of more than \$16 billion in federal economic stimulus funding. At the start of the session, Governor Perry took a principled stand against accepting all the funds made available through the federal stimulus package. While Governor Perry reluctantly agreed to accept most of the \$16 billion in State Fiscal Stabilization Funding, he rejected \$551 million in funding to increase unemployment benefits for longer periods of time and to expand coverage to include part-time workers. The Governor's interpretation of the changes in the state's unemployment insurance (UI) law that would be required by the federal act was that such changes would expand coverage permanently, thus creating an ongoing, larger obligation for the state in the future. Despite a bipartisan legislative attempt to override the Governor's decision to reject the UI funding, the end of session voter ID imbroglio blocked consideration of a vote to override.

The Legislature sought a clear and certain understanding of how the estimated \$16 billion in State Fiscal Stabilization funding could be used for the best benefit the state of Texas. Ultimately, the funds were used to plug holes in the state's budget wherever allowable and as a consequence budget leaders, led by Senator Steve Ogden in the Senate and Representative Jim Pitts in the House, were able to craft a budget that maintained, and in several instances, even improved on current state services. Significantly, they were able to do so without having to draw on the "Rainy Day Fund", thus leaving it available for the 82nd Session, when it is estimated to be at \$9.1 billion and to be badly needed.

Overview of Issues

The following is a summary of the major issues that shaped the 81st Regular Session, with special attention given to higher education issues and to those with specific importance to the Texas A&M University System and its member institutions. Given the statewide and comprehensive reach of the education, research, and service programs delivered by its member institutions, the range of legislative issues affecting the System is broad. In addition, some issues not resolved this session are noted as likely priorities for future legislative consideration.

Higher Education Issues

In addition to the general appropriations act, several higher education policy issues were considered by the 81st Legislature. A brief overview of the most prominent is provided below. A more detailed listing of bills, organized by subject area, may be found within the body of this report.

National Research Universities, HB 51 (Branch/Zaffirini)

After years of discussion, the issue of growing more "Tier 1" comprehensive research universities in the state of Texas found traction and moved to the forefront of higher education priorities in the 81st Legislative Session. During the interim Senators Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo), Florence Shapiro (R-Plano) and Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) held hearings to take testimony,

sharpen policy issues and identify performance steps necessary for certain institutions to begin their march toward so-called "Tier 1" status. Early in the Session, all three senators filed legislation containing her/his vision of how best to do so. On the House side, Representative Dan Branch (R-Dallas) and his Select Committee also conducted hearings across the state on the same issues; he filed his vision in HB 51, and it ultimately became the vehicle bill used to set forth the state's policy and support for the development of more nationally recognized research universities, along with other policy matters affecting higher education.

HB 51 provides for the creation of a strategic plan for developing additional national research universities in Texas and requires emerging research universities to submit a long-term strategic plan to be used in achieving such status. The bill also creates the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) to provide matching funds to emerging research institutions to leverage private gifts for faculty recruitment and enhancing research productivity. SB 1, the General Appropriations Act, included \$50m for the TRIP. The bill also establishes the National Research University Fund (NRUF) for eligible universities to provide a dedicated, independent, and equitable source of funding so emerging research universities may achieve national prominence as major research universities.

If the constitutional amendment provided in HJR 14 passes, the "permanent" Higher Education Fund (HEF) will be abolished and its funds will be transferred to the new NRUF. Upon meeting certain specific criteria, each of the current seven emerging research institutions identified in the bill (University of Houston, Texas Tech University, UT-Dallas, UT-Arlington, UT-San Antonio, UT-El Paso, and University of North Texas) would be entitled to a proportion of the income generated by the corpus of the NRUF. The bill also provides criteria for other institutions to qualify for designation by the Coordinating Board as emerging research universities.

The bill also renames the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund (CKF) as the Research University Development Fund (RUDF) and continues to distribute its funding based on "total research" expenditures. Total research expenditures was the method of distribution decided upon by the legislature for the CKF in 2007 because that methodology results in an equitable distribution of the funding to both Texas A&M and UT-Austin, which was one of the principal aims in creating the Fund. The purpose of the RUDF continues to be to support recruitment and retention of highly qualified faculty and enhance research productivity at research and emerging research institutions that have at least \$50 million in total research. Currently, only Texas A&M, UT-Austin, University of Houston and Texas Tech Universities qualify for the CKF/RUDF; however, others may participate when they reach the \$50 million research expenditure criterion.

HB 51 was signed by the Governor on June 17, 2009, and the election on the constitutional amendment to fund the NRUF will be held on November 3, 2009.

Top 10 Percent

Since adopted in 1997, Texas' top 10 percent law has been a hotly debated topic in virtually every legislative session. The law, as originally written, provides for automatic admission to any public university in Texas of high school students who are graduated in the top 10 percent of their class. For the fourth consecutive session, proposals were offered to set limitations on this automatic admission so that universities, particularly the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University to a lesser extent, could limit the percent their class composed of students admitted solely on the basis of being in the top 10% of their high school class. Both institutions testified that Top 10% students do well academically, but they would like

to consider a broader range of qualifications in making admissions decisions. In the 81st Legislative Session, multiple bills, including SB 175 by Senator Shapiro/ Rep. Branch were filed to modify the top 10 percent law.

Although Texas A&M testified in favor of broadening the criteria for admission to include other measures beyond class rank alone, SB 175 as finally passed only applied to the University of Texas at Austin. The bill allows UT to opt into a program wherein no more than 75 percent of its freshman class would have to be accepted strictly on the basis of high school class rank. However, additional requirements were adopted and commitments were made by UT to improve the demographic make-up of its freshman classes if the percentage limit was capped. A six year sunset provision was added, so this issue will be back as a legislative issue soon.

Financial Aid Funding and Policy

Since 2000, Texas has made substantial investments in financial aid to improve access to higher education. During this time period, Texas created the TEXAS grant program, Texas Equal Opportunity Grant (TEOG) program and the B-on-Time Loan Program as well as several tuition set-aside programs that also fund student financial aid. Despite this significant investment by the state, student financial aid was not keeping pace with growth in population and cost.

The 81st Legislature stepped up and provided substantial additional funding for financial aid program. For the 2010-11 biennium, student financial aid funding provided by the Legislature to the Coordinating Board totals over \$1 billion. Key general revenue increases include \$186 million for the TEXAS grant program as well as increase in the B-On-Time Program (\$15.0 million), Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program (\$10.0 million), Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Program (\$2.5 million) and \$34 million for Top Ten Scholarships. The Legislature also funded a new scholarship program for ROTC students (HB3452 by Gattis/Ogden) and provided \$2 million for the program this biennium.

The 81st Legislature also passed several policies providing additional financial support for students through a variety of mechanisms: tuition and fee exemptions for certain volunteer firefighters, peace officers, educational aides, military personnel/dependents; loan repayment program for physicians in health professional shortage areas; extension of current tuition exemptions for foster care students; and resident tuition rates for certain veterans and service members and their dependents. These programs in total will provide more access to higher education for a variety of Texans by making a college education more affordable.

Tuition

Given the strength of efforts in the 79th and 80th Legislative Sessions to limit the authority of university Boards of Regents to set tuition rates, coupled with the media attention and interest of key legislators during the interim, it was widely expected that tuition would be a major policy issue this session. Accordingly, more than twenty pieces of legislation were filed addressing the issue of tuition re-regulation during the 81st session, and multiple members who signed on as co-sponsors of tuition legislation. After considerable jockeying among Senators and the appointment of a "tuition work group" by the Lt. Governor, the eventual vehicle bill for addressing tuition rates became SB 1443, by Senator Zaffirini. This compromise legislation contained a complex mixture of provisions relating to institutions' current tuition rates, indices of inflation, and linkage of appropriations and tuition to calculations of core total academic costs. The measure passed the Senate, but stalled out in the House, and ultimately the House as a whole failed to take action on a tuition bill.

However, in an attempt to address the issue in the final hours of the session, the House passed HCR 288, by Representative Branch. This resolution, though it does not have the force of law, indicates the legislative intent that Boards of Regents keep the increase in total academic costs to no more than 3.95% per year for the coming biennium. While there is little doubt that the Senate held the same sentiments, it failed to take action on the Resolution.

While a tuition bill was not finally passed in this Session, it is clear that the legislature is concerned about tuition rates, and so tuition will probably be a major higher education issue in future sessions unless Boards hold tuition rate increases to more modest increases.

System Centers Independency and TRBs

SB 629 as finally passed and signed by the governor provides that upon reaching 1000 Full Time Student Equivalent enrollments each of the three identified System Centers will become independent universities. Since each one was certified by the Coordinating Board, the Centers became Texas A&M University-Central Texas, Texas A&M University-San Antonio and the University of North Texas-Dallas when SB 629 was signed by Governor Perry. In addition, all three now qualify to issue their previously approved Tuition Revenue Bonds (TRBs).

Senators West, Fraser and Uresti, and Representatives Aycock, Farias and Giddings, et al., worked together so that each new university received an addition \$6m in transitional funding to support conversion to independency, and they also secured TRB debt service funding so each one is now able to proceed with construction.

Tuition Revenue Bonds

Even though the 81st Session nominally would have been a tuition revenue bond (TRB) session, expectations were low for additional TRBs. Expectations were met. With the exception of TRBs to address the damage to infrastructure caused by Hurricane Ike at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and Texas A&M at Galveston, no new TRBs were approved.

New/Expanded Higher Education Programs

Funding for the development of a new Mechanical Engineering program at Texas A&M – Corpus Christi and a new Construction Engineering program at Texas A&M – Commerce were included in SB 1. Also, Texas A&M–Texarkana was appropriated \$6 million to support its transition to a full four year university. The University of Houston-Victoria was authorized to expand to four year status, but no funds were appropriated this session for that purpose.

The University of North Texas at Dallas, one of the newly created institutions, was authorized and funded \$5 million to create a new College of Law, the first new public law school in the state of Texas since 1967. The Higher Education Coordinating Board was tasked to conduct a feasibility study on the need for legal education in the Texas-Mexico Border region.

The legislature also authorized the establishment of the University of Texas Health Science Center - South Texas, including a medical school with the main campus and administrative office located in Cameron County, but no funding was appropriated.

In addition, the Legislature provided funding to continue previously-approved medical school expansions to help address the physician shortage in Texas. The Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine received \$16 million, and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine in El Paso received \$17.6 million in new funds for FY2010-11 to provide additional faculty and infrastructure support in order for the student class sizes to continue to grow.

Social Issues

Each session there are numerous polarizing social issues considered, and the 81st Legislative Session was no exception. Two recurring and controversial issues have been funding to expand eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program and requiring voters to present photo identification at the polls.

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

In the 80th Session, legislation was passed to permit coverage of an additional 128,000 new children in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This increase came after several years of decreasing enrollments in the program, beginning with budget cuts resulting from the 2003 legislative session.

This session CHIP proponents wanted to expand eligibility to help cover additional uninsured Texas children. An option being proposed by many was raising the income threshold for eligibility. Others argued the state should be making more of an effort to enroll the nearly 175,000 children currently eligible, but not yet participating in CHIP. Midway through the session, Senator Kip Averitt proposed a compromise to try to resolve the debate. The bill would have made health coverage available for children whose parents were willing to pay a portion of the related health care premiums.

In the waning days of the 81st Session, the CHIP expansion language was amended onto two legislative vehicles; however, time ran out on CHIP expansion.

Voter Identification

Of all issues considered by the 81st Legislature, none had a larger effect than seeking to increase the level of documentation required to cast a vote. As noted previously, the Senate exempted the traditional two-thirds rule in order to allow voter ID to be considered by a simple majority. In mid-March, SB 362 was passed and sent to the House. It lingered in the House Elections Committee for two months while the chair sought to forge a compromise among his divided panel. Ultimately, the Senate version of the bill emerged from committee relatively unchanged.

As the bill moved through the Calendars Committee onto the House Calendar, the positions of each end of the spectrum became firmer as potential amendments were prepared and discussed. Strict interpretation would require a photo ID without any alternatives. House Democrats sought a version allowing same-day registration of voters during early voting, criminal prosecution of voter suppression, the ability to show a voter registration card and an affidavit in lieu of producing a photo ID, and a four-year delay before the voter ID law took effect.

Without an acceptable compromise, House Democrats turned to "chubbing", a practice of debating to the full extent under House Rules each bill on the Local and Consent Calendar, in an effort to prevent consideration of the Voter ID legislation. With more than 200 items on the calendar, the strategy was ultimately successful in preventing the voter ID bill from ever reaching the floor of the House. However, by exhausting the time left for consideration of other bills, the clock ran out on about 300 other bills. While proponents and opponents share responsibility, the way the Speaker and House leaders handled this issue served to demonstrate that even with such an intense issue, a narrowly divided House was able to adhere to its rules.

Nonetheless, the failure of several “must-pass” bills necessitated a Special Session; more on that below.

State School Reform

Governor Perry declared legislation to improve the condition of Texas’ state schools for the mentally disabled an emergency item at the start of the legislative session. This came on the heels of a U.S. Department of Justice investigation into the conditions of all 13 Texas state schools. The investigation found an excessive number of residents died from preventable conditions, and hundreds of state school employees had been fired for abuse, neglect and exploitation of residents. The Department of Justice threatened legal action if Texas did not resolve these problems, which were determined to have violated residents’ constitutional rights.

In early March, as lawmakers were debating how to overhaul state schools, video was discovered on a cell phone showing disabled residents being forced by employees into fight club-style brawls at the Corpus Christi state school. The footage showed staff shoving residents into one another to provoke the residents to kick and punch each other, and staff would raise their arms in victory to declare a winner.

SB 643 was passed to increase oversight and security at state schools and community homes for Texans with mental disabilities. The legislation changes the institutions’ names from state schools to “state supported living centers” to more accurately reflect their mainly adult population. The bill requires video surveillance in common areas, and requires each institution to have an independent ombudsman to protect residents’ rights.

Legislators also agreed to a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice. The state will be required to hire 1,160 new employees, and all employees will face enhanced background checks, random drug screening, and more substantial on-the-job training.

Additionally, the state will spend \$500 million to create community-living options such as group homes or home-assisted care. This should accommodate approximately 8,000 people, some now living in state schools, who will be able to live in a less restrictive environment.

Public Education Accountability

This session, legislators passed comprehensive legislation regarding public school accountability. HB 3 addresses three broad issues: college readiness for Texas high school graduates, a reduced emphasis on high-stakes testing as a significant factor in school district ratings, and increased rigor and attention to career and technical education courses.

Texas Windstorm Insurance Association

In the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, state leaders were informed the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) was expected to lose between \$3-4 billion. The state’s windstorm insurer of last resort estimated it would receive between 120,000 and 140,000 claims as Gulf Coast residents began returning home to the damage to their property. As a result, Governor Perry declared TWIA reform legislation an emergency item at the beginning of the 81st Legislature.

Legislators began work on what would prove to be a contentious topic. Coastal advocates argued protecting Texas’ coasts from hurricanes is the state’s responsibility. Others argued it was unfair to ask the entire state to contribute to a fund which only extends benefits

to a handful of coastal counties, and those counties should be required to contribute a greater portion for coverage. These differences lead to an impasse in both the House and Senate.

Legislation began moving again after Governor Perry promised to call legislators back for a special session immediately after the close of the 81st Legislative Session if TWIA reform legislation was not passed. Ultimately, a compromise was reached and amended onto HB 4409 in the last days of the Session. House and Senate conferees agreed to cap the level of claims that can be paid out at \$2.5 billion. Previously, TWIA had an open-ended funding layer in order to deal with storms leading to multi-billion dollar claims. Because such storms are very rare (Hurricane Ike was the only storm in the history of TWIA to cause more than \$500 million in claims), conferees removed the highest layer of funding. They also reasoned capping the claims levels would give insurers more certainty and flexibility.

Franchise Tax, Smokeless Tobacco Tax & Physician Loan Repayment Program

There has been an eight-year dispute in the Texas legislature over the state's tax on smokeless tobacco products. Previously, the state levied taxes based on the product's price, which gave an advantage to the lower priced brands. The 81st Legislature passed HB 2154 which taxes smokeless tobacco products based on weight, as opposed to price. This will create greater competition between the lower-priced brands and the more expensive brands.

In order for this tax change to occur, legislators agreed the expected \$104 million in additional revenue from the tax would be used to fund important state priorities. A portion of the revenue would be required to fund fully the Physician Loan Repayment Program, an initiative which pays back medical school loans for Texas students who agree to practice in medically underserved areas for a designated period of time. The estimated cost for the loan repayment program is \$36.2 million.

The remaining funds collected from the smokeless tobacco tax, approximately \$75 million, will go toward offsetting a loss in franchise tax revenue. In the 2006 special session, legislation was passed creating a franchise tax as a method of funding public schools and offering home owners relief from property tax increases. In the 80th Legislative Session, a franchise tax cleanup bill was passed to clarify certain issues with collecting the tax; however, before the tax was ever collected, groups were calling for more reform, stating it was unfair to small business owners in Texas. Under the structure implemented in 2007, businesses earning less than \$300,000 were exempt, and the tax was levied in a "stair step" approach for businesses earning between \$300,000 and \$900,000 where businesses would then be fully taxed.

This session the legislature passed HB 4765, another revision to the franchise tax law, to increase the exemptions for small businesses earning less than \$1 million. The estimated cost of this exemption is \$172 million over the biennium, meaning the additional revenues from the smokeless tobacco tax will cover roughly one-third of the cost of the franchise tax exemption. The difference will have to be covered by general revenue.

Transportation Issues and the Lead up to the Special Session

In 2007, concerns over the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and its promotion of toll roads polarized legislators and caused session-long debates. As in the 80th Legislature, transportation issues continued to be prominent during the 81st Legislative Session.

Senator John Carona (R-Dallas) and the TXDOT reauthorization legislation, HB 300 were at the center of this transportation-related contention. Without legislative reauthorization preventing agency sunset, TXDOT would be scheduled to close on September 1, 2010. One of Senator Carona's key legislative initiatives, and an important issue for many DFW-area leaders, was a local option tax, which would have allowed counties to conduct local elections for financing road and rail projects in an effort to reduce traffic congestion. County commissioners would have had three funding options to put on a ballot: a gasoline tax of up to 10 cents per gallon, a driver's license fee, or a fee collected with vehicle registration renewals.

Senator Carona amended HB 300 to include the local option tax language after his bill addressing the issue, SB 855, died as a result of chubbing tactics to prevent the controversial Voter ID bill from being recognized.

Conferees were appointed from both the House and Senate to work out the differences between each chamber's version of HB 300. Many House members were opposed to the local option tax, as they did not want to appear to be allowing/support raising taxes in any form, and they were able to persuade enough conferees to strip the language from the bill.

After learning the conference committee report did not include his local option tax language, a frustrated Senator Carona promised to filibuster consideration of the bill. Carona raised questions of side deals, and took particular issue with Senator Hegar. While Senator Carona implied he was unaware the tax provisions were being removed from the bill, Senator Hegar stated it had been clear from the start of negotiations with the House the tax would not make the final cut. Ultimately the Senate did not take up the conference committee report on HB 300, and the bill died.

In order to ensure the Texas Department of Transportation did not sunset, Senator Hegar amended HB 1959 to include re-authorization of TXDOT. Without the passage of HB 1959, known as the sunset safety net bill, five state agencies (TXDOT, Texas Department of Insurance, the Racing Commission, State Affordable Housing Corporation, and the Office of Public Insurance Counsel) would be forced to shut down beginning in Fiscal Year 2011.

The safety net bill was being debated when the House reached its deadline for considering legislation. In a parliamentary move, questions (i.e., chubbing) were posed for the final ten minutes before the midnight deadline, and then a motion to adjourn was made before a vote could be taken on HB 1959. The House voted on the motion to adjourn; and while a majority of members voted against the motion, House rules require a two-thirds majority in order to remain in session, and the House adjourned.

On the final day of the 81st Legislature, a day normally dedicated to congratulatory resolutions and technical corrections, lawmakers in both chambers were scrambling to find a way to save TXDOT and the other agencies scheduled to sunset without their intervention, and prevent being called into a special session by the Governor.

The House, after much discussion, voted to move the sunset dates for the affected agencies back from 2010 to 2013. However, they did this by filing HCR 291, a technical corrections resolution to HB 4583. Some members argued it was against House rules to amend statute by resolution and worried it set a bad precedent, but ultimately the measure passed on a 111-29 vote. The House adjourned for the interim leaving the Senate to approve HCR 291.

At the same time, the Senate was expecting the House to vote on SCR 88, by Senator Williams, which contained a bond issue from HB 300 that senators were trying to revive before adjourning. The resolution would have authorized the sale of \$2 billion in highway bonds over the next two years. Since the House had already adjourned *sine die*, the resolution was no longer eligible for consideration in the 81st session. Senators were angry the House adjourned

before passing the bond issue, and after a series of meetings, adjourned on a party-line vote without taking up HCR 291, the sunset safety net resolution.

Finger-pointing and criticism began within and between chambers over the downfall of major transportation and sunset safety net legislation. Some senators hoped not voting on these issues would force the Governor to call a special session. Others counseled there would be no need for a special session, and the Governor could prevent the “sunsetting” agencies from closing through executive order.

One week after the close of the 81st Legislative Session, Governor Perry confirmed a special session would be necessary, but no specific date was indicated at that time. However, on June 25, the Governor announced his call and set the date for July 2. His call included two of the unfinished issues outlined in HCR 291 and SCR 88 from the regular session. The third issue in the call was legislation extending the authority of the TXDOT and a regional mobility authority to use comprehensive development agreements to design, finance, build and maintain transportation infrastructure.

Appropriations

Across the nation, state budgets are in faced with declining revenues. At the start of the 81st session it appeared Texas would face a difficult budget year when the Comptroller's biennial revenue estimate was issued. The Comptroller estimated that for 2010-11, the state would have \$77.1 billion in funds available for general-purpose spending, a 10.5 percent decrease from the corresponding amount of funds available for 2008-09.

Fortunately, Texas budget leaders managed to craft a budget that met the state's needs, due in part to the federal stimulus funding made available through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the \$3 billion that the 80th Legislature wisely set aside in the Property Tax Relief Fund for use in this biennium. However, in future biennia, a structural budget deficit, masked by the ARRA and Property Tax Relief funds this session, will become more pronounced. The Economic Stabilization Fund (aka the "Rainy Day Fund") is projected to reach \$9.1 billion by the end of 2011, but that will not be enough to maintain current services. Put simply, the spending necessary to maintain state's current level of services is greater than its currently structured revenue stream, even given the conservative budgeting and deliberate planning for future needs held to by the state's legislative and executive leadership.

During the Regular Session, the Legislature passed two key pieces of appropriations legislation, Senate Bill 1, the General Appropriations Act (GAA); and House Bill 2486, the Supplemental Appropriations Bill. The key elements of each are summarized below.

SENATE BILL 1

Senate Bill 1 by Ogden/Pitts appropriates \$80.7 billion in General Revenue Funds (GR) for 2010-2011, \$1.6 billion less than for the 2008-09 biennium, a decrease of 1.9 percent. However, the All Funds budget increases by \$12.6 billion, a 7.4 percent increase due primarily to \$12.1 billion of federal stimulus funding the state received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

For the 2010–11 biennium, SB 1 includes funding for the following key budget items. (Indicated funding increases or decreases are from the 2008–09 biennial spending level.)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Medicaid funding increased by \$4.5 billion in All Funds, including \$2.5 billion in General Revenue and General Revenue-Dedicated Funds, in order to maintain rates at fiscal year 2009 levels and address projected caseload growth.
- The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) increased by \$122 million in All Funds, including \$74 million in General Revenue Funds, primarily to address projected caseload growth.
- Funding for Child Protective Services (CPS) is increased by \$5.7 million in All Funds, including a decrease of \$11.8 million in General Revenue Funds and \$48 million in stimulus TANF Federal Funds, to maintain August 2009 staffing and salary levels and add 219 positions.
- An additional \$83.6 million in General Revenue Funds is provided in 2010–11 to continue the expanded community mental health crisis services provided in the 2008-09 biennium.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- \$1.9 billion in new funding is provided for the Foundation School Program, contingent upon the enactment of legislation relating to a return to a formula-driven school finance system that also provides educator salary increases.
- \$812.8 million in General Revenue Funds is included for instructional materials.
- Teacher incentive pay was increased by \$52 million over the 2008-09 biennium.
- Funding for the expansion of pre-Kindergarten programs is increased by \$25 million, a 14 percent increase over the 2008–09 biennial appropriation.

HIGHER EDUCATION

- Formula funding is increased by \$585.1 million All Funds, including \$470 million in General Revenue. This funds all enrollment growth among Community Colleges, General Academic universities, and the Health Related Institutions and provides some enrichment for the formulas.
- Funding for the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund is increased by \$33 million.
- Funding for patient care was increased \$117.5 million in General Revenue at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler.
- Financial aid at the Higher Education Coordinating Board was increased by a total of \$210.9 million for all the student financial aid programs.

PUBLIC AND HIGHER EDUCATION BENEFITS

- State retirement contributions for the Teacher Retirement System and Optional Retirement Program contributions increase in All Funds and General Revenue by \$190.2 million and \$9.1 million, respectively. This reflects estimated payroll growth of 5 percent annually in fiscal years 2010 and 2011 in public education, and 7 percent annually in fiscal years 2010 and 2011 in higher education.
- Public school retirees' health insurance (TRS-Care) increased by \$45.8 million, or 9.6 percent, in General Revenue Funds. The agency projects that this level of funding combined with the fund balance projected for fiscal year 2009 will be sufficient to fund TRS-Care costs through the 2010–11 biennium.
- Contributions for Higher Education Group Insurance (HEGI) total \$1.1 billion, reflecting growth of \$61.9 million for premium rate increases.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- An increase of \$271.4 million in General Revenue Funds is provided for the incarceration and treatment of adult offenders, including salary increases for correctional officers and covering rising inmate healthcare costs.
- Funding for residential services at the Youth Commission decreases by \$42.9 million in General Revenue Funds primarily due to institutional capacity reductions and elimination of one-time items, but funding is included for salary increases for juvenile correctional officers and other institutional staff.

NATURAL RESOURCES

- The bill provides for an All Funds increase of \$143.9 million (\$108.1 million in General Revenue Funds and \$35.8 million in Other Funds) in debt service appropriations for General Obligation (GO) Water Bonds.

TRANSPORTATION

- \$17.1 billion in All Funds is provided for transportation planning and design, acquisition of right-of-way, construction, and maintenance of the state's transportation system. This funding represents a \$0.3 billion decrease in All Funds, including increases of \$1.1 billion in State Highway Funds and \$2.0 billion in Proposition 12 (2007) General obligation Bond Proceeds, offset by decreases of \$1.6 billion in Texas Mobility Funds and \$1.0 billion in State Highway Fund Revenue Bond Proceeds for highway improvements and safety projects.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

In February 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed into law. The ARRA will provide an estimated \$16 billion in increased Federal spending to Texas. Not all of those funds are under the purview of the General Appropriations Act, however. For the 2010–11 biennium, SB 1 includes \$12.1 billion in Federal Funds in Article XII. Some of the ARRA funds may be used to make state funding available for other governmental services; thus Article XII reduces General Revenue appropriated elsewhere in the bill by \$6.4 billion, resulting in a new increase in funding to state agencies from the federal ARRA funds by \$5.7 billion.

There are four major areas of funding in Senate Bill 1 from the ARRA Funding.

1. The largest program under ARRA is a more favorable Medicaid match rate to Texas; SB 1 includes \$2,513 million for this program, thus freeing up a like amount of General Revenue appropriated elsewhere in the bill.
2. The second-largest allocation is intended for education stabilization to continue historical levels of support for public and higher education. SB 1 allocates \$1,866 million to the Texas Education Agency for providing for a stable level of funding for public schools \$1,384 million to address the reduction in deposits to the state Available School Fund.
3. Finally, ARRA provides \$700 million to be used for government services. These funds are allocated to the Texas Education Agency (\$361.6 million for textbooks), the Higher Education Coordinating Board (\$80.0 million for incentive funding), and to institutions of higher education (\$147 million for formulas). They also provide net new funding of \$111.4 million to various institutions of higher education and state agencies.
4. Other funding under ARRA is for programs directed for expanding existing federal programs. Some examples of significant funding increases to existing funding streams include Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funding in public education; highway and bridge construction at the Texas Department of Transportation; weatherization at the Department of Housing and Community Affairs; Child Care Development Block Grant at the Texas Workforce Commission; and State Energy Program at the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

SB 1 clearly directs state agencies and institutions of higher education to use ARRA funds for nonrecurring or one-time items. State agencies and institutions of higher education have several additional reporting requirements laid out in SB 1 for the ARRA funds. State agencies and institutions of higher education are required to submit an initial plan for expenditure of ARRA funds by August 31, 2009 to the Governor and to the Legislative Budget Board as well as quarterly reports to the Governor, Legislative Budget Board, State Auditor's Office, and Comptroller of Public Accounts detailing the expenditure of appropriated ARRA funds.

GOVERNOR'S VETOES

The governor used his line-item veto power to reduce the two-year budget by \$97.2 million in general revenue and \$288.9 million from all funding sources. These vetoes are for either bills that did not pass the legislature or bills that the Governor vetoed.

The Governor issued three cautionary notes in the veto proclamation:

1. A reminder that stimulus funds are one time in nature and should not be spent on items that create an ongoing obligation of the state.
2. A request for providing more transparent items of appropriation and increasing the number of specific line items.
3. A recommendation for continuing to further reduce and eliminate method of finance diversions in future budgets.

OVERVIEW OF THE STATE BUDGET **General Revenue Funds, in millions** **Senate Bill 1 Appropriations for 2010-11** **Compared to 2008-09 Expended/Budgeted Level**

Article	2008-09 Expended	2010-11 Budgeted	Change	%
Article I - General Government	2,109.8	2,141.8	32.0	1.5%
Article II - Health and Human Services	21,499.6	24,343.6	2,844.0	13.2
Article III - Agencies of Education	48,202.5	49,142.2	939.6	1.9
<i>Public Education**</i>	35,783.8	35,485.4	(298.5)	(0.8)
<i>Higher Education</i>	12,418.7	13,656.8	1,238.1	10.0
Article IV - The Judiciary	402.9	436.7	33.8	8.4
Article V - Public Safety/Corrections	8,048.0	8,588.8	540.8	6.7
Article VI - Natural Resources	682.5	867.9	185.4	27.2
Article VII - Bus./Eco. Development	648.3	585.8	(62.5)	(9.6)
Article VIII - Regulatory	338.6	393.8	55.1	16.3
Article IX - General Provisions	-	227.5	227.5	NA
Article X - The Legislature	343.5	354.3	10.8	3.1
Article XII - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	-	(6,383.3)	(6,383.3)	NA
Governor's Vetoes		(97.2)		NA
Grand Total	82,275.8	80,601.9	(1,673.9)	(2.0)

Source: Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Veto Proclamation.

Notes: Amounts are calculated on actual amounts before rounding.

* Includes certain anticipated supplemental spending needs.

** Estimated/budgeted amounts for 2008-09 include \$1,487.6 million to cover the cost of the 25th payment to the Foundation School Program, reversing the deferral for the August payment into the next fiscal year.

Constitutional Spending Limits

Texas has four constitutional limits on spending. The 2010-11 biennial appropriations are within these spending limits.

1. Article III, Section 49a, "Pay-as-you-go" Limit. It requires that bills making appropriations be sent to the Comptroller for certification that the appropriations are within available general revenue. SB1 appropriations from the General Revenue Fund for the 2010-11 biennium total \$80.6 billion, which is within the "pay-as-you-go" limit.
2. Article VIII, §22, Limit on the Growth of Certain Appropriations. This provision limits the rate of growth of appropriations from state tax revenue not dedicated by this Constitution to not exceed the estimated rate of growth of the state's economy. The Legislative Budget Board (LBB) met on November 14, 2008, and adopted the constitutional spending limit. The 2010-11 level of appropriations is within the Article VIII limit set by the LBB.
3. Article III, §51-a, Welfare Spending Limit. This provision limits the amount that may be paid out of state funds for assistance grants to or on behalf of needy dependent children and their caretakers to no more than one percent of the state budget in any biennium. The biennial amount included in SB 1 that is subject to the limit on state dollars paid out in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grants is \$131.4 million. This amount is \$1,691.7 million less than the 1 percent limit.
4. Article III, §49 (j), Debt Limit. The Legislature may not authorize additional state debt if, in any fiscal year, the resulting maximum annual debt service payable from the General Revenue Fund, excluding revenues constitutionally dedicated for purposes other than payment of state debt, exceeds 5 percent of the average annual unrestricted general revenue for the previous three years. The Bond Review Board calculates this as two limits. The first limit applies to outstanding or issued debt, and for the end of fiscal year 2008, the issued debt calculation is 1.30 percent. The second limit calculation includes both issued and authorized but unissued bonds. The Bond Review Board has determined that the state is currently at 4.09 percent of unrestricted general revenue for the end of fiscal year 2008 based on the second calculation. If bonds for the Water Infrastructure Fund (WIF), the State Participation, and the Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) programs that are included in SB 1 are included, the constitutional debt limit increases from an estimated 4.09 percent to 4.27 percent for debt service of the three year average of unrestricted general revenue.

Economic Stabilization Fund (Rainy Day Fund)

The Economic Stabilization Fund, frequently referred to as the Rainy Day Fund, had a balance of \$6.66 million as of January 1, 2009. The Comptroller forecasts that by the end of fiscal year 2011, the balance in the Economic Stabilization Fund will be \$9.1 billion.

Higher Education Appropriations

**Funding for Higher Education
General Revenue and ARRA Funds
Senate Bill 1 Appropriations for 2010-11
Compared to 2008-09 Expended/Budgeted Level**

	2008-09	2010-11	Difference	% Change
General Academic Institutions	4,378,122,040	4,630,115,469	251,993,429	5.8%
System Offices	48,295,571	75,278,575	26,983,004	55.9%
Health Related Institutions	2,288,232,712	2,612,479,315	324,246,603	14.2%
Two-Year Institutions	1,895,949,346	2,047,856,724	151,907,378	8.0%
A&M System Agencies	310,662,034	332,885,399	22,263,365	7.2%
Coordinating Board	1,036,780,015	1,421,648,717	384,868,702	37.1%
Higher Ed Group Insurance	951,150,250	1,123,066,327	171,916,077	18.1%
Higher Education Fund	525,000,000	525,000,000		0.0%
Grand Total Higher Education	11,447,234,584	12,768,330,526	1,321,095,942	11.7%

Notes: Does not include higher education portion of retirement or social security benefits which are included in the statewide functional table at the beginning of the appropriations section of this report. Includes appropriations made in Art. III, Art. IX, and Art. XII of Senate Bill 1. Amounts for Texas Transportation Institute include both base funding State Highway Fund 6 and special item funding from General Revenue. Amounts for the 2008-09 expended/budgeted funding level are reduced above by the \$13.1 million of one-time reimbursements related to wildfire response made in 2008-09.

GENERAL ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

Funding for the 2010-11 biennium for the general academic institutions increases by \$252 million in General Revenue and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds over the 2008-09 biennium, which is a 5.8 percent increase.

Funding changes can broadly be summarized as follows:

- \$181m increase in formula funding,
- \$40 million for hold harmless,
- \$40 million net decrease due to the elimination of one-time items,
- \$2.5 million for Institutional Enhancement for certain institutions,
- \$20.3 New Special Items, including the System Centers in San Antonio and Killeen; the increase for UNT-Dallas is included in UNT System funding,
- \$1.8 million for increases to existing Small Business Development Centers,
- \$33 million for the Competitive Knowledge Fund,
- \$42.5 million for ARRA Special Items, and
- \$28.9 million net decrease in TRB debt service.

Additional information on these funding decisions is detailed below.

Formulas

Funding increases to the general academic formulas totals over \$181 million. Approximately \$148 million of the total increase is to cover enrollment growth of 3.55 percent between the last base period and the current base period, including the spring 2009 semester. There is also an additional increase of about \$34 million to improve all the general academic formulas.

Funds are appropriated to the General Academic Institutions in Article XII of the General Appropriations Act which allocates the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. Of the formula funding that is provided to the academic institutions, \$81 million is funded from the ARRA Funds and a like amount of General Revenue that is appropriated in Article III is reduced in Article XII, Section 30 Reduction in Appropriations.

An additional \$66,533,200 is added to the Instruction formula for formula enrichment based on a shift in funding from the Excellence and Institutional Enhancement strategies. An amount equal to each institution's gain in the formula based on the added \$66.5 million was deducted from its Excellence and Institutional Enhancement strategies. The cost to the bill and the cost to each institution is neutral this biennium based on this policy change.

The legislature continues to use the relative cost-based matrix weights. These cost-based weights use the average of the most recent three years of expenditure data available and phase the new rates in 100 percent for the final phase in of the cost-based matrix. The 2008-09 biennium phased the cost-based matrix in at 75 percent.

The split of funding between the Instruction formula and the Infrastructure formula, before enrollment growth and formula enrichment is added, is 83% to Instruction and 17% to Infrastructure. The formula rate for the instruction formula is \$62.19 per weighted semester credit hour, up from \$59.02 last biennium. The formula rate for the infrastructure formula is \$6.21 per square foot, up two cents. The split between Utilities and Operations and Maintenance is 57.4% / 42.6%.

\$40.0 million is provided for formula hold harmless for 12 institutions. (The \$40 million in hold harmless is not included in the \$181 million of formula increases cited above.) The hold harmless was calculated without the \$66.5 that was moved from Excellence and Institutional Enhancement into the formula. The hold harmless policy provides that that no institution receives less than a four percent increase in formula funding general revenue as compared to the 2008-09 biennium. However, the Texas Woman's University hold harmless funding is capped at \$10 million. In the Texas A&M University System, **Prairie View A&M University** received \$8,002,564 and **West Texas A&M University** received, \$832,042 in hold harmless funding. Each institution that receives hold harmless funding has a rider that states that the funding is for the 2010-11 biennium only and it is the legislative intent that the funding not be continued into the 2012-13 biennium.

The funding includes a change to the Small Institution Supplement. The total cost of the Small Institution Supplement is \$38.2 million, an increase of \$26.2 million from the 2008-09 biennium. In the past, the Small Institution Supplement of \$1.5 million each biennium was provided to all institutions with headcount enrollments of fewer than 5,000; this supplement was included in the line item for

Infrastructure Support and not separately identified in the bill pattern. Beginning with the 2010-11 biennium, the Small Institution Supplement is phased out beginning at 5,000 headcount up to 10,000 headcount. For the Texas A&M University System, **Texas A&M International University** would have fully lost the \$1.5 million in Small Institution Supplement under the old methodology but received \$1.2 million in the 2010-11 biennium as a result of the change to the new methodology. Other institutions in A&M System that benefitted as a result of the methodology change are **Prairie View A&M University** (\$516,300), **Tarleton State University** (\$110,100), **Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi** (\$256,200), **Texas A&M University – Kingsville** (\$853,800), **West Texas A&M University** (\$735,000), **Texas A&M University – Commerce** (\$314,100). **Texas A&M University @ Galveston** and **Texas A&M University – Texarkana** continue to receive the full \$1.5 million. The system centers / new institutions (**Texas A&M University – San Antonio**, **Texas A&M University – Central Texas** and **University of North Texas – Dallas**) all receive the Small Institution Supplement in FY2011 only (\$750,000/institution).

**A&M System General Academic Institutions
Formula General Revenue Funds
2010-11 Compared to 2008-09**

	2008-09 Formula GR Base	2010-11 Formula GR less Adjustment*	Hold Harmless	Total Formula (w/ Adjustment)	Variance	% Variance
TAMU	413,753,397	442,983,499		442,983,499	29,230,102	7.1%
TAMU@ Gal.	16,560,082	17,706,202		17,706,202	1,146,120	6.9%
PVAMU	49,268,376	43,236,547	8,002,564	51,239,111	1,970,735	4.0%
Tarleton	46,779,075	53,073,126		53,073,126	6,294,051	13.5%
A&M-CC	45,839,774	51,155,206		51,155,206	5,315,432	11.6%
A&M-Kingsville	40,417,089	44,810,082		44,810,082	4,392,993	10.9%
A&M Internat'l	23,763,706	26,585,926		26,585,926	2,822,220	11.9%
West Texas	36,912,008	37,556,446	832,042	38,388,488	1,476,480	4.0%
A&M-Com.	51,485,510	57,997,091		57,997,091	6,511,581	12.6%
A&M- Tex.	<u>8,481,504</u>	<u>9,855,161</u>		<u>9,855,161</u>	<u>1,373,657</u>	16.2%
Total A&M	<u>733,260,521</u>	<u>784,959,286</u>	<u>8,834,606</u>	<u>793,793,892</u>	<u>60,533,371</u>	8.3%
Statewide	3,024,554,936	3,205,602,056	39,998,333	3,245,600,389	221,045,453	7.3%

Notes: *2010-11 nets out the shift in funding from Institutional Enhancement and Excellence to the formulas. The variance above reflects the true increase in formula operating funds.

System Centers / New Institutions of Higher Education:

Several appropriations actions affected the three system centers. As mentioned above, each system center received the Small Institution Supplement in FY2011 for an increase of \$750,000 per institution and debt service for their currently authorized tuition revenue bonds (additional discussion below). The Legislature provides a total addition transition funding of \$18.7 million for the three system center operations (\$6.3m for **Texas A&M San Antonio** and \$6.1 million for **Texas A&M Central Texas**). A new rider is added in the bill pattern of the host institution that directs all appropriations associated with each system center to go directly to the system center. Currently the appropriations are embedded within the bill pattern of the host institutions (A&M Kingsville for A&M San Antonio; and Tarleton State for A&M Central Texas). This rider sets in motion the separation of all appropriations information between the host institutions and the new institutions in order to establish a separate bill pattern for the new institutions in the next appropriations cycle.

Non-Formula:

Non-formula items include tuition revenue bond debt service, all special items, Institutional Enhancement, Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund, Research Development Fund, Workers' Compensation Insurance/ Unemployment Compensation Insurance, and Academic Development Initiative.

Tuition Revenue Bond Debt Service: Funding requirements for tuition revenue bonds for the general academic institutions decreased by \$29 million. This includes a significant \$12.3 million decrease in required debt service for **Texas A&M International** alone.

Based on legislation (**SB629 by West/Aycock**) that passed and was signed by the Governor during the 81st Legislature, the statutory enrollment thresholds for the system centers to issue previously authorized TRBs are removed and these new institutions are eligible now to issue their authorized tuition revenue bonds. For the Texas A&M System, \$5.6 million in debt service is available for tuition revenue bond debt service for **Texas A&M University – San Antonio** and **Texas A&M University – Central Texas** together.

Excellence/Institutional Enhancement: In addition to the shift of funding from the Excellence and Institutional Enhancement strategies, the Legislature made several other changes to these strategies.

- The Excellence line item strategy is eliminated and any funding remaining in that line item (after the shift of part of those and the Institutional Enhancement funds to the formula) is rolled into the Institutional Enhancement line item.
- \$2.5 million in additional Institutional Enhancement funding is added for institutions that the Legislature determined had less than other institutions in similar type of funding. This resulted in an increase of \$500,000 each at **Texas A&M University at Galveston**, University of Houston – Clear Lake, University of Houston – Victoria, Midwestern State University and Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College.
- Finally, at **Tarleton State University**, \$50,000 in each year is moved from Institutional Enhancement to a new line item strategy, Tarleton Outreach to support the institution's existing operations in Southwest Tarrant County.

Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund: The Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund is increased by \$33.0 million and allocated among the four currently eligible institutions. UT Austin's funding increases by \$15.7 million, **Texas A&M University's** by \$15.6 million, University of Houston's by \$870,000, and Texas Tech University's by \$840,000. These funds were allocated using the average of their most recent three years of total research expenditures as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board Accountability System. In addition, contingency riders are added to UT Arlington, UT Dallas and UT El Paso, stating that contingent upon attaining a three-year average of \$50,000,000/annum in total research expenditures, \$5,000,000 in General Revenue appropriations to the institution are considered funding for the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund.

Research Development Fund: The Research Development Fund is funded at the same level as in 2008-09, but the funding is reallocated based on the most recent three years of restricted research expenditures. A&M System academics increased their total funding from the RDF by \$131,000 for the biennium based on the redistribution.

Special Items: New special items are funded in two places in the appropriations bill -- \$9.8 million in new special items are funded directly in each general academic's bill pattern and \$42.5 million in special items for general academics are funded in Article XII with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. There is decrease of \$40.3 million in one-time funding from the amount in 2008–09, such as hurricane emergency appropriations and deferred maintenance. This includes a decrease at Texas A&M University of \$3 million for a Summer School Pilot Program and a decrease of \$5.6 million at Prairie View A&M University for unexpended balances in the Academic Development Initiative.

Increases in special items in Article III include:

- \$1.9 million for small business development centers, including \$30,000 for **Texas A&M International**; \$34,050 for **West Texas A&M**; and \$20,000 for **Tarleton State University**. The Comptroller's Office certified this additional funding as cost neutral;
- \$4 million for **Texas A&M Corpus Christi** for an Engineering Program;
- \$1 million for **Texas A&M Corpus Christi** for a Small Business Incubator. The Comptroller's Office certified this additional funding as cost neutral;
- \$555,710 for the Texas State Data Center at the UT – San Antonio, and
- \$2.4 million for the Rural Development Initiative South West Border Network Small Business Development Center at UT – San Antonio.

In addition several institutions receive one-time special item funding from the ARRA funds in Article XII, including:

- University of Texas-Austin: Law School Clinical Program - \$420,000
- University of Texas-Dallas Middle School Brain Years \$6,000,000
- University of Texas-Dallas: Academic Bridge - \$462,500
- University of Texas-Dallas: Center for Values in Medicine, Science and Technology - \$5,000,000
- University of Texas-San Antonio: Life Science Institute - \$4,000,000
- University of Texas-San Antonio: P-16 Council - \$500,000
- **Texas A&M University-Commerce:** BS Construction Engineering - \$1,000,000
- **Texas A&M Texarkana:** Downward Expansion - \$6,000,000
- University of Houston: Energy Research - \$3,000,000
- University of Houston-Downtown: Community Development - \$250,000
- Midwestern University: Autism Support Program - \$220,000
- University of North Texas: Institutional Enhancement - \$2,000,000
- University of North Texas: State Historical Association - \$150,000
- Texas Tech University: Emerging Technologies Research - \$4,000,000
- Angelo State University: Nursing & Allied Health - \$2,000,000
- Lamar University: Institutional Enhancement - \$2,500,000
- Sam Houston University: Institutional Enhancement - \$4,000,000
- Texas State University-San Marcos: River Systems Monitoring - \$1,000,000

A&M System General Academic Institutions
Operating Funding from General Revenue and ARRA Funds (no TRB Debt Service)
Senate Bill 1 Appropriations for 2010-11
Compared to 2008-09 Expended/Budgeted Level

	2008-09	2010-11	Difference	% Change
Texas A&M University	474,669,703	516,508,901	41,839,198	8.8%
Texas A&M @ Galveston	23,625,534	24,928,174	1,302,640	5.5%
Prairie View A&M University	94,848,286	96,818,804	1,970,518	2.1%
Tarleton State	69,896,192	81,925,051	12,028,859	17.2%
Texas A&M - Corpus Christi	72,244,214	83,198,876	10,954,662	15.2%
Texas A&M - Kingsville	71,527,181	82,078,244	10,551,063	14.8%
Texas A&M International	45,413,925	48,292,314	2,878,389	6.3%
West Texas A&M	52,114,595	53,707,001	1,592,406	3.1%
Texas A&M - Commerce	60,252,307	67,963,679	7,711,372	12.8%
Texas A&M - Texarkana	<u>16,522,308</u>	<u>23,895,967</u>	<u>7,373,659</u>	44.6%
Total, A&M System Academics	<u>981,114,245</u>	<u>1,079,317,011</u>	<u>98,202,766</u>	10.0%
Total, All General Academics	<u>3,848,741,102</u>	<u>4,170,436,017</u>	<u>321,694,915</u>	8.4%

Notes:

Does not include TRB debt service.

Does not include FY09 estimated unexpended balances for Prairie View A&M's Academic Development Initiative and certain other one-time reductions from the 2008-09 funding level.

Funding for Tarleton State includes funding for Texas A&M-Central Texas. Funding for A&M Kingsville includes Texas A&M-San Antonio.

HEALTH RELATED INSTITUTIONS

General Revenue Funds for Health-Related Institutions increase by \$324 million, including the following:

Health Related Institutions
General Revenue and ARRA Funds
Senate Bill 1 Appropriations for 2010-11
Compared to 2008-09 Expended/Budgeted Level

	2008-09	2010-11	Difference	% Change
UT Southwestern	297,612,887	312,340,633	14,727,746	4.9%
UTMB	457,749,136	566,532,697	108,783,561	23.8%
UT HSC Houston	289,200,560	325,194,866	35,994,306	12.4%
UT HSC San Antonio	282,662,529	319,324,503	36,661,974	13.0%
MDA	305,461,019	329,830,055	24,369,036	8.0%
UT HC Tyler	69,813,338	74,722,422	4,909,084	7.0%
A&M HSC	185,590,682	224,683,003	39,092,321	21.1%
UNT HSC	112,774,108	130,104,975	17,330,867	15.4%
TTU HSC	<u>287,368,453</u>	<u>329,746,161</u>	<u>42,377,708</u>	14.7%
Total, HRIs	2,288,232,712	2,612,479,315	324,246,603	14.2%

Formula

Formula funding for the Health Related institutions increases by \$159.4 million. The increase is primarily General Revenue, but \$51 million of the increase is funded from ARRA funding. Increases include:

- \$100.1 million for the Instruction and Operation Support Formula for weighted student growth and enhancement to the formulas. The formula rate increased from \$10,841 to \$11,129. This increase includes the small campus supplement funding for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Public Health Austin Campus and for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy Abilene Campus.
- \$20.2 million for the Infrastructure Support Formula, including the multi-campus adjustment for the space projection model funding for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy Abilene Campus. The infrastructure rate dropped by two cents to \$7.96 per projected square foot.
- \$4.7 million for the Research Formula. The rate is \$1,412,500 plus 1.48 percent of its research expenditures, down from 1.5 percent last biennium.
- \$13.9 million to fund the Graduate Medical Education Formula (GME) cover the growth in numbers of medical residents and enhance the funding per resident.
- \$15.5 million for the Cancer Center operations formula at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center; and
- \$5.0 million to fund the Chest Disease Center Operations Formula at The University of Texas Health Science Center for Tyler.

For the A&M Health Science Center, the increase for the three core formulas totals \$24.7 million in General Revenue/ARRA, including: \$23 million for Instruction and Operations (with \$1,258,904 for the new Nursing program), \$52,000 for Research Enhancement, and \$1.7 million for Infrastructure Support. The increase for GME is \$1.4 million.

Non-Formula

Non-formula General Revenue changes in Article III include:

- \$97 million for The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston hospital operations
- \$8.0 million for the College of Medicine expansion at the **Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Round Rock** campus; the A&M Health Science Center received an additional \$8 million in ARRA funding for the College of Medicine expansion efforts as listed below.
- \$4.0 million decrease from a one-time funding of lease space for the **Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Temple** campus;
- \$17.6 million to fund the School of Medicine expansion at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso; and
- \$4.7 million decrease in debt service on existing tuition revenue bonds.

Other Funds

General Revenue–Dedicated Fund increased by \$12.4 million in tuition, and fees and other income. Other Funds increased by \$75.4 million due to projected increased patient income of \$107 million primarily at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and decreased earnings on Tobacco Funds for all institutions (\$31.6 million).

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds

Additional funds are appropriated to the Health Related Institutions in Article XII of the General Appropriations Act which allocates the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. Of the formula funding that is provided to the health related institutions, \$51 million is funded from the ARRA Funds and a like amount of General Revenue that is appropriated in Article III is reduced in Article XII, Section 30 Reduction in Appropriations.

In addition several institutions receive one-time funding from the ARRA funds, including:

- UT-Southwestern: Institute for Genetic & Molecular Disease - \$8,000,000
- UT Health Science Center- Houston: Heart Institute--Adult Stem Cell Program - \$5,000,000
- UT Health Science Center- Houston: Public Health - \$9,500,000
- UT Health Science Center – San Antonio: Life Science Institute - \$4,000,000
- UT Health Science Center – San Antonio: Regional Academic Health Center - \$6,500,000
- **Texas A&M Health Science Center:** College of Medicine Expansion - \$8,000,000
- **Texas A&M Health Science Center:** Biosecurity and Import Safety (McAllen) (HB 1831 by Corte)- \$1,000,000
- Texas Tech Health Science Center: West Texas Area Health Education Center \$4,000,000

TEXAS A&M SYSTEM AGENCIES

Texas A&M System Agencies
General Revenue and ARRA Funds
Senate Bill 1 Appropriations for 2010-11
Compared to 2008-09 Expended/Budgeted Level

Agencies	2008-09	2010-11*	Difference	% Change
Texas AgriLife Research	114,314,197	118,845,484	4,531,287	4.0%
Texas AgriLife Extension	97,206,494	99,649,354	2,442,860	2.5%
Texas Engineering Experiment Station	28,358,556	33,248,713	4,890,157	17.2%
Texas Transportation Institute**	12,950,360	15,124,209	2,173,849	16.8%
Texas Engineering Extension Service	13,908,730	14,318,369	409,639	2.9%
Texas Forest Service***	31,355,466	38,550,563	7,195,097	22.9%
Texas Vet. Medical Diagnostic Lab	<u>12,528,231</u>	<u>13,148,707</u>	<u>620,476</u>	5.0%
Total, Texas A&M System Agencies	310,622,034	332,885,399	22,263,365	7.2%

Notes:

*Includes appropriations made in Art. III, Art. IX, and Art. XII of Senate Bill 1.

** Amounts for Texas Transportation Institute include both base funding State Highway Fund 6 and special item funding from General Revenue.

*** Amounts for the 2008-09 expended/budgeted funding level are reduced above by the \$13.1 million of one-time reimbursements related to wildfire response made in 2008-09.

The Texas A&M System Agencies funding increases by \$22.3 million for agency operations. The increases include \$2.2 million for annualizing the across-the-board salary increases provided by the 80th

Legislature, \$0.6 million for In-Brazos County infrastructure, and \$19.5 million for new initiatives. New initiatives include:

- **Texas AgriLife Research:** \$3 million for Research Equipment and Facilities (contingent upon Comptroller's certification of additional General Revenue)
- **Texas AgriLife Extension:**
 - o \$1 million for Program Delivery System
 - o \$500,000 for Rural Community Economic Development
- **Texas Engineering Experiment Station:** \$5 million for the Nuclear Power Institute (\$1 million funded with General Revenue and \$4 million funded with one-time ARRA funding)
- **Texas Transportation Institute:**
 - o \$500,000 for Center for Strategic Transportation Solutions;
 - o \$1 million for Center for Transportation Safety
 - o \$400,000 for a feasibility study on the implementation of a school bus seat belt program
- **Texas Engineering Extension Service:** \$600,000 for Drinking Water Protection Training
- **Texas Forest Service:** \$7 million for Texas Wildfire Protection Plan
- **Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory:** \$500,000 for Protection of Texas Livestock and Public Health Sectors.

In addition, the 81st Legislature provided additional operating funds for the Texas Wildfire Protection Plan by removing a rider restriction requiring group health insurance contributions to be paid from funds appropriated directly to the Texas Forest Service. Removal of this provision, while not changing the total dollars appropriated, will enable the Texas Forest Service to have approximately \$500,000 per year more available for programmatic operations.

Funding for the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program increases by \$30 million for the biennium based on appropriating all anticipated receipts to the General Revenue Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account. This provides the necessary appropriation authority for a funding mechanism that was approved by the 80th Legislature. **HB 4002 by Swinford/Duncan** provides that up to \$10 million of the Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Fund appropriated to the Texas Forest Service per biennium may be used for the Wildfire Protection Plan

The A&M Agencies also are included in the one-time retention payment for state employees. State employees that are employed continuously between March 31, 2009 and August 1, 2009 and that make less than \$100,000 are eligible for a one-time \$800 retention payment to be made prior to August 31, 2009. It is estimated that this will total \$1.5 million in additional General Revenue for the A&M Agencies in FY2009. This funding is one-time in nature and will not be part of their future base.

SYSTEM OFFICES

Additional funding is provided to the System Offices for operations totaling \$12.9m, increasing funding for state supported operations for each system office to \$2 million per year. This increase was not provided for the Texas State System. For the **Texas A&M University System** this results in an additional \$1,471,465 each year in General Revenue for system office operations; however, for both UT and A&M Systems, the additional funding is contingent upon decreasing the AUF support by the same amount. The additional funding for the UT System is \$1,218,606 per year.

In addition University of North Texas System receives \$6.3 million on behalf of UNT – Dallas in Article III and one-time special item funding of \$5,000,000 from the ARRA funds in Article XII for the Law School Contingency.

TWO YEAR INSTITUTIONS

Funding for the community colleges is increased by \$140.0 million in General Revenue Funds, including \$118.5 million to enrich state formula contributions; \$15.2 million in formula hold harmless; and \$6.0 million to fund a formula-driven Small Institution Supplement. General Revenue Funds for Texas State Technical College increase by \$7.3 million, including \$1.8 million in the instruction formula to fund 2.0 percent contact hour growth and an additional \$4.8 million in formula enrichment, which includes \$3.0 million in hold harmless funding. Funding for the Lamar State Colleges increases by \$2.15 million.

HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

Funding for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board increased by \$384.9 million in General Revenue Funds.

Student Financial Aid funding provided by the Legislature to the Coordinating Board totals over \$1 billion, with an increase of \$213 million in General Revenue over the 2008-09 biennium. Key increases include:

- TEXAS grant program (\$185.9 million),
- B-On-Time Program (\$15.0 million),
- Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program (\$10.0 million),
- Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Program (\$2.5 million),
- Top Ten Scholarships (\$34 million), and
- Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (HB3452 by Gattis/Ogden) (\$2.0 million).

The additional funding for the TEXAS Grant program allows an estimated 35,000 additional students to receive state financial aid. General Revenue–Dedicated Funds for financial aid programs increase by \$53.5 million, primarily due to \$28.0 million in unexpended balances for the B-On-Time Program and \$20.0 million in increased designated tuition set-asides for fiscal years 2010–11 for the program.

Increases in the Coordinating Boards Trusteed Programs for Health Related Programs include:

- Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program (\$35.0 million) (HB 4471 by Kolkhorst),
- Baylor College of Medicine (\$5.7 million),
- Baylor College of Medicine Graduate Medical Education formula allocation (\$2.4 million),
- Joint Admission Medical Program (\$5.0 million),
- Hospital Based Nursing Grant Program (\$5.0 million),
- Family Practice Residency Program (\$3.8 million), and
- Alzheimer’s Disease Centers (\$2.9 million).

Other increases include Adult Basic Education Community College Grants (\$10.0 million), Developmental Education Program (\$5.0 million), Alternative Teaching Certification Programs (\$2.3 million), New Campus Funding (\$3.5 million), and General Academic Enrollment Growth (\$3.5 million).

The Coordinating Board also is appropriated \$50 million in General Revenue in Article IX, contingent upon the enactment of **HB 51 by Branch/Zaffirini**. This funding is for the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP), which will provide emerging research universities with matching funds to assist eligible

universities with leveraging private gifts for enhancing research productivity and faculty recruitment. (see "Bills Passed" for more details re HB 51 and its effects.)

The 81st Legislature continued the incentive funding that was strongly supported by Governor Perry and was first funded by the 80th Legislature. In FY2009 \$100 million total funding was allocated for incentive funding for the general academics (\$80 million) and for Top Ten Scholarships (\$20 million). The 81st Legislature continued the \$80 million in incentive funding but the funds will be allocated over the two years of the biennium. The \$80 million in incentive funding is funded from the ARRA Funds and a like amount of General Revenue that is appropriated in Article III is reduced in Article XII, Section 30 Reduction in Appropriations. An additional \$34 million is provided for Top Ten Scholarships in order to continue to fund these scholarships at the FY2009 level and fund two additional cohorts during the 2010-11 biennium.

Key Rider Changes:

Rider 35: Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program. The rider directs the allocation of the \$49.5 million for this program. Specifically the rider:

- allows the Coordinating Board to use up to five percent of the funding for administrative costs (no change);
- Allocates \$7.35 million / year based on increased number of nursing **graduates**, including institutions with new programs. Up to 50 percent of this part of the program funding can be allocated to community college programs (an increase from 40 percent of the program last biennium).
- Allocates \$20.5 million for the biennium to be allocated based on increased **enrollment** for nursing programs with graduation rates in excess of 70 percent and that meet increased enrollment thresholds, projected at 18% over the biennium (12% in FY2010 and 6% additional increase in FY2011). The funding rate for this piece of the program is \$10,000 per increased nursing student.
- Allocates the remaining estimated \$9.5 million to programs with graduation rates of less than 70 percent, hospital based diploma programs, or new programs with no established graduation rate. Institutions will receive \$20,000 for each additional initial RN graduate in two year programs and \$10,000 for each additional graduate in one-year programs. Through an application process to be outlined by the Coordinating Board, institutions will agree to increase graduates by a certain amount and must meet certain benchmarks to receive payment of these funds.
- Allocates a one-time grant of \$5 million to UT – Arlington for the Regional Nursing Education Center for the purpose of establishing a simulation learning facility.

Rider 49: Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Retention Rates. Directs the Coordinating Board to report the results of a survey of physicians who have completed a Physician Education Loan Repayment Program contract to practice in a health professional shortage area in exchange for a loan repayment award to determine rates of retention in those shortage areas and counties.

Rider 51: Health-related Formula Cost Matrix Study. Directs the Coordinating Board to conduct a study to validate the relative weights contained in the formula matrix for health-related institutions. The study should provide an "all funds" analysis of the HRI costs.

Rider 52: TSTC "Returned Value" Funding Study. Directs the Coordinating Board to report to the next Legislature on the feasibility of a formula funding model for TSTC based on "returned value." The Coordinating Board will consult with the Comptroller, Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), and the TSTC System for the study. The TSTC System is directed to transfer up to \$100,000 in fiscal year 2010 to the CB to cover the costs associated with the study.

Rider 55: Dual Credit. Directs the Coordinating Board to work with the Texas Education Agency to provide data on dual credit, including the following:

- a) # of community college contact hours generated by dual credit courses taken on a high school campus and on a CC campus;
- b) # of CC districts charging tuition for dual credit courses, and the amount of the tuition; and
- c) # of high schools and community colleges that have entered into agreements to offer dual credit courses.

Rider 59: Funding for Non-Semester-Length Developmental Education. Directs the Coordinating Board to approve non-semester-length developmental education interventions in the Lower-Division course guide manual by August 31, 2009. Institutions must analyze the fiscal and instructional impacts on student outcomes for both semester-length and non-semester-length developmental education interventions and report to the Coordinating Board. The Coordinating Board must analyze and compare all institutional reports to determine the most effective and efficient combination of developmental education interventions and make recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2011.

Rider 60: Statistical Analysis of Predictors of College Success. Directs the Coordinating Board to provide data to the Legislative Budget Board as requested sufficient to conduct a statistical study of the predictors of access and success in higher education. The Coordinating Board is to assist the Legislative Budget Board in the analysis and interpretation of these data, and a final report is to be submitted to the legislature no later than October 1, 2010.

HIGHER EDUCATION FUND

The 81st Legislature passed **HB 51 by Branch/Zaffirini**, which, among many other policies, updated the Higher Education Fund allocation. The revised allocation corrects inaccurate allocations due to errors made last biennium. The bill also updates the allocation for the next 5-year period based on the Coordinating Board recommended 3-factor HEF model. The following table compares the FY2008 annual allocation with the FY2009 and FY2010 updated allocation, and the FY2011 and beyond annual allocation:

	Annual Allocation for FY2008	Annual Allocation for 2009 and 2010	Change: 2009 and 2010 from 2008	Annual Allocation for 2011 and Beyond	Change: 2011 from 2008
UT Pan American	12,882,348	13,176,800	294,452	12,311,123	(865,677)
UT Brownsville	4,186,790	4,284,677	97,887	5,057,420	772,743
A&M - CC	8,278,993	8,471,116	192,123	7,139,067	(1,332,049)
A&M - K	5,052,232	5,167,540	115,308	5,046,885	(120,655)
A&M International	3,130,211	3,202,241	72,030	3,796,436	594,195
West Texas A&M	4,776,890	4,886,159	109,269	4,652,995	(233,164)
A&M - Commerce	5,345,678	5,684,047	338,369	5,193,232	(490,815)
A&M - Texarkana	1,646,352	1,684,587	38,235	1,307,907	(376,680)
UH	35,276,140	36,091,538	815,398	35,885,768	(205,770)
UH-Clear Lake	6,001,337	5,355,874	(645,463)	5,214,167	(141,707)
UH-Downtown	9,628,151	9,548,995	(79,156)	7,435,238	(2,113,757)
UH-Victoria	2,282,883	2,335,692	52,809	2,393,921	58,229
Midwestern State	3,434,348	3,810,377	376,029	3,559,433	(250,944)
UNT	26,137,233	27,122,687	985,454	27,846,476	723,789
Stephen F. Austin	7,025,771	6,907,643	(118,128)	8,425,937	1,518,294
Texas Southern	11,156,463	11,283,387	126,924	8,894,700	(2,388,687)
Texas Woman's	8,424,209	8,615,167	190,958	10,169,695	1,554,528
Texas Tech	26,829,477	27,446,656	617,179	23,936,088	(3,510,568)
Angelo State	3,585,802	3,667,497	81,695	3,743,027	75,530
Lamar University	11,210,508	8,028,333	(3,182,175)	8,330,933	302,600
Sam Houston State	9,916,306	10,184,001	267,695	11,893,110	1,709,109
Texas State University	19,799,276	20,258,248	458,972	21,863,258	1,605,010
Sul Ross	2,043,772	2,090,896	47,124	1,625,061	(465,835)
Sul Ross RGC	379,831	388,203	8,372	445,380	57,177
LUIT	Incl. in Lamar	1,825,332	1,825,332	2,332,463	507,131
Lamar - Orange	1,115,048	1,140,745	25,697	1,235,752	95,007
Lamar - Port Arthur	1,190,119	1,217,124	27,005	1,244,694	27,570
TSTC	5,775,000	5,775,000	0	5,775,000	0
UNT HSC	8,139,391	7,994,676	(144,715)	8,771,265	776,589
TTU HSC	17,849,441	14,854,762	(2,994,679)	16,973,569	2,118,807
Statewide Total, HEF	262,500,000	262,500,000	0	262,500,000	0

The Coordinating Board's 3-factor model uses the factors of space deficit, facilities condition, and institutional complexity to determine an institution's annual allocation of HEF funding. In their recommendations to the 81st Legislature, the Coordinating Board changes how an institution's space deficit is calculated. In the past the space deficit was determined by the amount of space predicted by the space model for each institution less the amount of space on-line. The recommendation counts both the current space plus any space that is approved but not yet online. Inclusion of approved space significantly reduces the space deficit numbers for institutions that have construction projects in the pipeline and result in a lower annual HEF allocation.

HB 51 also clarifies that the University of North Texas – Dallas is eligible to participate in the Higher Education Fund when they begin operations as a general academic institution. The allocations listed in statute made no specific allocations for UNT-Dallas.

Available University Fund

Estimated earnings in SB 1 for the Available University Fund increase by \$46.2 million. These estimates were based on data from the Legislative Appropriations Request submitted by the UT System in August 2008, prior to the sharp market downturn.

The estimated AUF distributions for FY 2010 and FY 2011 are estimated at \$516.4 million and \$483.4 million, respectively. This represents a decrease in available university fund amounts of almost \$20 million as compared to the 2008-09 biennium. Because of the declines in the market value of the Permanent University Fund, future distributions are expected to decline further or be frozen. The constitution provides that distributions must not be increased if the purchasing power of the Permanent University Fund is not maintained for any rolling 10-year period. Due to the limitations on distributions from the PUF, excellence funding for Texas A&M University and Prairie View A&M University will not be increased and no new allocations for PUF-funded capital improvement projects will be recommended.

Higher Education Group Insurance

Higher Education Employees Group Insurance (HEGI) provides health benefits coverage to higher education employees based on which of the following three systems administers their health insurance coverage plan: the University of Texas System (UTS), the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), or the Employees Retirement System (ERS). The ERS Group Benefits Program provides coverage to eligible employees of all higher education institutions that are not part of either the UTS or the TAMUS. The 2010–11 state appropriations for HEGI include in a General Revenue Funds increase of \$171.91 million, and fund premium contribution rates at 97.5 percent of ERS general state employee premium rates for state institutions participating in the ERS Group Benefits Program, 83.5 percent for community colleges participating in the ERS Group Benefits Program, and 95 percent of ERS general state premium rates for component institutions within the UTS and the TAMUS. HEGI contributions also provide rate increases of 6.5 percent in fiscal year 2010 and 6.8 percent in fiscal year 2011 for all higher education institutions.

Retirement Benefits

State retirement contributions for the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) and the Optional Retirement Program (ORP) are 6.4 percent of payroll, down from 6.58 percent. TRS increases by \$190.2 million to

reflect assumed payroll growth of 5 percent annually in fiscal years 2010 and 2011 in public education and 7 percent annually in fiscal years 2010 and 2011 in higher education payroll. In Article IX, TRS is allocated an additional \$120.5 million in funding for the 2010–11 biennium. Based on authorization in **HB 3347 by Truitt/Duncan**, and contingent upon an Attorney General’s opinion allowing it, this funding is allocated for a one-time payment to eligible members equivalent to their monthly benefit but not to exceed \$500. Absent an Attorney General’s opinion allowing the one-time payment, the funding is to be transferred to TRS and used to increase the state contribution rate from 6.4 percent to 6.644 percent.

Funding for ORP increases by \$9.1 million in All Funds and \$7.8 million in General Revenue. This funding assumes a 6.4 percent state contribution rate and reflects estimated payroll growth of 3.0 percent. Employee contributions remain at 6.65 percent for ORP participants. Grandfathered participants in ORP may continue to receive an institutionally funded supplement to the state base rate in ORP for an employer contribution of 7.31 or 8.5 percent depending on date of employment. Because the state base rate will be going down from 6.58 percent to 6.4 percent, the institutionally funded supplement , if provided, increases from .73 to .91 percent, or 1.92 percent to 2.1 percent, respectively.

Riders: Article III

Special Provisions

The following summarizes the changes to the Article III Special Provisions:

Amended Sections:

Sec. 22. Uncompensated Care Reporting Requirement. Amended to standardize reporting with the Health and Human Services Commission.

Sec. 23. County Indigent Care Contracts. 2. County Indigent Care Contracts Reporting. Added reporting date of no later than December 1.

Sec. 28. General Academic Funding. Provides funding rates for formulas for 2008-09:

- Instruction and Operations Support - \$62.19 / weighted SCH;
- Teaching Experience Supplement – 10 percent; and
- Infrastructure Support - \$6.21 per square foot.

Updates the matrix to use the relative cost-based matrix weights. These new cost-based weights use 100 percent of the average of three years of expenditure data in determining the relative matrix values.

Sec. 29. Health Related Institutions Funding. Provides funding rates for health institutions funding formulas for 2008-09:

- Instruction and Operations - \$11,129 per weighted student;
- Infrastructure Support - \$7.96 per square foot for all institutions excluding UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and UT Health Center at Tyler; the rate for those two institutions is \$7.19 per square foot;
- Research Funding - \$1,412,500 plus 1.48 percent of research expenditures; and
- Graduate Medical Education Formula – for each year of the 2008-09 biennium the appropriations are \$6,653 per resident.

Mission Specific Funding: The Legislature institutionalizes the methodology for funding the UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center based on the total number of Texas cancer patients served and limits the growth in funding from one biennium to the next to the average growth in funding for all health related institutions in the Instruction and Operations formula for the current biennium. The rate is \$2,773 per cancer case in 2010 and \$2,774 in 2011. The mission specific formula for the UT Health Center at Tyler is based on the number of chest disease cases treated in FY2006, with funding rates of \$389 per case for FY2010 and FY2011.

Sec. 50. Report Concerning Designated Tuition. Amended to incorporate more detailed reporting in part (3) to include the following categories: grants, scholarships, work-study programs, student loans, and student loan repayment assistance.

New Provisions:

Sec. 52. Appropriations for the Research Development Fund. Moves informational listing of amounts appropriated to each institution for the Research Development Fund to a separate rider. Last biennium the rider was part of Section 55. Higher Education Incentive Fund, which was deleted.

Sec. 53. Appropriations for the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund. Moves informational listing of amounts appropriated to each institution for the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund to a separate rider. Last biennium the rider was part of Section 55. Higher Education Incentive Fund, which was deleted.

Sec. 54. Special Item Study. Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Legislative Budget Board to study each item under the Special Item Support Goal. The study shall determine:

- a) if the special item is for "start up funding" and if so, for how long should it be continued;
- b) does the institution get formula funding for the item and should the special item be reduced by an equal amount and;
- c) does the item still serve its original purpose and if so, how long should it continue.

The provision states that it is the intent of the Legislature that items identified as "start up funding" only be funded for six years after the inception of the program.

Sec. 55. Community College Transfer Student Reporting Requirement. Directs the general academic institutions to develop and submit an annual report to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board that details the institution's goals to increase the number, success, and persistence of community college transfer students as measured by THECB. The report shall be delivered to the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by November 1 of each year.

Sec. 56. Academic Reporting Requirement for Museums. Directs that each institution that receives General Revenue appropriations for a museum prepare a report outlining the museum's relevance to the academic program at the institution. The provision states that it is the intent of the Legislature that General Revenue funding for museums that are not relevant to the academic program at the institution be discontinued after the 2010-11 biennium.

Sec. 57. Mexican American Studies Program or Other Course Work. States legislative intent that the governing board of each general academic institution located in one or more counties with a substantial and growing Mexican American population may establish a Mexican American studies program or other course work in Mexican American studies at the institution and that an institution may use a portion of its general revenue funds for the purpose of evaluating the demand for and feasibility of establishing a Mexican American studies program or other course work in Mexican American studies.

Deleted Sections:

- License Plate Scholarship Program
- Tobacco Settlement Receipts - Baylor College of Medicine
- Special Item Appropriations
- Higher Education Incentive Funding (current bill splits out RDF and CKF funding into individual sections)

Article IX

General Provisions

The following section lists the major changes made to the provisions in Article IX.

Amended Sections

3.05(3) Scheduled Exempt Positions. Creates a new subsection of Article IX, which grants permission to the governing board to make a request to set the rate of compensation as laid out in subsection (c)(1) once per fiscal year or when a vacancy occurs in the exempt positions listed in subsection (c)(6).

3.05(C)(5) Scheduled Exempt Positions. If a proposed rate of compensation is approved, the LBB must notify the affected agency, the Governor, and the Comptroller.

5.06(a) Travel Meals and Lodging Expenses. Meal and lodging expenses are no longer a specific amount (“\$85 per day per location for lodging and \$36 per day for meals”), but rather an amount to be determined by the Comptroller, depending upon location.

6.08(b) Benefits Paid Proportional by Fund. Amends the subsection to allow for junior colleges or public community colleges to spend money appropriated for employee benefits on any employee if the employee is eligible to participate in the benefits program and is an instructional or administrative employee whose salary may be fully paid from funds appropriated under the General Appropriations Act, regardless of whether the salary is actually paid from appropriated funds.

6.08(d) Benefits Paid Proportional by Fund. Due to changes in 6.08(b), all “including a community or public junior college” clauses now read “excluding a community or junior college.”

7.09 Reporting of Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Key Measures. Provides a link on the LBB website which reports information provided in legislative appropriations requests of agencies and institutes of higher education.

8.02(b) Federal Funds/Block Grants. Creates a new subsection of Article IX, which mandates an agency report to the LBB, Governor, and Comptroller amounts of federal funds given to that agency and their intended purpose, if amount given is \$10M in excess of the amount appropriated by the state. The reporting agency must go through a ten day notification period during which the LBB and the Governor may issue a written notice of disapproval of the usage of the funds. If no such notice is given, the Comptroller automatically releases funds to the agency.

8.05(c) Refunds of Deposits. Creates a new subsection of Article IX, which prohibits the Comptroller from approving claims or issue warrants that are in excess of revenue estimated by the Biennial Revenue Estimate. Any claim that is in excess is to be presented to the next Legislature so a specific appropriation for the cause may be addressed. This limit does not apply to any taxes or fees paid under protest.

8.05(d) Refunds of Deposits. Creates a new subsection of Article IX, providing the Biennial Revenue Estimate determines that no revenues are estimated from a tax, fee, or other revenue source, and if a special fund has been abolished, any balances which may have been transferred or credited to the General Revenue Fund because of such abolishment, repeal, or expiration are appropriated from that fund to pay refunds otherwise payable under this section.

10.08 Payment for Medical Errors. Creates a new subsection in Article IX, which allows the Employees Retirement System, Teachers Retirement System, University of Texas System, and Texas A&M System to jointly study the feasibility and cost effectiveness of including a provision to deny payments for the 28 National Quality Forum events and additional conditions identified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. A report on their recommendations is to be presented to the LBB and the Governor no later than December 31, 2009.

10.09 Study on Directly Contracting with Medicare for Prescription Drug Coverage. Allows the Employees Retirement System, Teachers Retirement System, University of Texas System, and Texas A&M System to study directly contracting with Medicare for retiree prescription drug coverage to determine whether such contracting is cost-efficient. If any agency determines direct contracting to be the most cost-efficient means, the agency may begin negotiations to become an Employer Group Waiver Plan sponsor.

14.02(A) Limitation on Expenditures- Capitol Budget. Creates a new subsection of Article IX, allowing amounts identified elsewhere in this act in FY11 for "Data Center Consolidation" to be transferred to FY10 to pay data center consolidation costs. Agencies making such a transfer must notify the Governor or the LBB 30 days prior to the transfer of funds.

14.02(B) Limitation on Expenditures- Capitol Budget. Defines "Data Center Consolidation" as state consolidated data center services in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 2054, Subchapter L.

14.04(a) Disaster Related Transfer Authority. This subsection now serves as a means for quickly, effectively, and efficiently transferring appropriations in the event of a disaster. It also provides an exception to any other provision of this act which might otherwise limit the amount of a transfer or might cause a delay in the transfer.

Part 17 Contingency and Other Provisions. Section updated to contain all provisions made during the 81st Legislative Session.

Deleted Sections

- **3.05(e) Scheduled Exempt Positions**
- **Part 4 Employment Policies and Provisions**
- **5.06(c) Travel Meals and Lodging Expenses**
- **6.12 Construction Policy**
- **6.14 Research Policy**
- **6.23 Restriction on Expenditures for Lobbying Activities**
- **6.24 Political Ad and Legislative Influence Prohibited**
- **6.27 Grants to Certain Peace Officer Organizations**
- **7.02(b) Annual Reports and Inventories**

- 7.07 Disclosure of Federal Funds
- 8.03(a-c) Reimbursements and Payments
- 8.05(c) Refunds of Deposits
- 10.04 Interagency Contract Funding for Regional Specialist Projects
- 12.06 Vehicle Fleet Management
- 13.04 Incentive and Productivity
- 13.08 Strategic Sourcing
- Part 19 Additional Contingency and Other Provisions

Moved Sections- No Change

Part 4 Grant-Making Provisions. Moves from Part 17 without amendment.

This listing of provisions and riders is an overview of the changes and may not include every change that occurred this session. If a question arises on a particular section, please contact the Office of Government Relations.

Other Appropriation Legislation

HB 4586 by Pitts / Ogden (Supplemental Appropriations Bill) relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority and prescribing limitations regarding appropriations.

The bill provides funding to a number of state agencies for disaster related expenses, shortfalls in funding, and program/operations funding. The bill also provides for reductions to the 2008-09 appropriations at several state agencies. Funding for higher education institutions totals \$423.6 million and includes:

- \$227.3 million for disaster related expenses. These funds are primarily for damages and expenses related to Hurricane Ike but also include other natural disasters. This section of the bill also includes \$150 million for damages at UTMB Galveston. Funding for Texas A&M System entities includes:
 - o \$6.2 million for **Texas A&M University @ Galveston**, includes \$500,000 for debt service for tuition revenue bonds authorized by HB51.
 - o \$0.5 million for **Prairie View A&M University** for facility repair due to Hurricane Ike.
 - o \$1.2 million for **Texas Engineering Extension Service** for Galveston facility and hurricane deployment.
 - o \$31.9 million for the **Texas Forest Service**, primarily for wildfire-related costs.

- \$23.4 million for various programs/operations at higher education institutions. Funding for Texas A&M System entities includes:
 - o \$2 million at **Texas A&M International University** for outreach, access, enrollment, advising, tutoring and retention support.
 - o \$250,000 **Texas A&M University System/Texas AgriLife Research** contingency funding for **SB 2534 by Wentworth** to operate the Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species.
 - o \$2.5 million for the **Texas Forest Service** out of the General Revenue Dedicated Account – 5064 for grants to volunteer fire departments for training and equipment through the Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program.

Funding at other higher education institutions in this section includes \$9.9 million for UT Austin for hold harmless for the 08-09 biennium (with \$700,000 specified for Marine Science Institute to support the National Estuarine Research Reserve); \$1.3 million for UT Tyler for its Palestine campus; \$2.5 million for Texas Southern for administrative expenses and archival papers; \$617,224 for Texas State University for the School Safety Center; \$2.8 million for the UNT System for reimbursement for costs associated with construction of its second building on the

new UNT Dallas campus; and \$1.5 million for Navarro College for its new campus.

- \$10 million for trauma care at certain health related institutions.
- \$10 million in contingency funding to Texas State Technical College System for facilities.
- \$152 million to community colleges for higher education group insurance premiums vetoed by the Governor in FY2009.
- The bill also includes legislative intent language that the Governor's Division of Emergency Management reimburse the **Texas Engineering Extension Service** for costs incurred in connection with the response of the Texas Task Force 1 to flooding events (\$1-\$2 million estimated).

HB 2729 by Pitts/Ogden relating to directing payment, after approval, of certain miscellaneous claims and judgments against the state out of funds designated by this Act; making appropriations. Includes the following:

- To pay the A&M System Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) \$14,221.82 from Fund 006 to provide technical support to enhance effective utilization of high occupancy vehicle lanes April 24, 2002 - August 31, 2005.
- To pay TTI \$5,550 from Fund 006 to provide technical support to enhance effective utilization of high occupancy vehicle lanes April 24, 2002 - August 31, 2005.

Bill Facts

Legislation Filed & Passed

The following table provides a summary comparison of legislative bill activity from the 80th and 81st Regular Sessions.

80 th Legislative Session				81 st Legislative Session		
<u>Type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>%</u>
HBs	4140	955	23.1%	4836	867	17.9%
HJR	108	10	9.3%	140	9	6.4%
SBs	2050	526	25.7%	2583	592	22.9%
SJR	64	7	10.9%	50	0	0%
TOTAL	6362	1498	23.5%	7609	1468	19.3%

Bill Analysis Task Force

A legislative session requires the highest and best efforts of enormous numbers of the A&M System institutions' faculty, administration, and staff. In addition, because the Texas Legislature meets regularly only 140 days every other year, a session necessarily operates on its own highly compressed clock and takes no prisoners when it demands responses from institutions. One of the principal instruments we have created to respond to the demands of a session is the Bill Analysis Task Force (BATF). The BATF provides a timely synopsis of all legislation that affects the A&M System member universities and agencies. These analyses of key bills are provided to the Chancellor, his Executive Officers, System CEOs and the Governmental Relations Team, so that they will be better prepared to furnish information to and communicate the A&M System's legislative program to the legislature and governor during the fast-paced session. Of note, all the BATF members serve voluntarily and take on these extra duties while continuing to carry out their regular duties, and without extra compensation.

This session the Office of Governmental Relations tracked and kept watch over **1,994 bills, which is 26% of all the bills that were filed.** The Task Force members provided analyses for **1,063 of these tracked bills.**

Without the support and assistance of all the individuals who serve the Bill Analysis Task Force, the Texas A&M University System would not have been able to provide legislators and their staff the information they required during the session.

The names and affiliation of members of the Bill Analysis Task Force may be found in the Appendix.

Texas A&M University System Institution-Specific Legislation

The following summary includes legislation that directly affects a member institution of The Texas A&M System or the entire System.

System-wide, Multi-Institution, or System Office

HB 1358 by Keffer/Nelson - Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute. HB1358 is a follow-up to HB14, the enabling legislation passed in 2007 to create the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute. HB1358 clarifies the structure and process for administration of CPRIT funds. The legislation calls for the Executive Director to appoint the Scientific Research and Prevention Committee, sets the terms of the committee at four years, and allows members of the committee to receive an honorarium. The Oversight Committee may appoint *ad hoc* advisory committees as needed and is required to create an *ad hoc* committee on childhood cancers. HB1358 addresses a conflict of interest identified by the Texas Attorney General by creating a separate **University Advisory Committee** to provide input rather than review proposals. The University Advisory Committee is to include: 1) Two members appointed by the Chancellor of the UT System to represent UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, UTMB Galveston, UTHSC Houston, UTHSC San Antonio, UTHSC Tyler or UT MD Anderson Cancer Center; 2) One member appointed by **Chancellor of Texas A&M System** to represent the A&M HSC or its teaching hospital; 3) One member appointed by Chancellor of Texas Tech to represent Texas Tech HSC; 4) One member appointed by Chancellor of University of Houston System; 5) One member appointed by the Chancellor of Texas State University System; 6) One member appointed by Chancellor of University of North Texas System; One member appointed by the president of Baylor College of Medicine. HB1358 sets out requirements for disclosure of conflict of interest by members of the Science and Prevention Committee, University Advisory Committee, or *ad hoc* advisory committee to the Executive Director in writing and recusal of the member from deliberations, actions or decisions.

HB 1831 by Corte/Carona - Relating to disaster preparedness and emergency management and to certain vehicles used in emergencies. Much of the homeland security comprehensive legislation was added to this bill at the end of the session. The bill requires a state emergency plan annex that addresses planning for essential support supplies, equipment, and service including fuel availability, backup power, clearance of debris, obtaining food, water and ice, and basic medical support. The bill requires a public awareness plan and a phased reentry plan. The bill establishes a communications coordination group and sets up a post disaster evaluation. HB 1831 requires the development of

regional plans for medical personnel surge capacity during disasters and the development of a plan to include provisions for an agriculture emergency response plan. The bill also requires institutions of higher education to adopt and implement a multi-hazard emergency operations plan that addresses mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

The bill allows state employees who are emergency services personnel to take compensatory time off or receive overtime for the hours accrued during a declared disaster. Specifically for **The Texas A&M University System, the Texas Engineering Extension Service and the Texas Forest Service** are designated as members of the Communications Coordination Group.

HB 1831 (Sec. 251.012) provides an exemption from the licensing requirement to allow hospitals to provide dialysis services to patients during a declared disaster. This language was requested by **Texas A&M Health Science Center** to alleviate barriers to care experienced by disaster victims housed at Reed Arena following Hurricane Ike.

In addition, HB1831 was amended on the Senate floor by Senator Zaffirini to include the language of HB 1948 filed by Rep. Tara Rios Ybarra which dealt with a public health extension pilot program. Rep. Rios Ybarra filed HB 1948 following discussions with **Texas A&M Health Science Center** about the need for increased capacity for medical preparedness and response in South Texas and the creation by the Board of Regents of the National Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Sec. 123.001 adds the language of HB 1948, relating to a public health extension service pilot. Sec. 123.001 of the bill requires the Dept. of State Health Services to establish a public health extension service pilot program in Health Service Region 11, a region of the state that may be particularly vulnerable to biosecurity threats, disaster, and other emergencies. The purpose of the program is to support local public health and medical infrastructure, promote disease control and medical preparedness, and enhance biosecurity, including detection of dangerous biologic agents, availability of pathology services, and management of hazardous materials. The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission may adopt rules for the implementation and administration of the program. The department may contract with **The Texas A&M University System** or The University of Texas System or both to implement or administer the program. Through the program, the department may implement projects and systems to: (1) provide support for regional disaster medical assistance teams and tactical medical operations incident management teams; (2) establish a disaster training and exercise program; (3) establish and equip caches of necessary medical supplies and equipment for use in disasters and other emergencies; (4) establish a regionally based system of emergency medical logistics management to support state and federal emergency management authorities, including local patient triage sites and local emergency medical operations; and (5) establish a regionally based system to provide technical assistance for disaster mitigation and recovery. DSHS is required to report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives on the program, including recommendations for continuing and expanding the program to other regions of the state. This chapter expires and the program is abolished September 2, 2011.

SB 629 by West/Aycock - Relating to the operation of certain institutions of higher education as general academic teaching institutions and to the statutory limitation imposed on certain university systems to issue revenue bonds to fund facilities at certain institutions of higher education. SB 629 eliminates the enrollment thresholds tied to the issuance of tuition revenue bonds for three institutions of higher: Texas A&M University - San Antonio, Texas A&M - Central Texas and the University of North Texas - Dallas. SB 629 also clarifies that Texas A&M University - San Antonio can operate as an independent general academic teaching institution at 1000 full time student equivalents.

SB 1016 by Estes/Hardcastle- Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Agriculture and the Prescribed Burning Board, the creation of the Texas Bioenergy Policy Council and Texas Bioenergy Research Committee, and the abolition of the Texas-Israel Exchange Fund Board; providing penalties. SB 1016 includes language that was originally in SB 1666 which establishes the Texas Bioenergy Policy Council and the Texas Bioenergy Research Committee. The **Chancellor of the A&M University System** or his designee has a position on the Council; the Chancellor appoints one researcher or specialist in the bioenergy field from the Texas A&M University System to the Research Committee.

HB 2534 by Wentworth/Corte - Relating to the creation of an interagency task force on economic growth and endangered species; providing information and direction regarding endangered species issues in certain areas of the state. SB2534 establishes a mechanism for state agencies to provide policy and technical assistance regarding compliance with endangered species laws and regulations to local and regional governmental entities and their communities engaged in economic development activities so that compliance with endangered species laws and regulations is as effective and cost efficient as possible. SB 2534 creates a task force on economic growth and endangered species composed of the comptroller of public accounts, the commissioner of agriculture, the executive director of the Parks and Wildlife Department, the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation, and the executive director of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board. SB 2534 requires the task force to work in coordination with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, institutions of higher education, and agriculture and conservation organizations in performing its functions and duties and requires **The Texas A&M University System** to, within its expertise, assist in the analysis of biological and economic impacts of proposed actions and direct programs recommended by the taskforce

Texas A&M University and Texas A&M University @ Galveston

HB 51 by Branch / Zaffirni - Relating to measures to enhance and maintain the quality of state universities, including funding and incentives to support emerging public research universities, to the abolition of the higher education fund, to the institutional groupings under the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's accountability system, to the independent status of Lamar Institute of Technology, to research conducted by public universities and other state entities, and to the authorization of revenue bonds for certain institutions of higher education. HB 51 effectively became the "higher education omnibus bill" for the 81st legislative session. HB 51 consists of 21 separate sections related to various subjects in higher education. Provisions directly related to **Texas A&M University** and **Texas A&M University at Galveston** include the following:

Section 1 of the bill requires each institution of higher education designated as a research university or emerging research university to submit to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, a detailed, long-term strategic plan documenting the strategy by which the institution intends to achieve recognition as a research university, or enhance the university's reputation as a research university.

Section 2, 3 and 4 of the bill amends the Education Code to grant additional authority to the **Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System** to issue additional tuition revenue bonds for **Texas A&M University at Galveston** in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads or related infrastructure, for an erosion control breakwater, a dock, or other related purpose reasonably necessary to assist the institution to recover from any damage or other impact caused by Hurricane Ike. This authority includes the irrevocable pledging of revenue for the payment for bonds and transfer of funds from other institutions within the **Texas A&M University System**.

Section 12 creates the Research University Development Fund (RUDF). Under this section the Higher Education Coordinating Board will distribute funds to eligible research and emerging research universities based on the average amount of **total research** funds expended by each institution annually during the three most recent fiscal years according to rates specified in the bill. Currently, this fund is known as the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund which was established during the 80th legislative session in the General Appropriations Act and is in the current appropriations bill adopted by the 81st Legislature. Currently, **Texas A&M University** is one of four institutions eligible for this fund.

Under Section 18, a select committee is created to study the feasibility of collecting data and maintaining a searchable electronic database to track specialized technology research projects conducted by public universities, public university research facilities, and other state institutions. The committee includes representatives from the University of Texas at Austin, **Texas A&M University**, Texas Tech University, the University of Houston, the University of North Texas, the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Texas at Dallas, the University of Texas at El Paso, and the University of Texas at San Antonio, as well as representatives from the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The committee would report their findings and recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, and the speaker by December 1, 2010.

Section 19 requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in consultation with institutions of higher education that are eligible institutions for the Research University Development Fund under Subchapter C, to study and make recommendations regarding the appropriate definitions and categories of research expenditures to be included and applied in determining an institution's eligibility for and distributions from the Research University Development Fund. **IMPORTANT:** The issue affecting **Texas A&M University** is to continue the distribution of these funds based on "total research expenditures", not "restricted research expenditures". A proposal to distribute the funds based on "restricted research expenditures" would alter the distribution proportions significantly to A&M's disadvantage. Changing the distribution methodology to "restricted research" was strongly considered during the legislative discussions.

HB 1684 by Brown, Betty / Estes - Relating to the creation and administration of the rural veterinarian loan repayment program. HB 1684 amends the Government Code to create a rural veterinarian loan repayment program in the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA). The new program will provide loan repayment assistance to veterinarians who agree to practice veterinary medicine on livestock or deer in a designated rural area. The program will be funded by the Permanent Endowment Fund for Rural Communities Health Care Investment Program (Fund) which is held outside the treasury. The amount available for distribution from the fund will be appropriated equally for the rural veterinarian loan repayment program and the health professional loan reimbursement program, which currently receives all appropriations from the Fund. The bill authorizes the board to provide repayment assistance to a veterinarian for up to four years.

HB 4586 by Pitts / Ogden - Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority and prescribing limitations regarding appropriations. HB 4586 contains 102 Sections of supplemental and emergency appropriations for multiple state agencies and institutions. Specifically pertaining to **Texas A&M University at Galveston** is "SECTION 55. APPROPRIATIONS FOR GENERAL COSTS CAUSED BY NATURAL DISASTERS. (a) The following amounts are appropriated out of the general revenue fund to the following agencies and institutions of higher education for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of paying for, or reimbursing payments made for, costs incurred by the agencies or institutions associated with damages or disruptions caused by natural disasters that occurred before the effective date of this Act during the state fiscal biennium that began September 1, 2007: **Texas A&M Galveston: \$6,200,000.**" Of this amount, \$500,000 is intended for debt service related to the tuition revenue bond authorization granted in HB 51. **Texas A&M University at Galveston** sustained damage and losses due to Hurricane Ike in excess of \$12 million. **TAMUG** estimates that it will recover over \$6 million from FEMA and other external sources separate from this appropriation.

SB 175 by Shapiro / Branch - relating to the automatic admission of undergraduate students to certain general academic teaching institutions and to scholarship and other programs to facilitate enrollment at institutions of higher education. SB 175 amends Texas Education Code Section 51.803(a-1), relating to the current automatic admission of high school students graduating in the top ten percent of their class. The main purpose of SB 175 is the specific authorization for the University of Texas at Austin to limit automatic admissions to 75 percent of its first time Texas resident undergraduate student enrollment capacity in an academic year. Other provisions in SB 175 are detailed in the Academic section of this report. However, one provision was included which addresses a policy at **Texas A&M University**. SECTION 1., Subsection (k) (2) states that an institution may not limit the automatic admissions to 75% if "the institution's governing board by rule, policy, or other manner has provided that an applicant's race or ethnicity may not be considered as a factor in the institution's decisions relating to first-time undergraduate admissions, except that this subdivision does not apply to an institution that did not consider, on or before June 1, 2009, an applicant's race or ethnicity as a factor in its admissions of first-time resident undergraduate students for the 2009-2010 academic year." Effectively, this subsection will allow **Texas A&M University** to continue its policy of not considering race in admissions, without jeopardizing future inclusion in the provisions SB 175.

SB 175 also amends Texas Education Code Section 51.8035 to allow automatic admission for transfer undergraduate students for students who would have qualified for automatic admission at the time of their high school graduation and meet other listed criteria. This section is applicable to *all institutions and constitutes a significant change for Texas A&M University.*

SB 504 by Ogden / Brown, Fred - Relating to the use of land on the main campus of Texas A&M University in College Station. SB 504 increases the surface area leased to the **A&M Foundation** from **Texas A&M University**. The increase is from five acres to eight.

SB 862 by Eltife / Geren - Relating to practices and professions regulated by the Real Estate Commission. SB 862 amends the Occupations Code, relating to practices and professions regulated by the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC). The bill clarifies that TREC may collect fees in amounts reasonable and necessary to cover the costs of administering and implementing the provisions of Chapter 1101 of the Code regarding real estate brokers and salespersons. Specifically, from the \$200 fee for an individual brokers license, the \$50 share deposited to Foundation School Fund 0193 will be unchanged; the General Revenue Fund 0001 share will be reduced from \$150 to \$100; and the

remaining \$50 will be deposited to the credit of **Texas A&M University** in a separate banking account that is appropriated only to support, maintain, and carry out the purposes, objectives, and duties of **Texas Real Estate Research Center**, a unit of the Mays Business School. The provision for Texas A&M University does not take effect until September 2011. The last fee increase took place in 1995.

Prairie View A&M University

SB 1334 by Hegar/Zerwas - Relating to continuation of the intercollegiate athletics fee for students at Prairie View A&M University. In 2003, the legislature authorized the imposition of an athletics fee at Prairie View A&M University for the first time but included a sunset provision abolishing the fee on September 1, 2013. SB 1334 adds an exception to the expiration date on the athletics fee at Prairie View A&M University, continuing the fee if, before the end of the 2012-2013 academic year, **The Texas A&M University System board of regents** issues bonds that are payable wholly or partly from the fee and continuing the fee only until such bonds are fully paid.

Texas A&M University System Health Science Center

HB 1672 by Crownover/Deuell - Relating to newborn screening. The Texas newborn screening program conducts ongoing tests to improve the identification of genetic newborn disorders that can cause physical and cognitive disabilities or death. Once these disorders are identified, negative outcomes for families can often be averted through proper medical care and nutrition. **TAMHSC School of Rural Public Health** provides storage space to Department of State Health Services for the specimens following testing. HB1672 requires the DSHS to include sickle-cell trait in the screening for heritable diseases conducted under the Newborn Screening Program. The bill requires DSHS to develop a statement that clearly discloses to the parent, managing conservator, or guardian of a newborn child subjected to screening tests that DSHS or a laboratory established or approved by DSHS is authorized to retain for use by DSHS or the laboratory genetic material used to conduct the newborn screening tests. The bill discloses how the material is managed and used and that the parent, managing conservator, or guardian is authorized to limit the use of genetic material by providing to DSHS a written statement prohibiting DSHS or the laboratory from retaining the genetic material or using the genetic material for any purpose other than the conduct of newborn screening tests. The bill requires that the disclosure statement be included on the form developed by DSHS to inform parents about newborn screening. The bill requires the physician attending a newborn child or the person attending the delivery of a newborn child that is not attended by a physician, at the time a newborn child is subjected to screening tests must provide the parent, managing conservator, or guardian of a newborn child a copy of the

written disclosure statement developed by DSHS. Further, DSHS is to establish procedures for a physician attending a newborn child or the person attending the delivery of a newborn child to provide verification that the physician or person has provided the parent, managing conservator, or guardian of the newborn child the disclosure. The bill authorized a parent, managing conservator, or guardian of a newborn child to file with DSHS a signed written statement prohibiting DSHS or a laboratory established or approved by DSHS from retaining any genetic material related to the newborn screening tests conducted under this chapter or using the genetic material for any purpose other than the conduct of the newborn screening tests. DSHS or the laboratory is then required, not later than the 60th day after DSHS receives the written statement, to destroy the genetic material used in the screening tests. An allowance is made for an adult individual to file with DSHS a written statement instructing DSHS or a laboratory established or approved by DSHS to destroy any genetic material of the individual that has been retained.

With regard to confidentiality, the bill provides that reports, records, and information obtained or developed by DSHS under this chapter are confidential and are not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552 (Public Information), Government Code, are not subject to subpoena, and are prohibited from otherwise being released or made public except as provided by this section. Reports, records, and information obtained or developed by DSHS, notwithstanding other law, may be disclosed for purposes of diagnosis or follow-up with the consent of each identified individual or an individual authorized to consent on behalf of an identified child; as authorized by court order; to a medical examiner authorized to conduct an autopsy on a child or an inquest on the death of a child; or to public health programs of DSHS for public health research purposes provided that the disclosure is approved by an institutional review board or privacy board of DSHS as authorized by the federal privacy requirements adopted under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-191) contained in 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Subparts A and E.

HB 1672 authorizes that reports, records, and information that do not identify a child or the family of a child, notwithstanding other law, to be released without consent if the disclosure is for statistical purposes; purposes related to obtaining or maintaining certification, approval, or quality assurance for DSHS's laboratory or a public or private laboratory to perform newborn screening tests; purposes relating to review, quality assurance, or improvement of DSHS's newborn screening program services; research purposes, provided that the disclosure is approved by an institutional review board or privacy board of TDH; or quality assurance related to equipment and supplies, provided that certain qualifications are met. The bill prohibits a state officer or employee, a TDH contractor, or TDH contractor's employee, officer, director, or subcontractor from being examined in a civil, criminal, special, or other judicial or administrative proceeding as to the existence or contents of records, reports, or information made confidential by this section unless disclosure is authorized by this section.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives is to charge a committee of members selected by the speaker or a house standing committee to conduct an interim study on newborn screening in this state. The bill requires the committee to study the time frame and procedures for the disclosure to the parent, managing conservator, or guardian of a newborn child; analyze whether procedures should be developed by DSHS to provide confirmation to a parent, managing conservator or guardian of a newborn child that a stored specimen has been destroyed as required by a written statement submitted by the parent, managing conservator, or guardian; and study standardization of the disclosure process for health care facilities in this state. DSHS is required to develop the disclosure statement as soon as possible after the law takes effect.

SB 1033 by Fraser/Sheffield - Relating to the purposes and powers of the Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District. SB1033 expands the authority of the Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District by authorizing it to participate in tax increment reinvestment zones or tax abatement reinvestment zones created by the City of Temple including being the recipient of funds generated by a tax increment reinvestment zone. SB 1033 allows the District to create non-profit corporations to perform biomedical or scientific research or education. Projects funded with ad valorem taxes must be within the District boundaries. Projects funded with any other revenue source may be within or outside the District's boundaries. Properties owned by the District may be mortgaged to guarantee revenue bonds and other District obligations. It **appears(is it possible to change "appears" something more certain??)** that the District may be a vehicle to provide funding for building projects that could be occupied by the **Health Science Center**. District could also form non-profit companies to support HSC biomedical research projects, thereby enhancing and accelerating the work of HSC component groups.

Texas Engineering Experiment Station

HB 1796 by Chisum/Watson - Relating to the development of carbon dioxide capture and sequestration in this state. Much of SB 16, the comprehensive air quality bill, was attached to HB 1796 at the end of the session. The bill would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to develop standards and rules for the offshore sequestration of carbon dioxide. The bill would also establish the New Technology Implementation Grant under TCEQ to implement new technologies to reduce emissions from facilities and other stationary sources. The bill would require the TCEQ, the Railroad Commission, and the PUC to establish a greenhouse gas registry in which they would participate in the development of federal greenhouse gas reporting requirements. Specifically for the **Texas Engineering Experiment Station**, Energy Systems Laboratory, the bill extends the Texas Emissions Reduction Program and related fees until 2019, thereby continuing **TEES'** funding and duties relating to calculating emissions reductions from energy codes and efficiency programs. The bill authorizes 1.5% of the TERP fund to **TEES** and changes the **TEES** contract for emissions reductions related to wind and other renewable sources, directing the current funding level of \$216,000 to come from a direct grant from the TCEQ.

Texas AgriLife Extension Station

HB 865 by Swinford/Hegar- Relating to the establishment of the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee. HB 865 establishes the committee to serve as a catalyst for cooperation between state agencies in the area of invasive species control and facilitate governmental efforts to prevent and

manage invasive species. This committee will make recommendations to state agencies regarding research, technology transfer, and management actions related to invasive species control. Texas **AgriLife Extension** is one of the six agencies that will have a representative on the committee.

HB 3429 by Gutierrez/Van de Putte- Relating to certain program and reporting duties of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. HB 3429 ensures that as Texas progresses toward addressing childhood obesity issues among pre-school aged children, the experience and expertise of **Texas AgriLife Extension** is utilized by the larger agencies responsible for the administration of various related education and nutrition programs. The bill further requires the **Texas AgriLife Extension** to send a report on their Better Living for Texans and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Programs to the legislature and the commissioners of Department of State Health Services, Texas Education Agency and Texas Department of Agriculture.

SB 395 by Lucio/Lucio III- Relating to creation of the Early Childhood Health and Nutrition Interagency Council. SB 395 creates an eight person Early Childhood Health and Nutrition Interagency Council (council) to develop an early childhood nutrition and physical activity plan. The council is required to study existing nutrition and physical activity programs and requirements in early childhood settings and consult with key stakeholders to identify barriers to improving related standards. The council is also required to develop an early childhood nutrition and physical activity plan with a recommended timeline for implementation over a six-year period. A representative from **Texas AgriLife Extension** will be appointed by the director of AgriLife Extension to serve on the Council.

SB 1693 by Ogden/Cook- Relating to the regulation of poultry facilities and poultry litter by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board and to the enforcement authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. SB 1693 requires the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to respond and investigate complaints concerning odor associated with poultry facilities. The bill would require owners or operators of new poultry facilities to complete a poultry facility training course on the prevention of odor nuisances from the **Texas AgriLife Extension Service**. The bill would authorize Texas AgriLife Extension Service to collect a fee from an owner or operator of a poultry facility to offset the costs of this course.

SB 1779 by Hinojosa/Martinez- Relating to the establishment of the official citrus producers' pest and disease management corporation; providing penalties. SB 1779 creates the Texas Citrus Pest and Disease Management Corporation, Inc. The corporation would be a Texas nonprofit corporation that would be recognized by the Department of Agriculture (TDA) as the entity to plan, carry out, and operate suppression programs to manage and control the Asian citrus psyllid and citrus greening in citrus plants in Texas under the supervision of TDA. **AgriLife Extension** would help with the referendum.

Texas Forest Service

HB 2914 by McReynolds/Nichols- Relating to the establishment of a fuel mitigation pilot grant program for fire departments. HB 2914 authorizes the **Texas Forest Service** to establish and administer a fuel mitigation pilot grant program to assist land owners to cope with excess fuel (grasses and brush)

that contribute to wildfire intensity. The bill allows the **Texas Forest Service** to solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from public or private sources to help fund this pilot program.

HB 3340 by Hopson/Nichols- Relating to the conveyance of certain state forest land in Cherokee County under the control of the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System. HB 3340 is a land exchange bill that authorizes the board of regents of The **Texas A&M University System** to convey certain described real property in Cherokee County and to provide better access for enhanced management by the **Texas Forest Service**.

HB 4002 by Swinford/Duncan- Relating to the funding of the statewide wildfire protection plan at the Texas Forest Service. Following the 1998 fire season, the **Texas Forest Service (TFS)** developed the Texas Wildfire Protection Plan (TWPP), which was funded in 1999 as a pilot project by the Texas Legislature. TFS has successfully implemented the plan, which has since been adopted as a national model, and TWPP is a proactive interagency response model emphasizing risk prevention and unified operations among local, state, and federal responders. HB 4002 authorizes TFS to expend an amount not to exceed \$5 million for each year from the Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Fund for staffing and operating costs associated with the preparation and delivery of the service's statewide wildfire protection plan.

SB 2 (81st Legislature, 1st Called Special Session,) by Hegar/Isett – Relating to the governmental entities subject to the sunset review process. SB 2 changes the Sunset review date from 2009 to 2011 for six agencies that had been evaluated in preparation for the 81st Legislature. These agencies include Equine Research Account Advisory Committee; Texas Racing Commission; Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation; Texas Department of Insurance; Office of Public Insurance Counsel and the Texas Department of Transportation. The bill limits the reviews of these agencies to a review of the appropriateness of recommendations already made by the Sunset Commission. **The bill also subjects the Texas Forest Service to the Sunset process, to be reviewed in 2011.** In addition, the bill balances the Commission's workload by moving the Sunset review dates from 2013 to 2011 for certain environmental agencies and pushing back sunset dates for criminal justice and health and human services agencies. SB 2 requires a special purpose review of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), as part of the 2011 review of the Public Utility Commission, stipulates that ERCOT and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (as required by SB 1263, 81st Legislature, Regular Session) will pay the costs incurred by the Sunset Commission of performing those Sunset reviews.

Overview of Key Higher Education Legislation

ACADEMIC RELATED LEGISLATION

HB 3 by Eissler / Shapiro - Relating to public school accountability, curriculum, and promotion requirements. HB 3 makes numerous changes to the state's public education accountability system and Revises current grade promotion standards and procedures. The bill amends curriculum requirements for high school graduation in the recommended and advanced high school programs. New curriculum requirements for the recommended program will be effective for students entering the ninth grade in the 2011-12 school year. The bill establishes requirements for college readiness including assessments to measure college readiness.

HB 51 by Branch / Zaffirni - Relating to measures to enhance and maintain the quality of state universities, including funding and incentives to support emerging public research universities, to the abolition of the higher education fund, to the institutional groupings under the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's accountability system, to the independent status of Lamar Institute of Technology, to research conducted by public universities and other state entities, and to the authorization of revenue bonds for certain institutions of higher education. HB 51 effectively became the "higher education omnibus bill" for the 81st legislative session. HB 51 consists of 21 separate sections related to various subjects in higher education. The major provisions of HB 51 include:

- Provision requiring each institution of higher education designated as a research university or emerging research university to submit to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, a detailed, long-term strategic plan documenting the strategy by which the institution intends to achieve recognition as a research university, or enhance the university's reputation as a research university.
- Authority to the *Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System* to issue additional tuition revenue bonds for *Texas A&M University at Galveston* in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads or related infrastructure, for an erosion control breakwater, a dock, or other related purpose reasonably necessary to assist the institution to recover from any damage or other impact caused by Hurricane Ike; authority to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System to issue additional tuition revenue bonds for the recovery and reconstruction of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) in an amount not to exceed \$150,000,000.
- Establishment of an Excellence Awards program for institutions **other than** research universities or emerging research universities to encourage the development of designated degree programs to the highest national standards. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) would be authorized to release Excellence Award funding only when certain benchmarks are met. An institution shall designate one degree program for these purposes and

the THECB will assist the institution in achieving the highest national rank or recognition for the applicable degree program and from money available for the purpose, to award incentive grants to general academic teaching institutions. An institution must use a grant under this subsection for faculty recruitment or other faculty support with respect to the designated degree program for which the grant is awarded, including establishment of endowed faculty positions or enhancement of faculty compensation as considered appropriate by the institution.

- Provision which provides two separate reallocations of the Higher Education Fund (HEF) for fiscal years 2009 through 2014, and will not change the total amounts appropriated to the HEF in any of the fiscal years this bill would affect. The bill specifies the University of North Texas at Dallas is entitled to participate in the HEF reallocation as soon as the UNT component operates as a general academic teaching institution. Starting in fiscal year 2011, this bill also provides separate HEF allocations to the Lamar Institute of Technology.
- Creation of the Research University Development Fund (RUDF). The Higher Education Coordinating Board will distribute the fund to eligible research and emerging research universities based on the average amount of **total research** funds expended by each institution annually during the three most recent fiscal years according to rates specified in the bill. Currently, this fund is known as the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund (CKF) which was established during the 80th legislative session in the General Appropriations Act and is in the current appropriations bill adopted by the 81st Legislature. SB 1 added \$33 million to the CKF for the 2010-11 biennium.
- Provision establishing Performance Incentive Funding (PIF) which provides a mechanism for performance incentive funding for general academic teaching institutions. The funding will be allocated on a 50/50 split under guidelines established in the bill.
- Provision establishing the Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP). The Higher Education Coordinating Board will develop and administer the Texas Research Incentive Program to provide matching funds to assist eligible institutions in leveraging private gifts or endowments for the enhancement of research productivity and faculty recruitment. SB 1, the General Appropriations Act, provides \$50 million for this fund in the 2010-11 biennium.
- Establishment of the National Research University Fund. Contingent upon voter approval of a Texas Constitutional amendment the bill will create a new source of funding to enhance research capacity at certain public general academic institutions using the investment earnings of an existing but rededicated fund corpus (i.e., the Permanent Higher Education Fund, which would become the corpus for the new National Research University Fund, or (NRUF). Annual NRUF allocations to eligible institutions would be based solely on the earnings of the NRUF corpus over time.
- Creation of a select committee to study the feasibility of collecting data and maintaining a searchable electronic database to track specialized technology research projects conducted by public universities, public university research facilities, and other state institutions. The committee would include representatives from the institutions specified in the bill and from the Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- Requirement of a study to be conducted by the HECB in consultation with institutions of higher education regarding the appropriate definitions and categories of research expenditures to be included and applied in determining an institution's eligibility for and distributions from the Research University Development Fund. Please see the section relating to bills specific to **Texas A&M** for additional information concerning the importance of this study to A&M.

HB 58 by Branch / Averitt - Relating to the eligibility of private of independent institutions of higher education to participate in the advanced research program administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board. HB 58 allows private universities in Texas to compete for grants in the Coordinating Board's Advanced Research Program (ARP) grants program.

HB 269 by Lucio III / Van de Putte - Relating to course credit for certain students at a public institutions of higher education. HB 269 requires institutions to award credit to a veteran for any required kinesiology course(s) that may be required for the degree the veteran is pursuing, and to award elective kinesiology credits as well, not to exceed 12 semester credit hours.

HB 746 by Brown, Fred / Patrick, Dan - Relating to expanding the availability of classrooms and other facilities for use by public junior colleges. HB 746 allows a public institution of higher education to make its classrooms available to a public junior college to teach core curriculum courses during weekdays from 5:00-10:00 p.m., or on Saturday, if such space is not scheduled for use by the institution, student organizations, or faculty. The host institution may charge a rate in an amount to reimburse for utility costs and other costs, such as maintenance and custodial services, based on the infrastructure formula funding that the host institution would receive if teaching a course in that space itself for that time.

HB 1096 by Vo / Van de Putte - Relating to the provision of notice regarding the availability of higher education textbooks through multiple retailers. HB 1096 requires all institutions of higher education to send written notices out to students in a prescribed timeline that lays out the options on paper of where students can purchase textbooks for their courses.

HB 1358 by Keffer / Nelson - Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute. HB 1358 abolishes the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Scientific Research and Preventions Programs Committee and allows the executive director to establish *ad hoc* committees. The bill creates the university advisory committee and establishes its membership. In addition, the bill requires that an *ad hoc* committee be established to address childhood cancers. The bill establishes criteria for membership in the committees, including the university advisory committee. The Cancer Prevention and Research Oversight Committee also would be authorized to create advisory committees to advise the Oversight Committee on matters relating to cancer. The bill establishes a definition for indirect costs for grant awards relating to cancer research, and expands the use of research grant awards to allow for the purchase, remodel and renovation of facilities, and requires that such projects benefit cancer prevention and research.

HB 1935 by Villarreal / Duncan - Relating to the establishment of certain programs to support adult and postsecondary education and workforce development in high-demand occupations and green jobs. HB 1935 creates the Jobs and Education for Texans Fund and provides that the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) establish and administer the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant program to provide grants to public junior colleges and public technical institutes. The bill authorizes the Comptroller to award grants for innovative and successful programs, grants for career and technical education programs, and scholarships for public junior college or public technical institute students. The Legislature appropriated \$25 million for the Fund.

HB 2425 by Morrison / Averitt - Relating to engineering recruitment programs established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. HB 2425 allows private and independent institutions of higher education to participate in the engineering recruitment program administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The program provides funding for one-week summer programs designed to expose middle and high school students to math, science, and engineering concepts and engineering scholarships.

HB 2504 by Kolkhorst / Shapiro - Relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to establish uniform standards for publishing cost of attendance information, to conduct student course evaluations of faculty, and to make certain information available. HB 2504 requires each institution of higher education other than medical and dental schools to make available to the public on its website a course syllabus, a curriculum *vitae* of each regular instructor, and a departmental budget report for each undergraduate classroom course offered. The information must be accessible from the institution's website by use of not more than three links, searchable by keywords and phrases, and accessible to the public without requiring registration or use of user identification. The information must be available not later than the seventh day after the first day of classes, and must remain available on the institution's website for at least two years. The governing board of each institution will be required to designate an administrator to be responsible for ensuring implementation of these provisions and the institutions will be required to submit a compliance report not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year. Also, the institutions are required to conduct end of course student evaluations of faculty and develop a plan to make the evaluations available on their websites. In addition, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is required to provide uniform standards to ensure that information regarding the cost of attendance at institutions of higher education is available to the public in a manner that is consumer-friendly and readily understandable to prospective students and their families. In addition, each institution will be required to establish and maintain an online list of work-study employment opportunities, sorted by department as appropriate, available to students on the institution's campus and ensure that the list is easily accessible to the public through a clearly identifiable link that appears in a prominent place on the financial aid page of the institution's Internet website.

HB 3519 by Branch / Hinojosa - Relating to the coordination and administration of the Texas Career Opportunity Grant Program. HB 3519 requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to enter into a memorandum of understanding for the coordination and administration of the grant program. The program provides access to higher education and job training for students earning degrees, certificates, or diplomas in high-demand areas such as information technology and health care. The Legislature appropriated \$1,350,000 for this program.

HB 3951 by Turner, Chris / Davis, Wendy - Relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to designate or employ a person trained in student financial assistance programs for military veterans and their families. HB 3951 requires public institutions of higher education to designate a person trained in student financial assistance programs for military veterans and their families. This person must be available to perform the duties during regular business hours at the Financial Aid or other office to which the person is assigned. These staff members shall have an understanding of state and federal student financial assistance programs, especially programs applicable to military veterans and family members.

HB 4149 by Rose / Zaffirini - Relating to certain studies and reports by the Texas Higher Education coordinating Board regarding achievable cost-saving measures and the use and availability of electronic textbooks at institutions of higher education. HB 4149 requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board to conduct a study to identify achievable cost-savings measures in the management and operation of institutions of higher education. The bill also requires the Higher Education Coordinating board to conduct a study, and recommend polices, regarding the use and availability of electronic textbooks in Texas, and in other states. The study specifically includes a focus on the results of a pilot program conducted by the University of Texas at Austin and address methods to encourage the use of electronic textbooks.

HB 4189 by Rose / Watson - Relating to the conduct of compliance programs by institutions of higher education and to the vaccination of students of institutions of higher education against bacterial meningitis. HB 4189 allows institutions of higher education that maintain a compliance program to establish procedures to provide private access to a compliance office, maintain anonymity of individuals who make a compliance report or participate in a compliance investigation, and preserve confidentiality of communications. Under provisions of the bill, before registering a student must provide a certificate evidencing that the student has been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis. The bill applies to first-time students, including transfer students, who reside in an on-campus dormitory or housing facility at the institution. A student is not required to comply if an affidavit or a certificate is presented stating that the vaccination would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student or stating that the vaccination has been declined for reasons of conscience.

HB 4244 by Hochberg / Zaffirini - Relating to certain competitive scholarship recipients at public institutions of higher education. HB 4244 allows an institution to charge resident tuition and fees to a student who holds a certain scholarship and who is not a resident of Texas regardless of the length of time the student has resided in Texas. Under current law, such students are entitled to pay the fees and charges required of Texas residents. Until August 1, 2014, a student who was granted the waiver under current law and paid resident tuition in the 2009-2010 academic year would be entitled to continue to pay resident tuition as long as the student remains enrolled in the same certificate or degree program.

SB 44 by Zaffirini / Branch - Relating to the participation of students in funding awarded under the advanced research program. SB 44 allows students to participate in the advanced research program. Currently only faculty members can participate in the program. Under provisions of the bill, an eligible institution must use a portion of the award to support basic research conducted by students in connection with the project for which the award is made.

SB 98 by Lucio / Lucio III - Relating to establishing a health science center and medical school in South Texas. SB 98 allows the University of Texas System Board of Regents to establish The University of Texas Health Science Center- South Texas (institution) within The University of Texas System and provide the authority to establish a medical school and other health-related degree programs. The new institution will be eligible to participate in the Available University Fund and the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education. Facilities built with tuition revenue bonds for the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) will be transferred to the new institution. Facilities and financial obligations of the existing Regional Academic Health Center, which is currently affiliated with The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, could be converted to the new institution. No funds for a state fiscal biennium ending on or before August 31, 2015, may be appropriated for the purposes of establishing the institution. Based on this provision, it is estimated that any significant costs to establish the

institution would not occur until fiscal year 2016. Costs are estimated to be approximately \$14 million in fiscal year 2016 growing to approximately \$50 million in fiscal year 2020.

SB 174 by Shapiro / Branch - Relating to accountability of institutions of higher education, including educator preparation programs, and online institution resumes for public institutions of higher education. SB 174 requires all institutions of higher education to provide an online institution resume, ensure the institution resume be posted on each institution's website, and submit it to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The bill also authorizes the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to adopt fees to cover costs associated with approving or renewing approval of an educator preparation program and adding certificates or field certificates to the scope of an educator preparation program's approval. The bill amends the Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs (ASEP) to require that student achievement based on the statutorily established measure of annual improvement of graduates from a program in their first three years.

SB 175 by Shapiro / Branch - Relating to the automatic admission of undergraduate students to certain general academic teaching institutions and to scholarship and other programs to facilitate enrollment at institutions of higher education. SB 175 amends Texas Education Code Section 51.803(a-1), relating to the current automatic admission of high school students graduating in the top ten percent of their class. The main purpose of SB 175 is specific authorization for the University of Texas at Austin to limit automatic admissions to 75 percent of its first-time resident undergraduate student enrollment capacity in an academic year, beginning with admissions in 2010. Included in the main provision for UT are several stipulations including the requirement to provide information to school districts of anticipated percentile rankings that will qualify for admission and requiring school counselors to provide certain notices. Also, the bill limits the number of admission offers UT could make to first-time undergraduate students who are not residents of this state. The University of Texas at Austin will not be allowed to consider legacy status as an admission factor. Any institution offering admission under this subsection (UT) may not do so if a court order or governing board rule provided that race could not be considered as an admission factor, unless the governing board had established the policy prior to June 2009. An institution offering admission under this subsection (UT) will have to require students admitted under this subsection to take a certain number of credit hours during evening or low-demand hours. This specific subsection related to UT ends the authorization in the academic year 2015-2016.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board must publish an annual report as well as the University of Texas at Austin would be required to submit a written report.

SB 175 also amends Texas Education Code Section 51.8035 to allow automatic admission for transfer undergraduate students for students who would have qualified for automatic admission at the time of their high school graduation and meet other listed criteria. *This section is applicable to all institutions.*

SB 175 creates a scholarship program for students who graduated in the top 10 percent of their class. A student must satisfy the following requirements to be initially eligible:

- (1) have graduated from a public or accredited private high school in this state while ranked in the top 10 percent of the student's graduating class, subject to other provisions of the legislation;
- (2) have completed the recommended or advanced high school curriculum or its equivalent;
- (3) have applied for admission as a first-time freshman student for the 2010-11 academic year or a subsequent academic year to an institution of higher education that has elected to offer admissions for that academic year under Section 51.803(a-1), which is specifically the section applying only to the University of Texas;

- (4) enroll as a first-time freshman student in an institution of higher education not earlier than the 2010-2011 academic year and not later than the 16th month after the date of the student's high school graduation;
 - (5) have been awarded a TEXAS grant;
 - (6) be a Texas resident; and
 - (7) comply with any other eligibility requirements established by coordinating board rule.
- The student would have to satisfy criteria, including satisfactory academic progress, to continue.

SB 194 by Shapleigh / Howard, Donna - Relating to a prohibition against certain activities by a person in the financial aid office of a public institution of higher education or of a career school or college.

SB 194 prohibits financial aid employees at institutions of higher education or of a career school or college from engaging in certain activities that may create possible conflicts of interests.

SB 291 by Nelson / McReynolds - Relating to hepatitis B vaccination for students enrolled in certain health-related courses of study at an institution of higher education. SB 291 allows for a hepatitis B vaccination to students enrolled in a course of study that involves potential exposure to human or animal blood or body fluids.

SB 305 by Shapleigh / Castro - Relating to an online list of work-study employment opportunities available to students at a public institution of higher education. SB 305 requires each institution of higher education to establish and maintain an online list of work-study employment opportunities, sorted by department as appropriate, available to students on the institution's campus; and ensure that the list is easily accessible to the public through a clearly identifiable link that appears in a prominent place on the financial aid page of the institution's Internet website.

SB 1304 by Patrick, Dan / Branch - Relating to notice to students of a public institution of higher education of the required use of a portion of a student's tuition payments to provide student financial aid. SB 1304 requires institutions of higher education that set aside a portion of designated tuition to provide financial assistance for students enrolled in the institution, to provide to each student who pays tuition, a notice of the amount of the tuition paid by the student that is required to be set aside. The Higher Education Coordinating Board would prescribe minimum standards for the manner, form, and content of the notice.

SB 1729 by West / Alonzo - Relating to the terms of student members of certain Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board advisory committees. SB 1729 modifies the terms of service of student members on certain Higher Education Coordinating Board advisory committees.

SB 1735 by West / Branch - Relating to providing police and security services for certain post-secondary educational institutions. SB 1735 amends various subsections of Section 51.214 of the Education Code, as it relates to the employment and commissioning of law enforcement personnel to provide security services to certain educational institutions in municipalities with a population of 1.18 million or more. The bill also amends Section 51.2125 of the Education Code, relating to the eligibility of private institutions of higher education to enter into a written mutual assistance agreement with peace officers.

SB 1764 by Watson / Cohen - Relating to the dissemination of information regarding the cost of attending public and private institutions of higher education and regarding the availability of financial aid to assist in paying that cost. SB 1764 requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to prescribe uniform standards to ensure that information regarding the cost of attendance at institutions of higher education is available to the public in a manner that is consumer friendly and readily understandable to prospective students and their families. The bill requires the standards to address all the elements that constitute the total cost of attendance and requires the information to be displayed on an institution's website, along with information on financial assistance and a link to the primary federal student aid website.

SB 2258 by Zaffirini / Hochberg - Relating to intensive summer programs for public school students and to college readiness programs at public institutions of higher education. SB 2258 requires the coordinating board by rule to develop higher education bridge programs in the subject area of social science, in addition to mathematics, science, or English language arts, and clarifies that such development is to increase student success by reducing the need for developmental education. The bill requires the coordinating board by rule to develop a pilot program to award grants to institutions of higher education for intensive programs designed to address the needs of students at risk of dropping out of college and to allocate money for such grants.

SB 2262 by Zaffirini / Branch - Relating to the administration of mathematics, science, and technology teacher preparation academies at institutions of higher education. SB 2262 bill transfers the statutory code provisions relating to the mathematics, science, and technology teacher preparation academies from Section 21.462 (Public Education) of the Education Code to Chapter 61(Higher Education Coordinating Board) of the Education Code. The Higher Education Coordinating Board currently administers the mathematics, science, and technology teacher preparation academies.

FINANCE / TUITION / FINANCIAL AID RELATED LEGISLATION

HB 101 by Brown, Fred / Uresti - Relating to the formula funding for public institutions of higher education for certain credit hours that do not count toward a degree. HB 101 modifies the existing statute (61.0595) that eliminates state formula funding for certain excess credit hours. The current statute limits funding per student to 30 credit hours beyond the number needed for the student's degree, but includes exceptions for remedial hours and hours earned through examinations. HB 101 adds an exception for courses that do not count toward "the student's specific degree program" at an institution to include those hours earned while still in high school. HB 101 would reduce the number of students who get to the funding limit before completing baccalaureate degrees. Students will be the beneficiaries of this change, in particular are those students who **transfer to universities** with large numbers of hours or those students who change majors.

HB 103 by Brown, F./Patrick - Relating to health benefit plans for students at institutions of higher education and the operation of certain health benefit plans through student health centers at certain institutions of higher education. The bill would require general academic institutions with a total student enrollment of more than 20,000 students in one or more semesters of the preceding academic year to offer at least one "high deductible" health benefit plan to students. This section takes effect Fall 2010.

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Another provision of HB 103 mandates that a student health center of an institution of higher education with a total student enrollment of more than 20,000 students in one or more semesters of the preceding academic year would be required to assist students by filing or having a claim filed with the health benefit plan issuer on their behalf. An institution of higher education could contract with a health benefit plan issuer to provide health care services under the plan to students.

HB 518 by Kolkhorst / Van de Putte - Relating to programs to provide student loan repayment assistance for certain correctional officers, for certain speech-language pathologists and audiologists, and for certain mathematics and science teachers. The bill creates programs to provide student loan repayment assistance for certain correctional officers and for certain speech-language pathologists and audiologists. HB 518 also creates the Texas Teach Corps Student Loan Repayment Program Assistance Program for undergraduate students who agree to teach in school districts that have shortages of teachers in mathematics or science. The student loan repayment program for speech-language pathologists and audiologists will create an incentive for licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists to remain employed in public schools or seek employment in the public school system.

HB 1736 by Anchia / Duncan - Relating to compensation of and services to persons wrongfully imprisoned. HB 1736 amends Chapter 103 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code relating to the administration of wrongful imprisonment compensation to certain persons. The bill eliminates a person's right to file suit for compensation for wrongful imprisonment, and allows for the person, or the person's heirs, legal representatives, and estate if the person is deceased, to seek compensation by filing an application with the Comptroller. In addition, claimants would also be entitled to 120 hours of **state-paid tuition** and mandatory fees at a career center, community college, or state university if requested by a claimant before the seventh anniversary of the date the claimant received a pardon or was granted relief.

HB 2013 by Keffer / Hegar - Relating to tuition and laboratory fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain volunteer firefighters enrolled in fire science courses. HB 2013 extends the exemption program for firefighters enrolled in fire science curricula to include **volunteer** firefighters who hold an Accredited Advanced level of certification or an equivalent credential under the State Firemen's and Fire Marshall's Association of Texas volunteer certification program or a phase V certification or equivalent successor certification under the Texas Commission on Fire Protection's voluntary certification program. *Note: Students enrolled in homeland security programs offered by Texas A&M have been ruled eligible for this exemption under the current statute.*

HB 2154 by Edwards / Hinojosa - Relating to the physician education loan repayment program. HB 2154 amends the Government Code and Education Code to create, using revenue from a tax imposed on certain tobacco products, a dedicated source of revenue for the physician education loan repayment program account. The physician education loan repayment program is administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board and recruits and retains physicians in health professional shortage areas. The Coordinating Board will electronically deliver payment directly to the lender on behalf of the physician. The bill also establishes maximum amounts of repayment assistance for eligible physicians based on their length of participation in the program. For the first year they would be eligible to receive \$25,000; for the second, \$35,000; for the third, \$45,000; and \$55,000 for the fourth year.

HB 2347 by Thibaut / Whitmire - Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain peace officers enrolled in criminal justice or law enforcement course work and

for certain educational aides. HB 2347 extends the tuition and laboratory fee exemption program currently for certain firefighters enrolled in fire science curricula to peace officers employed by political subdivisions of the state who enroll in a course or courses offered as part of a criminal justice or law enforcement management related curriculum designed for peace officers. Under provisions of the bill, higher education institutions would certify the eligibility of certain firefighters to receive an exemption from tuition and fees charged by the institutions. Under current law, the Higher Education Coordinating Board makes the determination. These provisions will be implemented within current resources. The governing board of an institution of higher education may not provide exemptions to students enrolled in a specific class in a number that exceeds 20 percent of the maximum student enrollment designated by the institution for that class. Changes in the tuition and laboratory fees would be effective beginning in the 2011 fall semester.

HB 2440 by McCall / Williams – Relating to scholarships for fifth-year accounting students. HB 2440 transfers the authority to administer the funds collected and award the scholarships for the 5th Year Accounting Program from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy (TSBPA).

HB 3353 / SB 2182 by Naishtat / Shapleigh - Relating to an environmental service fee at public institutions of higher education. HB 3353 authorizes the **governing board** of an institution of higher education to charge each student enrolled at the institution an environmental service fee, if the fee has been approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the institution who participate in a general student election called for that purpose. The proceeds from the fee are to be used only to provide environmental improvements at the institution through services related to recycling, energy efficiency and renewable energy, transportation, employment, product purchasing, planning and maintenance, or irrigation; or provide matching funds for grants to obtain environmental improvements. The fee shall not exceed \$5 per semester or \$10 if approved by a student election.

HB 3452 by Gattis / Ogden - Relating to the establishment of the Texas Armed Services Scholarship. HB 3452 establishes the Texas Armed Service Scholarship Program. The new program will be administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Under provisions of the bill, a qualified student could receive an annual conditional scholarship grant available for use at any Texas public or private institution of higher education having a Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) program, conditioned on certain obligations. The amount of scholarship in each academic year would be the lesser of \$15,000 or the amount available for each scholarship from appropriations that may be used for the scholarships. The Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the members of the Texas Senate, and the members of the Texas House of Representative each individually have the power annually to appoint one recipient of the Armed Service scholarships who possesses the requisite qualifications for the scholarship. In order to fulfill the student's commitments to the Armed Services Scholarship program, the student must: (1) complete four years of ROTC training, and graduate within five years; (2) upon graduation, enter into either a four year commitment to serve as a member of the Texas Army or Air Force National Guard, or a contract to serve as a commissioned officer with any branch of the armed services of the United States; and (3) meet the physical examination requirements and all other pre-screening requirements of the Texas Army. Under provisions of the bill, a recipient of the scholarship who either fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress, withdraws from the scholarship program, or fails to fulfill the student's commitment, for any reason other than a physical inability to meet any of these commitments, all funds advanced to the recipient to that point would become a debt due to the

state. The Higher Education Coordinating Board will begin awarding scholarships beginning with the 2010-11 academic year.

HB 4476 by Cohen / Zaffirini - Relating to eligibility requirements for the tuition equalization grant program. HB 4476 amends current law relating to eligibility requirements for the TEG program by correcting inconsistencies between the Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) program and the TEXAS Grant program. TEG recipients will now have the same course load requirement as TEXAS Grant and the same GPA requirements.

SB 43 by Zaffirini / Gonzales-Tourelles - Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for students who have been under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services. SB 43 extends the current tuition exemptions for students under conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services to include students enrolled in dual credit classes while in high school and allows students to begin using the exemption as late as the day before their 25th birthday.

SB 45 by Zaffirini / Hochberg - Relating to tuition exemptions at public institutions of higher education for students enrolled in certain inter-institutional academic programs. SB 45 allows, but does not require, institutions of higher education to waive tuition for graduate students enrolled in courses connected with interdisciplinary and inter-institutional graduate training programs under a written agreement between both institutions.

SB 93 by Van de Putte / Castro - Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their dependents or spouse and permitting those personnel to assign the exemption to a child. SB 93 modifies the Hazlewood Exemption statute which exempts certain military personnel and their dependents from paying tuition and certain fees. The bill clarifies that Texas must be declared the home state of permanent record upon entering the military. The statute will now be known as the Hazelwood Legacy Act.

SB 194 by Shapleigh/Howard D. - Relating to a prohibition against certain activities by a person employed in the financial aid office of a public institution of higher education or of a career school or college. SB 194 prohibits a person employed in the financial aid office of an institution of higher education or a career school or college from owning stock or other ownership interest in a student loan lender, other than through ownership of shares in a publicly traded mutual fund or a similar investment vehicle. The bill also prohibits such a person from soliciting or accepting any gift from a student loan lender.

SB 297 by Van de Putte / Corte - Relating to resident tuition rates at public institutions of higher education for certain veterans and service members and their spouses and children. SB 297 provides resident status for tuition purposes for veterans qualifying for federal veterans benefits, their spouses and their dependents (if under 25 when they initially enroll), provided the veterans file a statement with the university of their intent to establish residency in Texas. Under provisions of the bill, certain veterans, spouses, and children of veterans are entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of higher education at the rates provided for Texas residents without regard to the length of time the person has resided in this state.

SB 638 by Nichols / Flynn - Relating to the collateralization of certain public funds. SB 638 establishes a permissive pooled collateral program, provides for the centralization of the collateral function in a pool to be tracked and verified to meet state requirements, and requires the comptroller to be responsible for the implementation of such a program.

SB 1515 by Watson / McCall - Relating to a major events trust fund, a motor sports racing trust fund, and an events trust fund for sporting and non-sporting events. SB 1515 renames the "Other Events Trust Fund;" renames the "Sporting Event Trust Fund;" expands the purpose of the specified funds from sporting or athletic events to sporting or non-sporting games or events; and modifies application and reimbursement procedures for the newly named "Major Events Trust Fund" and "Events Trust Fund." In addition, the bill removes certain population criteria for the Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund and the Events Trust Fund. Currently, the Sporting Event Trust Fund, Motor Sports Racing Trust Fund, and the Other Events Trust Fund assist local governments in recruiting or retaining events that are actively being recruited by other states. The programs authorize a portion of state tax revenue generated by an event to be returned to the city or county that hosted the event to assist in paying expenses incurred in connection with the event.

SB 1798 by Zaffirini / Cohen - Relating to certifying the eligibility of certain educational aides to receive an exemption from tuition and fees charged by public institutions of higher education. SB 1798 requires the institution of higher education to certify the person's eligibility at which an educational aide is seeking an exemption from tuition and fees. This bill also requires the institution to make the determination of eligibility and give notice of its determination to the applicant and to the school district employing the applicant as an educational aide.

SB 1941 by Shapiro / Morrison - Relating to the administration and operation of the state's programs for repaying or saving toward the costs of attending and institution of higher education. SB 1941, beyond some clarification to the statute, has three substantive changes: (1) adds career schools to the Texas Tomorrow Fund II; (2) allows a contract to be established that would allow state employees in the Employee Retirement System of Texas to enroll in the TTF II through their annual enrollment cycle; and (3) allows state employees to contribute to the Texas Save & Match program through the State Employee Charitable Campaign. Texas Save & Match is a program that allows charitable contributions to a fund that is used to match funds invested by low income and other groups to the TTF II program. It already exists, but this would expand the resources available through SECC contributions.

SB 1952 by Jackson, Mike / Weber - Relating to the authorization of certain municipalities and counties to issue public securities for the financing of permanent improvements for use by an institution of higher education. SB 1952 authorizes certain home-rule municipalities and counties to issue public securities for the financing of permanent improvements for use by an institution of higher education.

SB 2240 by Zaffirini / Crownover - Relating to the financing of educational and related facilities by higher education facility authorities or nonprofit corporations performing the functions of those authorities and the governance of higher education facility authorities. SB 2240 amends various sections of the Education Code as it relates to higher education facility authorities for public and private schools. Under provisions of the bill, when bonds are proposed to be issued to benefit an institution of higher education and the records relating to their issuance are submitted to the attorney general, a public higher education authority will be required also to deliver notice of that action to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house, and the Legislative Budget Board. The notice must

include the amount of the bonds to be issued and a description of the facilities to be financed from the bond proceeds. If the attorney general does not find that bonds to be in accordance with this chapter and constitute valid and binding obligations of the authority, the attorney general may not approve the bonds, and the bonds may not be registered by the comptroller. The bill also amends the definition of "educational facility" and strikes language relating to the facilities' being used exclusively for the conduct of the educational and administrative functions of the institutions, thus including athletic and all other facilities on campus.

SB 2244 by Zaffirini / Branch - Relating to the eligibility of employees of certain businesses or organizations established as part of the state's economic development program and of dependants of those employees to pay resident tuition. SB 2244 sets a time limit within which a business or organization must be established as part of the state's economic development program before the date of an employee's or employee's dependent's enrollment at an institution of higher education for the employee or dependent to be entitled to pay resident tuition at such an institution. The provisions of the bill are applicable beginning with tuition and required fees for the fall 2010 semester.

GENERAL OPERATIONS RELATED LEGISLATION

HB 432 by Lucio/Estes – Relating to the acquisition by state agencies of low-emissions vehicles and vehicles using alternative fuels. This bill amends Chapter 2158 of the Government Code. Higher education is granted delegated purchasing authority from this chapter of the Government Code; however, many of the rules that institutions have adopted reflect Chapter 2158 statute.

HB 432 modifies what is reported in the annual financial report; it requires that agencies report the availability of alternative fuels and provide the information reasonably needed to determine certain air quality benefits.

The legislation also sets forth the following:

- HB 432 amends the Government Code to require agencies to purchase or lease certain vehicles only if they use the following alternative fuels: compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas (Propane), liquefied petroleum gas, methanol or methanol/gasoline blends of 85 percent or greater, ethanol or ethanol/gasoline blends of 85 percent (E85) or greater, biodiesel or biodiesel/diesel blends of 20 percent or greater, or electricity, including electricity to power a plug-in hybrid motor vehicle. This requirement would apply to agencies purchasing or leasing certain large vehicles used primarily for the transportation of individuals and to agencies operating a fleet of more than 15 vehicles, excluding law enforcement and emergency vehicles. By September 30, 2010, agencies operating a fleet of more than 15 vehicles, excluding law enforcement and emergency vehicles, would be required to have a fleet consisting of vehicles of which at least 50 percent use the same alternative fuels specified above. This requirement does not apply to higher education.
- Purchasing requirements relating to alternatively fueled vehicles does not apply if a state agency demonstrates that the state agency would incur additional net costs.

HB 605 by Farabee/Estes – Relating to mileage reimbursement for state employees. H.B. 605 amends current law relating to mileage reimbursement for state employees. Current law concerning a state employee's mileage reimbursement does not account for employee safety in route planning by employees traveling on state business. In considering only the most cost-effective route, state

employees are prohibited from seeking reimbursement if they deviate from such a route, even if safety is a concern, such as poorly lit roads or extreme weather. HB 605 allows for the state to take into account reasonable safety measures when calculating a state employee's mileage reimbursement and allows alternate routes to be taken in order to account for safety concerns.

HB 1705 by Geren/Ellis - Relating to the Department of Information Resources, including the abolition of the telecommunications planning and oversight council, the electronic commerce network, and the electronic procurement marketplace and standards for certain school district software. HB 1705 abolishes the telecommunications planning and oversight council (TPOC) and requires the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to fulfill various telecommunication related planning, reporting and oversight activities, including the review of the status of all projects and the financial performance of the consolidated telecommunications system and the centralized capitol complex telephone system.

HB 1705 repeals various sections of the government code, including the statutes related to TPOC and the requirement of DIR to establish an electronic commerce system. The bill permits DIR to contract with assistance organizations, and non-profits receiving state funds through a current state contract or grant, to use the consolidated telecommunications system.

HB 1830 by Corte/Ellis – Relating to information technology security practices of state agencies.

HB 1830 adds computer infrastructure to the open records exception listing; specifically restricted information pursuant to Section 2059.055, Government Code. The bill allows the governing board of DIR to deliberate certain security or infrastructure issues in a closed meeting. HB 1830 also allows DIR to disclose information related to security or infrastructure issues to a bidder if the governing board determines that providing the information is necessary for the bidder to provide an accurate bid. HB 1830 requires state agencies, including institutions of higher education, to provide, upon completion, an electronic copy of its vulnerability report to DIR, the state auditor, the agency's executive director, and any other information technology security oversight group specifically authorized by the legislature to receive the report.

HB 1831 by Corte/Carona – Relating to disaster preparedness and emergency management and to certain vehicles used in emergencies.

Article 6 of the bill deals with higher education institutions. Institutions of higher education, not including community colleges, shall adopt and implement a multi-hazard emergency plan that addresses mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. At least once every three years, institutions must conduct a facility safety and security audit; the audit must be sent to the institution's board of regents and the Division of Emergency Management in the Governor's Office. Information collected, developed, or produced by the audit is not subject to open records requests unless it meets certain provisions set for in the legislation.

Article 4 of the bill also adds a provision regarding the lodging expenses of certain state emergency services personnel so that they can be reimbursed for actual lodging expenses if there is not room available at the state rate.

HB 2004 by McCall/Ellis - Relating to a breach of computer security involving sensitive personal information and to the protection of sensitive personal information and certain protected health information. HB 2004 requires state and local agencies, including institutions of higher education, to notify individuals when their sensitive personal information has been acquired as a result of an unauthorized breach. The legislation amends current law relating to a breach of computer security involving sensitive personal information and to the protection of sensitive personal information and certain protected health information.

HB 2521 by Pickett / West - Relating to a preference in state purchasing for certain media-related services offered by businesses based in Texas. HB 2521 amends Chapter 2155 of the Government Code to require the Comptroller of Public Accounts and each state agency conducting an advertising campaign that includes a commercial to give preference to a company located in Texas if the services meet state requirements regarding service and quality, and if the cost does not exceed the cost of similar services from outside the State.

HB 2547 by Giddings/Deuell - Relating to the use of a description of employment in determining the safety and appropriateness of a return to employment by an injured employee. HB 2547 will impact the A&M system workers compensation program. The bill places the treating doctor in a more active role in determining what duties employees can perform when they return to work in restricted duty. The legislation requires the commissioner of workers' compensation (commissioner) to prescribe a form to provide information from an employer to a treating doctor concerning the functions and physical responsibilities of an injured employee's job. The bill requires the form prescribed under this subsection, to the extent possible, to be one page, use a check box format as appropriate, and be compatible with electronic mail. Requires that the form include: (1)the name and address of the employer and the contact information and availability of the individual representing the employer who has knowledge of the injured employee's job; (2)the scope of the injured employee's employment, including any specific tasks, job duties, or work activities that the injured employee was required to perform at the time the employee sustained the injury; and(3)an area for additional comments or information by the employer or individual representing the employer concerning the injured employee's job or the availability, if any, of other jobs that the employer may have that the employer would like the treating doctor to consider in determining whether an injured employee is able to return to work.

HB 2820 by Chisum/Wentworth – Relating to contracts by governmental entities for professional services relating to geoscience and landscape architecture. HB 2820 would amend the Government Code relating to contracts by governmental entities for professional services relating to geoscience and landscape architecture.

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HB 2893 by Hochberg/ Shapleigh – Relating to the technology demonstration sites project and to a computer lending pilot program. HB 2893 would require that if the surplus or salvage data processing equipment of an institution or agency of higher education is not disposed of under other law, the entity make the equipment available to the commissioner of education for use in the computer lending pilot program. The pilot program and its enabling legislation would expire September 1, 2014.

HB 3632 by Geren/Averitt – Relating to the authority of the state to acquire, sell or exchange certain land. HB 3632 primarily deals with the General Land Office's power and authority to accept real or personal property on behalf of the state. This bill does include language that provides if an institution of higher education notifies the Texas Historical Commission in a timely manner that it protests the proposed designation of land, the matter becomes a contested case under the provisions of Section 12 through 20 of the Administrative Procedures and Texas Register Act. The current law is only applicable to a building.

HB 3756 by Howard, D. / Ellis – Relating to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). HB 3756 updates statutes related to the operations of TSLAC by deleting obsolete provisions and modernizing definitions and terms to reflect current practices and standards related to TSLAC's Talking

Book Program, the "Texas Reads" license plate, the Library Systems Act, the TexShare program, the local records division, and the archives division. The bill also enables TSLAC to expand the membership of the TexShare program and its advisory board through rulemaking authority and allows regional library systems to serve various types of libraries. HB 3756 also details TSLAC's right of recovery of state archival records by broadening the definitions of "state archival records" and granting TSLAC retroactive authority to retrieve Texas historical records created pre-statehood. Finally, the bill repeals county librarian certification references in statute and corrects drafting errors in legislation from the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, regarding the reauthorization of TSLAC.

HB 4127 by Hartnett/Carona - Relating to the expenditure of public funds for certain playground facilities. The statute governing compliance with safety standards for publicly funded playgrounds, enacted in 1995, references a standard published in the Handbook for Public Playground Safety published in 1994 by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (Publication No. 325). Today, the standard that is recognized and followed by the industry is set by the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM). HB 4127 updates current law relating to the expenditure of public funds for certain playground facilities to meet the new standard followed by the industry.

HB 4189 by Rose/Watson - Relating to the conduct of compliance programs by institutions of higher education and to the vaccination of students of institutions of higher education against bacterial meningitis. HB 4189 would allow institutions of higher education that maintain a compliance program to establish procedures to provide private access to a compliance office, maintain anonymity of individuals who make a compliance report or participate in a compliance investigation, and preserve confidentiality of communications. Under provisions of the bill, certain information would be confidential if the related individual does not consent to its disclosure. Information produced that would interfere with an ongoing compliance investigation would be excepted from disclosure under Government Code Chapter 552. The information would be available to a law enforcement agency or prosecutor for official purposes.

HB 4189 was amended to address vaccinations re bacterial meningitis; before registering a student must provide a certificate evidencing that the student has been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis. The bill applies to first-time students, including transfer students, who reside in an on-campus dormitory or housing facility at the institution. A student is not required to comply if an affidavit or a certificate is presented stating that the vaccination would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student or stating that the vaccination has been declined for reasons of conscience.

HB 4409 by Taylor/Jackson – Relating to emergency preparation and management. This legislation was the vehicle for the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA). HB 4409 would require TDI to adopt rules relating to the implementation of the bill; the bill would restructure the revenues collected and deposited into the Catastrophe Reserve Trust Fund. HB 4409 bill would require the Sunset Advisory Commission (SAC) to review TWIA, but does not subject the entity to abolishment. The bill would require that the review be conducted as if the association were scheduled to be abolished September 1, 2015. HB 4409 would require TWIA to pay the costs incurred by the SAC upon receipt of a statement from the SAC. The legislation would create the windstorm insurance legislative oversight board to monitor TWIA and review proposed legislation and requires the board to produce a biennial report on the board's recommendations.

Section 26 of the bill requires those that those that apply for a TWIA policy show a "diligent effort" to obtain property insurance through the voluntary market; once declination from an insurer will be required with an application for renewal of a TWIA policy.

SB 28 by Zaffirini/Deshotel – Relating to the use of a computer for an unauthorized purpose; providing a civil penalty. The bill would amend the Business and Commerce Code and provide that a person other than the owner of a computer may not knowingly cause or offer to cause a computer to send unsolicited electronic mail or attack a computer system or network; adds creation of botnets and zombies as specific instances of prohibited activities.

SB 194 by Shapleigh/Howard D. - Relating to a prohibition against certain activities by a person employed in the financial aid office of a public institution of higher education or of a career school or college. SB 194 prohibits a person employed in the financial aid office of an institution of higher education or a career school or college from owning stock or other ownership interest in a student loan lender, other than through ownership of shares in a publicly traded mutual fund or a similar investment vehicle. The bill also prohibits such a person from soliciting or accepting any gift from a student loan lender.

SB 745 by Duncan/Solomons - Relating to state travel policies and procedures for the reimbursement or payment of travel expenses. Current law requires a state employee, including an employee of an institution of higher education, to certify travel expenses for which the employee seeks reimbursement by approving a completed travel voucher. The voucher contains coding elements used for accounting that are not relevant to the employee's declaration of expenses incurred and trip purpose. If a travel voucher's coding elements need correction, the employee must reapprove the corrected voucher even if there is no change to the employee's travel details, which causes travel vouchers to be sent back and forth between accounting staff and traveling employees. This process delays travel voucher processing, creates barriers for electronic travel vouchers, and requires an employee to certify elements, such as USAS coding elements, that are generally unknown to the employee. SB 745 revises procedures and requirements relating to advance written approval, and completion and submission of vouchers, for state employee travel.

SB 1003 by Deuell/Flynn – Relating to the continuation and functions of the Office of State-Federal Relations and the administrative attachment of that agency to the office of the governor. SB 1003 requires all state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of Texas, including institutions of higher education and river authorities, to report to the Office on contracts with federal-level government relations consultants. The legislation requires that entities report federal-level consultant contracts within 30 days of entering into a contract and within 30 days of a contract termination. The legislation also contains a provision that requires a state agency or political subdivision that has a contract before the effective date of the bill to report to the Office on the contract before September 30, 2009.

SB 1003 requires information in such reports to include the name of the consultant or firm contracted with, the issue the firm was hired to work on, and the amount of compensation paid or to be paid to the consultant under the contract; it also requires state agencies to report any subcontracts of a contract with a federal-level government relations consultant to the Office. Finally, the legislation provides that the new contract reporting requirements do not apply to a political subdivision whose federal-level government relations consultant is required by other law to disclose or report the information to the public and a federal or state entity.

SB 1796 by Zaffirini/Castro - Relating to the approval of certain construction, repair, or rehabilitation projects at public institutions of higher education in this state. SB 1796 bill amends the Education Code to increase the cost thresholds that determine whether the Texas Higher Education Coordinating

Board approval is required for certain construction, repair, or rehabilitation projects at public institutions of higher education. The bill increases from \$1 million to \$4 million the total project cost threshold for board approval for **new construction** and from \$2 million to \$4 million the total cost threshold for board approval for major **repair and rehabilitation** of buildings and facilities. SB 1796 makes conforming changes to incorporate the \$4 million total cost threshold in provisions limiting the board's consideration and determination of approval to certain factors. SB 1796 authorizes the board, by rule, to increase the total cost thresholds required for board approval for all projects as delineated by the bill, as necessary to ensure that the board is required to approve only substantial construction, repair, or rehabilitation projects at institutions of higher education.

SB 2381 by West/Dukes - Relating to the fee charged for registration on the master bidders list. SB 2381 amends Section 2155.202, Government Code, to authorize the Comptroller of Public Accounts rather than the Texas Facilities Commission, to charge a person applying for registration on the master bidders list a registration fee. SB 2381 authorizes the Comptroller to charge a registrant a biennial renewal fee in an amount designed to recover the comptroller's, rather than the commission's, costs. SB 2381 requires the comptroller, in addition to the fee above, to also collect \$20 from each registrant to be used for the purpose of enforcing compliance with requirements of state purchasing statutes and the prevention of fraud in the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) program as set forth in Chapter 2161.

SB 2442 by Uresti/Gallego – Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by certain charitable organizations. SB 2442 amends Section 11.18 of the Tax Code to exempt from property taxes real property owned by a charitable organization and **leased** to an institution of higher education. The property would be exempt to the same extent that it would be exempt if the institution of higher education owned the property.

OPEN RECORDS RELATED LEGISLATION

HB 2004 by McCall/Ellis - Relating to a breach of computer security involving sensitive personal information and to the protection of sensitive personal information and certain protected health information. HB 2004 amends Chapter 181, Health and Safety Code, by adding a section that provides that an individual's protected health information, for a covered entity that is a governmental unit, includes any information that reflects that an individual received health care from the covered entity, and is not public information and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552 (Public Information), Government Code.

HB 4189 by Rose/Watson - Relating to the conduct of compliance programs by institutions of higher education and to the vaccination of students of institutions of higher education against bacterial meningitis. HB 4189 would allow institutions of higher education that maintain a compliance program to establish procedures to provide private access to a compliance office, maintain anonymity of individuals who make a compliance report or participate in a compliance investigation, and preserve confidentiality of communications. Under provisions of the bill, certain information would be confidential if the related individual does not consent to its disclosure. Information produced that would interfere with an ongoing compliance investigation would be excepted from disclosure under Government Code Chapter 552. The information would be available to a law enforcement agency or prosecutor for official purposes.

SB 671 by Shapleigh/Gallego - Relating to information requested by a member, committee, or agency of the legislature under the public information law. Under Section 552.008, Texas Government Code, the Texas Public Information Act requires governmental bodies, including institutions of higher education, to provide public information, including confidential information, to legislators when the requesting legislator specifies that the information is being requested for legislative purposes. The code also provides that the governmental body may require the requesting legislator to sign a confidentiality agreement with regard to any confidential information released under Section 552.008. The code, however, does not provide for a process by which the requesting legislator can determine whether information potentially made subject to a confidentiality agreement is indeed confidential. As a result, the governmental body could make potentially non-confidential information subject to a confidentiality agreement. SB 671 amends current law relating to information requested by a member, committee, or agency of the legislature under the public information law.

SB 1068 by Wentworth/Gallego - Relating to allowing a governmental body to redact certain personal information under the public information law without the necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general and allowing information about a public officer or public employee to be withheld if disclosure would pose a substantial risk of physical harm. SB 1068 would amend the Government Code to allow a governmental body (including an institution of higher education) to redact certain personal information under the public information law without requesting a decision from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). The amended sections of the bill also would require governmental bodies that withhold or redact information without an OAG opinion to provide certain information to the requestor about the withholding or redacting of the information. The requestor would have the right to request a review and opinion from the OAG before being required to sue for a writ of mandamus or seek a declaratory judgment. The OAG would be required to develop informational handouts and instruction forms, and to promptly render (not later than 45 business days of a request) and deliver a written decision requested under the amended Sections. The bill would add Section 552.151 to the Government Code to allow a governmental body to exemption information about a employee or officer of the governmental body to be excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021, Availability of Public Information, if, under the specific circumstances pertaining to the employee or officer, the disclosure of the information would subject the employee or officer to a substantial threat to physical harm.

SB 1182 by Wentworth/Ortiz – Relating to public information and open government. SB 1182 exempts from public disclosure information that could reasonably be expected to compromise the safety of an employee or official if it were released. To have the information withheld, the individual must apply in writing, describing the information involved and the specific circumstances that make its release dangerous. The agency's (including an institution of higher education) Public Information Officer would request a decision from the OAG regarding withholding the information. This portion of the bill would expire September 1, 2013.

SB 1182 amends the Texas Public Information Code, under the request for public information provisions, by adding a section which exempts information pertaining to certain biological agents and toxins, identified in federal law, from categories of publicly accessible information. Excepted information regarding select biological and toxic agent agents includes their specific location within an approved facility, personal identifying information of an individual whose name appears in documentation relating to the chain of custody, and the identity of authorized individuals. The bill would not allow exceptions from disclosure of the identity of the select agents present at a facility, the identity of an individual faculty member or employee whose name appears on published research, and otherwise public

information relating to contracts of a governmental body. SB 1182 would also require that information relating to the identity of out of state residents be subject to disclosure only to the extent the information would be subject to disclosure under the laws of the state of which the person is a resident.

SB 1182 would require a governmental body to provide a copy of written arguments that were submitted to the OAG to a requestor within 15 business days. Currently, a governmental body that requests an open records decision from the OAG under section 552.301(a) must submit written arguments only to the OAG concerning the applicability of exceptions in the PIA within 15 business days of receiving the request for information.

SB 1182 would clarify that the only suit a governmental body may file when trying to withhold information under the PIA is a suit against the OAG that seeks declaratory relief (rather than a mandamus action) from compliance with an open records decision of the OAG. Additionally, a governmental body wishing to preserve affirmative defenses for its public information officer found in section 552.353(b)(3) must file suit within the deadlines provided by that section. The bill would clarify certain sections of the PIA relating to litigation between the OAG and governmental bodies.

The bill would apply to requests for information made before, on, or after the relevant provisions of the bill. Except as otherwise provided by the bill, it would take effect September 1, 2009.

SB 1629 by Wentworth/Rose - Relating to the persons exempted from the required prepayment of the personnel costs incurred by a governmental body in responding to requests from a requestor under the public information law that require large amounts of personnel time. The bill would amend the Government Code to add newspapers of general circulation that are published on the Internet and magazines that are either published at least once a week or are on the Internet to the list of entities that may not be charged for public information requests that require large amounts of employee or personnel time. Requestors of the information would have to be individuals for whom a substantial portion of their livelihood or financial gain comes from gathering news or information and who seeks the information for a radio or television station, newspaper, magazine, or other accepted form of information dispensation.

BENEFITS RELATED LEGISLATION

HB 806 by Gallego/Zaffirini - Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain prosthetic devices, orthotic devices, and related services. HB 806 is applicable to the HMOs and PPOs used by the A&M System. The legislation states that the plans must provide coverage for prosthetic devices, orthotic devices, and professional services equal to coverage provided under federal laws for health insurance for the aged and disabled. Covered benefits are limited to the most appropriate model of device that adequately meets the medical needs of the enrollee as determined by the enrollee's treating physician. Subject to applicable copayments and deductibles, the repair and replacement of a prosthetic device or orthotic device is a covered benefit under this chapter unless the repair or replacement is necessitated by misuse or loss by the enrollee. Coverage may be subject to annual deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance that are consistent with annual deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance required for other coverage under the health benefit plan; and may not be subject to annual dollar limits.

HB 1138 by Shelton/Davis - Relating to information required on pharmacy benefit cards. The bill would require certain healthcare plans (inclusive of the A&M System health benefit plan) to provide certain information; the additional information would include: the name of the entity administering the pharmacy benefits if the entity is different from the health benefit plan issuer; the

group number applicable to the enrollee; an identification number for the enrollee, which may not be the enrollee's social security number; the bank identification number necessary for electronic billing; the effective date of the coverage evidenced by the card; and copayment information for generic and brand name prescription drugs. The bill would be effective September 1, 2009 and would apply to coverage issued or renewed after on or after January 1, 2010.

HB 1290 by Oliviera/Lucio - Relating to health benefit plan coverage for bariatric surgery and for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease. HB 1290 stipulates that a health benefit plan (including the A&M System health benefit plan) must provide the minimum coverage required to males older than 45 years of age and younger than 76 years of age and females older than 55 years of age and younger than 76 years of age; and those who are diabetic or have a risk of developing coronary heart disease.

The minimum requirement is coverage of up to \$200 for one of the following tests every five years:

- (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary artery calcification; or
- (2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness and plaque.

The Section of the bill that applies to ERS employees regarding coverage for bariatric surgery is already covered under the A&M System plan.

HB 1342 by Mendenez/Harris - Relating to adoption of certain information technology. HB 1342 will require health benefits plans (including the A&M System health benefit plan) to use information technology to provide participating providers with real-time information at the point of care concerning the enrollee's copayment and coinsurance; applicable deductibles; and covered benefits and services; and the enrollee's estimated total financial responsibility for the care.

A physician, hospital, or other health care provider that receives an overpayment from an enrollee must refund the amount of the overpayment to the enrollee not later than the 30th day after the date the physician, hospital, or health care provider determines that an overpayment has been made.

HB 2000 by McCall / Van de Putte - Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain amino acid-based elemental formulas. HB 2000 requires that a health benefit plan (including the A&M System health benefit plan) must provide coverage for amino acid-based elemental formulas, regardless of the formula delivery method, that are used for the diagnosis and treatment of: (1) immunoglobulin E and non-immunoglobulin E mediated allergies to multiple food proteins; (2) severe food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome; (3) eosinophilic disorders, as evidenced by the results of a biopsy; and (4) impaired absorption of nutrients caused by disorders affecting the absorptive surface, functional length, and motility of the gastrointestinal tract.

The coverage should be provided on a basis no less favorable than the basis on which prescription drugs and other medications and related services are covered by the plan.

HB 3347 by Truitt / Duncan - Relating to plan qualification provisions for and certain supplemental payments and health insurance deductions under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. HB 3347 changes state law in the TRS plan to include "differential pay" for active duty military under the federal "Heroes Act" (Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008). The bill also conforms state law to federal law for members who die while performing active military duty and their survivors. The bill also allows a non-spouse beneficiary to rollover an eligible distribution to an IRA and makes additional updates needed to keep TRS rollover provisions consistent with federal rollover provisions.

The bill allows for the withholding of health insurance premiums for eligible retired public safety officers participating in the University of Texas System and **Texas A&M University** System retiree health programs from their Teacher Retirement System (TRS) retirement annuities. Retirees would need to meet the requirements of Section 845 of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 or a similar law to exclude from annual gross income up to \$3,000 of distributions from an eligible retirement plan used for qualified health insurance premiums.

The bill also allows the TRS board of Trustees to make a one-time payment to qualified retired public school employees in an amount equivalent to the annuitant's monthly benefit, not to exceed \$500. The one-time payment is payable only if General Revenue funds are appropriated and may not be paid from pension trust funds.

HB 4402 by Martinez Fischer / Van de Putte - Relating to a study regarding insurance coverage of prescription drugs provided under a health benefit plan. HB 4402 requires that the Texas Department of Insurance will conduct a study to evaluate the ways in which pharmacy benefit managers use prescription drug information to manage therapeutic drug interchange programs and other drug substitution recommendations made by pharmacy benefit managers. It is likely that the Department will require information from the A&M System throughout the year to perform this study.

SB 39 by Zaffirini / Zerwas - Relating to health benefit plan coverage for routine patient care costs for enrollees participating in certain clinical trials. SB 39 requires that a health benefit plan issuer (including the A&M System benefit plan) shall provide benefits for routine patient care costs to an enrollee in connection with a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial if the clinical trial is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of a life-threatening disease or condition. Routine patient care costs means the costs of any medically necessary health care service for which benefits are provided under a health benefit plan, without regard to whether the enrollee is participating in a clinical trial. Routine patient care costs do not include an investigational new drug or device that is not approved for any indication by the United States Food and Drug Administration, or the cost of a service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis or a health care service that is specifically excluded from coverage under a health benefit plan.

A health benefit plan issuer is not required to provide benefits under this section for services that are a part of a clinical trial and that are customarily paid for by the research institution conducting the clinical trial. The benefits required under this chapter may be subject to a deductible, coinsurance, or copayment requirement comparable to other those for other services under the health benefit plan.

SB 704 by Nelson/Kolkhorst - Relating to the regulation of pharmacy benefit managers and mail order pharmacies. SB 704 requires that a state agency (including the A&M System) on request of another state agency shall disclose information relating to the amounts charged by a pharmacy benefit manager for pharmacy benefit manager services and other requested pricing information related to a contract for pharmacy benefit manager services. This does not require a state agency to disclose information the agency is specifically prohibited from disclosing under a contract with a pharmacy benefit manager executed before September 1, 2009. The information received by a state agency under this subchapter may not be disclosed to a person outside of the state agency or its agents.

In awarding a contract to provide pharmacy benefit manager services under this chapter, the contract must state that: 1) the system is entitled to audit the pharmacy benefit manager to verify costs and discounts associated with drug claims, pharmacy benefit manager compliance with contract requirements, and services provided by subcontractors; 2) the audit must be conducted by an independent auditor in accordance with established auditing standards; and 3) to conduct the audit,

the system and the independent auditor are entitled access to information related to the services and the costs associated with the services performed under the contract, including access to the pharmacy benefit manager's facilities, records, contracts, medical records, and agreements with subcontractors.

The contract must define the information that the pharmacy benefit manager is required to provide to the system concerning the audit of the retail, independent, and mail order pharmacies performing services under the contract and describe how the results of these audits must be reported to the system, including how often the results must be reported.

SB 1143 by Carona/McCall - Relating to requirements regarding employer liability for certain group health benefit plan premiums and to a health benefits study to be conducted by the Texas Department of Insurance. SB 1143 is a follow-up to last session's SB 51 that holds the employer liable for an enrollee's premiums from the time the enrollee is no longer part of the group eligible for coverage under the contract until the end of the month in which the contract holder notifies the health maintenance organization that the enrollee is no longer part of the group eligible for coverage by the contract; and the enrollee remains covered by the contract until the end of that period. SB 1143 expands these rules & regulations to PPOs; however, interpretation on its applicability upon self-insured groups is underway.

EMPLOYMENT RELATED LEGISLATION

HB 978 by Burnam/Watson – Relating to the employment rights of certain individuals with disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) was signed into law by President George W. Bush to expand the definition of the word "disability." This bill amends the Labor Code to reflect changes in federal law made by the ADAAA, such as extending nondiscrimination protections to individuals who have an impairment that is episodic or in remission when the impairment substantially limits a major life activity when it is active, and individuals whose impairment is ameliorated by mitigating measures (e.g., medications, hearing aids), except for eyeglasses and contact lenses.

HB 1043 by Orr/Nelson-Relating to the creation of business opportunities for certain former foster children. HB 1043 establishes an employment preference at state agencies, including institutions of higher education, for individuals who were in the state foster care system on the day before they turn 18 years of age. The preference applies when two or more applicants vie for the same position, and only prefers the former foster youth if the other applicants do not have a greater qualification. The employment preference applies only to individuals age 25 or younger.

HB 1462 by Pickett/Uresti - Relating to leave for certain state employees who volunteer or participate in training for Court Appointed Special Advocates. HB 1462 would grant up to 5 hours per month of time off from work without reduction in pay or leave to state employees (including higher education employees) who volunteer for the Court Appointed Special Advocates program. Court Appointed Special Advocates is an organization that trains and organizes volunteers who are appointed by judges to oversee and advocate for abused and neglected children as they move through the legal and social service systems.

HB 1831 by Corte/Carona – Relating to disaster preparedness and emergency management and to certain vehicles used in emergencies. Article 4 of the bill includes provisions for state employees

(including higher education employees) who are emergency services personnel, who are not subject to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, to take compensatory time off during the 18-months period following the end of the work week in which the emergency compensatory time was accrued or may receive overtime for all or part of the hours of compensatory time accrued during the declared disaster.

SB 833 by Carona/Turner, C. – Relating to the accrual of vacation and sick leave for certain state employees during a military leave of absence and to the eligibility of military service members to hold state office. Section 1 of the bill amends the Government Code to allow a state employee (including higher education employees) to continue to accrue vacation and sick leave while on unpaid leave of absence for military duty.

Section 2 of the bill amends the Government Code by authorizing an officer or enlisted member of the state military forces to hold other civil offices. This section will take effect on January 1, 2010, only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, authorizing an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices, is approved by the voters.

SB 2298 by Watson/Farabee - Relating to compensation of certain state employees. SB 2298 amends Section 659.018, Government Code related to compensatory time; the legislation creates an exception to authorize an employee (including higher education employees) to accumulate compensatory time off for hours worked during any calendar week at the employee's personal residence if the employee obtains the advance approval of the administrative head of the agency for which the employee works or that person's designee. The bill also deletes existing text prohibiting the employee's personal residence from being considered the employee's regular or temporarily assigned place of employment.

SB 2298 also removes the six month waiting period required between one-time merit payments for state and **higher education** employees who are paid a one-time merit for performance during a disaster.

HEALTH RELATED LEGISLATION

HB 394 by Rose/Van de Putte – Relating to the use of money from the Enterprise Fund to benefit certain small businesses and certain projects. Amends Section 481.078, Government Code, by adding Subsections (k) and (l), to require the governor to encourage the creation, development and location of small businesses in this state and to consider making grants from the Texas Enterprise Fund to recipients that are small businesses in this state that commit to using the grants to create additional jobs or small businesses from outside the state that commit to relocate to this state.

HB 497 by Zerwas/Nelson - Relating to a study to determine the effect on the health care infrastructure in this state if the state Medicaid program is abolished or a severe reduction in federal matching money under the program occurs.

Requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) to conduct a joint study to determine the effect on the health care infrastructure in this state, including health care delivery mechanisms, if the state Medicaid program is abolished or the amount of federal matching money available to the state under the program is severely reduced. Requires that the study address the effect on the availability of and accessibility to health care services provided under the state Medicaid program as of the effective date of this Act. Authorizes HHSC and TDI, in conducting the study, to seek input from health advocacy groups.

HB 1218 by Howard/Watson - Relating to programs to exchange certain health information between the Health and Human Services Commission and certain health care entities and facilities. A section of SB7, Senator Nelson's omnibus healthcare bill, was amended to HB1218. The section deals with Electronic Health Information Exchange and requires the Health and Human Services Commission to develop a pilot program in at least one urban area of the state to determine the feasibility, costs, and benefits of an electronic health information exchange system to improve the safety, quality and efficiency of services delivered under the child health plan and Medicaid. An advisory program is created, and the bill establishes phases to implement the system, including a requirement for HHSC to encourage providers to use the system and report to designated legislative committees.

HB 1358 by Keffer/Nelson - Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute. HB1358 is a follow-up to HB14, the enabling legislation passed in 2007 to create the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute. HB1358 clarifies the structure and process for administration of CPRIT funds. The legislation calls for the Executive Director to appoint the Scientific Research and Prevention Committee, sets the terms of the committee at four years, and allows members of the committee to receive an honorarium. The Oversight Committee may appoint *ad hoc* advisory committees as needed and is required to create an *ad hoc* committee on childhood cancers. HB1358 addresses a conflict of interest identified by the Texas Attorney General by creating a separate **University Advisory Committee** to provide input rather than review proposals. The University Advisory Committee is to include: 1) Two members appointed by the Chancellor of the UT System to represent UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, UTMB Galveston, UTHSC Houston, UTHSC San Antonio, UTHSC Tyler or UT MD Anderson Cancer Center; 2) One member appointed by **Chancellor of Texas A&M System** to represent the A&M HSC or its teaching hospital; 3) One member appointed by Chancellor of Texas Tech to represent Texas Tech HSC; 4) One member appointed by Chancellor of University of Houston System; 5) One member appointed by the Chancellor of Texas State University System; 6) One member appointed by Chancellor of University of North Texas System; One member appointed by the president of Baylor College of Medicine. HB1358 sets out requirements for disclosure of conflict of interest by members of the Science and Prevention Committee, University Advisory Committee, or *ad hoc* advisory committee to the Executive Director in writing and recusal of the member from deliberations, actions or decisions. No more than five percent of an award may be spent on indirect costs, and no more than five percent of an award can be spent on purchase, construction, remodel, or renovation of a facility. Requires oversight committee to issue rules regarding procedure for awarding grants including: 1) Science and Prevention Committee is to review applications and make recommendations to ED regarding award of cancer research grants by prioritized list; and 2) ED is required to submit to Oversight Committee list of applications in priority order. Oversight Committee is required to follow funding recommendations of the ED in the order submitted unless overridden by a 2/3 vote. ED is allowed to terminate grants not meeting contractual obligations. ED is to report annually to Oversight Committee on progress and merits of each funded program. Clarifies Public Information including 1) applicant name and address; 2) amount of funding applied for; 3) type of cancer to be addressed; and 4) other information designated.

HB 1671 by Crownover/Nelson – Relating to mutual aid agreements for newborn screening laboratory services. HB1671 authorizes the Department of State Health Services to enter into a mutual aid agreement to provide services to another state and to receive services from another state in the event of an unexpected interruption of service, including an interruption caused by a disaster. This bill includes provisions to address the confidentiality of the identity of the newborn child and the newborn child's family.

HB 1795 by Pierson/Uresti - Relating to newborn screening and the creation of the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee. The bill requires establishment of the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee to include healthcare providers, a hospital representative, persons who have affected family members, and persons involved in the delivery of newborn screening services, follow/up or treatment in Texas. The bill removes the requirement for DSHS to screen for galactose epimerase, and galactokinase and allows the department to require additional newborn screening tests with the advice of the Advisory Committee.

HB 2004 by McCall/Ellis - Relating to a breach of computer security involving sensitive personal information and to the protection of sensitive personal information and certain protected health information. HB 2004 amends Chapter 181, Health and Safety Code, by adding a section that provides that an individual's protected health information, for a covered entity that is a governmental unit, includes any information that reflects that an individual received health care from the covered entity, and is not public information and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552 (Public Information), Government Code.

HB 2154 by Edwards/Hinojosa - Relating to physician loan repayment.

Was amended to be replaced by HB 1876 (Chisum), Relating to creating the health care access fund to recruit health care providers in health professional shortage areas and to support federally-qualified health centers with tobacco tax proceeds. This bill addresses this loophole in the state's smokeless tobacco taxation method, shifting from an *ad valorem* method to a weight-based method. This change in the basis for taxation would bring the taxation of smokeless tobacco in line with taxation methods for other tobacco products. Under the program, A physician may receive repayment assistance under this subchapter in the amount determined by board rule, not to exceed the following amounts for each year for which the physician establishes eligibility for the assistance, (1) for the first year, \$25,000; (2) for the second year, \$35,000; (3) for the third year, \$45,000; and (4) for the fourth year, \$55,000.

HB 4471 by Kolkhorst/Nelson - Relating to the professional nursing shortage reduction program.

Texas is currently suffering a shortage of approximately 22,000 registered nurses, and the shortage is expected to grow as the state's rapidly increasing population ages and as more nurses retire. Prior to the session, a coalition involving higher education institutions, the Texas Nurses Association, the Texas Hospital Association, and others, worked to develop a comprehensive solution to increase enrollment and graduation of Texas-trained nurses to help meet the shortage. HB4471 updates the statutes regarding the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction program, removing outdated parameters and including language to confirm participation of all schools, including those that are newly established. The Legislature appropriated \$49.7 million in nursing education for 2010-2011, a \$35 million increase over the previous biennium. Funding for nursing education includes \$14.7 million per year in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's base budget to continue supporting increased graduation rates. Up to 50 percent of this part of the program funding can be allocated to community college programs (a change from 40 percent of the program last biennium). In addition, \$30 million per year in upfront funding will be available for nursing schools to increase enrollments beginning in the fall 2009 semester, with \$20.5M allocated to schools with graduate rates above 70 percent. This part of the program is to be funded at \$10,000 per student. The \$9.5M in remaining funds will be distributed to programs with graduation rates of less than 70 percent, hospital based diploma programs, or new programs with no established graduation rate. Institutions will receive \$20,000 for each additional initial RN graduate in two year programs and \$10,000 for each additional graduate in one-year programs. Through an application process to be outlined by the Coordinating Board, institutions will agree to increase graduates by a certain amount and must meet certain benchmarks to receive payment of these funds.

Another \$5 million will go to The University of Texas at Arlington to establish a regional nursing education center. Under HB4471, the THECB is required to through rule establish the process under which a professional nursing program may apply for a grant to enroll additional nursing students or graduate additional nursing students prepared for initial licensure as registered nurses. In addition, the board is required to adopt rules for permitting newly established professional nursing programs to participate in and receive grant awards under the program.

SB 39 by Zaffirini/Zerwas - Relating to health benefit plan coverage for routine patient care costs for enrollees participating in certain clinical trials. There is currently no statutory requirement for Texas insurers to cover routine patient care costs for individuals who elect to participate in clinical trials. Lack of health insurance coverage for routine medical costs could be a significant barrier to patients who might otherwise enroll in a beneficial clinical trial. This is due in part to many insurers denying medical coverage for clinical trial participants. Since 1995, nearly half of all states have passed legislation or entered into agreements requiring health plans to cover routine patient care costs for trial participants and, in 2000, Medicare beneficiaries who chose to participate in clinical trials were eligible for routine patient care cost coverage. SB39 sets forth health benefit plan coverage (including the A&M System Plan) requirements for routine patient care costs for persons with life-threatening illnesses who have elected to participate in certain clinical trials. In addition, it requires the state Medicaid program to provide the required benefits, to the extent allowed by federal law.

SB 78 by Nelson/Smithee, Relating to promoting awareness and education about the purchase and availability of health coverage. SB6 by Duncan was amended to SB78 to create the Healthy Texas program to increase small business' access to health insurance, to encourage small employers to offer coverage to employees and dependants, and to maximize managed care strategies. As a result, Texas Department of Insurance is charged with adopting rules to administer the program by January 4, 2010.

SB 98 by Lucio/Lucio III - Relating to establishing a health science center and medical school in South Texas. SB98 adds the health science center and its component institutions, if established, to the definition of "medical and dental unit" for purposes of the Higher Education Coordinating Act of 1965, to the list of institutions eligible to receive funds from the permanent health fund for higher education, and to the list of component institutions and entities of The University of Texas System. The bill prohibits funds for a fiscal biennium ending on or before August 31, 2015 from being appropriated for the purposes of the health science center.

SB 174 by Shapiro/Branch - Relating to accountability of institutions of higher education, including educator preparation programs, and online institution resumes for public institutions of higher education. The bill requires the THECB to prepare online resumes on institutions of higher education. Subchapter D relates to medical and dental units including nursing and allied health programs. The resume must provide a medical or dental unit's institutional grouping and in-state and out-of-state peer institutions. The THECB shall request any information it considers necessary to be included in the institution's resume. The report card must also have comparisons for the most recent available fiscal year with its previous fiscal year of information about (a) enrollment, including total students enrolled; (b) total enrolled by the institution's medical school; (c) total number of physicians in accredited residency training programs each September. The section on costs will include the average annual total academic costs, including by degree program and student type, as well as comparisons with costs of peer institutions. On success rates data will include a) the percentage of medical students who are

practicing primary care in the state (including comparisons with peer group success rates; b) percentage of medical school students who pass licensure; c) the percentage of medical school students who are practicing primary care in the state; d) the number of nursing degrees or allied health degrees awarded for each level (including comparison with peer group success rates); and e) the estimated total amount of research expenditures for the most recent state fiscal year available. Also included will be information about legislative funding (including money appropriated for faculty and staff health coverage and retirement benefits) and funding from all other sources. The THECB must also maintain a website for prospective students and others that identifies a medical or dental unit's (a) institutional grouping and in-state and out-of-state peers, (b) enrollment data disaggregated by student ethnicity, (c) costs, including tuition and fees charged, average annual total academic costs, tuition increases during the five preceding fiscal years (d) information about financial aid, including the percentage of students receiving financial aid and the average amount received, and (e) success rates of graduates including pass rates on first time licensure exams.

SB 291 by Nelson/McReynolds – Relating to hepatitis B vaccination for students enrolled in certain health-related courses of study at an institution of higher education. Current law stipulates that all students enrolled in certain health-related courses of study receive a hepatitis B vaccination series before the students begin providing direct patient care. Some potential students may choose not to pursue health care careers due to the expense and time required to receive the hepatitis B vaccination.

SB291 specifies that a rule requiring a hepatitis B vaccination for students may apply only to students enrolled at an institution of higher education in a course of study involving potential exposure to human or animal blood or bodily fluids.

SB 347 by Nelson/Kolkhorst – Relating to the receipt and release of immunization information by the immunization registry in connection with a disaster. Current law has no provision that allows for the exchange of immunization registry data, although it is permitted under federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) guidelines. There is a need to avoid duplicative immunizations and ease transition efforts for Texans who are forced to evacuate or relocate to other states during disasters. SB347 authorizes DSHS to exchange immunization records stored in ImmTrac, the state's immunization registry, with other state and local health departments during disasters or emergencies involving evacuations or relocations.

SB 381 by Van de Putte/Hopson – Relating to the authority of physicians to delegate to certain pharmacists the implementation and modification of a patient's drug therapy. Current law requires a pharmacist to implement or modify a patient's drug therapy as required by the patient's test results and as ordered by the physician in a physician protocol. SB381 allows a pharmacist working in a hospital, hospital-based clinic, or academic health care institution to carry out the supervising physician's orders and provide greater ease for patients in certain healthcare settings who receive services at an urban hospital or clinic but live in a rural area or who use a mail order pharmacy to fill new prescriptions. The bill authorizes a physician to delegate the implementation or modification of a patient's drug therapy, including the authority to sign a prescription drug order for dangerous drugs, to a qualified pharmacist if certain conditions are met. The bill requires the Texas State Board of Pharmacy to provide on its Internet website a list of pharmacists authorized to sign prescriptions and the name of the pharmacist's delegating physician.

SB 455 by Shapiro/Hopson – Relating to the regulation of the practice of dental assistants, including the delegation of certain dental acts. Access to dental care continues to be an issue for many Texans,

and SB455 seeks to address this issue by modifying the dental practice act to allow more efficient use of the existing dental workforce. Allowing dental assistants, who have been trained and certified, to perform certain procedures will relieve dental hygienists and dentists to focus their time on more complex procedures. Under the new law, a dentist will now be able to delegate additional procedures to be performed by a dental assistant, who will remain under the supervision of the dentist.

SB 526 Nelson/Martinez – Relating to grants for federally qualified health centers. More than 200 Texas counties are designated as medically underserved areas. Federally qualified health centers provide health care services to low income and medically underserved communities. The 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, enacted SB610 directing the Department of State Health Services to create the federally qualified health center incubator program to make grants to establish new or expand existing facilities that can qualify as federally qualified health centers. This program is set to expire on September 1, 2009. SB526 deletes language providing that the program expires on September 1, 2009, and authorizes the program to make grants to support new or expanded services at facilities that can qualify as federally qualified health centers.

SB 532 Patrick/Coleman – Relating to a physician’s delegation of prescriptive authority to physician assistants or advance practice nurses. Public demand has increased for more retail clinics for quick and affordable delivery of basic health care. However, Texas law limits and restricts the prescriptive authority of practicing physician assistants and advanced practice nurses. SB532 expands the parameters related to delegated prescriptive authority and decreases, from 20 percent to 10 percent, the amount of time required for physicians delegating prescriptive authority to practice on-site with a physician assistant or nurse practitioner. The bill also increases the distance allowed, from 60 to 75 miles, between an alternate site and a delegating physician's primary residence or practice site. The bill authorizes the Texas Medical Board to waive limitations on the number of physician assistants or advanced practice nurses, mileage, and on-site supervision requirements. The bill authorizes the development and usage of electronic options for the delegation registration process of and review of medical charts.

SB 1182 by Wentworth/Ortiz – Relating to public information and open government. In the interest of protecting security measures in place to allow for research using select biological agents or toxins, SB1182 provides an exception to public information and open records law pertaining to select biological agents or toxins. The following information that pertains to a biological agent or toxin identified or listed as a select agent under federal law, including under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (Pub. L. No. 107-188) and regulations adopted under that Act, is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021: (1) the specific location of a select agent within an approved facility; (2) personal identifying information of an individual whose name appears in documentation relating to the chain of custody of select agents, including a materials transfer agreement; and (3) the identity of an individual authorized to possess, use, or access a select agent. This section does not except from disclosure the identity of the select agents present at a facility. This section does not except from disclosure the identity of an individual facility member or employee whose name appears or will appear on published research. This section does not except from disclosure otherwise public information relating to contracts of a governmental body (including institutions of higher education). If a resident of another state is present in Texas and is authorized to possess, use, or access a select agent in conducting research or other work at a Texas facility, information relating to the identity of that individual is subject to disclosure under this chapter only to the extent the information would be subject to disclosure under the laws of the state of which the person is a resident.

SB 1325 by Nelson/Corte - Relating to the creation of a mental health intervention program for military veterans. Currently, veterans can access mental health services through the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) if they meet requirements for the general public including income and diagnoses. However, many veterans may not be covered by such services. The Veterans Administration provides some services, but veterans are often wary of accessing treatment because they are concerned about the implications of mental health treatment on their military records. Peer-to-peer counseling may reduce the concerns about stigma or negative repercussions. Veterans can share their experiences in a supportive environment, knowing that others have had similar experiences. SB 1325 directs DSHS to create a military veterans peer-to-peer mental health program to provide counseling to military veterans. The bill requires DSHS to solicit and train volunteers to provide the peer-to-peer counseling.

SB 1328 by Nelson/Naishtat - Relating to a study on the feasibility of providing vaccines to first responders deployed to a disaster area. SB1328 requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to conduct a study assessing the feasibility of providing vaccines to a first responder who may be exposed to certain diseases during deployment to a disaster area, the vaccination status of first responders and their families, workplace immunization policies and insurance coverage for first responders, the current ability of DSHS to provide vaccines to this population, possible funding sources for such a vaccination program, and ways to educate first responders about available options to vaccinate themselves and their families.

SB 1728 by West/Chavez – Relating to the administration of and eligibility for the Joint Admissions Medical Program. The bill deletes existing text requiring an undergraduate student to have enrolled at an institution of higher education not later than the first fall semester following the student's graduation from high school in order to be eligible for admission to the Joint Admission Medical Program or for selection as a program alternate. The bill adds the medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Lubbock and the medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso as eligible schools for the program. The bill requires the medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, as soon as practicable to enter into the agreement with the Joint Admission Medical Program Council required by the Education Code and to select an appropriate faculty member to represent the medical school on the council.

SB 1932 by Carona/McReynolds - Relating to the licensing requirements of hospitals temporarily providing outpatient dialysis services to a person because of a disaster. This language was proposed by TAMHSC to address the need for disaster evacuees who require dialysis to be able to receive outpatient services at hospitals in the area to which they have been evacuated. Following Hurricane Ike, patients with medical special needs were housed and cared for at Reed Arena but unable to receive dialysis due to local outpatient clinics being closed and a requirement that hospitals have special licensure to provide the service on an outpatient basis. SB1932 provides an exemption from licensure requirements for hospitals licensed under the Texas Hospital Licensing Law that provide dialysis only to individuals receiving outpatient services who are temporarily relocated due to a disaster declared by the governor or a federal disaster declared by the president of the United States occurring in this state or another state.

SB 2442 by Uresti/Gallego - Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by certain charitable organizations. Language added via floor amendment provides *ad valorem* tax exemption for buildings leased to a higher education institution but owned by a charitable organization. Real property owned by a charitable organization and leased to an institution of higher education, as

defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, is exempt from taxation to the same extent as the property would be exempt if the property were owned by the institution.

ENGINEERING RELATED LEGISLATION

Engineering - Transportation

HB 55 by Branch/Carona - Relating to an offense of using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle. HB 51 prohibits an operator of a motor vehicle from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle within a school crossing zone unless the vehicle is stopped or the wireless device is used with a hands-free device. An offense would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.

HB 339 by Phillips/Carona - Relating to driver education and driver's licensing requirements for minors. HB 339 strengthens current standards for driver education and the state's graduated driver license (GDL) law. Most notably, the bill requires additional hours of behind-the-wheel instruction during both daytime and nighttime hours, doubles the driving restriction phase to 12 months, and reinstates the on-road driving test that was suspended by DPS in 1995. The bill also mandates data analysis to determine crash rates associated with each form of driver education currently available.

HB 646 by Hughes/Eltife - Relating to the participation of this state in the Southern High Speed Rail Compact. HB 646 allows the Governor to execute a compact with other states to study the feasibility of rapid rail transit service between certain states and to establish a joint interstate commission.

HB 2142 by McClendon/Carona - Relating to the promotion of toll projects by the Texas Department of Transportation. HB 2142 authorizes TxDOT to conduct informational campaigns about the status of pending or ongoing state highway toll projects, rather than promotional campaigns for the development and use of toll projects or toll roads. The bill explicitly states that the department is not authorized to engage in marketing, advertising, or other activities for the purpose of influencing public opinion about the use of toll roads or the use of tolls as a financial mechanism.

SB 61 by Zaffirini/Vaught - Relating to the offense of failure to secure a child passenger in a motor vehicle and to fines for the offense. SB 61 changes the requirements for securing a child in a motor vehicle. Under current statute, a child under the age of five years and less than 36 inches in height is required to be secured in a child safety seat. The bill would require a child younger than the age of eight years, unless the child is taller than four feet, nine inches, to be secured in a child safety seat. This requirement would not be enforceable until June 1, 2010.

SB 334 by Carona/Pickett - Relating to the repeal of the authority of TxDOT to regulate air carriers. SB 334 repeals the statute that grants authority to TxDOT to regulate air carriers as Federal law preempts a state's economic regulation of air carriers.

SB 434 by Wentworth/Bolton - Relating to the establishment and operation of a motor-bus-only lane pilot program in certain counties. SB 434 requires the Texas Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and certain transit authorities and municipalities, to establish and operate a public transit motor bus-only lane pilot program for highways in Bexar, Denton, El Paso and Travis Counties that are part of the state highway system and have

shoulders of sufficient width and structural integrity to provide for use by public transit motor buses of highway shoulders as a low-speed bypass of congested highway lanes.

SB 883 by Carona/Pickett - Relating to the use of the state highway fund to participate in the costs associated with a toll facility of a public or private entity. SB 883 specifies that the Texas Department of Transportation may not pledge or encumber money in the State Highway Fund to guarantee a loan obtained by a public or private entity for costs associated with a toll facility of the public or private entity, with certain exemptions; or insure bonds issued by a public or private entity for costs associated with a toll facility of the public or private entity. The provisions of the bill would only apply to an agreement entered into on or after the effective date of the bill.

SB 970 by Seliger/Phillips - Relating to the qualifications required of the executive director of TxDOT. SB 970 removes the requirement that the executive director of TxDOT be a registered professional engineer and adds the requirement that he or she have organizational management experience and skills.

SB 1218 by Averitt/Pitts - Relating to the collection of data by the TxDOT regarding bridge collapses. SB 1218 requires TxDOT to report, at least annually, fatalities caused by a bridge collapse.

SB 1317 by Wentworth/T. Smith - Relating to education and examination requirements for the issuance of a driver's license to certain persons. SB 1317 requires driver education for all persons under the age of 25, and establishes new standards and a curriculum for that instruction.

SB 1382 by Carona/McClendon - Relating to the coordination of the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of a statewide passenger rail system by TxDOT. S.B. 1382 requires the Texas Department of Transportation to create a long-term plan for a statewide passenger rail system, which is required to include annual updates on existing and proposed passenger rail systems, analysis of potential interconnectivity problems, and ridership projections. The bill requires TxDOT to coordinate the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of a statewide passenger rail system and to coordinate with local entities involved with passenger rail responsibilities.

Engineering - Energy:

HB 469 by P. King/Seliger – Relating to the establishment of incentives by this state for the implementation of certain projects to capture and sequester carbon dioxide that would otherwise be emitted into the atmosphere. HB 469 The bill would provide tax incentives to organizations that participate in research and development activities related to a "clean energy project", defined as the construction of a coal-fueled or petroleum coke-fueled electric generating facility, including a facility in which the fuel is gasified before combustion, that: (1) has a capacity of at least 200 megawatts; (2) meets various emission limits outlined in the bill; (3) will capture at least 70 percent of the carbon dioxide resulting from the generation of electricity by the facility; (4) is capable of permanently sequestering the captured carbon dioxide in a geological formation; and (5) is capable of supplying the carbon dioxide for use in an Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) project.

SB 184 by Watson/Chisum – Relating to “no regrets” greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies. SB 184 requires TCEQ to develop and present a report to the legislature by December 31, 2010, that

outlines strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that, over the lifetime of the strategy, will result in no financial cost to businesses and consumers of the state.

Engineering - Economic Development:

HB 394 by Rose/Van de Putte – Relating to use of money from the Texas Enterprise Fund to benefit certain small businesses and certain projects. HB 394 requires that the Governor consider making grants from the Texas Enterprise Fund to small businesses in Texas that commit to creating additional jobs, for the relocation of small businesses from outside the state, or for individual projects that create 100 or fewer additional jobs.

HB 2531 by Chavez/Shapiro – Relating to a reporting requirement regarding the Texas emerging technology fund. HB 2531 requires the governor to submit an annual report containing performance metrics such as the aggregate amount of private sector investment, federal government funding, and contributions from other sources obtained in connection with awards made under any of the Emerging Technology Fund's (ETF) programs; as well as the amount of ETF awards received by each award recipient for the past three fiscal years. The annual report would be distributed to the legislature and posted on the governor's office website no later than January 1 of each year. The bill also requires ETF annual reports to identify the planned and actual outcomes associated with the commercialization program for the last two fiscal years. Finally, the bill requires ETF annual reports to provide a brief description of the equity position which the governor may take in companies that get commercialization awards, and the names of companies in which the governor has taken an equity position during the past three fiscal years.

Engineering - Emergency Response/Homeland Security:

HB 4102 by Eiland/Carona – Relating to the disaster contingency fund and relief for school districts located in a disaster area. HB 4102 allows a state or local government entity that participates in disaster preparation or disaster recovery to request and receive funding from the disaster contingency fund to pay for costs incurred in preparing for or recovering from a disaster. If state or local government entities receive reimbursement from the federal government, then the entities are required to reimburse the disaster contingency fund by the amount received from the federal government.

HB 4560 by Naishtat/Deuell – Relating to certain diseases or illnesses suffered by certain emergency first responders. HB 4560 requires that notification of a possible exposure to certain diseases or illnesses shall be given (1) by the hospital to the local health authority; and (2) by the local health authority to the director of the appropriate department of the entity that employs the emergency medical service personnel, peace officer, detention officer, county jailer, or fire fighter.

SB 1328 by Nelson/Naishtat – Relating to a study on the feasibility of providing vaccines to first responders deployed to a disaster area. SB 1328 requires the Department of State Health Services to conduct a study assessing the feasibility of providing vaccines to a first responder who may be exposed to certain diseases during deployment to a disaster area, the vaccination status of first responders and their families, workplace immunization policies and insurance coverage for first responders, the current ability of DSHS to provide vaccines to this population, possible funding sources for such a vaccination

program, and ways to educate first responders about available options to vaccinate themselves and their families.

Engineering - Other:

HB 2013 by Keffer/Hegar – Relating to tuition and laboratory fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain volunteer firefighters enrolled in fire science courses. HB 2013 extends the exemption program for firefighters enrolled in fire science curricula to volunteer firefighters who hold an Accredited Advanced level of certification or an equivalent under the State Firemen’s and Fire Marshal’s Association of Texas volunteer certification program or a phase V certification or equivalent successor certification under the Texas Commission on Fire Protection’s voluntary certification program.

HB 2347 by Thibaut/Whitmire – Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain peace officers enrolled in criminal justice or law enforcement course work and for certain educational aides. HB 2347 extends the tuition and laboratory fee exemption program, currently only applicable to firefighters enrolled in fire science curricula, to peace officers employed by political subdivisions of the state who enroll in a course or courses offered as part of a criminal justice or law enforcement management-related curriculum designed for peace officers.

HB 2425 by Morrison/Averitt – Relating to engineering recruitment programs established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. HB 2425 allows private and independent institutions of higher education to participate in the engineering recruitment program administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The bill also directs the Coordinating Board to study the success of baccalaureate degree programs offered at public community colleges.

HB 3389 by Harper-Brown/Deuell – Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. HB 3389 is the Sunset legislation. Among other things, the bill requires all peace officers to take a continuing education course on state and federal law every twenty-four months and eliminates the requirement for every peace officer to take continuing education topics on civil rights, racial sensitivity, and cultural diversity every four years, limiting these provision to only those peace officers that have not yet obtained intermediate proficiency.

SB 1011 by Estes/B. Brown – Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. SB 1011 is the Sunset legislation. The bill changes the name of the agency to the Texas Fire Protection Agency and transfers the commission’s grant program to the Texas Forest Service.

AGRICULTURE RELATED LEGISLATION

HB 1908 by King, Tarcy/Hinojosa- Relating to the safety of the fresh fruit and vegetables produced in this state.The bill requires the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to assist the fresh fruit and vegetable industries with food safety issues. The bill would also require TDA to coordinate, plan, and approve training and awareness programs for producers and packers of fresh fruits and vegetables.

HB 2527 by Aycock/Hegar - Relating to the regulation of commercial fertilizer. HB 2527 preempts and supersedes any local legislation already in place by a political subdivision relating to commercial fertilizer

regulation. It also amends Section 63.152 (Registration Required), Agriculture Code, to prohibit the production, storage, and transfer of ammonium nitrates unless the person holds a certificate of registration. The bill also clarifies what information is to be included on an application for registration submitted by an applicant who owns an ammonium nitrate facility.

HB 375 by Miller, Sid/Estes - Relating to classifying elk and elk hybrids as livestock under the Agriculture Code. Currently, many farmers and ranchers receive agriculture-related valuation for farming and ranching operations on their property. Historically, farm elk have fallen into the ag valuation category but, because the Agriculture Code does not specifically include "elk" in the definition of "livestock," a few counties are revoking agriculture-related valuations of some property owners. HB 375 relates to classifying elk and elk hybrids as livestock under the Agriculture Code.

HB 1530 by Button/ Deuell- Relating to the licensing and regulation of health-related pest control by the Department of Agriculture. HB 1530 addresses the significant public health threats that mosquitoes pose, including concerns over the West Nile Virus. By amending pesticide law, this bill allows the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to license health-related pesticide applicators for free or for a minimal fee. This will ensure that public health professionals retain the training and licensure important in managing insecticides while keeping Texas residents safe from potentially harmful mosquito populations.

HB 1622 by Giddings/Zaffirini- Relating to a grant program to provide children at risk of hunger or obesity with increased access to nutritious foods. HB 1622 will combat the growing crises of hunger and obesity among Texas youth by providing access to food choices vital to both effective nutrition education and behavioral change. This bill addresses this deficit and supplements existing efforts by nonprofit agencies to combat child obesity by establishing a grant program to purchase and distribute nutritious foods to children at risk of hunger or obesity. HB 1622 amends current law relating to a grant program to provide children at risk of hunger or obesity with increased access to nutritious foods.

HB 1684 by Brown, Betty/Estes- Relating to the creation and administration of the rural veterinarian loan repayment program. HB 1684 amends current law relating to the creation and administration of the rural veterinarian loan repayment program. Reasonable access to veterinary care is crucial for the continued maintenance and health of animal agriculture. Many farmers, ranchers, and cattlemen have highlighted the need for more rural large animal veterinarians in rural areas. Given the growth of the Texas deer breeding industry, the need has extended to include large animal practitioners who are familiar with deer medicine and protocols.

HB 3144 by Gonzalez Toureilles/ Seliger- Relating to an exemption from the sales and use tax for property used in agricultural operations and for aircraft used in connection with agriculture. HB 3144 extends the sales tax exemption for agricultural items to include tangible personal property, including tires or other equipment exclusively used or employed on a farm or ranch for specified purposes. It also clarifies the exemption from sales and use tax for machinery and equipment used in agricultural aircraft operations. This is consistent with current law because it affords agricultural aircraft the same tax exemptions extended to other forms of agricultural machinery.

HB 4006 by Hardcastle/Estes- Relating to veterinarian reports of diseased animals. The legislation requires veterinarians, veterinary diagnostic laboratories (including the TVMDL) and/or persons having care, custody or control of livestock, exotic livestock, bison, domestic or exotic fowl to report certain significant diseases to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) within 24 hours of diagnosis.

HB 4031 by McCall/Seliger- Relating to the agricultural biomass and landfill diversion incentive program. The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to modify the Agricultural Biomass and Landfill Diversion Incentive Program to include renewable biomass aggregators and bio-coal fuel producers who provide qualified agricultural biomass, forest wood waste, urban wood waste, co-firing biomass, or storm-generated biomass debris to facilities that use biomass to generate electric energy.

SB 184 by Watson/Chisum- Relating to "no regrets" greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies. This bill calls on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to identify cost-effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Commonly known as the "no regrets" approach, this bill seeks to realize the economic benefits, cost savings to businesses and consumers, and environmental benefits of identifying and prioritizing no-cost and cost saving greenhouse gas reduction strategies first.

SB 184 requires TCEQ to develop and present a report to the legislature by December 31, 2010, that outlines strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that, over the lifetime of the strategy, will result in no financial cost to businesses and consumers of the state.

SB 870 by Lucio/Castro- Relating to the duties of the interagency obesity council and the Department of Agriculture relating to health, wellness, and prevention of obesity and to the establishment of an obesity prevention pilot program. SB 870 relates to the duties of the Interagency Obesity Council and the Department of Agriculture (TDA) relating to health, wellness, and prevention of obesity. The bill would require the council to create an evidence-based public health awareness plan. The bill also requires the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to establish an obesity prevention pilot program for a period of at least 24 months in one or more health care service regions.

SB 876 by Averitt/Dunnam- Relating to the performance of annual soil tests for certain concentrated animal feeding operations by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. SB 876 will require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to perform annual soil sampling at concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) in a major sole source impairment zone (parts of the North Bosque Watershed). The bill would allow the TCEQ to have the sampling performed under contract.

SB 958 by Hegar/Heflin- Relating to an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain aircraft, including machinery and equipment used in an agricultural aircraft operation. SB 958 exempts agricultural aircraft operations from sales and use taxes on machinery and equipment used to dispense substances intended for plant nourishment, soil treatment, propagation of plant life, or pest control; or engaged in dispensing activities directly affecting agriculture, horticulture, or forest preservation, but not including the dispensing of live insects.

SB 1016 by Estes/Flynn – Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Agriculture and the Prescribed Burning Board, the creation of the Texas Bioenergy Policy Council and Texas Bioenergy Research Committee, and the abolition of the Texas-Israel Exchange Fund Board; providing penalties. The Texas Department of Agriculture, Prescribed Burning Board, and Texas-Israel Exchange Fund Board are subject to the Sunset Act and would have been abolished on September 1, 2009 unless continued by the Legislature. The bill contains the Sunset Commission's recommendations to continue the Department for the standard 12-year period; continue the Prescribed Burning Board, but remove its separate Sunset date so that it will be reviewed along with the Department in the future; and abolish the Texas-Israel Exchange Fund Board, but allow the Department to seek funding for bi-national agricultural research as it sees fit. The Sunset Commission also found opportunities to redirect several

of TDA's programs to ensure they meet the needs of today's agriculture industry and the state as a whole.

SB 1163 by Seliger/Kolkhorst- Relating to the penalties for theft of cattle, horses, exotic livestock, exotic fowl, sheep, swine, or goats. SB 1163 makes the theft of cattle, horses, exotic livestock or fowl, sheep, swine, or goats a state jail felony if the stolen property is less than 10 head of sheep, swine, or goats or any part thereof under the value of \$20,000, and a felony of the third degree if the property stolen is cattle, horses, or exotic livestock stolen during a single transaction and having an aggregate value of less than \$100,000 or 10 or more head of sheep, swine, or goats stolen during a single transaction and having an aggregate value of less than \$100,000.

SB 1693 by Ogden/Cook- Relating to the regulation of poultry facilities and poultry litter by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board and to the enforcement authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. SB 1693 amends current law to address issues related to poultry facility odors, response to complaints, air contaminant prevention measures and the record of sale, purchase, transfer or application of poultry. This bill also adds a course of action for responding to poultry odor complaints, as well as improving upon record retention for the sale, purchase or transfer of poultry litter.

SB 2534 by Wentworth/Corte- Relating to the creation of an interagency task force on economic growth and endangered species; providing information and direction regarding endangered species issues in certain areas of the state. The bill would amend the Government Code and create a task force on economic development and endangered species and require that the Comptroller's Office provide administrative support. The **Texas A&M University System** would also be required to assist in the analysis of any biological and economic impacts.

Other Bills of Interest That Passed

HB 55 by Branch / Carona - Relating to an offense of using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 103 by Brown/ Patrick - Relating to health benefit plans for students at institutions of higher education and the operation of certain health benefit plans through student health centers at certain institutions of higher education. VETOED

HB 398 by Zerwas/Watson- Relating to requirements for expedited credentialing of certain physicians by managed care plans.

HB 415 by Villarreal / Uresti - Relating to the regulation of employer-based day-care facilities.

HB 464 by Paxton/Nelson-Relating to the preparation by the Legislative Budget Board of a dynamic fiscal impact statement for certain bills and joint resolutions affecting taxes and fees.

HB 498 by McClendon/Ellis-Relating to the establishment of an advisory panel to assist with a study regarding the prevention of wrongful convictions.

HB 523 by Giddings/Fraser-Relating to the contents of a receipt issued for payment of a good or service.

HB 537 by Berman/Eltife – Relating to the transportation of children in passenger vans.

HB 582 by Dukes/Van de Putte-Relating to informing the parents and guardians of certain children about the availability of the child health plan and medical assistance program.

HB 602 by Farabee/Estes-Relating to designation of Midwestern State University as a public liberal arts university.

HB 610 by Naishtat/Van de Putte-Relating to the establishment of the Legislative Committee on Aging and other initiatives relating to the aging population of this state.

HB 618 by Corte/Wentworth-Relating to privileged parking for certain veterans and military award recipients.

HB 673 by Solomons/Watson-Relating to certain services provided by the office of injured employee counsel under the workers' compensation program of this state.

HB 821 by Leibowitz/Watson-Relating to the sale, recovery, and recycling of certain television equipment.

HB 846 by Martinez / Gallegos - Relating to the license or certificate renewal process for emergency medical services personnel and certain law enforcement officers.

HB 873 by Dukes / Deuell - Relating to incentives for the film, television, video, and digital interactive media production industries

HB 978 by Burnam / Watson - Relating to the employment rights of certain individuals with disabilities.

HB 1055 by Parker / Harris - Relating to the procedure for submitting certain plans and specifications of buildings or facilities for the purpose of eliminating architectural barriers encountered by persons with disabilities.

HB 1056 by Morrison/Hegar- Relating to the course levels offered by the University of Houston-Victoria.

HB 1058 by Solomons/Lucio-Relating to the receipt of death benefits in the workers' compensation system.

HB 1093 by Pickett/Nelson-Relating to oversight of regional poison control centers and the poison control network.

HB 1259 by Kolkhorst/Duncan-Relating to hiring outside legal counsel to provide legal services to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 1325 by Rios Ybarra/Lucio-Relating to the degrees awarded by the State Technical College System.

HB 1342 by Menendez/Harris-Relating to adoption of certain information technology.

HB 1343 by Menendez / Van de Putte - Relating to blind and disabled pedestrians and failure of the operator of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way.

HB 1382 by Davis/Harris-Relating to assessment of certain charges by certain commercial landlords that are governmental entities.

HB 1423 by Guillen/Shapiro-Relating to granting charters to public junior colleges for open-enrollment charter schools.

HB 1452 by Eissler/Van de Putte – Relating to participation in job training and employment assistance programs by veterans and other covered persons.

HB 1568 by Gonzales/Zaffirini-Relating to authorizing an exemption from tuition and fees charged by a junior college district for employees of the district.

HB 1730 by Pitts/Averitt-Relating to authorizing the issuance of bonds for the reimbursement of the cost of public improvements located in public improvement districts in certain counties.

HB 1830 by Corte / Ellis - Relating to information technology security practices of state agencies.

HB 1888 by Davis/Duncan-Relating to standards required for certain rankings of physicians by health benefit plans.

HB 1908 by King/Hinojosa-Relating to the safety of the fresh fruit and vegetables produced in this state.

HB 1918 by Darby/Estes-Relating to changing the name of the Office of Rural Community Affairs to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs.

HB 1924 by Heflin/Seliger-Relating to the performance of pharmacy services in certain rural areas.

HB 1995 by McCall/Fraser-Relating to the liability of volunteer audiologists and speech-language pathologists who provide certain speech, language, and hearing evaluations.

HB 1998 by McCall / Gallegos - Relating to temporary housing and emergency shelters provided by a political subdivision for disaster victims.

HB 2000 by McCall/Van de Putte-Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain amino acid-based elemental formulas.

HB 2003 by McCall / Watson - Relating to the creation of the offense of online harassment.

HB 2012 by Vaught / Carona - Relating to the criminal consequence of operating without a valid driver's license a motor vehicle for which financial responsibility is not established.

HB 2020 by Weber/Jackson-Relating to parking privilege for veterans with disabilities.

HB 2027 by Zerwas/Harris-Relating to adoption of the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.

HB 2169 by Chavez/Hinojosa – Relating to Relating to the establishment of additional job incentive programs by the Texas Workforce Commission using the skills development fund.

HB 2256 by Hancock/Duncan-Relating to mediation of out-of-network health benefit claim disputes concerning enrollees, facility-based physicians, and certain health benefit plans.

HB 2283 by Truitt/Deuell-Relating to increasing state employee participation in the TexaSaver program.

HB 2346 by Thibaut / Ellis - Relating to the removal of illegally parked vehicles from residential parking permit areas in certain municipalities.

HB 2433 by W. Smith/Williams - Relating to the powers of certain freight rail districts.

HB 2434 by W. Smith/Williams - Relating to TxDOT supervision of federal funds appropriated for the construction and maintenance of rail facilities.

HB 2515 by Smith/Harris-Relating to certain requirements applicable to certain public contracts.

HB 2542 by Eissler/Van de Putte-Relating to excused absences in public schools for students visiting institutions of higher education.

HB 2559 by Truitt/Duncan-Relating to the powers and duties and benefits available under the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

HB 2656 by Miller/Duncan-Relating to the composition of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 2664 by Ritter/Hegar-Relating to creating a defense to prosecution for the offense of unlawful carrying of a handgun by a license holder on the premises of certain businesses.

HB 2667 by Ritter/Hinojosa-Relating to performance standards for plumbing fixtures sold in this state.

HB 2685 by Callegari/Nichols-Relating to the landowner's bill of rights.

HB 2730 by Kolkhorst/Hinojosa-Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas and the Texas Private Security Board.

HB 2748 by Chisum/Duncan-Relating to the abolition of the Texas Environmental Education Partnership Fund.

HB 2751 by Truitt/Duncan-Relating to participation and credit in, benefits from, and the administration of the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System.

HB 2805 by Maldonado/Ogden-Relating to the administration, powers, duties, operation, and financing of the East Williamson County Multi-Institution Teaching Center.

HB 2954 by Coleman/Ellis-Relating to authorizing an increase in the student center fee at Texas Southern University.

HB 2961 by Coleman/Ellis-Relating to authorizing an increase in the student union fee at the University of Houston.

HB 3147 by Smith, Todd / Seliger - Relating to taking or attempting to take a weapon from a commissioned security officer.

HB 3413 by Thompson / Averitt - Relating to the sale of glassware and nonalcoholic beverages by certain wholesalers and distributors.

HB 3433 by Menendez / Watson - Relating to the extended registration of a fleet of motor vehicles.

HB3456 by Branch/Zaffirini-Relating to the education and preparation of resident physicians.

HB 3461 by Orr/Watson-Relating to the powers and duties of the School Land Board and the commissioner of the General Land Office.

HB 3480 by Truitt/Van de Putte-Relating to certain investment products made available to certain public school employees and the companies authorized to provide those products.

HB 3519 by Branch/Hinojosa-Relating to the coordination and administration of the Texas Career Opportunity Grant Program.

HB 3961 by McReynolds/Nelson-Relating to the regulation of nursing.

HB 4102 by Eiland / Carona - Relating to the disaster contingency fund and relief for school districts located in a disaster area.

HB 4341 by Truitt/Shapiro-Relating to the regulation of discount health care programs by the Texas Department of Insurance.

HB 4409 by Taylor / Jackson, Mike - Relating to emergency preparation and management.

HB 4476 by Cohen/Zaffirini-Relating to eligibility requirements for the tuition equalization grant program.

HB 4501 by Coleman/Ellis-Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas Southern University.

HB4519 by Homer-Relating to standards for independent review organizations.

HB 4545 by Raymond/Van de Putte-Relating to the time for filing a petition for judicial review in certain workers' compensation cases.

HB 4560 by Naishtat / Deuell - Relating to certain diseases or illnesses suffered by certain emergency first responders.

SB 39 by Zaffirini/Zerwas-Relating to health benefit plan coverage for routine patient care costs for enrollees participating in certain clinical trials.

SB 78 by Nelson/Smithee-Relating to promoting awareness and education about the purchase and availability of health coverage.

SB 90 by Van de Putte/Geren-Relating to adoption of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

SB97 by Van de Putte/Villarreal-Relating to the authority of a dental hygienist to provide services in certain facilities.

SB 98 by Lucio/LucioIII-Relating to establishing a health science center and medical school in South Texas.

SB 129 by Ellis/Coleman - Relating to the maximum speed limit for a neighborhood electric vehicle operated on a street or highway.

SB 161 by Ellis/Harper-Brown - Relating to specialty license plates supporting the Safe Routes to School program.

SB 202 by Shapleigh/Gonzales-Relating to provisional licensing of physicians to practice in underserved areas.

SB 254 by Estes/Pena – Relating to the exemption of volunteer fire departments from certain motor fuel taxes.

SB 256 by Estes/Farabee-Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Midwestern State University.

SB 283 by Nelson/Shelton-Relating to the membership and activities of local school health advisory councils and to parental involvement in human sexuality instruction in public schools.

SB 328 by Carona/Phillips - Relating to the civil and criminal consequences of operating a motor vehicle or a watercraft while intoxicated.

SB 375 by Carona/T. Smith - Relating to the release of motor vehicle accident information.

SB 448 by Carona/Pickett - Relating to TxDOT's authority to mitigate adverse environmental impacts of state highway construction, improvement or maintenance.

SB 470 by Carona/Hamilton – Relating to training and continuing education for licensed electrical apprentices.

SB 473 by Estes/Crownover-Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at the University of North Texas.

SB 476 by Nelson/D. Howard-Relating to staffing, overtime, and other employment protections for nurses.

SB 480 by Carona/W. Smith - Relating to the authority of the Texas Transportation Commission to enter covenants for environmental remediation of real property owned by TxDOT.

SB 526 by Nelson/Martinez-Relating to grants for federally qualified health centers.

SB 532 by Patrick, Dan / Coleman - Relating to a physician's delegation of prescriptive authority to physician assistants or advanced practice nurses.

SB 572 by Shapiro / Branch - Relating to transportation safety training requirements for certain child-care providers.

SB 596 by Nichols/Christian-Relating to the name of Stephen F. Austin State University.

SB 638 by Nichols/Flynn-Relating to the collateralization of certain public funds.

SB 652 by Zaffirini/Frost-Relating to the maintenance of emergency contact and medical information databases by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

SB 687 by Hegar/Driver-Relating to injury leave and related benefits for certain state peace officers injured in the course of performance of duty.

SB 702 by Carona / Jackson, Jim - Relating to the regulation of the towing and storage of vehicles.

SB 705 by Nelson/Naishtat-Relating to long-term care consumer information and Medicaid waiver programs.

SB 811 by Duncan/Darby-Relating to authorizing the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System to transfer the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts to a nonprofit organization to operate the museum.

SB 858 by Seliger/J. Jackson - Relating to offering the classroom portion of a driver education course through an alternative method of instruction.

SB 874 by Shapleigh/Quintanilla-Relating to the exemption of certain counties from the drainage charge imposed by a municipal drainage utility system.

SB 882 by Carona/Geren - Relating to the powers and duties of a regional tollway authority, including the establishment of an administrative adjudication hearing procedure.

SB 956 by West/Branch-Relating to the establishment of a law school in the city of Dallas by the University of North Texas System.

SB 1058 by Uresti/Coleman-Relating to reporting requirements for health occupation regulatory agencies.

SB 1083 by Huffman/Gonzales-Relating to access to certain confidential patient information within the Department of State Health Services.

SB 1143 by Carona / Thompson - Relating to requirements regarding employer liability for certain group health benefit plan premiums and to a health benefits study to be conducted by the Texas Department of Insurance.

SB 1145 by Zaffirini/Dunnam-Relating to protocol for folding the state flag.

SB 1303 by Seliger/King-Relating to the requirement that certain state and local governmental entities designate a firearms proficiency officer and require weapons proficiency.

SB 1343 by Hinojosa / Gonzales - Relating to the formula funding for public institutions of higher education for certain credit hours that do not count toward a degree. Last Action: 6-19-09 Vetoed by the Governor

SB 1367 by Carona / Pickett - Relating to parking placard or specialty license plate applications by persons with a mobility problem caused by an impairment of vision.

SB 1442 by Fraser/Giddings-Relating to business entities and associations.

SB 1472 by Gallegos/Hernandez-Relating to public meetings for permit applications under the Texas Clean Air Act.

SB 1474 by Nichols/McReynolds-Relating to compensation for certain emergency services personnel.

SB 1629 by Wentworth / Rose - Relating to the persons exempted from the required prepayment of the personnel costs incurred by a governmental body in responding to requests from a requestor under the public information law that require large amounts of time.

SB 1655 by Van de Putte/Farias-Relating to the organization, duties, and functions of the Texas Veterans Commission and to providing funding for assistance for veterans through a lottery game.

SB 1728 by West/Chavez-Relating to the administration of and eligibility for the Joint Admissions Medical Program.

SB 1735 by West/Branch-Relating to providing police and security services for certain post-secondary educational institutions.

SB 1759 by Watson / Patrick - Relating to the extended registration of a commercial fleet of motor vehicles.

SB 1814 by Van de Putte/Deshotel-Relating to return-to-work coordination services and a return-to-work reimbursement program for employers participating in the workers' compensation system.

SB 1940 by Van de Putte/Ortiz-Relating to the fund for veterans' assistance and to the establishment of pretrial veterans court programs.

SB 1952 by Jackson/Weber-Relating to the authorization of certain municipalities and counties to issue public securities for the financing of permanent improvements for use by an institution of higher education.

SB 1969 by West/Leibowitz-Relating to nonsubstantive additions to and correction in enacted codes, to the nonsubstantive codification or disposition of various laws omitted from enacted codes, to conforming codifications, and repeal of unconstitutional

SB 2064 by West/Otto-Relating to the issuance of state and local government securities , including the powers and duties of the Bond Review Board and the issuance of private activity bonds.

SB 2169 by Ellis/Alvarado-Relating to the establishment of a smart growth policy work group and the development of a smart growth policy for this state.

SB 2178 by Shapleigh / Hochberg - Relating to the establishment by the commissioner of education of a computer lending pilot program for public schools.

SB 2240 by Zaffirini/Crownover-Relating to the financing of educational and related facilities by higher education facility authorities or nonprofit corporations performing the functions of those authorities and the governance of higher education facility authorities.

SB 2423 by Deuell/Gonzalez Toureilles-Relating to the transfer or sale of patient information or prescription drug history by discount health care programs.

Bills of Interest Not Passing

The following is a list of bills that were tracked by the Office of Governmental Relations that did not pass:

- HB 1 by Pitts** -- General Appropriations Bill
- HB 4 by Orr** -- Relating to eminent domain, including certain limitations, procedures, and standards relating to the use of eminent domain.
- HB 5 by Crownover** -- Relating to the elimination of smoking in all workplaces and public places.
- HB 6 by Eiland** -- Relating to supplemental appropriations to pay for damages and disruptions suffered by state agencies and institutions of higher education caused by natural disasters.
- HB 9 by Truitt** -- Relating to local options regarding transportation and mobility improvement projects in certain counties.
- HB 11 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to repeal of authority for the establishment and operation of the Trans-Texas Corridor.
- HB 12 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to the membership of the Transportation Commission.
- HB 13 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to the operation of a state highway or segment of a state highway as a toll project.
- HB 14 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to the application of certain contract management laws to the Department of Transportation.
- HB 15 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to the participation of certain metropolitan planning organization policy board members in votes of the board related to certain toll projects.
- HB 20 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to exempting textbooks from university and college courses from the sales tax.
- HB 21 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to a fixed tuition rate provided by general academic teaching institutions and public lower-division institutions of higher education to certain undergraduate students.
- HB 30 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to boil water notification requirements for water systems.
- HB 31 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to the amount of liability insurance required to be maintained on certain buses owned by a motor carrier.
- HB 32 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to prohibiting discrimination against certain employees who sustain an injury in the course and scope of employment.
- HB 33 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to certain requirements for employers not covered by workers's compensation insurance.
- HB 34 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to the enforceability of certain contracts between an employer who does not have worker's compensation coverage and an employee of the employer.
- HB 35 by Leibowitz** -- Relating to reporting requirements for employers not covered by worker's compensation insurance.
- HB 38 by Corte** -- Relating to providing resident tuition at public institutions of higher education for certain military veterans and their dependents.
- HB 43 by Corte** -- Relating to permitting requirements of groundwater conservation districts, including permits to transfer water.
- HB 48 by Riddle** -- Relating to the suspension of certain licenses held by employers for the knowing employment of persons not lawfully present.
- HB 49 by Riddle** -- Relating to the creation of the offense of criminal trespass by illegal aliens and to certain procedures for arresting illegal aliens suspected of committing criminal offenses.
- HB 50 by Riddle** -- Relating to information required to establish resident status in connection with tuition and fees charged by public institutions of higher education.
- HB 52 by Branch** -- Relating to limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.
- HB 56 by Branch** -- Relating to the theft or unlawful possession of a motor vehicle inspection certificate.
- HB 57 by Branch** -- Relating to exemptions from the sales tax for personal computers during a limited period.
- HB 59 by Branch** -- Relating to the establishment of a law school in the city of Dallas by the University of North Texas System.
- HB 61 by Aycock** -- Relating to the statutory limitation imposed on certain university systems to issue revenue bonds to fund facilities at certain institutions of higher education.
- HB 65 by Lucio III** -- Relating to establishing a health science center and medical school in South Texas. Companions: SB 98 Lucio Sent to the Governor
- HB 66 by Lucio III** -- Relating Relating to the establishment of a school of law at the University of Texas at Brownsville.
- HB 70 by Guillen** -- Relating to the issuance of an occupational license to certain applicants with criminal convictions.
- HB 76 by Flynn** -- Relating to the comptroller's electronic funds transfer system.
- HB 81 by Flynn** -- Relating to the use of public funds to print certain public documents in a language other than English and other bilingual requirements.
- HB 83 by Martinez** -- Relating to establishing a health sciences center and medical school in the Rio Grande Valley.
- HB 84 by Martinez** -- Relating to a cost of living increase applicable to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System.
- HB 91 by Martinez** -- Relating to the establishment by the University of Texas System of a law school in the Rio Grande Valley.
- HB 95 by Hodge** -- Relating to the authority of certain private institutions of higher education to enter into mutual assistance agreements regarding the enforcement of state or local law.
- HB 96 by Hodge** -- Relating to compounded prescription drugs dispensed by a pharmacist.
- HB 99 by Brown** -- Relating to a modified instructional calendar for public high schools providing an early college education program.
- HB 100 by Brown** -- Relating to curriculum requirements in political science and American history at institutions of higher education.
- HB 105 by Strama** -- Relating to limits on political contributions and expenditures in connection with certain legislative and executive offices.
- HB 110 by Pena** -- Relating to establishing a health science center and medical school in the Rio Grande Valley.

HB 116 by Pickett -- Relating to certain fees and taxes collected by this state in connection with a motor vehicle.

HB 138 by Gonzales Toureilles -- Relating to a salary career ladder for correctional officers.

HB 141 by Gonzales Toureilles -- Relating to evidence of motor vehicle financial responsibility.

HB 142 by McClendon -- Relating to disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable diseases.

HB 149 by Smith -- Relating to the penalty for illegally passing a stopped school bus.

HB 152 by Bonnen -- Relating to providing for a student who qualifies for automatic admission to an institution of higher education to maintain that status for transferring between institutions in certain circumstances.

HB 154 by Olivo -- Relating to the requirements for a public high school diploma.

HB 156 by Woolley -- Relating to eliminating automatic admission to certain public institutions of higher education based on high school grade point average.

HB 161 by Deshotel -- Relating to block grant funding for certain workforce training and employment programs and functions by the Workforce Commission.

HB 162 by Deshotel -- Relating to the adoption of an alternative base period for computation of unemployment compensation benefits.

HB 168 by Crownover -- Relating to the regulation of the practice of dental hygiene.

HB 169 by Smith -- Relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety and certain local law enforcement agencies to establish a checkpoint on a highway or street.

HB 170 by Aycock -- Relating to the creation of a presumption in certain criminal proceedings as to evidence of a defendant's alcohol concentration determined by an analysis of the defendant's alcohol concentration determined by an analysis.

HB 174 by King -- Relating to adoption of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. Companions: SB 90 Van de Putte 5- 5-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 175 by King -- Relating to continuing education and training for peace officers relating to the investigation and prevention of drive-by-shootings.

HB 177 by Creighton -- Relating to testing requirements for certain commercial injection wells.

HB 178 by Creighton -- Relating to limitations on the location of injection wells.

HB 179 by Creighton -- Relating to the application of new requirements for commercial underground injection control wells to be adopted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

HB 180 by Alonzo -- Relating to the establishment of a program at the University of North Texas at Dallas to provided financial incentives to certain students who agree to teach bilingual education.

HB 181 by Alonzo -- Relating to a program to provide financial incentives to students who agree to teach bilingual education.

HB 182 by Alonzo -- Relating to a program to assist certain persons to become certified to teach in bilingual education programs.

HB 183 by Alonzo -- Relating to the minimum wage.

HB 184 by Alonzo -- Relating to an optometry career program at the University of Houston.

HB 186 by Alonzo -- Relating to the creation of the Bureau for Economic Development and Hispanic Studies.

HB 188 by Alonzo -- Relating to the rights of children and the education of parents regarding their duties as parents.

HB 189 by Alonzo -- Relating to the effect of a peace officer's determination of financial responsibility for a motor vehicle through use of the motor vehicle financial responsibility verification programs.

HB 191 by Alonzo -- Relating to the coverage by certain health benefit plans of mammograms performed by certain health care providers.

HB 202 by Dukes -- Relating to the guaranteed benefits of a public school educator.

HB 203 by Castro -- Relating to notice to certain public school high school seniors and their parents or guardians of automatic college admission.

HB 204 by Castro -- Relating to a survey to monitor the postsecondary education plans of seniors at public high schools.

HB 206 by Jackson -- Relating to the on-premises consumption of certain alcoholic beverages.

HB 207 by Jackson -- Relating to enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain counties.

HB 210 by Aycock -- Relating to the confidentiality under the public information law of certain name and address information provided to a governmental body.

HB 213 by Brown -- Relating to the amount and disposition of funds retained by a state agency under the savings and incentive program for state agencies.

HB 215 by Guillen -- Relating to limitations on increases in fees and designated tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

HB 219 by Menendez -- Relating to an offense of using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle in a school crossing zone.

HB 220 by Menendez -- Relating to prohibitions on the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 224 by Olivo -- Relating to available training for school resource officers and school district peace officers.

HB 225 by Aycock -- Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the portion of the appraised value of a person's property attributable to the implementation on the property of water conservation initiatives, desalination and brush control.

HB 226 by Pitts -- Relating to prohibiting employers from requiring employees to make certain charitable contributions.

HB 229 by Pitts -- Relating to bond or insurance requirements for applicants for or holders of certain on-site sewage disposal system-related licenses.

HB 239 by Rodriguez -- Relating to a study of the proportion of this state's electric energy that can be generated using renewable energy technology.

HB 241 by Alonzo -- Relating to a study and report concerning predicted faculty retirement at general academic teaching institutions.

HB 251 by Berman -- Relating to the use of public resources to make communications that contain political advertising.

HB 253 by Berman -- Relating to language requirements for engaging in certain regulated activities.

HB 255 by Berman -- Relating to prohibiting admission by public institutions of higher education of applicants who are not lawfully authorized to be present in the United States.

HB 259 by Berman – Relating to the impoundment of motor vehicle license plates and the suspension of the vehicle registration for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

HB 261 by Berman – Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws by certain governmental entities.

HB 266 by Berman – Relating to regulating the provision of benefits and services to, and the verification of the employment status of, immigrants and to enforcing laws relating to immigrants.

HB 268 by Lucio III – Relating to considering ownership interests of disabled veterans in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.

HB 273 by Harper-Brown – Relating to a motor vehicle passing a bicyclist.

HB 274 by Callegari – Relating to the requirement that state agencies report the cost of services and benefits provided to unlawful immigrants.

HB 276 by Zerwas – Relating to the requirement that state agencies report the cost of services and benefits provided to unlawful immigrants.

HB 278 by Anchia – Relating to energy demand and incentives for distributed renewable generation.

HB 280 by Anchia – Relating to electric utility efficiency goals.

HB 282 by Anchia – Relating to the designation of certain election days as state holidays.

HB 286 by Martinez-Fischer – Relating to the appointment and duties of and the funding for an executive commissioner for the prevention of driving while intoxicated.

HB 291 by Dutton – Relating to discovery procedures for a claim against a governmental entity under the Tort Claims Act.

HB 300 by Isett – Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Department of Transportation, including the transfer of certain functions to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

HB 303 by Dutton – Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for labor to install certain tangible personal property in buildings that obtain LEED certification.

HB 308 by Dutton – Relating to payment of wages to certain employees who miss work to perform jury duty.

HB 309 by Brown – Relating to the number of license plates to be issued for and displayed on a motor vehicle.

HB 318 by Raymond – Relating to a pilot program establishing a safe schools unit in the Department of Public Safety.

HB 321 by Raymond – Relating to leave for junior college district or university system employees who are physically assaulted while on duty.

HB 323 by Raymond – Relating to the establishment of a program for detecting and giving notice of an authorized discharge of industrial, municipal, or other waste into any water in the state.

HB 325 by Raymond – Relating to exempting books purchased by university and college students from the sales tax for a limited period.

HB 330 by Pierson – Relating to the creation of a faculty position on the board of regents of the University of Texas System.

HB 331 by Pierson – Relating to liability insurance for persons holding certain alcoholic beverage permits.

HB 333 by Aycock – Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for the spouse of certain military personnel.

HB 335 by Aycock – Relating to stabilizing the amount of tuition charged to certain residents of this state by general academic teaching institutions.

HB 336 by Harless – Relating to the repeal of the requirement that school districts conduct emergency school bus evacuation training.

HB 338 by Leibowitz – Relating to the ensuring that at least 75 percent of dedicated revenues are spent for the purpose of the dedication.

HB 347 by Straus – Relating to the establishment of railroad quiet zones outside the boundaries of certain municipalities.

HB 351 by Dutton – Relating to an exemption from or refund of tuition and fees for lower-division students enrolled in a general academic teaching institution who maintain a high grade-point average.

HB 353 by Rodriguez – Relating to certain health care rights of domestic partners.

HB 356 by Quintanilla – Relating to the penalty for certain traffic offenses committed while using a wireless communication device.

HB 364 by Thibaut – Relating to a fixed tuition rate provided by general academic teaching institutions and public lower-division institutions of higher education to certain undergraduate students.

HB 366 by Anderson – Relating to creating a task force to review electric energy policies and certain permits for operation of electric generation facilities and to study the state's long-term demand for electric generation capacity.

HB 370 by Berman – Relating to the establishment of English as the official language of Texas and the requirement that official acts of government be taken in English.

HB 374 by Bonnen – Relating to the repeal of the requirement that school districts conduct emergency school bus evacuation training.

HB 376 by Miller – Relating to the requirement that livestock at auction facilities located in or near a fever tick quarantine area be dipped.

HB 377 by Miller – Relating to the creation and funding of the Texas Rural Job Development Fund.

HB 378 by Miller – Relating to non-veterinary horse dentistry.

HB 379 by Harper-Brown – Relating to requiring the use of an ignition interlock device on conviction of certain intoxication offenses.

HB 380 by Veasey – Relating to tuition and fees charged to employees of public institutions of higher education and a spouse, child or dependant of those employees.

HB 382 by Heflin – Relating to the regulation of the towing of vehicles.

HB 387 by Pena – Relating to the exemption of volunteer fire departments from certain motor fuel taxes.

HB 390 by Zerwas – Relating to health benefit plan coverage for routine patient care costs for enrollees participating in certain clinical trials.

HB 391 by Villarreal – Relating to limits on political contributions and direct campaign expenditures by individuals, partnerships, partners and limited liability companies.

HB 395 by Hartnett – Relating to this state's goal for installed electric generating capacity from natural gas.

HB 398 by Ortiz – Relating to special event trust funds to promote major athletic, motor sports racing and other special events.

HB 399 by Villarreal – Relating to state employee's enrollment in the higher education savings plan and the prepaid tuition unit undergraduate education program.

HB 402 by Woolley – Relating to the use of eminent domain authority.

HB 404 by Harless – Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities.

HB 412 by Isett – Relating to an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain assessments and fees related to telecommunications services.

HB 416 by Leibowitz – Relating to a requirement that a recipient of money from the Texas Enterprise Fund participate in a federal work eligibility verification program.

HB 417 by Callegari – Relating to the acquisition of and compensation for real property, including blighted property, for public purposes through condemnation or certain other means.

HB 418 by Brown (Betty) – Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.

HB 425 by Christian – Relating to a prohibition against changing the name of a public institution of higher education that is named after a state historical figure.

HB 426 by Christian – Relating to the name of Stephen F. Austin University. Companions: SB 596 Nichols Sent to the Governor

HB 427 by Hopson – Relating to the authority of physicians to delegate to certain pharmacists the implementation and modification of a patient's drug therapy.

HB 429 by King – Relating to a competitive grant program to fund promotion of early literacy programs in certain communities in this state.

HB 431 by Lucio III – Relating to design and construction standards for newly constructed or renovated state buildings.

HB 433 by Lucio III – Relating to the procedures for acting on applications for certain permits under the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

HB 436 by Lucio III – Relating to the date on which eligibility for benefits begins under certain programs for governmental employees and retirees.

HB 437 by Lucio III – Relating to a limitation on the use by state agencies of credit information regarding certain job applicants.

HB 438 by Lucio III – Relating to the creation of an offense for certain uses of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 439 by Lucio III – Relating to the eligibility of students who participate in certain internship programs for tuition rebates offered by general academic teaching institutions.

HB 440 by Edward – Relating to one-time supplemental payments of retirement or death benefits by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 456 by Villarreal – Relating to the authority of a dental hygienist to provide services in certain facilities.

HB 462 by Eissler – Relating to the use of personal leave by a public school employee.

HB 463 by Eissler – Relating to swimming pool safety.

HB 470 by Hartnett – Relating to the denial, suspension, or revocation of a motor vehicle inspection station certificate or an inspector certificate.

HB 474 by Allen – Relating to the authority of a school district to implement a monitoring system that records images of vehicles that pass a stopped school bus.

HB 476 by Allen – Relating to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 479 by Heflin – Relating to additional sick leave for certain peace officers and corrections officers who work overtime.

HB 481 by Veasey – Relating to an open document format for electronic state documents.

HB 482 by Rodriguez – Relating to programs to increase the availability of fresh produce to, and the purchase and consumption of fresh produce by, certain low-income individuals.

HB 484 by Gonzales – Relating to reports of incidents of bullying at public schools and at public school activities.

HB 485 by Gonzales – Relating to ethics training for legislators and certain other state officers and employees.

HB 486 by Menendez – Relating to retaliation against employees of a child-care facility.

HB 495 by Zerwas – Relating to the distribution of state agency publications and reports to members of the legislature, the governor, and other state officials.

HB 499 by Orr – Relating to changing the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to the Texas Energy Commission.

HB 502 by England – Relating to funding for the continuing education of certain peace officers.

HB 508 by Kolkhorst – Relating to a study of the effect on this state's economy of replacing all state and school district ad valorem tax revenue with revenue from a transaction tax.

HB 509 by Riddle – Relating to the persons authorized to draw a blood specimen from a vehicle operator to test for alcohol concentration or other intoxicating substances.

HB 516 by Strama – Relating to the establishment and funding of a green job skills training program.

HB 519 by Giddings – Relating to the establishment of a school of pharmacy in the city of Dallas by the University of North Texas System.

HB 520 by Giddings – Relating to workers' compensation insurance coverage under certain agreements and to liability of third parties for an injury to an employee.

HB 521 by Giddings – Relating to the contents of a receipt issued for payment of a good or service.

HB 526 by Eissler – Relating to swimming pool safety.

HB 528 by Vaught – Relating to the offense of failing to secure a child passenger in a motor vehicle and to fines for the offense.
Companions: SB 61 Zaffirini 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 529 by Miller – Relating to operation of a motor vehicle equipped with blue light.

HB 530 by Anchia – Relating to law enforcement training relating to the trafficking of persons.

HB 531 by Anchia – Relating to medical loss ratios of certain health benefit plan issuers.

HB 535 by Anchia – Relating to the provision of a preference in state purchasing decisions for vendors that provide health benefits to employees.

HB 538 by Villarreal – Relating to the prohibition of employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

HB 540 by Raymond – Relating to bullying as a ground for removing a public school student from class and placing the student in a disciplinary alternative education program.

HB 543 by Raymond – Relating to prohibiting human cloning and other uses of human tissue by institutions of higher education.

HB 546 by Raymond – Relating to the salary paid to certain professional employees of public schools

HB 547 by Raymond – Relating to certain civil actions against persons who file complaints with governmental agencies or quasi-governmental entities.

HB 554 by Menendez – Relating to the adoption and amendment of model building codes by municipalities.

HB 560 by Menendez – Relating to injury leave for peace officers injured by an intoxicated driver of a motor vehicle or boat.

HB 564 by McClendon – Relating to the allocation to the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund of a portion of the revenue from the motor vehicle sales and use tax.

HB 565 by McClendon – Relating to the abolition of the Texas Transportation Commission and the creation of the commissioner of transportation as an elected statutory state officer.

HB 566 by Christian – Relating to proper venue for certain criminal prosecutions of an elected state officer.

HB 568 by Miller – Relating to the slaughter and processing of livestock for use by certain child-care facilities.

HB 571 by England – Relating to permitting an owner, occupant, or lessee of agricultural land who is a certified prescribed burn manager to conduct a prescribed burn.

HB 575 by Sheffield – Relating to a prohibition on the disclosure and use of certain information recorded or collected by a transponder used to electronically assess or collect a toll.

HB 576 by Sheffield – Relating to the electronic distribution of information to legislators by state agencies.

HB 577 by Sheffield – Relating to requiring public institutions of higher education to notify the federal Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS) regarding the withdrawal or nonattendance of certain foreign students.

HB 580 by Gutierrez – Relating to signs posted under the memorial sign program for victims of certain vehicle accidents.

HB 581 by Dukes – Relating to outsourcing a service performed by a state agency to a private commercial contractor.

HB 591 by Howard – Relating to staffing, overtime, and other employment protections for nurses. Companions: SB 476 Nelson Sent to the Governor

HB 599 by Hughes – Relating to the sale of fireworks on and before Texas Independence Day.

HB 603 by Farabee – Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Midwestern State University.

HB 604 by Farabee – Relating to projects that may be undertaken by certain development corporations in connection with water conservation programs.

HB 606 by Farabee – Relating to the exemption of volunteer fire departments from certain motor fuel taxes. Companions: SB 254 Estes 7- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 615 by Turner – Relating to the right of an employee who is a parent of a child enrolled in special education program to time off from work to meet with certain persons affecting the education of the child.

HB 622 by Harless – Relating Relating to the suspension of certain licenses held by employers for the knowing employment of persons not lawfully present in the United States.

HB 626 by Allen – Relating to an educational involvement agreement setting forth the respective responsibilities of students, parents, teachers, and principals in public schools.

HB 629 by Anchia – Relating to the purchase of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles by state agencies.

HB 634 by Hernandez – Relating to establishing a carbon dioxide "cap and trade" program to enable participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

HB 639 by Thompson – Relating to trafficking of person or certain forced or sex-based labor, law enforcement training relating to trafficking of persons, and the creation of the trafficking of persons investigation and prosecution account.

HB 641 by Zerwas – Relating to the abolition of the Texas Transportation Commission and the creation of a commissioner of transportation as an elected statutory state officer.

HB 644 by Zerwas – Relating to the permissible uses of the state highway fund.

HB 648 by Davis – Relating to the selection of certain members of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 657 by Villarreal – Relating to the requirement that state agencies purchase low-emissions vehicles as a minimum percentage of their purchased vehicles.

HB 658 by Jackson – Relating to requiring governmental entities to participate in the federal electronic verification of work authorization program.

HB 662 by Ortiz – Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle by a person under 18 years of age while using a wireless communications device.

HB 678 by Farrar – Relating to health benefit plan coverage for reconstructive surgery following mastectomy.

HB 685 by Herrero – Relating to a fixed tuition rate provided by general academic teaching institutions and public junior colleges to certain undergraduate students.

HB 686 by Herrero – Relating to a cost of living increase applicable to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
Companions: HB 84 Martinez

HB 688 by Herrero – Relating to the election of certain members of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 689 by Herrero – Relating to the state contribution to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 697 by Zerwas – Relating to a study of the feasibility of creating a job training program for certain individuals discharged from the Texas National Guard.

HB 698 by Zerwas – Relating to the designated doctor's examination under the workers' compensation system.

HB 699 by Zerwas – Relating to the appointment of an attorney for a workers' compensation claimant in certain judicial review proceedings initiated by a workers' compensation insurance carrier.

HB 708 by Rose – Relating to coordination of postsecondary curricula and to an academic planning Internet website to support academic progress by students enrolled at public institutions of higher education.

HB 712 by Rose – Relating to student members of the board of regents of a state university system or a state university.

HB 713 by Rose – Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for the construction of a recital hall and theater center at Texas State University--San Marcos.

HB 714 by Rose – Relating to the penalty for the offense of reckless driving.

HB 723 by Howard – Relating to certain activities by, employment of, and contracts of former members of the legislature.

HB 726 by Miklos – Relating to the frequency and content of school bus emergency evacuation training.
HB 730 by Miklos – Relating to the general penalty for violation of a traffic law of this state.
HB 733 by Fletcher – Relating to the definition of a police vehicle for the purposes of certain traffic laws.
HB 734 by Orr – Relating to certain requirements for school bus emergency evacuation training.
HB 735 by Quintanilla – Relating to inclusion by individuals regulated by this state of the individual's license or certificate of registration number on certain documents.
HB 738 by Quintanilla – Relating to the penalty for an offense committed during the inattentive operation of a motor vehicle.
HB 747 by Gattis – Relating to the taking of a specimen of the breath or blood of a person arrested for an intoxication offense under certain circumstances.
HB 750 by Davis – Relating to certain offenses that involve impersonating a peace officer or other public servant and misrepresenting the nature of certain property.
HB 756 by Martinez Fischer – Relating to the making or acceptance of political contributions in a building owned by or leased to the state.
HB 757 by Martinez Fischer – Relating to public access to certain information and materials.
HB 758 by Martinez Fischer – Relating to the creation of an offense for certain prohibited uses of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.
HB 759 by Martinez Fischer – Relating to the creation of a hotline to report suspected incidents of impaired driving or dangerous driving.
HB 761 by Creighton – Relating to the penalty for certain property offenses committed during certain declared states of disaster.
HB 766 by Guillen – Relating to a study concerning the establishment of a four-day work week for state employees.
HB 776 by Strama – Relating to the implementation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of a low-emission vehicle program.
HB 779 by Turner – Relating to higher education student loan repayment assistance for peace officers.
HB 788 by Thompson – Relating to the creation of a commission to investigate and prevent wrongful convictions.
HB 792 by Burnam – Relating to the labeling of products that contain bisphenol-A.
HB 793 by King, Phil – Relating to the authority to charge reasonable fees for emergency services performed by volunteer fire departments.
HB 794 by King, Phil – Relating to the exemption of volunteer fire departments from certain motor fuel taxes. Companions: SB 254 Estes 7- 1-09 G Earliest effective date
HB 797 by Lucio III – Relating to exempting fuel ethanol derived from cellulosic biomass and blended with gasoline from the motor fuels tax.

HB 800 by Orr – Relating to a physician's delegation of prescriptive authority to physician assistants or advanced practice nurses. Companions: SB 532 Patrick 6- 1-09 G Sent to the Governor
HB 801 by Guillen – Relating to prohibiting the investment of the permanent university fund in certain business entities doing business in Sudan.
HB 805 by Quintanilla – Relating to the definition of a police vehicle for the purposes of certain traffic laws.
HB 808 by Gallego – Relating to the availability of automated external defibrillators at certain athletic clubs.
HB 812 by Gallego – Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for the spouses of certain military personnel.
HB 814 by Farabee – Relating to the registration and regulation of certain collection facilities and certified collectors that provide collection services in this state.
HB 818 by Eiland – Relating to indemnification provisions in constructing contracts.
HB 823 by Turner – Relating to the authority of a peace officer to take a blood specimen from a vehicle operator to test for alcohol concentration or other intoxicating substances.
HB 827 by Harper-Brown – Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle in the vicinity of a vulnerable road user. Companions: SB 488 Ellis 6- 3-09 G Sent to the Governor
HB 838 by Christian – Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a molecular science building at Stephen F. Austin State University.
HB 844 by Martinez – Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain prosthetic devices, orthotic devices, and related services.
HB 849 by Strama – Relating to the liability of the state for a violation of the federal Americans with Disability Act.
HB 850 by Eissler – Relating to repeal on a periodic basis of the provisions of Titles 1 and 2 of the Education Code to provide for legislative review of the primary state statutes governing public education.
HB 854 by Laubenberg – Relating to the repeal of the requirement that school districts conduct emergency school bus evacuation training.
HB 855 by Laubenberg – Relating to the regulation of certain inflatable amusement structures.
HB 856 by Laubenberg – Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district composed of Rockwall County.
HB 859 by Laubenberg – Relating to liability for property damage arising in connection with the use of certain easements.
HB 861 by Naishtat – Relating to the authority of certain university systems to provide benefits to certain qualified individuals.
HB 868 by Farabee – Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain mental disorders.
HB 869 by Farabee – Relating to the stopping, standing, or parking of certain vehicles on a highway.
HB 876 by Orr – Relating to the installation of natural gas pipelines in controlled access highway rights-of-way. Companions: SB 686 Davis, Wendy 6- 3-09 G Sent to the Governor
HB 897 by Dutton – Relating to the effect of a dismissal of the underlying criminal charge on the suspension of a person's driver's license for a failure to pass a test for intoxication or a refusal to submit to the taking of a specimen
HB 898 by Dutton – Relating to limiting the tuition rates that certain public institutions of higher education may charge to resident students.
HB 902 by Dutton – Relating to the penalties for possession of two ounces or less of marijuana and to the issuance of an occupational driver's license
HB 911 by Smithee – Relating to adoption of a temporary program for the operation and funding of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association.

HB 917 by Dutton – Relating to the authority of peace officers to conduct certain searches.

HB 922 by Dutton – Relating to an exemption from or refund of tuition and fees for lower-division students enrolled in a general academic teaching institution who maintain a high grade-point average.

HB 929 by Dutton – Relating to rebates of tuition paid by certain freshman students who maintain satisfactory grades at public institutions of higher education.

HB 931 by Dutton – Relating to requiring minority impact statements for state agency grant applications.

HB 933 by Dutton – Relating to liability of a governmental unit for personal injury and death caused by the governmental unit's negligence.

HB 956 by Villarreal – Relating to the provision by the Texas Education Agency of federal earned income tax credit educational materials to school districts for distribution to students' parents.

HB 957 by Swinford – Relating to the eligibility of certain public officers to the legislature and prohibiting legislators from other public employment.

HB 964 by Cohen – Relating to the definition of electric bicycle for purposes of regulating the use, registration, and licensing of electric bicycles.

HB 970 by Lucio III – Relating to considering ownership interests of disabled persons in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.

HB 977 by Burman – Relating to use of the money from the Texas enterprise fund to promote renewable energy technology.

HB 985 by Brown, Betty – Relating to the creation of a memorial sign account, the imposition of a memorial sign fee on certain defendants, and the posting of memorial signs for certain victims of alcohol related vehicle accidents.

HB 988 by Fletcher – Relating to the imposition of a civil penalty against the owner of an authorized emergency vehicle for a violation recorded by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system. Companions: SB 926 Huffman Sent to the Governor

HB 993 by Farias – Relating to enrollment requirements for the operation of Texas A&M University--San Antonio as a general academic teaching institution and the issuance of bonds for that institution.

HB 994 by Paxton – Relating to the limitation on the rate of growth in appropriations from state tax revenues.

HB 996 by Giddings – Relating to school bus emergency evacuation training.

HB 997 by Lewis – Relating to retirement and health insurance benefits of school district peace officers under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 1005 by McClendon – Relating to the ability of an employee to participate in certain school-related activities of the employee's child.

HB 1022 by Deshotel – Relating to a preference in state purchasing for products from disaster areas.

HB 1024 by Deshotel – Relating to eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits based on the claimant's availability to do part-time work.

HB 1036 by Edwards – Relating to establishing legislative district emergency response teams.

HB 1027 by Edwards – Relating to the authority of a peace officer to stop, detain, or arrest a person for a violation of certain traffic offenses.

HB 1033 by Jackson, Jim – Relating to designating English as the official language of this state.

HB 1040 by Parker – Relating to a defense to prosecution for the offense of operating a motor vehicle with an expired inspection certificate.

HB 1042 by Parker – Relating to the repeal of public prevailing wage rate laws.

HB 1047 by Deshotel – Relating to the permissible uses of the state highway fund.

HB 1047 by Mallory Caraway – Relating to enforcement of the motor vehicle safety responsibility law.

HB 1057 by McClendon – Relating to family care leave for certain employees.

HB 1059 by Ortiz – Relating to benefits under certain health benefit plans for prenatal care, birth of a child, and postdelivery care.

HB 1061 by Jackson, Jim – Relating to the requirement of citizenship or unlawful presence in the United States for issuance or renewal of certain occupational licenses, driver's licenses, and identification certificates.

HB 1070 by Truitt – Relating to audits of certain public retirement system actuarial valuations, studies, and reports.

HB 1071 by Vo – Relating to controlling the emissions of certain hazardous air contaminants in identified areas of this state under the Texas Clean Air Act.

HB 1085 by Edwards – Relating to an after-school pilot program offered by school districts to middle and junior high school students and their parents to prepare students for postsecondary education and training.

HB 1086 by Harper-Brown – Relating to the development, construction, and operation of a toll project located in the boundaries of a local toll project entity.

HB 1088 by Veasey – Relating to the appointment of an Executive Director in the Texas Legislative Council.

HB 1094 by Vo – Relating to the composition of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 1099 by Vo – Relating to measures to increase the affordability of textbooks used for courses at public institutions of higher education.

HB 1101 by Vo – Relating to economic impact reviews conducted by the Texas Transportation Commission.

HB 1102 by Vo – Relating to the requirements for the recommended and advanced public high school programs.

HB 1105 by Laubenberg – Relating to procuring contracts for certain professional services by a governmental entity.

HB 1110 by Callegari – Relating to requiring the use of an ignition interlock device on conviction of certain intoxication offenses.

HB 1114 by Hamilton – Relating to application requirements and performance standards for agricultural biomass and landfill diversion incentive grants.

HB 1120 by Bolton – Relating to limitations on increases in designated tuition charged by certain general academic teaching institutions.

HB 1121 by Bolton – Relating to group health benefit plan coverage for certain mental illnesses.

HB 1136 by Legler – Relating to disqualification for the receipt of unemployment compensation benefits for violation of an employer drug testing policy.

HB 1153 by Solomons – Relating to expanding the public high school curriculum to promote personal financial literacy.

HB 1156 by Farabee – Relating to providing a discounted rate for electricity provided to school districts.

HB 1158 by Truitt – Relating to an enhanced penalty for an operator who commits certain traffic offenses while using a wireless communication device.

HB 1163 by Bonnen – Relating to the registration and operation on a public roadway of an all-terrain vehicle by a disabled person.

HB 1164 by Martinez Fischer – Relating to restrictions on the use of a stun gun.

HB 1166 by Leibowitz – Relating to certain requirements for doctors providing professional services under the workers' compensation system.

HB 1169 by Martinez – Relating to grants for federally qualified health centers.

HB 1171 by Martinez – Relating to the addition of certain counties to the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan.

HB 1176 by Crownover – Relating to the creation of a voluntary consumer-directed health plan for certain individuals eligible to participate in the insurance coverage provided under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act and their dependents.

HB 1179 by Chavez – Relating to a prohibition on certain uses of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 1180 by Chavez – Relating to distributions from the employment and training investment holding fund.

HB 1189 by Bonnen – Relating to a program for the recycling of electronic equipment of consumers in this state.

HB 1190 by Homer – Relating to prohibiting human cloning.

HB 1196 by Hochberg – Relating to the payment of wages by an employer using an electronic transfer of funds to a payroll card account.

HB 1197 by Deshotel – Relating to exceptions to certain disqualifications from receiving unemployment benefits.

HB 1206 by Vo – Relating to prohibitions on the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 1207 by Vo – Relating to the creation of an offense for certain uses of a wireless communication device while operating certain vehicles.

HB 1208 by McClendon – Relating to the dedication of certain sales and use tax and franchise tax revenue to the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund.

HB 1216 by Brown, Fred – Relating to curriculum requirements for the recommended and advanced public high school programs.

HB 1217 by Howard, Charlie – Relating to estimating the rate of growth of the state's economy for purposes of the constitutional spending limit.

HB 1235 by Menendez – Relating to establishing the Legislative Education Board and transferring to the Legislative Education Board the statutorily assigned function of the State Board of Education and certain functions of the Legislative Budget Board.

HB 1236 by Menendez – Relating to the penalty for failure to yield the right-of-way to a disabled or visually impaired pedestrian.

HB 1242 by Villarreal – Relating to credit toward future coursework for tuition paid to a public institution of higher education for courses dropped by a student who is pregnant or gives birth to a child.

HB 1246 by Davis, John – Relating to the provision of a preference in certain government purchasing decisions for vendors or contractors that provide health care benefits or equivalent health savings benefits to employees.

HB 1253 by Bohac – Relating to repeal of authority for the establishment and operation of the Trans-Texas Corridor.

HB 1254 by Callegari – Relating to requiring flashing lights to be posted before an intersection at which a photographic system is used to enforce compliance with traffic-control signals.

HB 1262 by Villarreal – Relating to increasing the number of undergraduate transfer students at general academic teaching institutions.

HB 1264 by Corte – Relating to the establishment of railroad quiet zones outside the boundaries of certain municipalities.

HB 1266 by Darby – Relating to authorizing the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System to transfer the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts to a nonprofit organization to operate the museum. Companions: SB 811 Duncan 5-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 1267 by Turner – Relating to a prohibition on certain uses of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 1277 by Button – Relating to use of money from the Texas enterprise fund to retain businesses located in the state.

HB 1280 by McClendon – Relating to use of money from the Texas Enterprise Fund for rail projects.

HB 1301 by Frost – Relating to an employee's transportation and storage of certain firearms or ammunition while on certain property owned or controlled by the employee's employer.

HB 1323 by Strama – Relating to bullying and harassment in public schools.

HB 1331 by Maldonado – Relating to the frequency of required school bus emergency evacuation training.

HB 1338 by Leibowitz – Relating to certain civil actions against persons who file complaints with governmental agencies or quasi-governmental entities.

HB 1340 by Bonnen – Relating to an exemption from the Commission on Fire Protection training requirements for certain aircraft fire fighting and rescue fire protection personnel.

HB 1347 by Quintanilla – Relating to the installation of nitrous oxide systems on vehicles for use on public roads.

HB 1354 by Vaught – Relating to the issuance of a search warrant for a blood specimen from certain persons arrested for certain intoxication offenses.

HB 1355 by Guillen – Relating to a program for the recycling of electronic equipment of consumers and certain other entities in this state.

HB 1373 by Howard, Donna – Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for claims based on retaliation against a nurse for engaging in protected patient advocacy activities.

HB 1373 by Davis, Yvonne – Relating to the provision of HIV and AIDS tests and to health benefit plan coverage of HIV and AIDS tests.

HB 1380 by Davis, Yvonne – Relating to health benefit plan coverage of HIV and AIDS tests.

HB 1383 by Davis, Yvonne – Relating to access to certain information under the public information law concerning public officers and employees.

HB 1385 by Davis, Yvonne – Relating to the assessment of damages to a property owner from condemnation.

HB 1386 by Davis, Yvonne – Relating to the reporting of health care-associated infections at health care facilities.

HB 1389 by Davis, Yvonne – Relating to the acquisition of real property for public use.

HB 1392 by Leibowitz – Relating to required procedures regarding the ranking of physicians by health benefit plan issuers.

HB 1400 by Christian – Relating to the creation of a public integrity unit in the office of the attorney general to prosecute offenses against public administration, including ethics offenses, and offenses involving insurance fraud.

HB 1406 by Geren – Relating to practices and professions regulated by the Texas Real Estate Commission. Companions: SB 862 Eltife 5-12-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 1408 by Hopson – Relating to the state contribution to and certain annuities under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 1418 by Rose – Relating to health benefit plan coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders.
HB 1427 by Bohac – Relating to exempting fuel ethanol derived from cellulosic biomass and blended with gasoline from the motor fuels tax.
HB 1432 by Jackson – Relating to a landowner's repurchase of real property from an entity that acquired the property through condemnation.
HB 1437 by Bolton – Relating to toll collection by the Texas Department of Transportation.
HB 1438 by Bolton – Relating to the conversion of a nontolled state highway or segment of the state highway system to a toll project.
HB 1440 by Bolton – Relating to erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads.
HB 1442 by Hancock – Relating to the operation of certain managed care plans regarding out-of-network health care providers.
HB 1443 by Hancock – Relating to the age limit for a beginning position in a fire department in certain municipalities under municipal civil service.
HB 1449 by Farias – Relating to the construction and expansion of toll projects by private entities in certain areas.
HB 1467 by Chisum – Relating to the purchase or lease by state agencies of vehicles using alternative fuels.
HB 1469 by Villarreal – Relating to the preparation of carbon dioxide emissions impact statements for legislation pending before the legislature.
HB 1479 by Madden – Relating to the state virtual school network.
HB 1483 by Pitts – Relating to the use of eminent domain authority.
HB 1485 by Pitts – Relating to performance assessments of certain state agencies.
HB 1489 by Thompson – Relating to the practice of nursing.
HB 1490 by Driver – Relating to injury leave and related benefits for certain state peace officers injured in the course of performance of duty.
HB 1491 by Driver – Relating to exemption from application of the Private Security Act of certain peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency.
HB 1498 by King, Tracy – Relating to the information required to be displayed on a license to carry a concealed handgun and the duty of a license holder to keep that information current.
HB 1499 by King, Tracy – Relating to the installation and disabling or removal of an ignition interlock device.
HB 1500 by King, Tracy – Relating to certain exception to the prohibition on hunting from a public road or right-of-way.
HB 1502 by Veasey – Relating to tuition exemptions at public institutions of higher education for dependents of certain military personnel deployed in combat zones.
HB 1509 by Bonnen – Relating to motor vehicles used for fire, emergency, or disaster response purposes.
HB 1521 by Rose – Relating to the prohibition of off-premise signs on certain roads.
HB 1522 by Alvarado – Relating to a requirement that a chain restaurant disclose nutrition information.
HB 1523 by Alvarado – Relating to a prohibition on foods containing trans fats.
HB 1525 by Alvarado – Relating to disclosure by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of information related to emissions events.
HB 1526 by Crownover – Relating to the authority of a common purchaser that transports natural gas by pipeline to use a public right-of-way for a pipeline.
HB 1535 by Burnam – Relating to the requirement that gas corporations obtain a permit from the Railroad Commission of Texas before condemning property to construct certain gas pipelines.
HB 1537 by Burnam – Relating to safety requirements applicable to gas pipelines in certain counties.
HB 1538 by Burnam – Relating to the authority of certain municipalities or counties to adopt and enforce safety standards applicable to certain gas pipelines.
HB 1549 by McClendon – Relating to the creation, organization, duties, and function of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.
HB 1550 by Herrero – Relating to the tuition and fee exemption available to certain military personnel and to permitting those personnel to transfer the exemption to a child.
HB 1553 by Burnam – Relating to the development of a climate adaptation plan by certain entities.
HB 1557 by Smith, Wayne – Relating to the authority of certain toll project entities to enter into a comprehensive development agreement.
HB 1559 by Martinez Fischer – Relating to the frequency of required school bus emergency evacuation training.
HB 1566 by England – Relating to the authority of municipalities to regulate natural gas compressor station structures.
HB 1569 by Thompson – Relating to equal access to places of public accommodation.
HB 1573 by Thompson – Relating to a requirement that a recipient of money from the Texas Enterprise Fund provide a health benefit plan for its employees.
HB 1578 by Isett – Relating to the establishment of a medical reinsurance system and to certain insurance reforms necessary to the efficient operation of that system.
HB 1583 by Flynn – Relating to the abolishment of the Office of State-Federal Relations as an independent agency and the transfer of the duties and functions of that agency to the office of the governor.
HB 1588 by Rose – Relating to erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads.
HB 1592 by Rose – Relating to the prohibition of off-premise signs on certain roads.
HB 1602 by Maldonado – Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bond for Texas State University--San Marcos for the Round Rock Higher Education Center in Williamson County.
HB 1603 by Maldonado – Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for Texas State University--San Marcos for the Round Rock Higher Education Center in Williamson County.
HB 1606 by Branch – Relating to the regulation of the practice of construction and program management for capital improvement projects of governmental entities.
HB 1607 by Flynn – Relating to compensation and employment benefits for members of the Texas State Guard called to state active duty.
HB 1617 by Swinford – Relating to limited agricultural cooperatives.
HB 1634 by Smith – Relating to the release of a motor vehicle accident report or certain information in a motor vehicle accident report.
HB 1636 by Turner, Chris – Relating to the accrual of vacation and sick leave for certain state employees on a military leave of absence.

Companions: SB 833 Carona 11- 3-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 1640 by Sheffield – Relating to the purposes and powers of the Temple Health and Bioscience Economic Development District.

Companions: SB 1033 Fraser 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 1649 by Menendez – Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle by a person under 18 years of age while using a wireless communications device.

HB 1652 by Ortiz – Relating to use of money from the Texas Enterprise Fund of the Texas emerging technology fund to promote alternative energy sources and energy efficient technologies.

HB 1657 by Giddings – Relating to workers' compensation insurance coverage regarding certain contractors.

HB 1663 by King, Phil – Relating to the issuance of a search warrant for a blood specimen from a person arrested for certain intoxication offenses.

HB 1670 by McReynolds – Relating to the composition of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 1674 by Villarreal – Relating to funding for county transportation needs.

HB 1675 by McClendon – Relating to the transportation of hazardous materials in high-threat areas.

HB 1676 by Eissler – Relating to the automatic admission of undergraduate students to a general academic teaching institution that is a component institution of a university system.

HB 1677 by Smith, Wayne – Relating to notice by a governmental entity regarding certain geospatial data products.

HB 1687 by Cohen – Relating to the definition of an electric bicycle for purposes related to the use, registration, and licensing of electric bicycles.

HB 1696 by Isett – Relating to the regulation of pharmacy benefit managers and to payment of claims to pharmacies and pharmacists.

HB 1698 by Martinez – Relating to reconstituting the system benefit fund as a trust fund and to uses of the fund.

HB 1700 by Laubenberg – Relating to the use of funds awarded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

HB 1701 by Laubenberg – Relating to the regulation of certain activities on a public highway or road, the right-of-way of a public highway or road, or a parking lot.

HB 1703 by Laubenberg – Relating to a biennial report on the cost to the state of services provided to illegal aliens.

HB 1707 by Geren – Relating to the required disclosure under the public information law of information pertaining to an employee or trustee of a public employee pension system.

HB 1715 by Gonzales-Toureilles – Relating to the establishment of the Texas Rural Development Fund and to the establishment, operation, and funding of certain programs for rural economic development.

HB 1716 by Gonzales-Toureilles – Relating to optional fees on the registration of a vehicle imposed by a county.

HB 1723 by Castro – Relating to a requirement that higher education students wear reflective clothing or gear while participating in nighttime athletic events or activities.

HB 1732 by Chavez – Relating to the lease of certain state parking facilities to other persons.

HB 1733 by Vo – Relating to prohibiting inducements to employees of a public institution of higher education for requiring or recommending textbooks or instructional materials.

HB 1737 by Gonzales – Relating to the formula funding for public institutions of higher education for certain credit hours that do not count toward a degree.

HB 1738 by Howard, Donna – Relating to a study of nursing educational programs that require a single clinical competency assessment.

HB 1742 by Raymond – Relating to coverage for prostate cancer screenings for men 40 years of age or older.

HB 1746 by Jackson, Jim – Relating to the regulation of the towing and storage of vehicles Companions: SB 702 Carona 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 1747 by Smith, Todd – Relating to the release of a motor vehicle accident report or certain information in a motor vehicle accident report.

HB 1748 by Smith, Todd – Relating to the cancellation of a health benefit plan on the basis of misrepresentation or a preexisting condition.

HB 1752 by Leibowitz – Relating to county regulation of fireworks during severe drought conditions.

HB 1759 by Thompson – Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain orally administered anticancer medications.

HB 1762 by Chavez – Relating to improving state energy conservation, including through the use of thermostat settings.

HB 1764 by Woolley – Relating to the regulation of the use of human cells and tissue, including a ban on human cloning.

HB 1767 by Rodriguez – Relating to the use of motion sensor technology in certain state buildings, public school facilities, and higher education facilities.

HB 1773 by Fletcher – Relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information concerning current and former employees of certain divisions of the office of the attorney general.

HB 1774 by Giddings – Relating to the enrollment required for the University of North Texas System to issue revenue bonds to fund facilities at the University of North Texas Dallas Campus.

HB 1777 by Deshotel – Relating to a loan program to encourage the use of cleaner hydrogen fuel; providing for the issuance of bonds.

HB 1778 by Deshotel – Relating to exceptions to certain disqualifications from receiving unemployment benefits.

HB 1781 by Driver – Relating to the establishment of the Texas Forensic Science Academy as a program of the Texas Engineering Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System.

HB 1790 by Bolton – Relating to the establishment and operation of a motor-bus-only lane pilot program in certain counties.

HB 1803 by Bohac – Relating to exempting textbooks for university and college courses from the sales tax.

HB 1808 by Turner, Sylvester – Relating to limitations on the total amount of tuition charged to a student by a public institution of higher education.

HB 1810 by Pickett – Relating to the purposes and designation of a transportation reinvestment zone.

HB 1815 by Isett – Relating to the creation of a state agency to facilitate public-private partnerships to plan and take action regarding governmental projects.

HB 1816 by Rose – Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the portion of the appraised value of a person's property attributable to the implementation on the property of water conservation initiatives desalination projects, or brush control.

HB 1818 by Rose – Relating to rainwater harvesting and other water conservation initiatives.

HB 1826 by Smith, Todd – Relating to the release of motor vehicle accident report information.

HB 1834 by Harper-Brown– Relating to specialty license plates supporting the Safe Routes to School Program. Companions: SB 161 Ellis 5-27-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 1847 by Lucio III – Relating to a requirement that certain health benefit plans cover certain mental disorders.

HB 1848 by Lucio III – 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

HB 1849 by Lucio III – Relating to exempting books purchased by university and college students from the sales tax for a limited period.

HB 1851 by Solomons – Relating to rental agreements.

HB 1857 by Elland – Relating to the sale of charitable gift annuities.

HB 1864 by Hochberg – Relating to tuition exemption at public institutions of higher education for students in certain interinstitutional academic programs. Companions: SB 45 Zaffirini S-20-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 1867 by Anchia – Relating to requirements for businesses that offer plastic checkout bags to customers.

HB 1875 by Truitt – Relating to requiring a health benefit plan for enrollment at certain public institutions of higher education.

HB 1876 by Chisum – Relating to creating the health care access fund to recruit health care providers in health professional shortage areas and to support federally-qualified health centers with tobacco tax proceeds.

HB 1879 by Davis, John – Relating to the receipt and release of immunization information by the immunization registry in connection with a disaster. Companions: SB 347 Nelson 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 1880 by Pierson – Relating to an enhanced penalty for an operator who commits certain traffic offenses while using a wireless communication device to read, write, or send a text-based communication.

HB 1887 by Dutton – Relating to competitive bidding of school districts for professional services.

HB 1889 by Davis, John – Relating to the electronic transmission of certain information by and to health benefit plan issuers.

HB 1893 by Driver – Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of institutions of higher education.

HB 1898 by Shelton – Relating to notice required for certain recreational activities on premises owned, operated, or maintained by a governmental unit.

HB 1901 by Branch – Relating to transportation safety training requirements for certain child-care providers. Companions: SB 572 Shapiro 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 1906 by Guillen – Relating to the amount of a surcharge assessed on conviction of certain intoxicated driver offenses on the driver's license of certain persons who complete a drug court program.

HB 1907 by Guillen – Relating to the retirement benefits payable to retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas who are employed as school counselors.

HB 1910 by Hochberg – Relating to the operation of toll projects.

HB 1911 by Isett – Relating to the Texas Rural Investment Fund.

HB 1915 by Kolkhorst – Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for capital projects at Sam Houston State University.

HB 1916 by Kolkhorst – Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for capital projects at Sam Houston State University.

HB 1921 by Smithee – Relating to the authority of the board of directors of the Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District to employ health care providers.

HB 1929 by Jackson, Jim – Relating to payment of claims of certain out-of-network physicians and health care providers.

HB 1930 by Jackson, Jim – Relating to health services provided to health benefit plan enrollees by certain out-of-network health care providers.

HB 1932 by Thompson – Relating to consumer labeling requirements for certain health benefit plans.

HB 1938 by Villarreal – Relating to the exclusion of certain college savings plan assets and benefits from eligibility determination for certain public assistance programs.

HB 1942 by Herrero – Relating to a franchise tax credit for wages paid to graduates of certain institutions of higher education.

HB 1948 by Rios Ybarra – Relating to a public health extension service pilot program.

HB 1950 by Solomons – Relating to state travel policies and procedures for the reimbursement or payment of travel expenses

HB 1957 by Edwards – Relating to a limitation on the amount of tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

HB 1959 by Isett/Hegar– Relating to the governmental entities subject to the sunset review process.

HB 1967 by Aycock – Relating to the statutory limitation imposed on certain university systems to issue revenue bonds to fund facilities at certain institutions of higher education.

HB 1980 by Rodriguez – Relating to the use of solar energy in certain state buildings, public school facilities, and higher education facilities.

HB 1983 by Martinez Fischer– Relating to the punishment for certain intoxication related offenses; creating the offense of aggravated driving while intoxicated.

HB 1988 by McReynolds – Relating to the duties of a peace officer in connection with the suspension of a driver's license for a failure to pass a blood or breath test for intoxication or the presence of alcohol.

HB 1991 by Anchia – Relating to the use of money from the Texas emerging technology fund for the research and development of clean energy.

HB 1993 by Anchia – Relating to certain energy technologies for critical governmental facilities.

HB 1996 by McCall – Relating to exempting the sale of certain property used for research and development from the sales tax.

HB 1997 by McCall – Relating to the making of political contributions to and acceptance of political contributions by statewide officers and members of the legislature before and during a special session of the legislature.

HB 2005 by McCall – Relating to health benefit plan coverage for routine patient care costs for enrollees participating in certain clinical trials. Companions: SB 39 Zaffirini 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 2014 by Vo – Relating to credit card marketing activities at postsecondary educational institutions.

HB 2017 by Strama – Relating to conducting a study to improve transparency in the state's budgeting process and electronic access to information about the state budget.

HB 2019 by Strama – Relating to design, construction, and renovation standards for state buildings and facilities.

HB 2024 by Crownover – Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at the University of North Texas. Companions: SB 473 Estes 5-23-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 2026 by Zerwas – Relating to bariatric surgery coverage for state employees.

HB 2044 by Keffer – Relating to a qui tam action on certain contracts for information about property recoverable by the state.

HB 2051 by Bolton – Relating to requiring a record vote by each house or committee of the legislature on bills, proposed constitutional amendments, and amendments to bills and proposed constitutional amendments.

HB 2060 by Gallego – Relating to annual reporting of women and minority participation in the management and investment of the assets of public retirement systems.

HB 2075 by Shelton – Relating to limitations on the number of courses that students may drop under certain circumstances at certain public institutions of higher education.

HB 2077 by Burnam – Relating to the requirements for a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate.

HB 2081 by Isett – Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Racing Commission, the abolishment of the Equine Research Account Advisory Committee, and the authority of Texas AgriLife Research.

HB 2083 by Solomons – Relating to determination of state contributions for participation by certain junior college employees in the state employees group benefits program.

HB 2097 by Hodge – Relating to the personal and official use of state vehicles.

HB 2098 by Eissler – Relating to faculty temporary licenses to practice medicine.

HB 2106 by Geren – Relating to contracts by governmental entities and related professional services and to public works performance and payment bonds.

HB 2111 by Rodriguez – Relating to supplemental benefits to certain annuities of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

HB 2116 by Pickett – Relating to the issuance by the Texas Transportation Commission of general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects.

HB 2118 by Olivo – Relating to the designation of May 9 as Willie Velasquez Day.

HB 2125 by Bolton – Relating to the liability of a landowner that allows recreational use of the landowner's land.

HB 2126 by Kent – Relating to the prosecution and punishment of offenses involving graffiti.

HB 2131 by Rios Ybarra – Relating to participation by certain state employees in an investment product under a deferred compensation plan.

HB 2137 by McClendon – Relating to computation of the standard service annuity under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 2138 by McClendon – Relating to certain fees imposed in connection with the operation of overweight and oversize vehicles.

HB 2140 by McClendon – Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain veterans of the Texas State Guard.

HB 2141 by McClendon – Relating to one-time supplemental payments of retirement and death benefits by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 2144 by Gutierrez – Relating to the composition of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 2149 by Lewis – Relating to the liability of public servants of certain governmental units for property damage.

HB 2155 by Edwards – Relating to clarification of the essential knowledge and skills of the public school curriculum and the evaluation of conforming curriculum management systems.

HB 2156 by Edwards – Relating to uniform financial aid award notification for students and prospective students of public institutions of higher education.

HB 2159 by Edwards – Relating to a study regarding the health and safety issues posed by uncovered ditches that abut surface streets.

HB 2165 by Rose/Wentworth – Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of certain open-space land devoted principally to ecological research.

HB 2174 by Truitt – Relating to governmental agency contracts that involve the production of cement.

HB 2180 by Pickett – Relating to registration requirements for certain motor vehicles.

HB 2182 by Zerwas – Relating to the disposition of fees collected for certain specialty license plates.

HB 2184 by Leibowitz – Relating to a franchise tax credit for building new single-family homes or duplexes that exceed certain energy efficiency standards.

HB 2185 by Leibowitz – Relating to informing public school districts of available resources to reduce support costs.

HB 2203 by Isett – Relating to the continuation and operation of the Texas Department of Insurance and the operation of certain insurance programs.

HB 2210 by Anchia – Relating to efficiency standards for certain appliances.

HB 2214 by Farrar – Relating to requiring instruction on the use of traffic circles.

HB 2215 by Farrar – Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

HB 2235 by Giddings – Relating to business entities and associations. Companions: SB 1442 Fraser 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 2239 by Hamilton – Relating to transferring the Office of Rural Community Affairs to the Department of Agriculture and abolishing the board of the office.

HB 2244 by Leibowitz – Relating to the coordination of the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of a statewide passenger rail system by the Texas Department of Transportation. Companions: SB 1382 Carona 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 2248 by Turner, Sylvester – Relating to an emergency management plan for certain health care facilities.

HB 2250 by Hunter – Relating to payment of claims to pharmacies and pharmacists.

HB 2266 by Allen – Relating to the investigation of indoor air quality in certain school buildings.

HB 2268 by Corte – Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public money for lobbying activities or payment of fees and dues of a state association or organization.

HB 2269 by Alonzo – Relating to certain personnel policies of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and to certain related duties of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

HB 2278 by Thompson – Relating to health benefit plan coverage under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act for certain medical supplies.

HB 2280 by Thompson – Relating to the right of a public school educator to remove a student from the educator's classroom.

HB 2286 by Driver – Relating to the regulation of the business of private security.

HB 2287 by Driver – Relating to the regulation of investigations companies and the performance of investigative services.

HB 2293 by Gattis – Relating to the delivery of prescription drugs for certain state health plans by mail order.

HB 2298 by Davis, Yvonne – Relating to the duties, function, and operation of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

HB 2300 by Davis, Yvonne – Relating to restriction on the use of state funds to benefit private entities that outsource jobs to foreign countries.

HB 2304 by Lewis – Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for students who have been under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

HB 2312 by Gattis – Relating to the creation of a rural economic development and investment program.

HB 2323 by Homer – Relating to application of restrictions on drivers under 18 years of age to persons who held a hardship license.

HB 2334 by Geren – Relating to the powers and duties of a regional tollway authority, including the establishment of an administrative adjudication hearing procedure. Companions: SB 882 Carona 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 2341 by Miller, Sid – Relating to minimum liability insurance coverage amounts for persons convicted of offenses related to the operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

HB 2352 by Bohac – Relating to the salary paid to certain professional employees of public schools.

HB 2365 by Eissler – Relating to the structure, powers, and duties of the State Board of Education and the commissioner of education.

HB 2366 by Swinford – Relating to the creation of the Texas bioenergy fund.

HB 2379 by Kolkhorst – Relating to the establishment of the an adult stem cell research program.

HB 2381 by Kolkhorst – Relating to disclosure of the prices charged to state agencies in connection with pharmacy benefit manager services.

HB 2383 by Kolkhorst – Relating to the receipt and release of immunization information by the immunization registry in connection with a disaster. Companions: SB 347 Nelson 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 2397 by Turner, Chris – Relating to requiring computer technicians to report images of child pornography.

HB 2399 by Jackson, Jim – Relating to offering the classroom portion of a driver education course through an alternative method of instruction

HB 2406 by Naistat – Relating to the disposition of surplus information technology equipment by the state.

HB 2407 by Naistat – Relating to participation in the group benefits program by certain retired state employees and their dependents.

HB 2411 by Fletcher – Relating to the criminal penalty for unlawfully obtaining, lending, possessing, or using a driver's license or personal identification certificate.

HB 2418 by McClendon – Relating to the coordination of the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of a statewide passenger rail system by the Texas Department of Transportation.

HB 2422 by Morrison – Relating to the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.

HB 2439 by McCall – Relating to compensation for the use of the public transportation system of a regional transportation authority. Companions: SB 405 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 2442 by Rose – Relating to the limitation on paid leave for state employees at health and human services agencies pending a criminal history background check.

HB 2443 by Rose – Relating to benefits and services for children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

HB 2445 by Rose – Relating to the prohibition of off-premise signs on certain roads.

HB 2454 by Eiland – Relating to a one-time supplemental annuity payment by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 2455 by Eiland – Relating to a one-time supplemental annuity payment by Employees Retirement System of Texas.

HB 2470 by Gattis/Jackson, Mike – Relating to the establishment of the Texas Mutual Health Benefit Plan Company.

HB 2483 by Pickett – Relating to the repeal of the authority for the establishment and administration of the Border Health Institute in the city of El Paso.

HB 2487 by Eiland – Relating to the establishment, funding, and operation of the Texas natural disaster catastrophe fund and the disaster preparedness and mitigation grant council.

HB 2489 by Harper-Brown – Relating to the allocation of revenue from the motor vehicle sales tax to the state highway fund.

HB 2511 by Smith, Todd – Relating to political contributions to and political expenditures made by or on behalf of candidates, officeholder, and political committees.

HB 2515 by Menendez – Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.

HB 2519 by Parker – Relating to alternative methods of obtaining criminal history information and registration of private vendors to obtain criminal history information.

HB 2520 by Swinford – Relating to the state's goal for electric generating capacity derived from emerging renewable energy resources.

HB 2528 by Aycock – Relating to the requirement for obtaining a veterinarian's special license.

HB 2538 by Guillen – Relating to the career and technology education program.

HB 2545 by Isett – Relating to an exemption from certain end-of-course assessment instruments for a high school student earning college credit.

HB 2557 by Harper-Brown – Relating to the evaluation of highway or other mobility projects as toll projects by the Texas Department of Transportation. Companions:

HB 2564 by McClendon – Relating to the analysis of computer data.

HB 2581 by Gonzales Toureilles – Relating to the definitions of a discount health care program and a discount care health care program operator. Companions: SB 2423 Deuell 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 2589 by Pickett – Relating to transportation planning and the creation and membership of planning organizations and the funding allocations for transportation projects.

HB 2611 by Patrick, Diane – Relating to establishing an interim committee to study the provision of dental services to certain public school students.

HB 2612 by Shelton – Relating to salary supplements and enhancements for qualified professional nursing program faculty members at public junior colleges.

HB 2613 by Heflin – Relating to the allocation of gasoline tax to county roads.

HB 2637 by Rose – Relating to a limitation on the total amount of tuition and mandatory fees that a public institution of higher education may charge.

HB 2639 by Isett – Relating to the power of a local authority to enforce compliance with speed limits or a traffic-control signal on a highway or street under its jurisdiction by an automated traffic control system.

HB 2650 by Smithee – Relating to the sale of certain annuities.

HB 2670 by Thibaut – Relating to governmental liability for interest resulting from a claim for payment for goods and services.

HB 2678 by Davis, Yvonne – Relating to the establishment of a statewide meet and confer provision pertaining to employment matters for certain state and local public safety personnel.

HB 2684 by Paxton – Relating to the purchase and transport of alcoholic beverages by the holder of a mixed beverage permit.

HB 2686 by Shelton – Relating to a pilot project to increase enrollee access to primary care services and simplify enrollment procedures under the child health plan program.

HB 2687 by Shelton – Relating to a physician residency grant program.

HB 2688 by Villarreal – Relating to the authority of certain counties to establish economic development projects or create improvement districts to construct educational facilities.

HB 2709 by Coleman – Relating to a physician's delegation of prescriptive authority to physician assistants or advanced practice nurses. Companions: SB 532 Patrick, Dan 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 2713 by Coleman – Relating to health benefit plan coverage for acute or chronic medical conditions.

HB 2714 by Coleman – Relating to group health benefit plan coverage for speech, language, or hearing impairments.

HB 2718 by Howard, Donna – Relating to the certified nurse aide registry and the regulation of certified nurse aides by the Texas Board of Nursing.

HB 2719 by Howard, Donna – Relating to a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for state and local governmental entities in certain employment lawsuits filed by nurses.

HB 2723 by Davis, Yvonne – Relating to pharmacy networks for health benefit plans for certain governmental employees.

HB 2727 by Kleinschmidt – Relating to resident tuition rates at public institutions of higher education for children of certain military personnel.

HB 2731 by Gattis – Relating to attorney general representation in a contested case hearing of a person licensed or regulated by certain state agencies.

HB 2738 by Alonzo – Relating to the pledge of certain revenue of a regional transportation authority to the payment of bonds. Companions: SB 293 Carona 5-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 2740 by Bolton/Watson – Relating to the licensing and regulation of youth camps.

HB 2745 by Isett – Relating to a certification program to provide job skills training.

HB 2746 by Kolkhorst – Relating to the establishment of the School of Ethics, Western Civilization and American Traditions at the University of Texas at Austin.

HB 2750 by Eiland – Relating to the regulation of certain market conduct activities of certain life, accident, and health insurers and health benefit plan issuers.

HB 2768 by Anderson – Relating to applicability of fee exemptions for military personnel and their children to certain course fees charged by public technical institutes and public state colleges. Companions: SB 847 Averitt 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 2773 by Eissler – Relating to the Texas Tech Corps Scholarship Program for students who agree to teach in public schools in this state that have shortages of teachers in mathematics or science.

HB 2778 by Farrar – Relating to the revision of building energy efficiency performance standards.

HB 2783 by Anchia/Duncan – Relating to the adoption of energy efficient building standards.

HB 2800 by Berman – Relating to exempting certain private nonprofit educational institutions from state regulation applicable to degree-granting institutions.

HB 2811 by Hardcastle – Relating to the implementation of and incentives for projects involving the capture, transportation, injection, sequestration, geologic storage, or abatement of carbon dioxide.

HB 2812 by Swinford – Relating to the curriculum, funding, promotion, and economic impact of career and technology education in public educational institutions.

HB 2830 by Parker – Relating to transferring to the property tax relief fund one-half of any unencumbered balance of general revenue at the end of a state fiscal biennium.

HB 2867 by Strama – Relating to the development by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of a rebate program for plug-in hybrid motor vehicles.

HB 2870 by King, Phil – Relating to the requirement that certain state and local governmental entities designate a firearms proficiency officer and require weapons proficiency. Companions: SB 1303 Selliger 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 2872 by Chisum – Relating to the establishment by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board of a carbon dioxide sequestration or emissions offset program.

HB 2883 by Martinez – Relating to the accommodation of bicycles, pedestrians, and mass transit riders on streets and highways.

HB 2885 by Martinez— Relating to determination of the examination pass rate for nursing educational programs.

HB 2886 by Martinez Fischer — Relating to insurer assessments to fund the catastrophe reserve trust fund.

HB 2887 by Martinez— Relating to the creation of a literacy center pilot program by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

HB 2890 by Martinez— Relating to the disclosure by a member of the legislature or the lieutenant governor of certain information concerning a resident of this state to a governmental body.

HB 2892 by Martinez— Relating to the resumption of service by certain retirees under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 2904 by Craddock— Relating to the authority of the Martin County Hospital District to employ physicians and other health care providers.

HB 2909 by Marquez— Relating to allowing a governmental body to redact certain personal information under the public information law without the necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general.

HB 2913 by Hernandez— Relating to retirement benefits for law enforcement officers employed and commissioned by certain institutions of higher education.

HB 2915 by McReynolds— Relating to oil and gas operations in connection with certain state land.

HB 2923 by Farrar— Relating to a prohibition of discrimination by public educational institutions.

HB 2928 by Howard, Donna— Relating to the creation and administration of the public high school mathematics and science teachers undergraduate education scholarship program.

HB 2929 by Smith, Wayne— Relating to the design, development, financing, construction, and operation of certain toll projects.

HB 2930 by Rios Ybarra— Relating to the establishment and funding of emergency medical power stations.

HB 2937 by Driver— Relating to higher education student loan repayment assistance for peace officers.

HB 2939 by Callegari— Relating to the establishment of the Texas Hurricane Center for Innovative Technology at the University of Houston.

HB 2942 by Dunnam— Relating to fiscal accountability and transparency in government operations by providing for effective legislative oversight.

HB 2951 by Eiland— Relating to appropriations to certain public junior colleges affected by Hurricane Ike.

HB 2955 by Coleman— Relating to the rates of tuition charged to students of public institutions of higher education.

HB 2956 by Coleman— Relating to the regulation of solar energy panels by a property owners' association.

HB 2967 by Coleman— Relating to coverage of anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa as serious mental illnesses under certain group health benefit plans.

HB 2969 by Coleman— Relating to health benefit plan coverage for an enrollee with certain mental disorders.

HB 2975 by Coleman— Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain physical injuries that are self-inflicted by a minor.

HB 2976 by Coleman— Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain serious mental illnesses and mental disorders.

HB 2978 by Otto— Relating to the creation of alternative fuel programs to be funded by the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Fund.

HB 2987 by Phillips— Relating to a nonsubstantive revision of statutes relating to railroads; including conforming amendments. Companions: SB 1540 Carona 4- 1-11 G Earliest effective date

HB 2998 by Fletcher— Relating to the reporting and recording of a motor vehicle accident involving an official vehicle driven by a peace officer, fire fighter, or an emergency medical services employee in the course of official duties.

HB 3016 by Coleman— Relating to a prohibition against the conversion of a free segment of the state highway system to a toll project.

HB 3023 by Coleman— Relating to a temporary moratorium on the use of stun guns by law enforcement agencies and peace officers.

HB 3027 by Coleman— Relating to prohibitions on the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 3030 by Heflin— Relating to an exemption from the sales and use tax for machinery and equipment used in an agricultural aircraft operation.

HB 3042 by Farias — Relating to a study regarding changing the state minimum wage to the living wage.

HB 3045 by Farias — Relating to the development of a solar energy visualization platform by the State Energy Conservation Office.

HB 3047 by Farias — Relating to compensation provided by state agencies to employees who elect to purchase a bus pass.

HB 3049 by Farias— Relating to the establishment of the consumer credit education grant program.

HB 3066 by Gonzales— Relating to access to certain confidential patient information within the Department of State Health Services.

HB 3074 by Deshotel— Relating to availability of health coverage for certain employees of institutions of higher education.

HB 3103 by Leibowitz— Relating to a change in ownership of entities awarded grants from the Texas Enterprise Fund.

HB 3111 by Villarreal— Relating to authorizing Bexar County to issue bonds or notes to finance the acquisition of real property and the construction of a building or facility on the property for use by an institution of higher education.

HB 3118 by Homer— Relating to a study on the cost and benefits of undocumented immigrants to the state budget and economy.

HB 3122 by Shelton— Relating to the employment and temporary licensing of medical school faculty from out of state.

HB 3124 by Turner, Sylvester— Relating to scoring the state exit-level assessment instruments administered to public school students.

HB 3135 by Gallego— Relating to a TEXAS grant pilot project to provide incentives for students to attend certain underutilized public institutions of higher education.

HB 3143 by Gonzales Tourelles— Relating to weight limits on a vehicle loaded with certain agricultural products.

HB 3145 by Gonzales Tourelles— Relating to the goal for renewable energy capacity derived from renewable energy technologies other than sources using wind energy.

HB 3149 by Anchia— Relating to the adoption and financing of energy efficiency, conservation, and indoor air quality standards for the design, construction , and renovation of public school instructional facilities.

HB 3150 by Anchia— Relating to the creation of alternative fuel programs to be funded by the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Fund.

HB 3151 by Christian— Relating to the authority of certain justices of the peace to issue a search warrant for a blood specimen from a person arrested for certain intoxication offenses.

HB 3174 by Frost— Relating to the regulation of certain telecommunicators; providing penalties.

HB 3178 by Thompson— Relating to ethics of holders of and candidates for public office , public employees, and lobbyists.

HB 3183 by Thompson— Relating to requirements regarding employer liability for certain group health benefit plan premiums. Companions: SB 1143 Carona 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 3187 by McCall— Relating to information technology security practices of state agencies.

HB 3209 by Edwards— Relating to requiring attendance in an educational program on finding that an offense was committed because of bias or prejudice.

HB 3217 by Naishtat— Relating to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas withholding certain nonprofit association dues from the annuity payments of certain members.

HB 3230 by Pitts— Relating to the approval of out-of-state nursing education programs by the Texas Board of Nursing.

HB 3236 by Flynn— Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Agriculture and the Prescribed Burning Board and the abolition of the Texas -Israel Exchange Fund Board. Companions: SB 1016 Estes 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 3259 by Naishtat— Relating to the creation of the Council on Children and Families. Companions: SB 1646 Van de Putte 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 3264 by Rose— Relating to notifying certain persons of the medical loss ratios of health benefit plan issuers.

HB 3271 by Howard, Donna— Relating to the Texas Partnership for Children in Nature.

HB 3275 by Ortiz— Relating to approval by the Texas Department of Transportation of the installation of certain photographic traffic signal systems.

HB 3276 by Howard, Donna/Ellis— Relating to the determination of student priority in awarding TEXAS grants.

HB 3278 by Phillips— Relating to the creation, organization, governance, duties, and functions of the Texas Department of Vehicles; providing a penalty.

HB 3281 by Chavez— Relating to eligibility for a grant of money from the Texas Enterprise Fund.

HB 3283 by Rose— Relating to measures to increase the affordability of textbooks used for courses at public institutions of higher education.

HB 3291 by Callegari— Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations and the use of surplus state revenues.

HB 3292 by Crownover— Relating to an increase in the fee for natural gas pipeline safety inspections. Companions: SB 1658 Averitt 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 3293 by Castro— Relating to a strategy to ensure that public institutions of higher education employ faculty and staff who reflect the population of Texas.

HB 3294 by Castro— Relating to assessing the effectiveness of certain developmental education courses for students enrolled in public institutions of higher education.

HB 3296 by Castro— Relating to alternative developmental education courses under the Texas Success Initiative for institutions of higher education.

HB 3297 by Raymond— Relating to an annual state budget and legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years and to political contributions made during a legislative session.

HB 3298 by Strama— Relating to the requirement to post notice of the subject of a meeting under the open meetings law as it relates to informal discussion of a social, ceremonial, or community event.

HB 3308 by Flores— Relating to the participation of other institutions of higher education in a dual usage education complex established by a junior college district.

HB 3320 by Farrar— Relating to the promotion of breast-feeding and the prohibition against interference with or restriction of the right to breast-feed; providing a civil penalty.

HB 3322 by Kleinschmidt— Relating to participation in an animal identification program.

HB 3323 by Kleinschmidt— Relating to storage of electronic fingerprint records and access to criminal history record information.

HB 3326 by Castro— Relating to health risk assessments of state employees.

HB 3327 by Castro— Relating to the duties of the interagency obesity council and the Department of Agriculture relating to health, wellness, and prevention of obesity. Companions: SB 870 Lucio 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 3329 by Ortiz— Relating to funds promoting economic development.

HB 3345 by Farabee— Relating to this state's goal for energy efficiency

HB 3361 by Villarreal— Relating to a study by the comptroller on the use of call options by state government as a hedge against inflation in the cost of commodities purchased by state government.

HB 3371 by Rose— Relating to requiring training in geriatric medicine as a requisite for certain medical degrees.

HB 3373 by Deshotel— Relating to the use of a computer for an unauthorized purpose. Companions: SB 28 Zaffirini 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 3374 by Deshotel— Relating to permits for air contaminant emissions of stationary natural gas engines.

HB 3375 by Deshotel— Relating to energy efficiency measures and technologies

HB 3378 by Parker— Relating to projects that may be undertaken by development corporations for the development, retention, or expansion of certain transportation facilities. Companions: SB 2052 Estes 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 3382 by Coleman— Relating to transferring the statutorily assigned functions and activities of the State Board of Education to the Texas Education Agency.

HB 3383 by Coleman— Relating to the eligibility of land to be appraised as open-space land for ad valorem tax purposes.

HB 3386 by Coleman— Relating to construction, acquisition, improvement, operation, and maintenance of toll projects by certain counties.

HB 3387 by Coleman— Relating to a moratorium on tolls by the Texas Department of Transportation.

HB 3390 by Harper-Brown— Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. Companions: SB 1011 Estes 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 3393 by Harper-Brown— Relating to the deposit of fees for oversize and overweight vehicle permits in the state highway fund.

HB 3394 by Harper-Brown— Relating to the permissible uses of the state highway fund.

HB 3395 by Harper-Brown— Relating to the establishment of the Transportation Legislative Oversight Committee.

HB 3395 by Harper-Brown— Relating to requiring a state agency that is undergoing review by the Sunset Advisory Commission to undergo a financial audit and submit a zero-based budget in connection with the review.

HB 3402 by King, Phil – Relating to a restriction on the location of a well drilled for oil or gas.

HB 3409 by Gonzales – Relating to the use of money from the Texas Enterprise Fund to recruit and retain automotive manufacturing facilities.

HB 3414 by Thompson – Relating to the sale of certain alcoholic beverages to certain private club registration permit holders.

HB 3418 by Oliveira – Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a student services center at The University of Texas at Brownsville.

HB 3420 by Eissler – Relating to computation of a public high school student's grade point average.

HB 3421 by Eissler – Relating to educator preparation programs and educator certification, performance, and recruitment.

HB 3447 by Rodriguez – Relating to a study of the effectiveness for junior college students of the success initiative assessment and developmental coursework requirements regarding student readiness for college-level work.

HB 3455 by Callegari – Relating to a study conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation regarding traffic-control signalization.

HB 3462 by Smith, Todd – Relating to the rate of the state gasoline tax and diesel fuel taxes and to the permissible uses of the state highway fund.

HB 3463 by Smith, Todd – Relating to student loan repayment assistance for undergraduate students who agree to teach in public schools in this state that have shortages of teachers in math and science.

HB 3473 by Coleman – Relating to charity care.

HB 3474 by Coleman – Relating to indigent health care.

HB 3478 by Gallego – Relating to this state's goal for renewable energy.

HB 3486 by Coleman – Relating to application of the minimum wage to certain governmental entities.

HB 3495 by Miller, Sid – Relating to the distribution of funding for certain transportation projects.

HB 3503 by McClendon – Relating to the participation of certain retirees under the proportionate retirement program in the Texas Public School Employees Group Benefits Program.

HB 3504 by McClendon – Relating to the cost of health insurance for certain retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 3505 by McClendon – Relating to the use of money from the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund for rail projects.

HB 3506 by Fletcher – Relating to the creation of the Public Education Management Institute of Texas.

HB 3510 by Dunnam – Relating to protocol for folding the state flag. Companions: SB 1145 Zaffirini 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 3512 by Dunnam – Relating to state agency information available on the Internet.

HB 3513 by Dunnam – Relating to the duty to protect and safeguard sensitive personal information.

HB 3518 by Alonzo – Relating to dropping courses.

HB 3522 by Ortiz – Relating to the open records steering committee, reports by the attorney general on costs of copies, and certain deadlines, costs, and suits filed under the public information law.

HB 3524 by Maldonado – Relating to the use of recycled glass in asphalt used by the Texas Department of Transportation.

HB 3542 by Lucio III – Relating to the issuance of grants by the Texas Water Development Board for water and wastewater system improvements in economically distressed areas.

HB 3545 by Leibowitz – Relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes, to the nonsubstantive codification or disposition of various laws omitted from enacted codes, confirming codifications, repeal of unconstitutional laws. Companions: SB 1969 West 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 3558 by Phillips – Relating to the authority of a local authority to require a person who violates a photographic traffic signal enforcement system to take an intersection driving safety course.

HB 3561 by Phillips – Relating to the permissible uses of the state highway fund.

HB 3562 by Coleman – Relating to the minimum electronic mail retention period required by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

HB 3563 by Coleman – Relating to reports on racial profiling in connection with motor vehicle stops; providing a penalty.

HB 3567 by Madden – Relating to energy savings performance contracts.

HB 3568 by Olivo – Relating to information for prospective teachers regarding the effectiveness of educator preparation programs.

HB 3571 by Olivo – Relating to a program to provide financial incentives to students who agree to teach mathematics or science in certain public schools.

HB 3575 by Madden – Relating to energy and water conservation measures of state agencies.

HB 3576 by Christian – Relating to student loan repayment assistance for speech-language pathologists employed by a public school or as faculty members of certain graduate programs at institutions of higher education.

HB 3583 by Gallego – Relating to photograph and live lineup identification procedures in criminal cases.

HB 3586 by Gallego – Relating to the Texas Academy of Fine Arts, Culture, and Sciences at Sul Ross State University.

HB 3591 by Burnam – Relating to the control of emissions from crude oil and condensate storage tanks in certain areas of this state.

HB 3607 by Truitt – Relating to the amendment of Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code.

HB 3608 by Truitt – Relating to deduction of qualified health insurance premiums of eligible retired public safety officers from Teacher Retirement System of Texas annuities.

HB 3618 by Harless – Relating to the use and management of dedicated funds by the state.

HB 3631 by Farabee – Relating to compensation of certain state employees. Companions: SB 2298 Watson 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 3633 by Geren – Relating to outdoor lighting on state owned property.

HB 3634 by Geren/Van de Putte – Relating to creditable service in the Employees Retirement System of Texas and the transfer of that credit between classes of membership for certain state employees.

HB 3641 by Miller, Doug – Relating to the preservation of effective responses to requests for information pursuant to the public information law.

HB 3645 by Miklos – Relating to the eligibility of certain postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to participate in health benefit programs at public institutions of higher education.

HB 3652 by Merritt – Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler.

HB 3656 by Bohac – Relating to the Texas emissions reduction plan, including the motor vehicle purchase or lease incentive program under the plan.

HB 3670 by Hopson/Shapiro – Relating to the regulation of the practice of dental assistants, including the delegation of certain dental acts. Companions: SB 455 Shapiro 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 3673 by Harper-Brown – Relating to the relocation of utilities as a result of the construction or maintenance of a toll project that is the subject of a comprehensive development agreement.

HB 3691 by Deshotel – Relating to shipping coordination services for state agencies.

HB 3700 by Jackson, Jim – Relating to the creation of the Texas Classroom Coaching Program.

HB 3702 by Jackson, Jim – Relating to vehicles passing stationary tow trucks on a highway.

HB 3704 by Coleman – Relating to the purchase of fair trade certified products by a state agency.

HB 3709 by Coleman – Relating to certain charitable corporations granted eminent domain power, repealing eminent domain and condemnation of residential property adjacent or contiguous to such medical center.

HB 3714 by King, Susan – Relating to public school career and technology education program curriculum and funding and to development of a list of high-demand occupations for career and technology education students.

HB 3727 by Burnam – Relating to liability of a governmental unit for certain intentional torts.

HB 3729 by King, Phil – Relating to the installation of certain pipelines in county road rights-of-way.

HB 3732 by Gallego – Relating to a violation by certain law enforcement officers of the physical fitness standards adopted by a law enforcement agency.

HB 3736 by Coleman – Relating to the prohibition on the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 3740 by Hochberg – Relating to a statewide education data management system.

HB 3748 by Coleman – Relating to continuing education requirements for law enforcement officers relating to interaction with persons with mental impairments.

HB 3750 by Flynn – Relating to zero-based budgeting for certain entities funded by this state.

HB 3754 by Howard, Donna – Relating to the insurance code to include members of a junior college board

HB 3756 by Lewis – Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a medical education building for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

HB 3759 by Smithe – Relating to the operation and regulation of certain consolidated insurance programs.

HB 3770 by Fletcher – Relating to the continuing education and intermediate proficiency certificate requirements of peace officers.

HB 3787 by Rodriguez – Relating to the relocation of utilities on certain highways and county roads.

HB 3788 by Rodriguez – Relating to closure of a roadway or lane during times of emergency.

HB 3789 by Morrison – Relating to the Texas emerging technology fund. Companions:

HB 3790 by Morrison/Shapiro – Relating to performance incentive funding for public institutions of higher education and to recognition of certain student achievement on degree completion.

HB 3791 by Morrison – Relating to developing a developmental education plan for students entering public institutions of higher education.

HB 3792 by Morrison – Relating to financial assistance for resident undergraduate and graduate students.

HB 3793 by Morrison – Relating to establishing a health and wellness initiative program to reduce health plan costs for certain public employees.

HB 3794 by Morrison – Relating to the securing of a child passenger in a motor vehicle.

HB 3795 by Morrison/Shapiro – Relating to the public awareness campaign promoting higher education.

HB 3816 by Brown, Fred – Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Medical Board.

HB 3823 by Leibowitz – Relating to certifications of maximum medical improvement and assignments of impairment ratings under the workers' compensation system.

HB 3837 by Hilderbran – Relating to a limitation on the amount of tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

HB 3847 by Hamilton – Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a workforce training center at Lamar State College--Orange.

HB 3848 by Hamilton – Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a multipurpose education building at Lamar State College--Orange.

HB 3852 by Eiland – Relating to the authority of certain counties to implement a pilot program to provide certain health care services and to the funding of the program.

HB 3856 by Eiland – Relating to the state's current and future response to disasters and to preparations for disasters; making an appropriation for the purpose of providing disaster relief.

HB 3862 by Cook – Relating to the sale, recovery, and recycling of certain television equipment.

HB 3877 by Alvarado – Relating to requiring contractors in certain state construction contracts to provide health benefits to employees.

HB 3878 by Gallego – Relating to annual reporting of women and minority participation in the management and investment of the assets of a state investment fund.

HB 3882 by Alonzo – Relating to the establishment of a program at the University of North Texas to provide financial incentives to certain students who agree to teach bilingual education.

HB 3884 by Alonzo – Relating to faculty diversity at public institutions of higher education.

HB 3885 by Alonzo – Relating to a study of the effectiveness of the success initiative assessment and developmental coursework requirements and the implementation of a pilot program regarding student readiness for college-level work.

HB 3891 by Vaught – Relating to certain health benefit plan coverage for bilateral cochlear implants and related services.

HB 3904 by Paxton – Relating to personal confidential information accessed by an employee of a state governmental body.

HB 3913 by Madden – Relating to resolution of disputes arising under certain construction contracts.

HB 3917 by Smith, Wayne – Relating to the creation and administration of the Texas Local Participation Transportation Program.

HB 3930 by Guillen – Relating to establishing scholarships for children of public school teachers.

HB 3932 by Harper-Brown – Relating to the establishment of a road user fee pilot program by the Texas Department of Transportation.

HB 3934 by Harper-Brown– Relating to resuming certain state contributions for new members of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 3938 by Villarreal - Relating to renaming the TEXAS Grant program.

HB 3939 by Villarreal - Relating to limitations on the total amount of tuition and mandatory academic fees charged to resident undergraduate students at general academic teaching institutions.

HB 3940 by Villarreal - Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain state employees.

HB 3950 by Turner - Relating to the temporary housing in a housing facility of a public university of certain veterans receiving health care treatment.

HB 3952 - Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for the spouses of certain military personnel.

HB 3956 by Turner - Relating to use of sales and tax revenues by certain development corporations to promote higher education and job training opportunities.

HB 3960 by McReynolds - Relating to use of sales and tax revenues by certain development corporations to promote higher education and job training opportunities.

HB 3968 by Kleinschmidt - Relating to reduced tuition rates at public institutions of higher education for certain children of state employees.

HB 3969 by Kleinschmidt -Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.

HB 3972 by Hunter- Relating to the election of certain members of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 3979 by Hunter -Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle on a highway or street that is drawing a boat or personal watercraft in or on which a person is riding.

HB 3984 by Strama - Relating to an analysis of available federal funding, state- federal matching expenditures, and related legislation.

HB 3991 by Dutton-Relating to a one-time retention bonus for certain classified state employees.

HB 3993 by Dutton -Relating to lease-option contracts.

HB 3998 by Davis –Relating to the selection of certain members of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 4012 Weber –Relating to the procedure for acting on an application for an air contaminant emissions permit, permit amendment, or permit renewal review for an electric generating facility.

HB 4016 by Weber – Relating to the authorization of certain municipalities and counties to issue public securities for the financing of permanent improvements for use by an institution of higher education.

HB 4021 by Branch – Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds or other obligations to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education.

HB 4022 by Branch –Relating to the exemption of oil and gas royalty interests owned by private institutions of higher education from oil and gas severance taxes.

HB 4032 by McCall – Relating to the composition of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

HB 4046 by Mc Reynolds – Relating to the creation of nonprofit health corporations with assistance from the Texas Rural Foundation.

HB 4047 by Castro – Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their dependents. Companions: SB 93 by Van de Putte 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4048 by Castro – Relating to an online list of work-study employment opportunities available to students at a public institution of higher education. Companions: SB 305 Shapleigh 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4049 by Castro – Relating to student Internet access to certain financial and academic information maintained by public institutions of higher education.

HB 4050 by Castro – Relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to offer personal financial literacy training.

HB 4051 by Castro – Relating to an exemption from the curriculum requirements for automatic admission to public institutions of higher education for certain students affected by a natural disaster.

HB 4054 by Allen- Relating to the use of state institutions of higher education to provide training to state agency employees.

HB 4062 by Gonzalez – Relating to authorizing the operation of video lottery games by licensed horse and greyhound racetrack operators, to providing a defense for the operation of video lottery by Indian tribes.

HB 4065 by Gonzalez – Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for students who have been in foster care or certain other residential care. Companions SB 43 Zaffirini 5-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4067 by Gonzalez – Relating to the creation of the Bureau for Economic Development of the Border Region.

HB 4070 by Gonzalez – Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of airplanes and helicopters used exclusively in agricultural operations.

HB 4071 by Smith – Relating to the operation of hybrid motor vehicles.

HB 4074 by Chavez – Relating to the requirement that governmental public notices be published in Spanish-language newspapers.

HB 4075 by Chavez – Relating to the participation of the medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in the Joint Admission Medical Program.

HB 4076 by Paxton – Relating to the establishment of the Texas power source fund.

HB 4080 by Farrar – Relating to environmental review of toll projects by certain local toll project entities.

HB 4086 by Farrar – Relating to energy efficiency in newly constructed buildings.

HB 4088 by Farrar – Relating to the rate of the motor vehicle sales and use tax imposed on certain motor vehicles.

HB 4090 by Farrar – Relating to electronically recording certain interrogations and the admissibility of certain statements made by a juvenile or a criminal defendant.

HB 4093 by Farrar- Relating to the appointment of the director of the governor's office of homeland security.

HB 4096 by Eiland- Relating to certain contracts by certain governmental entities.

HB 4099 by Eiland- Relating to authorizing payment to FSLA-exempt FSLA-nonexempt state employees for unused compensatory time accrued during a disaster declared by the governor under Section 418.014, Government Code.

HB 4113 by Martinez – Relating to waste recycling plans of entities that receive money from this state.

HB 4116 by Pitts – Relating to establishing a uniform state policy regarding the purchases and acquisitions by or for the state or a political subdivision of the state or for the use or benefit of residents of this state.

HB 4121 by Alonzo- Relating to establishing veterans resource centers at certain institutions of higher education.

HB 4134 by Anchia- Relating to the exception from required public disclosure of certain personal information of public employees and public officials.

HB 4140 by Homer- Relating to a bulk data request for information under the public information law.

HB 4147 by Rose- Relating to the persons exempted from the required prepayment of the personnel costs incurred by a governmental body in responding to requests from a requestor under the public information law that require large amounts of personnel time. Companions: SB 1629 Wentworth 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4150 Rose- Relating to the collection and provision of information concerning public school career and technology education programs.

HB 4165 by Chisum- Relating to the funds consolidation process and the use of state revenue dedicated by law for a particular purpose.

HB 4168 by Madden – Relating to the number of persons who may be appointed to the classification immediately below department head in a police department covered by municipal civil service.

HB 4169 by Christian- Relating to the administration and use of public or private funds designated for college scholarships.

HB 4171 by Christian- Relating to procedures to help ensure that certain state agency rules are consistent with the meaning and intent of applicable legislative enactments.

HB 4172 by Maldonado- Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for Texas A & M University System Health Science Center for the Health Professions Education Center in Round Rock.

HB 4173 by Maldonado- Relating to providing outreach and behavioral health services to certain military service veterans and their families and providing for the creation of clinical practice guidelines.

HB 4177 by Christian- Relating to the duties of a peace officer in connection with the suspension of a driver's license for a failure to pass a blood or breath test for intoxication or the presence of alcohol.

HB 4179 by Smithee- Relating to health insurance.

HB 4181 by Guillen- Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain professionals employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

HB 4199 by Kent- Relating to public financing of the public education employee retirement system and an annual cost-of-living adjustment for certain retirement benefits.

HB 4202 by Herrero- Relating to creating an account to promote continuing education for certain child care providers.

HB 4203 by Harper/Brown- Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to enter into funding agreements to expedite an agency's environmental review duties related to transportation projects.

HB 4204 by Harper/Brown- Relating to public viewing and comment on proposals for comprehensive development agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation.

HB 4205 by Harper/Brown- Relating to the promotion of toll projects by the Texas Department of Transportation.

HB 4207 by Giddings- Relating to the disclosure of personally identifiable information under the public information law.

HB 4208 by Patrick- Relating to idling the diesel engine of a school bus while the bus is parked at a public school or school event.

HB 4222 by Branch- Relating to limitations on increases in designated tuition charged by general academic teaching institutions and a biennial report to the legislature regarding the operational costs of those institutions.

HB 4236 by Pena- Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas - Pan American.

HB 4238 Branch- Relating to establishing a state master plan for closing academic achievement gaps in public primary and secondary education.

HB 4240 by Mallory- Relating to the authority of the governing body of a local authority to impose a civil penalty for certain violations recorded by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

HB 4245 by Keffer- Relating to a pilot program to expand access to career and technical education partnerships in rural areas.

HB 4253 by Miklos- Relating to higher education student loan repayment assistance for peace officers.

HB 4254 by Miklos- Relating to limitations on the tuition rate charged to certain transfer students at general academic teaching institutions.

HB 4263 by Turner- Relating to the creation of the Texas Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board.

HB 4279 Harper/Brown- Relating to credit agreements executed in connection with the issuance of obligations for certain public improvements.

HB 4285 by Davis- Relating to the duties of the transportation commission.

HB 4286 by Hunter- Relating to the disposal of sewage by boats.

HB 4289 by Hunter- Relating to required procedures regarding the ranking of physicians by health benefit plan issuers.

HB 4292 by Branch- Relating to access to criminal history record information by the office of the attorney general. Companions: SB 1162 Huffman 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4293 by Branch- Relating to notice to the attorney general of an action, suit, or proceeding challenging the validity of a Texas statute or rule.

HB 4299 by Rose- Relating to rainwater harvesting and other water conservation initiatives.

HB 4304 by Hilderbran- Relating to the granting or renewal of certain easements on or leases of certain university land.

HB 4307 by Crownover- Relating to the creation of the office of inspector within the State Auditor's Office and the appointment of deputy inspectors general.

HB 4313 by Gallego- Relating to the creation of the Texas Legislative Fellows Program for certain students enrolled in component institutions of The University of Texas System.

HB 4315 by Gallego- Relating to the issuance of collegiate license plates.

HB 4317 by Callegari- Relating to certain reporting duties of the attorney general.

HB 4324 by Chisum- Relating to repayment assistance for certain physician education loans.

HB 4325 by Strama- Relating to the creation of a Sunny Day Fund to attract competitive federal grants to Texas under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

HB 4326 by Strama- Relating to the online availability of state agency reports required by law.

HB 4327 by Strama- Relating to incentive for Texas renewable energy jobs and manufacturing.

HB 4329 by Strama- Relating to the creation of a database to track specialized technology research projects conducted by public universities, public university research facilities, and other state institutions.

HB 4332 by Hamilton- Relating to the certification of certain municipal police officers to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

HB 4333 by Hamilton- Relating to training and continuing education for licensed electrical apprentices. Companions: SB 470 Carona 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4335 by McClendon- Relating to the creation of and the powers of a comprehensive multimodal urban transportation authority.

HB 4340 by Parker- Relating to the use of certain money in the state highway fund received from a project or system and held in a subaccount for the benefit of the region in which the project or system is located.

HB 4345 by Chisum- Relating to relating to the creation of the Texas Center for Sustainable Business.

HB 4346 by Chisum- Relating to "no regrets" greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies. Companions: SB184 Watson 9-1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4350 by Chisum- Relating to the definition of "operator" in relation to the regulation of a solid waste facility.

HB 4351 by Morrison- Relating to the administration and operation of, and the participation of state employees in, the state's programs for prepaying or saving toward the costs of attending an institution of higher education.

HB 4355 by Howard- Relating to the conducting of a research study on alternate ways to assure clinical competency of graduates of nursing educational programs.

HB 4367 by Castro- Relating to the formula funding for public institutions of higher education for certain credit hours that do not count toward a degree.

HB 4368 by Castro- Relating to the ineligibility for employment by a school district, open-enrollment charter school, or shared services arrangement of persons convicted of certain offenses.

HB 4371 by Elkins- Relating to failure to submit to a designated doctor examination.

HB 4372 by Elkins- Relating to income benefits in the workers' compensation system

HB 4374 by Castro- Relating to the approval of certain construction, repair, or rehabilitation projects at public institutions of higher education in this state. Companions: SB 1796 Zaffirini 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4377 by Rose- Relating to the confidentiality of certain communications involving an ombudsman program established by an employer as an alternative dispute resolution service.

HB 4378 by Rose- Relating to the repeal of obsolete or redundant reporting requirements of health and human services agencies.

HB 4386 by Vaught- Relating to the creation of DNA records for the DNA database system.

HB 4387 by Vaught- Relating to the development of contract terms regarding noncompliance by state contractors.

HB 4388 by Chavez- Relating to veteran's employment preferences.

HB 4390 by Farias- Relating to the organization, duties, and functions of the Texas Veterans Commission. Companions: SB 1655 Van de Putte 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4393 by Farias- Relating to the creation of a pilot program to provide electronic prescribing tools to rural physicians.

HB 4394 by Turner- Relating to the waiting period for eligibility for benefits under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act.

HB 4398 by Deshotel- Relating to workers' compensation supplemental income benefits.

HB 4404 by Villarreal- Relating to repealing the tuition set aside requirement for the B -On-Time program.

HB 4405 by Villarreal- Relating to establishment of the TEXAS Grant early enrollment guarantee program.

HB 4414 by Taylor- Relating to the application of the sunset review process to the office of vehicle fleet management.

HB 4415 by Farias- Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain military personnel and the spouses of certain deceased and missing military personnel.

HB 4423 by Gonzales- Relating to physician shortage residency programs.

HB 4428 by Hernandez- Relating to eligibility of certain professional librarian faculty members of public institutions of higher education to participate in the group benefits program for state employees.

HB 4437 Gonzales- Relating to examination requirements for certain applicants for a license to practice medicine.

HB 4438 by Kolkhorst- Relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to the Texas Forest Service.

HB 4040 by Kolkhorst- Relating to a study by the attorney general of the effects on state law and authority of certain international and other agreements and bodies.

HB 4446 by Alvarado- Relating to the investment authority of the Teachers Retirement System of Texas and Employees Retirement System of Texas.

HB 4450 by Corte- Relating to including certain veterans service organizations as small businesses for the purpose of state contracting.

HB 4453 by Branch- Relating to the national research university fund and allocation of amounts appropriated from the fund, the abolition of the higher education fund, and the groupings established by the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

HB 4458 by Strama- Relating to research development and deployment of emerging technology in the area of electricity storage.

HB 4459 by Strama- Relating to economic development and employment opportunities in the renewable energy or energy efficiency industries.

HB 4475 by Callegari- Relating to fire code certificates of compliance, violations, and enforcement.

HB 4480 by Howard- Relating to documentary evidence of citizenship or other status as a requirement for issuance of certain identification documents.

HB 4482 by Howard- Relating to a requirement of lawful presence in the United States for receipt of state educational benefits and to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.

HB 4483 by Howard- Relating to verifying the eligibility of applicants for federal, state, and local public benefits.

HB 4486 by Howard- Relating to the participation of governmental entities and other employers in a federal work eligibility verification program; establishing an unlawful employment practice.

HB 4487 by Howard- Relating to state and local activities concerning and enforcement of federal immigration and custom laws.

HB 4488 by Howard- Relating to an alternative graduation plan for students planning to attend certain postsecondary educational institutions.

HB 4489 by Eiland- Relating to certain contracts by certain governmental entities

HB 4490 by Eiland- Relating to certain contracts by certain governmental entities.

HB 4494 by Eiland- Relating to indigent health care costs related to a declared disaster.

HB 4495 by King- Relating to the titling, registration, and operation of mini- trucks.

HB 4499 by Hamilton- Relating to school bus safety.

HB 4504 by Coleman- Relating to reporting requirements for health occupation regulatory agencies. Companions: SB 1508 Uresti 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4505 Coleman- Relating to the eligibility of certain postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to participate in health benefit programs at public institutions of higher education.

HB 4506 by Coleman- Relating to the screening of newborns for sickle-cell trait and other disorders by the Department of State Health Services.

HB 4507 by Coleman- Relating to reporting by the Department of State Health Services regarding services provided at school-based health centers.

HB 4514 by Coleman- Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Transportation to demonstrate that alternatives to toll roads have been considered.

HB 4522 Phillips- Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Department of Transportation related to county traffic officers. Companions: SB 376 Carona 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4523 by Phillips- Relating to certain requirements for sunscreens devices that are placed on or attached to a motor vehicle; providing a penalty. Companions: SB 589 Carona 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4528 by Chavez- Relating to the establishment of law school at the University of Texas at El Paso.

HB 4531 by Chavez- Relating to the use and safety of certain types of motorcycles, the establishment of a training requirement for the use of such motorcycles , and providing a penalty.

HB 4535 by Branch- Relating to the annual allocation of certain constitutional funds to eligible agencies and institutions of higher education.

HB 4550 by Naishtat- Relating to the recruitment and retention of certain caseworkers employed by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

HB 4556 by Naishtat- Relating to measures to promote the pursuit of higher education by AmeriCorps participants.

HB 4561 by Naishtat- Relating to prohibiting institutions of higher education from disciplining students for conduct involving speech or expression.

HB 4566 by Zerwas- Relating to continuation of the intercollegiate athletics fee for students at Prairie View A&M University. Companions: SB 1334 Hegar 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4567 by Zerwas- Relating to the research development fund.

HB 4571 by Zerwas- Relating to a statewide electronic health records bank.

HB 4572 by Zerwas- Relating to insurance coverage for certain devices that facilitate insulin therapy and enhance glucose control in the treatment of diabetes.

HB 4578 by Martinez- Relating to the establishment of the official citrus producers' pest and disease management corporation; providing penalties.

HB 4582 by Pitts- Relating to the powers and duties of the Legislative Budget Board , including the receipt of reports by the board.

HB 4584 by Pitts- Relating to improving efficiency in state government and reducing state government spending

HB 4585 by Pitts- Relating to ensuring that Texas state government has sufficient general law authority to apply for and receive the maximum amount of federal funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

HB 4587 by Pitts- Relating to providing information to state employees regarding the availability of Medicaid and other health benefits coverage for their children.

HB 4589 by Pitts- Relating to a state purchasing preference for certain pharmaceutical manufacturers.

HB 4590 by Pitts- Relating to transfers from the permanent school fund to the available school fund.

HB 4591 by Alonzo- Relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide funding to develop and maintain research universities in this state of the highest tier.

HB 4596 by Kolkhorst- Relating to certain contracts between pharmacy benefit managers and the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, the Texas A&M University System, or The University of Texas System.

HB 4604 by Vaught- Relating to the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications.

HB 4616 by Branch- Financial support and incentives for the development of national research universities and high-quality comprehensive regional universities and a review of the institutional groupings.

HB 4617 by Branch- Relating to the sale of instructional materials to students of public institutions of higher education.

HB 4624 by Lucio III- Relating to certain requirements for doctors providing professional services under the workers' compensation system.

HB 4625 by Lucio III- Relating to county regulation of fireworks during drought conditions.

HB 4626 by Lucio III- Relating to establishing scholarships for members of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) attending public institutions of higher education.

HB 4627 by Lucio III- Relating to physical examination requirements for participation in certain University Interscholastic League extracurricular athletic activities.

HB 4630 by Lucio III- Relating to the state employee wellness program.

HB 4634 by Lucio III- Relating to prohibitions on the use of a wireless communication device while operating a commercial motor vehicle.

HB 4636 by Lucio III- Relating to energy efficiency audits and improvement loans for customers of electric utilities and transmission and distribution utilities .

HB 4643 by Lucio III- Relating to the minimum change interval at an intersection at which a photographic traffic monitoring system is in use.

HB 4646 by Lucio III- Relating to a collateral guarantee program to aid small contractors in participating in public works projects.

HB 4647 by Rios Ybarra- Relating to the change of the name of Texas A&M University-- Kingsville to Texas A&I University.

HB 4650 by Coleman- Relating to physical examination requirements for participation in extracurricular athletic activities.

HB 4666 by Raymond- Relating to professional development institutes for public school teachers and paraprofessionals regarding education of students with disabilities.

HB 4679 by Zerwas- Relating to the licensing and regulation of dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and dental laboratories; providing penalties . Companions: SB 887 Nelson 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

HB 4680 by Coleman- Relating to mass transit authorities.

HB 4682 by Parker- Relating to the procurement of contracts in the state.

HB 4733 by Smithee- Relating to the operation and funding of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, including funding of coverage for certain catastrophic events through the issuance of public securities.

HCR 26 by Dutton- Requesting The University of Texas at Austin to lead a study by several Texas public universities to examine how young black males in Texas are affected by the benefits and detriments of living in Texas.

HCR 27 by Dutton- Requesting The University of Texas at Austin to study the effectiveness of the Texas Education Agency in dealing with low-performing students and other matters.

HCR 29 by Pickett- Expressing the intent of the Texas Legislature that the state accept federal economic stimulus funds appropriated under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or any similar legislation.

HCR 35 by Paxton- Urging the institution of a playoff system to decide the NCAA football national championship in place of the current Bowl Championship Series.

HCR 93 by Turner- Certifying the state's intention to request and use all funds that may be available to the state under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

HCR 116 by Christian- Directing all state agencies and local governments to ensure that federal stimulus funding be used only to finance one-time, non-recurring expenses that do not require permanent changes to Texas law.

HJR 1 by Alonzo- Providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide funding to develop and maintain research universities in this state of the highest tier.

HJR 2 by Oliveira- Entitling The University of Texas at Brownsville to participate in the income and other benefits of the permanent university fund.

HJR 9 by Truitt- Relating to allowing the expenditure of motor vehicle fuel taxes and registration fees for passenger rail, transit and freight rail.

HJR 13 by Leibowitz- Relating to dedicating certain revenue derived from motor fuel taxes to the construction of public highways.

HJR 17 by Guillen- Relating to establishing a limitation on ad valorem tax.

HJR 23 by Naishtat- Relating to votes taken on bills in the house.

HJR 27 by Berman- Relating to establishing English as the official language of Texas and require that official acts of the government be taken in English.

HJR 29 by Elkins- Relating to allowing the legislature to override a veto of the governor following legislative session.

HJR 31 by Anderson- Relating to prohibiting the state of a political subdivision of the state from taking private property for the primary purpose of economic development or to benefit a particular private party.

HJR 32 by Berman- Relating to establishing English as the official language of Texas and require that official acts of government be taken in English.

HJR 33 by Gattis- Relating to authorizing the house of representatives to provide for the removal of the speaker.

HJR 38 by King- Regarding the rainy day fund and dedicating certain surplus revenues to property tax reduction.

HJR 52 by Paxton- Relating to requiring a four-fifths vote of the legislature to enact and submit to the voters a law imposing an income tax or increasing that tax.

HJR 53 by Homer- Relating to replacing the attorney general on the legislative redistricting board with the commissioner of agriculture.

HJR 54 by Deshotel- Limiting the purposes for which revenues from motor vehicle registration fees, taxes on motor fuels and lubricants, and certain revenues received from the federal government may be used.

HJR 66 by Christian- Permitting the attorney general to prosecute offenses against public administration, including ethics offenses, and offenses involving insurance fraud.

HJR 70 by Menendez- Authorizing and regulating slot machines and casino games by licensed operators and certain Indian tribes to provide additional money to fund transportation in this state and to provide financial aid for higher education students.

HJR 73 by Deshotel- Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide and guarantee loans to encourage the use of hydrogen as a cleaner fuel source.

HJR 82 by McClendon- Authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a high-speed passenger rail facility.

HJR 89 by Paxton- Dedicating certain revenue derived from motor fuel taxes to the construction of public highways.

HJR 90 by Pena- Relating to limiting the time in which the legislature may enact or modify districts for the state legislature or teh United States House of Representatives.

HJR 93 by Villarreal - Authorizing Bexar County to issue bonds or note to finance the acquisition of real property and the construction of a building or facility on the property for use by an institution of higher education.

HJR 96 by Christian- Proposing a constitutional amendment to define a public use for which property may be taken, damaged, or destroyed.

HJR 101 Callegari- Relating to a constitutional amendment concerning the limitation on the rate of growth of state appropriations and the use of unencumbered surplus state revenues.

HJR 103 by Raymond- Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for an annual state budget and annual legislative sessions for budget purposes.

HJR 109 by Isett- 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.

HJR 110 by Isett- Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the limit on the amount in the economic stabilization fund (rainy day fund) and establishing an infrastructure fund.

HJR 117 by Turner- Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the use of money from the economic stabilization fund for response to a natural disaster.

HJR 122 by Rodriguez- Proposing a constitutional amendment allowing the expenditure of motor vehicle fuel taxes and registration fees for passenger rail, transit, and freight rail.

HJR 129 Gonzalez- Authorizing the state to operate video lottery games at certain horse and greyhound racetracks and providing that federally recognized Indian tribes are not prohibited from conducting gaming on Indian lands.

HJR 134 by Branch- Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the determination of a quorum of the senate or house of representatives.

HJR 135 by Ritter- Proposing a constitutional amendment limiting the time in which the legislature may enact or modify districts for the state legislature or the United States House of Representatives.

HJR 139 by Branch- Establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities.

HJR 140 by Strama- Dedicating certain royalties from oil production on permanent university fund lands to create an endowment within the fund to support research and development in alternative energy, renewable energy and energy conservation.

HR 708 by Coleman- Relating to funding of transportation projects with funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

HR 709 by Coleman- Requesting the Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation provide the House with project selection criteria prior to obligating any Recovery Act funds.

HR 2925 by Branch- Conference committee changes to HB 51.

SB 3 by Shapiro- Relating to public school accountability, curriculum, and promotion requirements.

SB 6 by Duncan- Relating to the creation of the Healthy Texas Program.

SB 7 by Nelson- Relating to strategies for and improvements in quality health care and care management provided through health care facilities and through the child health plan and medical assistance programs.

SB 8 by Nelson- Relating to the administration, powers, and duties of the Texas Health Services Authority.

SB 9 by Zaffirini- Relating to financial support and incentives for the development of national research universities and high-quality comprehensive regional universities and a review of the institutional groupings

SB 10 by Duncan- Relating to adoption of alternative payment method pilot programs for the provision of health care services to certain state employees and certain active and retired public school employees.

SB 12 by Carona- Relating to emergency management.

SB 14 by Fraser- Relating to the operation of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and the Texas FAIR Plan Association.

SB 16 by Averitt- Relating to the enhancement of air quality, including the capture of carbon dioxide and development of a greenhouse gas registry, emissions reduction technologies, and the improvement of energy efficiency.

SB 17 by Nichols- Relating to the design, development, financing, construction, and operation of certain toll projects.

SB 18 by Estes- Relating to the use of eminent domain authority.

SB 22 by Zaffirini- Relating to exempting books purchased by university and college students from the sales tax for a limited period.

SB 26 by Zaffirini- Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain prosthetic devices, orthotic devices and related services.

SB 31 by Zaffirini- Relating to tuition rebates for students who complete certain coursework at two-year public institutions of higher education.

SB 36 by Zaffirini- Relating to the program to educate cattle producers about trichomoniasis.

SB 41 by Zaffirini- Relating to determination of state contributions for participation by certain junior college employees in the state employees group benefits program.

SB 42 by Zaffirini- Relating to the eligibility of certain postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to participate in health benefit programs at public institutions of higher education.

SB 46 by Zaffirini- Relating to tuition exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain students who volunteer for outreach programs.

SB 47 by Zaffirini- Relating to the transfer of certain functions regarding career and technology education from the Education Agency to the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

SB 48 by Zaffirini- Relating to the offense of hazing.

SB 51 by Zaffirini- Relating to the creation of an offense for certain use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

SB 59 by Zaffirini- Relating to training for employees and operators of certain child-care facilities.

SB 60 by Zaffirini- Relating to the right of an employee who is a victim of crime time off from work to attend court proceedings related to that crime.

SB 64 By Zaffirini- Relating to insurance coverage for certain devices that facilitate insulin therapy and enhance glucose control in the treatment of diabetes.

SB 65 by Zaffirini- Relating to leave for junior college district or university system employers who are physically assaulted while on duty.

SB 67 by Nelson- Relating to the imposition of background and criminal history check requirements for operators and employees of certain facilities and agencies serving children, the elderly, or persons who are disabled.

SB 71 by Nelson- Relating to the limitation on paid leave for state employees at health and human services agencies pending a criminal history background check.

SB 73 by Nelson- Relating to the establishment of an adult stem cell research program.

SB 74 by Nelson- Relating to limitation of liability for certain emergency care provided during a declared disaster.

SB 75 by Nelson- Relating to the establishment of a disaster and emergency education program.

SB 76 by Nelson- Relating to authorizing a children's health benefit plan for certain small employers.

SB 77 by Nelson- Relating to participation by single-employee businesses in private purchasing cooperatives or health group cooperatives.

SB 89 by Van de Putte- Relating to the offense of trafficking persons involved in sex-based labor.

SB 96 by Van de Putte- Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their dependents or spouse and permitting those personnel to assign the exemption to a child.

SB 104 by Ellis- Relating to a limitation on the amount of tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

SB 105 by Hinojosa- Relating to limitations on increases in fees and designated tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

SB 108 by Ellis- Relating to the establishment and funding of a green job skills training program.

SB 113 by Ellis- Relating to resident tuition rates at public institutions of higher education for certain veterans and their dependents.

SB 114 by Ellis- Relating to the payment of higher education tuition and fees for certain military personnel and their dependents.

SB 115 by Ellis- Relating to the creation of a commission to investigate and prevent wrongful convictions.

SB 116 by Ellis- Relating to electronically recording certain interrogations and the admissibility of certain statements made by a juvenile or a criminal defendant.

SB 119 by Ellis- Relating to the implementation by the Commission on Environmental Quality of a low-emission vehicle program

SB 120 Ellis- Relating to the rate of the motor vehicle sales and use tax imposed on certain motor vehicles.

SB 121 by Ellis- Relating to certain state purchases from entities doing business in Sudan.

SB 123 by Ellis- Relating to dedicating money in the system benefit fund to certain purposes.

SB 126 by Ellis- Relating to a temporary moratorium on authorizations for certain coal-fired electric generating facilities.

SB 127 by Ellis- Relating to design, construction and renovation standards for state buildings and facilities.

SB 128 by Ellis- Relating to a franchise tax credit for certain investments made in relation to sustainable commercial building projects.

SB 130 by Ellis- Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for certain renewable energy devices.

SB 131 by Ellis- Relating to the operation of hybrid motor vehicles.

SB 132 by Ellis- Relating to a requirement that the manufacturer of a motor vehicle affix a label on the vehicle containing information concerning the vehicle's emissions.

SB 133 by Ellis- Relating to exemptions from the sales tax for energy efficient products for a limited period.

SB 134 by Ellis- Relating to the period during which certain energy-efficient products are exempt from the sales tax.

SB 136 by Ellis- Relating to the Global Warming Solutions Act.

SB 145 by Ellis- Relating to the sale by textbook publishers of bundled instructional material for use by students at public institutions of higher education.

SB 146 by Ellis- Relating to disclosure by a pharmacy of a list of prescription drug retail prices.

SB 154 by Ellis- Relating to the portion of designated tuition required to be set aside to provide student financial assistance at institutions of higher education.

SB 155 by Ellis- Relating to reports regarding the consideration of certain factors by public and private institutions of higher education in admission.

SB 157 by Ellis- Relating to the Texas Civil Rights History Teacher Stipend Program.

SB 159 by Ellis- Relating to application of the minimum wage to certain governmental entities.

SB 170 by Ellis- Relating to requiring the use of an ignition interlock device on conviction of certain intoxication offenses.

SB 172 by Shapiro- Relating to financial incentives and other assistance to develop and maintain excellence in specific programs and fields of study at public institutions of higher education.

SB 173 by Gallegos- Relating to monitoring air contaminant emissions from certain sources.

SB 178 by Gallegos- Relating to temporary housing and emergency shelters provided by a political subdivision for disaster victims.

Companions: HB 1998 McCall 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 180 by Gallegos- Relating to the creation of a state occupational health and safety plan.

SB 181 by Gallegos- Relating to uniform reentry procedures for essential personnel entering an area evacuated during a disaster or other emergency.

SB 185 by Watson- Relating to establishing a commission to prepare and recommend a long-range plan for higher education.

SB 186 by Watson- Relating to establishing a commission to prepare and recommend a long-range plan for higher education.

SB 188 by Deuell- Relating to disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable diseases.

SB 191 by Shapleigh- Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for undergraduate students eligible for automatic admission to general academic teaching institutions.

SB 195 by Shapleigh- Relating to student Internet access to certain financial and academic information maintained by public institutions of higher education.

SB 197 by Shapleigh- Relating to the expansion of the financial literacy pilot program in public schools.

SB 198 by Shapleigh- Relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to offer personal financial literacy training.

SB 200 by Shapleigh- Relating to providing resident tuition at public institutions of higher education for certain military veterans and their dependents.

SB 201 by Shapleigh- Relating to the participation of the medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in the Joint Admission Medical Program.

SB 204 by Shapleigh- Relating to a prohibition of foods containing trans fat.

SB 205 by Shapleigh- Relating to the Texas Partnership for Children in Nature

SB 206 by Shapleigh- Relating to the reporting of information concerning the cancellation or rescission of health benefit plans.

SB 207 by Shapleigh- Relating to prohibition of certain compensation based on rescinding, canceling or limiting coverage under health benefit plans.

SB 208 by Shapleigh- Relating to the regulation of the use of human cells and tissue, including a ban on human cloning.

SB 211 by Shapleigh- Relating to a requirement that an electric utility meet certain energy efficiency goals before receive a rate increase.

SB 213 by Shapleigh- Relating to a manifest system to record the transportation of certain liquid wastes.

SB 214 by Van de Putte- Relating to limitations on increases in the total amount of tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

SB 215 by Van de Putte- Relating to the sale of instructional materials to students of public institutions of higher education.

SB 216 by Carona- Relating to permissible uses of state highway funds.

SB 219 by Nichols- Relating to prohibiting the use of eminent domain to take private property for recreational purposes.

SB 220 by Nichols- Relating to the conversion of a nontolled state highway or segment of the state highway system to a toll project.

SB 226 by West- Relating to student members of the board of regents of a state university system or a state university.

SB 227 by West- Relating to a fee on certain lottery prizes to fund the Texas grant program.

SB 236 by West- Relating to the regulation of solar energy devices by a property owner's association.

SB 244 by Shapleigh- Relating to restriction on the authority of certain persons to act as or on behalf, or associate with, a lender.

SB 246 by Shapleigh- Relating to limits on political contributions and direct campaign expenditures by individuals, partnerships, partners and limited liability companies.

SB 249 by Shapleigh- Relating to counties eligible to impose an optional fee on registration of a vehicle to fund transportation projects.

SB 250 by Shapleigh- Relating to a report on use of money from the Enterprise Fund.

SB 255 by Estes- Relating to designation of Midwestern State University as a public liberal arts university. Companions: HB 602 Farabee 5-12-09
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SB 261 by Deuell- Relating to the taking of a specimen of the breath or blood of a person arrested for an intoxication offense under certain circumstances.

SB 263 by Carona- Relating to the issuance by the Transportation Commission of general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects.

SB 266 Hinojosa- Relating to an open format for electronic state documents and the sharing of information electronically among state agencies.

SB 267 by Hinojosa- Relating to design, construction and renovation standards for state buildings and facilities.

SB 273 by Nichols- Relating to testing requirements for certain commercial injection wells.

SB 274 by Nichols- Relating to limitations on the location of injection wells.

SB 275 by Nichols- Relating to the application of new requirements for commercial underground injection control wells to be adopted by the Commission on Environmental Quality.

SB 280 by Nelson- Relating to the exception from required public disclosure of certain personal information of public employees and public officials.

SB 284 by Nelson/Zerwas- Relating to human body and anatomical specimen donation.

SB 290 by Nelson- Relating to optional fees on the registration of a vehicle imposed by a county.

SB 294 by Hinojosa- Relating to optional fees on the registration of a vehicle imposed by a county.

SB 295 by West- Relating to a project that may be undertaken by a development corporation to promote higher education opportunities.

SB 298 by Carona- Relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement agencies to establish a checkpoint on a highway or street to determine whether persons are driving while intoxicated.

SB 303 by Shapleigh- Relating to application for and cancellation or rescission of health benefit plan coverage.

SB 318 by Wentworth- Relating to the order of succession to the office of governor.

SB 324 by Shapleigh- Relating to the tuition rebate program for certain undergraduate students at general academic teaching institutions.

SB 325 by Shapleigh- Relating to providing training in personal financial literacy instruction for public school teachers.

SB 326 by Shapiro- Relating to stabilizing the amount of tuition charged to certain residents of this state by general academic teaching institutions.

SB 329 by Carona- Relating to the automatic suspension of the driver's license of a person convicted of certain organized crime offenses.

SB 331 by Carona- Relating to access to certain information under the public information law concerning public officers and employees.

SB 335 by Shapleigh- Relating to the requirement that matching funds be provided by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools under the educator excellence awards program.

SB 338 by Van de Putte- Relating to requirements for businesses that offer plastic checkout bags to customers.

SB 339 by Gallegos- Relating to uniform reentry procedures for essential personnel entering an area evacuated during a disaster or other emergency.

SB 340 by Gallegos- Relating to temporary housing and emergency shelters provided by a political subdivision for disaster victims.

SB 341 by Wentworth- Relating to changing the name of Railroad Commission to the Energy Commission.

SB 344 by Nelson- Relating to the establishment of an advisory committee to study the acceptance at farmers markets of food stamps and benefits under the women, infants and children supplemental food program.

SB 350 by Shapleigh- Relating to the application for and continuation of certain health benefit plan coverage.

SB 351 by Shapleigh- Relating to payment of certain emergency room physicians for services provided to enrollees of managed care health benefit plans.

SB 352 by Shapleigh- Relating to a prohibition of trans fatty acids in meals provided to students by school districts.

SB 355 by Van de Putte- Relating to use of money from the Texas Enterprise Fund to benefit small businesses.

SB 356 by Carona- Relating to the frequency and content of school bus emergency evacuation training.

SB 357 by Patrick- Relating to a prohibition against the knowing employment of persons not lawfully present in the United States and the suspension of licenses held by certain employers for the knowing employment of those persons.

SB 358 by Patrick- Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities.

SB 368 by Carona- Relating to the denial, suspension, or revocation of a motor vehicle inspection station certificate or an inspector certificate.

SB 373 by Shapleigh- Relating to administrative costs paid by health benefit plan issuers.

SB 374 by Carona- Relating to the power of a county to enforce compliance with speed limits by an automated traffic control system.

SB 377 by Van de Putte- Relating to eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits based on the claimant's availability to do part-time work.

SB 378 by Van de Putte- Relating to the designated doctor's examination under the workers' compensation system.

SB 380 by Van de Putte- Relating to a loan program to encourage the use of cleaner hydrogen fuel and providing for the issuance of bonds.

SB 382 by Van de Putte- Relating to a competitive grant program to fund promotion of early literacy programs in certain communities in this state.

SB 383 by Carona- Relating to the allocation to the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund of a portion of the revenue from the motor vehicle sales and use tax.

SB 384 by Carona- Relating to the promotion of toll projects by the Texas Department of Transportation. Companions: HB 2142 McClendon 6-19-09 G Vetoes by the Governor

SB 385 by Carona- Relating to the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications.

SB 388 by Carona- Relating to the creation of the law enforcement integrity unit in the Department of Public Safety.

SB 389 by Patrick- Relating to the definition of a police vehicle for the purposes of certain traffic laws.

SB 394 by Lucio- Relating to the appointment of an attorney for a workers' compensation claimant in certain proceedings initiated by a workers' compensation insurance carrier.

SB 403 by Jackson- Relating to the regulation of solar energy panels by a property owners' association.

SB 416 by Carona- Relating to additional court costs for certain traffic offenses that occur in a municipality.

SB 419 by Carona- Relating to the evidence required for the release of a motor vehicle after impoundment of the vehicle for failure to maintain evidence of financial responsibility.

SB 427 by Shapiro- Relating to energy demand and incentives for distributed renewable generation.

SB 430 by West- Relating to higher education facilities as authorized projects in a public improvement district.

SB 435 by Ellis- Relating to a statewide goal for electric energy generation during peak load periods from renewable energy technology.

SB 436 by Ellis- Relating to a statewide goal for electric energy generation to meet base load demands from renewable energy technologies.

SB 437 by Ellis- Relating to energy efficient products.

SB 440 by Ellis- Relating to transferring the statutorily assigned functions and activities of the State Board of Education to the Texas Education Agency.

SB 442 by Lucio- Relating to the receipt of death benefits in the workers' compensation system.

SB 450 by Patrick- Relating to prohibiting the investment of retirement system funds in certain private business entities doing business in Iran.

SB 454 by Shapiro- Relating to measures to increase the affordability of textbooks used for courses at public institutions of higher education.

SB 457 by Gallegos- Relating to penalty assessment for violations of the Texas Clean Air Act committed by major sources.

SB 459 by Gallegos- Relating to disclosure by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of information related to emissions events.

SB 460 by Gallegos- Relating to access to information regarding a firefighter or police officer under the municipal civil service law.

SB 463 by Gallegos- Relating to the issuance of license plates by Texas Department of Transportation to support disaster relief.

SB 464 by Zaffirini- Relating to reconstituting the system benefit fund as a trust fund and to uses of the fund.

SB 467 by Zaffirini- Relating to the use of certain aviation and air transportation-related sales and use tax proceeds for aviation facilities development.

SB 474 by Estes- Relating to the comptroller's electronic funds transfer system and the use of electronic paycards.

SB 483 by Seliger- Relating to the establishment of incentives by this state for the implementation of certain projects to capture and sequester in geological formations carbon dioxide that would otherwise be emitted into the atmosphere.

SB 485 by Deuell- Relating to medical loss ratios of health benefit plan issuers.

SB 493 by Nelson- Relating to benefits and services for children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

SB 496 by Wentworth- Relating to certain unlawful acts involving state money or property and actions by the state and private persons to prosecute those acts.

SB 500 by Shapiro- Relating to the powers, duties, and financing of cultural education facilities finance corporations.

SB 502 by Carona- Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to enter into funding agreements to expedite an agency's environmental review duties related to transportation projects.

SB 505 by Ogden- Authorizing the designation of an area adjacent to a state highway project as a transportation finance zone and requiring the revenue from the taxes imposed in the zone be used to pay obligations in connection with the project.

SB 506 by Carona- Relating to the operation and movement of motorcycles during periods of traffic congestion.

SB 507 by Eltife- Relating to filing a wage claim.

SB 509 by Carona- Relating to the reporting of proposed publicity expenditures by state agencies to certain legislative committees.

SB 512 by Carona- Relating to authorizing the Texas Department of Public Safety to establish a driver record monitoring pilot program and enter into contracts for the periodic reporting of certain information in the department's license files.

SB 525 Nelson- Relating to certain qualified alien physicians practicing medicine in this state.

SB 533 by Duncan- Relating to eminent domain, including certain limitations, procedures, and standards relating to the use of eminent domain.

SB 536 by Van de Putte- Relating to the regulation of the practice of dental hygiene.

SB 541 by Watson- Relating to incentives for Texas renewable energy jobs and manufacturing.

SB 542 by Watson- Relating to the use of money from the Texas emerging technology fund for the research and development of clean energy.

SB 544 by Ellis- Relating to the elimination of smoking in all workplaces and public places.

SB 545 by Fraser- Relating to the creation of a distributed solar generation incentive program.

SB 546 by Fraser- Relating to the state goal for energy efficiency.

SB 552 by Hegar- Relating to funding for the continuing education of certain peace officers.

SB 555 by Duncan- Relating to indemnification provisions in construction contracts.

SB 556 by Hinojosa- Relating to requirements for certain contracts with physicians and health care providers.

SB 558 by Ogden- Relating to the designation of highway safety corridors.

SB 567 by Hegar- Relating to the course levels offered by University of Houston-Victoria. Companions: HB 1056 Morrison 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 572 by Shapiro- Relating to transportation safety training requirements for certain child-care providers.

SB 573 by Lucio- Relating to the adoption of an alternative base period for computation of unemployment compensation benefits.

SB 582 by Wentworth- Relating to prohibitions on the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

SB 586 by Carona- Relating to the operation of certain managed care plans regarding out-of-network health care providers.

SB 597 by Nichols- Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a molecular science building at Stephen F. Austin State University.

SB 598 by Van de Putte- Relating to a pilot revolving loan program for retrofitting public school buildings with photovoltaic solar panels and associated energy efficiency improvements.

SB 600 by Van de Putte- Relating to a solar energy technology generation incentive program to be administered by electric utilities.

SB 601 by Van de Putte- Relating to the state goal for energy efficiency.

SB 602 by Ellis- Relating to prohibiting the investment of the permanent university fund in certain business entities doing business in the Sudan.

SB 603 by Deuell- Relating to the creation of an additional judicial composed of Rockwall County.

SB 605 by Deuell- Relating to incentives for the film, television, video and digital interactive media production industries. Companions: HB 801 Guillen 4-23-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 607 by Uresti- Relating to enrollment requirements for the operation of Texas A&M University-San Antonio as a general teaching institution and the issuance of bonds for that institution.

SB 608 by Watson- Relating to the creation of the Texas Center for Sustainable Business.

SB 610 by Shapleigh- Relating to lobbying by former members of the governor's executive staff.

SB 612 by Shapleigh- Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Department of Transportation related to rail facilities.

SB 616 by Shapleigh- Relating to examination requirements for certain applicants for a license to practice medicine.

SB 620 by Shapleigh- Relating to the state's goal for non-wind renewable electric generating capacity.

SB 622 by Hegar- Relating to access to the state highway system and damages for diminished access to the state highway system.

SB 626 by Carona- Relating to the creation, organization, governance, duties, and functions of the Texas Department of Vehicles.

SB 628 by Ogden- Relating to immunity of the state and state agencies and employees of the state and state agencies from suit by certain public entities.

SB 635 by Seliger- Relating to certain requirements for school bus emergency evacuation training.

SB 640 by Ellis- Relating to electronic technology infrastructure.

SB 641 by Ellis- Relating to prohibiting human cloning.

SB 645 by Hegar- Relating to the production and taxation of renewable diesel fuel.

SB 647 by Van de Putte- Relating to blind and disabled pedestrians and failure of the operator of a motor vehicle to yield right-of-way.

SB 648 by Van de Putte- Relating to the right of an employee who is a parent of a child enrolled in a special education program to time off work to meet with certain persons affecting the education of the child.

SB 649 by Van de Putte- Relating to the ability of an employee to participate in certain school-related activities of the employee's child.

SB 651 by Van de Putte- Relating to restrictions on the use a stun gun.

SB 655 by Fraser- Relating to the statutory limitation imposed on certain university systems to issue revenue bonds to fund facilities at certain institutions of higher education.

SB 664 by Gallegos- Relating to the establishment and operation of a public building mapping information system by the Texas Facilities Commission.

SB 668 by Shapleigh- Relating to the establishment of a student mentorship pilot program at certain institutions of higher education.

SB 670 by Shapleigh- Relating to design and construction standards for newly constructed state buildings, public school facilities, and higher education facilities.

SB 672 by Shapleigh- Relating to considering ownership interests of certain disabled veterans in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.

SB 676 by Shapleigh- Relating to credit card marketing activities at postsecondary educational institutions.

SB 678 by Shapleigh- Relating to the additional tax imposed on land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as open-space land if a change of use of the land occurs.

SB 682 by Eltife- Relating to participation in an animal identification system.

SB 684 by Lucio- Relating to the establishment of the Texas Rural Development Fund and to the establishment, operation, and funding of certain programs for rural economic development.

SB 691 by Hegar- Relating to the establishment of the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

SB 692 by Van de Putte- Relating to family care leave for certain employees.

SB 696 by Ellis- Relating to the lease of certain state parking facilities to other persons.

SB 699 by Ellis- Relating to higher education student loan repayment assistance for peace officers.

SB 706 by Nelson- Relating to incentives to recruit and retain allied health education program faculty.

SB 713 by Carona- Relating to a prohibition on the disclosure and use of certain information recorded or collected by a transponder used to electronically assess or collect a toll.

SB 729 by Hegar- Relating to creating a defense prosecution for the offense of unlawful carrying of a handgun by a license holder on the premises of certain businesses. Companions: HB 2664 Ritter 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 730 by Hegar- Relating to an employee's transportation and storage of certain firearms or ammunition while on certain property owned or controlled by the employee's employer.

SB 736 by Watson- Relating to the funds consolidation process and the use of state revenue dedicated by law for a particular purpose.

SB 737 by Watson- Relating to conducting a study to improve transparency in the state's budgeting process and electronic access to information about the state budget.

SB 738 by Watson- Relating to a state agency review and analysis of the revenue sources that pay for the agency's functions and the adjustment by certain agencies of fee amounts.

SB 739 by Watson- Relating to transferring the Legislative Budget Board's performance review duties to the comptroller.

SB 746 by Wentworth- Relating to the permissible uses of the state highway fund.

SB 753 by Davis- Relating to the waiting period for eligibility for benefits under the Texas Employees Group Benefit Act

SB 761 by Watson- Relating to a program for the recycling of electronic equipment of consumers in this state.

SB 763 by Watson- Relating to the requirement that state agencies purchase low-emissions vehicles as a minimum percentage of their purchased vehicles.

SB 772 by Williams- Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle by a person under 18 years of age while using a wireless communications device.

SB 775 by Lucio- Relating to the licensing and regulation of clinical laboratory science professionals.

SB 777 by Ogden- Relating to statistical information on the prosecution of certain offenses relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

SB 779 by Watson- Relating to expedited credentialing for certain individual health care providers providing services under a managed care plan.

SB 783 by Shapiro- Relating to the Texas emerging technology fund.

SB 784 by Hegar- Relating to the suspension of a driver's license by the Department of Public Safety.

SB 789 by Nelson- Relating to loss ratio standards for long-term care benefit plans.

SB 790 by Nelson- Relating to clinical practice hours available for professional nursing educational programs at certain hospitals.

SB 791 by Nelson- Relating to the certified nurse aide registry and the regulation of certified nurse aides by the Texas Board of Nursing.

SB 814 by Watson- Relating to repayment assistance for certain physician education loans.

SB 815 by Watson- Relating to consumer labeling requirements for certain health benefit plans.

SB 816 by Patrick- Relating to the Texas Teach Corps Scholarship Program for students who agree to teach in public schools in this state that have shortages of teachers in math and science.

SB 819 by Davis- Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of certain first-time students at public institutions of higher education.

SB 823 by Van de Putte- Relating to participation in job training and employment assistance programs by veterans and other covered persons. Companions: HB 1452 Eissler 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 826 by Ellis- Relating to exceptions to certain disqualifications from receiving unemployment benefits.

SB 845 by Van de Putte- Relating to the tuition and fee exemption available to certain military personnel and to permitting those personnel to transfer the exemption to a child.

SB 846 by Averitt- Relating to the exemption of oil and gas royalty interests owned by private institutions of higher education from oil and gas severance taxes.

SB 850 by Patrick- Relating to information required to establish resident status in connection with tuition and fees charged by public institutions of higher education.

SB 855 by Carona- Relating to local options regarding transportation and mobility improvement projects in certain counties.

SB 857 by West- Relating to the purchasing and contracting practices of junior college districts.

SB 863 by Harris- Relating to adoption of certain information technology.

SB 867 by Lucio- Relating to summer nutrition programs provided for by school districts.

SB 871 by Lucio- Relating to health risk assessments of state employees.

SB 875 by Shapleigh- Relating to consideration of students' preferred class times in establishing course schedules at public institutions of higher education.

SB 877 by Ellis- Relating to the provision of HIV and AIDS tests and to health benefit plan coverage of HIV and AIDS tests.

SB 878 by Davis- Relating to use of the money from the Texas enterprise fund to promote renewable energy technology.

SB 884 by Harris- Relating to the compensation of certain persons by a domestic insurance company. Companions: HB 651 Darby 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 886 by Nelson- Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for claims based on retaliation against a nurse for engaging in protected patient advocacy activities.

SB 888 by Nelson- Relating to establishing a pill splitting program to reduce health plan costs for certain public employees.

SB 895 by Nelson- Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute. Companions: HB 1358 Keffer 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 896 by Shapleigh- Relating to the repeal of the drivers responsibility program.

SB 897 by Shapleigh- Relating to certain reporting requirements in connection with the transportation of hazardous materials by a railroad company.

SB 898 by Shapleigh- Relating to the purposes and designation of a municipal transportation reinvestment zone.

SB 901 by Deuell- Relating to regulation of health benefit plans.

SB 905 by Davis- Relating to the date on which eligibility for benefits begins under certain programs for governmental employees and retirees.

SB 907 by Williams- Relating to the purchase of a United States Flag by a governmental entity.

SB 928 by Patrick- Relating to the limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations.

SB 936 by Carona- Relating to the appointment of a communications coordination group.

SB 941 by Wentworth- Relating to contracts by governmental entities for professional services relating to geoscience. Companions: HB 2820 Chisum 6-19-09 G Vetoed by the Governor

SB 942 by Wentworth- Relating to local option methods for financing transportation projects and services.

SB 944 by Zaffirini- Relating to a grant program to provide children at risk of hunger or obesity with increased access to nutritious foods. Companions: HB 1622 Giddings 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 952 by Shapleigh- Relating to erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads that follow the route of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro.

SB 953 by Shapleigh- Relating to contracting issues of state agencies.

SB 954 by Shapiro- Relating to uniform financial aid award notification for students and prospective students of public institutions of higher education.

SB 955 by Shapiro- Relating to the state virtual school network.

SB 961 by Ellis- Relating to the sale of certain annuities.

SB 962 by Ellis- Relating to a business's electronic transmission of the sensitive personal information of its customers.

SB 967 by Hegar- Relating to the disclosure by the developer of the subdivision of planned highway projects that will go through or be adjacent to a subdivision.

SB 971 by Seliger- Relating to an interlocal contract for a relief highway route around certain municipalities.

SB 975 by Ellis- Relating to a loan program to encourage the use of renewable energy technology and the making of energy efficiency improvements.

SB 985 by Davis- Relating to the lodging expenses of certain state emergency services personnel.

SB 988 by Ellis- Relating to the development of a climate adaptation plan by certain entities

SB 993 by Duncan- Relating to ranking of physicians by health benefit plans.

SB 1000 by Gallegos- Relating to the practice of nursing.

SB 1006 by Hegar- Relating to the governmental entities subject to the sunset review process.

SB 1007 by Hegar- Relating to the continuation and operation of the Texas Department of Insurance and the operation of certain insurance programs.

SB 1013 by Hinojosa- Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Racing Commission, the abolishment of the Equine Research Account Advisory Committee, and the authority of Texas Agrilife Research.

SB 1017 by Hinojosa- Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas and the Texas Private Security Board. Companions: HB 2730 Kolkhorst 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1018 by Deuell- Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. Companions: HB 3389 Harper-Brown 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1019 by Hegar- Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Department of Transportation, including the transfer of certain functions to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

SB 1023 by Ogden- Relating to the exercise of eminent domain authority.

SB 1028 by Watson- Relating to the use of safety belts while operating or riding in a passenger vehicle.

SB 1041 by Patrick- Relating to the liability of public servants of certain governmental units for property damage.

SB 1042 by Ellis- Relating to improving state energy conservation, including through the use of thermostat settings.

SB 1043 by Ellis- Relating to the quantification of carbon dioxide emissions reductions attributable to state programs.

SB 1046 by Gallegos- Relating to the state contribution to and certain annuities under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

SB 1051 by Uresti- Relating to leave for certain state employees who volunteer or participate in training for Court Appointed Special Advocates. Companions: HB 1462 Pickett 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1077 by Carona- Relating to certain persons and activities regulated by the Department of Public Safety.

SB 1083 by Huffmans- Relating to access to certain confidential patient information within the Department of State Health Services.

SB 1085 by Shapleigh- Relating to a report to the legislature regarding funding for campuses of public institutions of higher education located outside the United States.

SB 1089 by Shapleigh- Relating to farm-to-school initiatives.

SB 1090 by Deuell- Relating to the regulation of the practice of construction and program management for capital improvement projects of governmental entities.

SB 1092 by West- Relating to the screening of newborns for sickle-cell trait and other disorders by the Department of State Health Services.

SB 1094 by Meritt- Relating to the submission of reports on certain convictions or adjudications relating to the operation of motor vehicles to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

SB 1097 by Carona- Relating to the establishment and determination of financial responsibility for a motor vehicle.

SB 1102 by Watson- Relating to certain energy security technologies for critical governmental facilities.

SB 1106 by Van de Putte- Relating to payment of claims to pharmacies and pharmacists.

SB 1110 by Jackson- Relating to contracts by governmental entities and related professional services and to public works performance and payment bonds.

SB 1120 by West- Relating to reports on racial profiling in connection with motor vehicle stops.

SB 1138 by Duncan- Relating to regional poison control centers.

SB 1141 by Van de Putte- 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.

SB 1146 by Zaffirini- Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds or other obligations to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education.

SB 1148 by Averitt- Relating to the administration by certain health care professionals of certain treatments, therapy, or medication ordered by an optometrist or therapeutic optometrist.

SB 1150 by Hinojosa- Relating to the liability of the state for a violation of the federal Americans with Disability Act.

SB 1156 by Davis- Relating to reporting of medical loss ratios by health benefit plan issuers.

SB 1158 by Davis- Relating to regulation of health benefit plan rates.

SB 1162 by Hegar- Relating to notice to the attorney general of an action, suit, or proceeding challenging the validity of a Texas statute or rule.

SB 1164 by Wentworth- Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of institutions of higher education.

SB 1177 by Patrick- Relating to the suspension of the driver's license of a person arrested for an offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol.

SB 1178 by Patrick- Relating to the penalty for driving while intoxicated.

SB 1179 by Patrick- Relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to offer health benefit plans to students.

SB 1183 by Wentworth- Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for certain claims arising under written contracts with state agencies.

SB 1192 by Ellis- Relating to biodiesel and cellulosic ethanol content requirements for certain fuels.

SB 1200 by Ogden- Relating to disclosure of contracts between a member of the legislature or a business entity in which the member has a substantial interest and a state agency.

SB 1213 by Gallegos- Relating to certain diseases or illnesses suffered by certain emergency first responders. Companions: HB 4560 Naishtat 9-1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1215 by Patrick- Relating to lobbying by former members of the legislature.

SB 1220 by Shapiro- Relating to the purchase and transport of alcoholic beverages by the holder of a mixed beverage permit.

SB 1226 by Fraser- Relating to the authority of certain counties to regulate the location of wind energy electric generating facilities.

SB 1227 by Fraser- Relating to the location of wind energy electric generating facilities.

SB 1233 by Davis- Relating to the use of certain money received by the Texas Department of Transportation from certain transportation projects or systems.

SB 1234 by Davis- Relating to the allocation of the distribution of surplus revenue of a toll project or system.

SB 1244 by Carona- Relating to the regulation of investigations companies and the performance of investigative services.

SB 1245 by Carona- Relating to the regulation of the business of private security.

SB 1249 by Zaffirini- Relating to the creation of a pilot program to improve curricula alignment between junior colleges and general academic teaching institutions for engineering degree programs.

SB 1250 by Zaffirini- Relating to the administration of certain programs to assist certain foster children in obtaining postsecondary education and training.

SB 1257 Averitt- Relating to the regulation of certain market conduct activities of certain life, accident, and health insurers and health benefit plan issuers.

SB 1261 by Uresti- Relating to the ineligibility for employment by a school district, open-enrollment charter school, or shared services arrangement of persons convicted of certain offenses.

SB 1269 by Shapleigh- Relating to setting aside for TEXAS grant funding tuition paid by students at campuses maintained by public institutions of higher education outside the United States.

SB 1270 by Shapleigh- Relating to the online availability of state agency reports required by law.

SB 1282 by Williams- Relating to the powers of certain freight rail districts. Companions: HB 2433 Smith 9-1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1283 by Williams- Relating to the supervision by the Texas Department of Transportation of money appropriated by the federal government for the construction and maintenance of rail facilities. Companions: HB 2434 Smith 5-12-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1308 by Carona- Relating to the on-premises consumption of certain alcoholic beverages.

SB 1309 by Hegar- Relating to the regulation of commercial fertilizer. Companions: HB 2527 Aycock 9-1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1312 by Shapiro- Relating to programs and funding to support adult and postsecondary education and workforce development at public junior colleges and public technical institutes.

SB 1313 by Shapiro- Relating to the quality and accessibility of public school career and technical education programs.

SB 1318 by Wentworth- Relating to erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads.

SB 1319 by Wentworth- Relating to the prohibition of signs along certain roads.

SB 1323 by Whitmire- Relating to the amount of a surcharge assessed on conviction of certain intoxicated driver offenses on the driver's license of certain persons who complete a drug court program.

SB 1327 by Nelson- Relating to the disposition of surplus data processing equipment of a university system or an institution or agency of higher education.

SB 1329 by Nelson- Relating to control of food-borne illnesses and microorganisms that cause food-borne illnesses or are otherwise injurious to health.

SB 1330 by Nelson- Relating to mutual aid agreements for newborn screening laboratory services. Companions: HB 1671 Crossover 9-1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1331 by Nelson- Relating to the creation of the Texas Physician Health Program.

SB 1339 by Gallegos- Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for the University of Houston Multi-Cultural Studies and Classroom Complex.

SB 1343 by Hinojosa- Relating to the formula funding for public institutions of higher education for certain credit hours that do not count toward a degree.

SB 1345 by Watson- Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain orally administered anticancer medications.

SB 1346 by Davis- Relating to limitations on increases in the total amount of tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

SB 1348 by Van de Putte- Relating to health benefit plan coverage for acquired brain injuries.

SB 1350 by Carona- Relating to the creation, administration, financing, and use of a Texas Transportation Revolving Fund.

SB 1352 by Carona- Relating to the authority of certain counties to construct, acquire, improve, operate, or maintain causeways, bridges, tunnels, turnpikes, ferries, or highways.

SB 1363 by Shapiro- Relating to clarification of the essential knowledge and skills of the public school curriculum and the evaluation of conforming curriculum management systems.

SB 1366 by Ellis- Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain serious mental illnesses and mental disorders.

SB 1379 by Hinojosa- Relating to the establishment, funding, and operation of the Texas natural disaster catastrophe fund and the disaster preparedness and mitigation grant council.

SB 1383 by Carona- Relating to the creation and administration of the Texas Local Participation Transportation Program.

SB 1389 by Wentworth- Relating to the penalty for the offense of reckless driving.

SB 1394 by Zaffirini- Relating to notification of an applicant for admission to a general academic teaching institution regarding the availability of degree programs in the applicant's preferred major field of study offered by other institutions.

SB 1395 by Zaffirini- Relating to the use of person first respectful language in reference to individual with disabilities.

SB 1396 by Deuell- Relating to required procedures regarding the ranking of physicians by health benefit plan issuers.

SB 1397 by Deuell- Relating to establishing the equivalency of competency-based nursing education programs in other states that meet standards of quality equivalent to nursing education programs approved by the Texas Board of Nursing.

SB 1404 by Duncan- Relating to the powers and duties of the Employees Retirement System of Texas. Companions: HB 2559 Truitt 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1408 by Shapleigh- Relating to compensation and employment benefits for member of the Texas State Guard called to state active duty.

SB 1412 by Williams- Relating to scholarships for fifth-year accounting students. Companions: HB 2440 McCall 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1416 by Hegar- Relating to certain contracts between pharmacy benefit managers and Employees Retirement System of Texas, the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, The Texas A&M University System or the University of Texas System.

SB 1417 by Shapiro- Relating to transportation planning and the creation and membership of planning organizations and funding allocations for transportation projects.

SB 1419 Lucio- Relating to this state's goal for renewable energy.

SB 1424 by Seligert- Relating to a person's eligibility to possess or carry a concealed handgun or other firearm.

SB 1425 by Williams- Relating to the creation of alternative fuel programs to be funded by the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Fund.

SB 1426 by Williams- Relating to the installation, operation, and maintenance of automatic license plate identification cameras on a highway.

SB 1433 by Watson- Relating to the delivery of prescription drugs for certain state health plans by mail order.

SB 1443 by Zaffirini- Relating to the academic costs charged to resident undergraduate students by general academic teaching institutions and certain reports regarding the operational costs of those institutions.

SB 1444 by Shapiro- Relating to exempting the sale of certain property used for research and development from the sales tax.

SB 1451 by West- Relating to limiting use of money in the Texas Enterprise Fund to recipients that provide health benefit plans.

SB 1457 by Carona- Relating to a waiver of sovereign or governmental immunity by governmental entities that fail to make a timely payment under the Prompt Payment Act.

SB 1462 by Carona- Relating to the use of public facilities as emergency shelters during disasters.

SB 1463 by Lucio- Relating to the provision of information regarding health care and other benefits for veterans.

SB 1467 by Davis- Relating to governmental agency contracts that involve the production of cement.

SB 1498 by Van de Putte- Relating to veteran's employment preferences.

SB 1500 by Duncan- Relating to the employment of physicians by certain hospitals.

SB 1501 by West- Relating to the eligibility of nonprofit organizations that partner with certain schools to receive grants for agricultural projects.

SB 1502 by Seliger- Relating to the authority of the Martin County Hospital District to employ physicians and other health care providers.

SB 1503 by Seliger- Relating to the authority of the board of directors of the Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District to employ health care providers.

SB 1508 by Carona- Relating to the authority of certain transportation and transit authorities to enforce compliance with high occupancy vehicle lane restriction by an automated enforcement system.

SB 1519 by Shapleigh- Relating to the regulation of debt collection agencies; imposing criminal penalties.

SB 1523 by Shapleigh- Relating to requiring satisfactory completion of a course in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System as a requisite for a degree in architecture at certain colleges.

SB 1524 by Shapleigh- Relating to a report regarding research funds received by public institutions of higher education or employees of those institutions from pharmaceutical companies.

SB 1536 by Uresti- Relating to preferred drug lists, including confidentiality, supplemental rebate, prior authorization, and publication requirements.

SB 1537 by Van de Putte- Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain military personnel and the spouses of certain deceased and missing military personnel.

SB 1538 by Van de Putte- Relating to establishing veterans resource centers at certain institutions of higher education.

SB 1545 by Averitt- Relating to health benefit coverage for children and grandchildren.

SB 1547 by Ogden- Relating to claims or actions against the state for which legislative consent to a settlement or compromise may be required.

SB 1548 by Ogden- Relating to the monitoring and oversight of certain public retirement systems and public investments; providing civil penalties.

SB 1549 by Van de Putte- Relating to the calculation by a school district of a high school student's grade point average.

SB 1551 by Carona- Relating to the operation and regulation of certain consolidated insurance programs.

SB 1559 by Shapiro- Relating to the public awareness campaign promoting higher education.

SB 1560 by Duncan- Relating to the national research university fund.

SB 1561 by Shapiro- Relating to developing a developmental education plan for students entering public institutions of higher education.

SB 1562 by Shapleigh- Relating to contracts entered into for the employment of chief executive officer of a public institutions of higher education.

SB 1564 by Shapleigh- Relating to Tier One Challenge funding to support the development and enhancement of national research universities in this state.

SB 1566 by Shapleigh- Relating to the acquisition, dissemination, and use of certain geographic information system data.

SB 1567 by Shapleigh- Relating to creating a pilot project to reduce the need for developmental education required for certain students entering higher education.

SB 1570 by Carona- Relating to the facilitation, analysis, and implementation of high-speed passenger rail in this state.

SB 1588 by Ogden- Relating to directing payment, after approval, of certain miscellaneous claims and judgments against the state out of funds designated by this Act; making appropriations. Companions: HB 2729 Pitts 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1600 by Watson- Relating to the creation of a database to track specialized technology research projects conducted by public universities, public university research facilities, and other state institutions.

SB 1603 by Shapleigh- Relating to requiring financial disclosure concerning reports prepared by public institutions of higher education for other entities.

SB 1607 by West- Relating to the issuance of a search warrant for a blood specimen from certain persons arrested for certain intoxication offenses.

SB 1611 by Davis- Relating to the cancellation of a health benefit plan on the basis of misrepresentation or a preexisting condition; providing penalties.

SB 1613 by Lucio- Relating to establishing an Early Childhood Behavioral Consultation Grant Program.

SB 1615 by Wentworth- Relating to the authorization of airport authorities and the issuance of bonds and the exercise of eminent domain by the authorities.

SB 1630 by Wentworth- Relating to the availability of information under the public information law.

SB 1639 by Harris- Relating to requirements based on dollars amounts regarding payment bonds and change orders for certain public contracts.

SB 1648 by Van de Putte- Relating to providing outreach and behavioral health services to certain military service veterans and their families and providing for the creation of clinical practice guidelines.

SB 1662 by Seliger- Relating to the establishment of the Bioenergy Policy Council and the Bioenergy Research Committee to encourage the development of cellulosic biofuels in the state.

SB 1666 by Estes- Relating to the establishment of the Bioenergy Policy Council and the Bioenergy Research Committee to encourage the development of cellulosic biofuels in the state.

SB 1667 by Estes- Relating to the creation and administration of the rural veterinarian loan repayment program. Companions: HB 1684 Brown 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1668 by Nichols- Relating to application requirements and performance standards for agricultural biomass and landfill diversion incentive grants.

SB 1674 by Hinojosa- Relating to the coordination and administration of the Texas Career Opportunity Grant Program. Companions: HB 3519 Branch 5-27-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1679 by Hinojosa- Relating to the authority of a common purchaser that transports natural gas by pipeline to use a public right-of-way for a pipeline.

SB 1688 by Hinojosa- Relating to performance standards for plumbing fixtures sold in this state. Companions: HB 2667 Ritter 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1689 by Hinojosa- Relating to governmental liability for interest resulting from a claim for payment for goods or services.

SB 1692 by Wentworth- Relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information concerning current and former employees of certain divisions of the office of the attorney general.

SB 1695 by Ogden- Relating to prohibiting the use of state money or facilities for research involving the destruction of human embryos.

SB 1696 by Ogden- Relating to workers' compensation compensability disputes, examinations to define the compensable injury and notifications to health care providers regarding compensability disputes.

SB 1707 by West- 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 and to an annual report regarding the total value of forfeited property in this state.

SB 1713 by Hegar- Relating to covenants not to compete by physicians. Companions: HB 3623 Elkins 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1718 by Uresti- Relating to physical examination requirements for participation in extracurricular athletic activities.

SB 1720 by Uresti- Relating to newborn screening and the creation of the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee. Companions: HB 1795 Pierson 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1722 by Uresti- Relating to creating an account to promote continuing education for certain child care providers.

SB 1724 by Van de Putte- Relating to the promotion of breast-feeding and the prohibition against interference with or restriction of the right to breast-feed.

SB 1727 by West- Relating to rules adopted and reporting required under the school district college credit program.

SB 1730 by West - Relating to minimum training standards for employees of certain child-care facilities.

SB 1731 by West- Relating to the development and implementation of a workforce diversity plan by certain state agencies.

SB 1733 by West- Relating to health benefit plan coverage of testing for prostate cancer for certain males.

SB 1741 by Carona- Relating to emergency management.

SB 1743 by Hinojosa- Relating to the use of money from the Texas Enterprise Fund to recruit and retain automotive manufacturing facilities.

SB 1749 by Jackson- Relating to the authority of a gas corporation to use a public right-of-way. Companions: HB 2572 Gonzalez 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1750 by Jackson- Relating to the sale of certain alcoholic beverages to certain private club registration permit holders.

SB 1760 by Watson- Relating to the administration of the Texas Save and Match Program to assist qualifying beneficiaries and to the treatment of a beneficiary's assets in determining eligibility for student financial assistance and other assistance programs.

SB 1765 by Watson- Relating to financial assistance funded from the amounts of certain fees charged to students enrolled at public institutions of higher education.

SB 1776 by Harris- Relating to assessment of certain charges by a commercial landlord that is a governmental entity. Companions: HB 1382 Davis (Identical) 5-20-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1779 by Hinojosa- Relating to the establishment of the official citrus producers' pest and disease management corporation.

SB 1787 by Shapiro- Relating to educator preparation programs and educator certification, performance, and recruitment.

SB 1797 by Zaffirini- Relating to the creation of the Texas Future Scholars Pilot Program and the Workforce Shortage Education Loan Repayment Program and to the elimination of certain other student financial assistance programs.

SB 1800 by Zaffirini- Relating to methods for increasing student success and degree completion at institutions of higher education.

SB 1801 by Zaffirini- Relating to orientation programs for new students at public institutions of higher education.

SB 1802 by Zaffirini- Relating to prohibiting human cloning and other uses of human tissue by institutions of higher education.

SB 1805 by Zaffirini- Relating to contracting issues of state agencies, including ethics issues related to state contracting.

SB 1810 by Duncan- Relating to allowing the governor, and the lieutenant governor or another person when acting as governor, to retain executive authority while traveling within the contiguous 48 states of the continental United States.

SB 1849 by Shapleigh- Relating to the student endowment scholarship and internship program fund at The University of Texas at El Paso.

SB 1861 by Ellis- Relating to certain programs and pilot programs administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

SB 1862 by Ellis- Relating to state purchasing of certain environmentally friendly items.

SB 1871 by Hegar- Relating to the management of volunteer and other noncommercial cotton in pest management zones and the official cotton growers' boll weevil eradication program.

SB 1880 by Nelson- Relating to the regulation of nursing.

SB 1884 by Ellis- Relating a breach of computer security involving sensitive personal information maintained by a state agency or local government. Companions: HB 2004 McCall 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1885 by Ellis- Relating strategies to better protect electric transmission and distribution assets against natural disasters.

SB 1887 by Ellis- Relating food handlers.

SB 1897 by Gallegos- Relating to fire code certificates of compliance, violations, and enforcement; providing penalties.

SB 1901 by Hinojosa- Relating to the safety of the fresh fruit and vegetables produced in this state. Companions: HB 1908 King 5-27-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1912 by Duncan- Relating to the disclosure of personally identifiable information under the public information law.

SB 1922 by Ogden- 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. Companions: HB 4583 Pitts 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1923 by Watson- Relating to funding sources for the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund.

SB 1925 by Watson- Relating to certain services provided by the office of injured employee counsel under the workers' compensation program of this state. Companions: HB 673 Solomons 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1927 by Ellis- Relating to a requirement that a full TEXAS grant be awarded to each eligible applicant in an academic year.

SB 1942 by Shapiro- Relating to performance incentive funding for public institutions of higher education and to recognition of certain student achievement on degree completion.

SB 1954 by Jackson- Relating to a temporary faculty license for chiropractic faculty. Companions: HB 3450 Legler (Identical) 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1955 by Hegar- Relating to career and technical education in the public schools and high school graduation requirements.

SB 1958 by Van de Putte- Relating to including certain veterans service organizations as small businesses for the purpose of state contracting.

SB 1968 by West- Relating to the creation and operation of higher education enhancement districts.

SB 1973 by Ellis- Relating to the creation and duties of the state energy savings performance contract advisory council.

SB 1983 by Uresti- Relating to the regulation of employer-based day-care facilities. Companions: HB 415 Villarreal 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 1988 by Estes- Relating to the Texas Rural Investment Fund.

SB 1991 by Gallegos- Relating to the right of a public school educator to remove a student from the educator's classroom.

SB 2001 by Van de Putte- Relating to the designation of May 9 as Willie Velasquez Day.

SB 2004 by Van de Putte- Relating to a statewide electronic health records bank.

SB 2007 by Hegar- Relating to Prairie View A&M University's eligibility to participate in the research development fund.

SB 2016 by Watson- Relating to the purchase and operation of plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicles, including the establishment of a pilot program by the state energy conservation office.

SB 2020 by Watson- Relating to incentives for Texas renewable energy jobs and manufacturing.

SB 2025 by Watson- Relating to the establishment of a prepaid tuition unit reward and incentive program for certain economically disadvantaged students who achieve commended performance levels on standardized assessments.

SB 2026 by Watson- Relating to the establishment and administration of the Texas Essential Workers Program.

SB 2030 by Watson- Relating to the regulation of certain research.

SB 2032 by Nelson- Relating to hospitals' submission of uncompensated hospital care data and hospital audits related to federal funding provided for that care.

SB 2042 by Ellis- Relating to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Companions: HB 3756 Howard 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 2045 by Williams- Relating to the allocation of certain constitutionally dedicated funds to the Lamar Institute of Technology.

SB 2046 by Williams- Relating to requiring criminal history background checks for employees of public institutions of higher education.

SB 2049 by Averitt- Relating to the authority of the state to acquire, sell, or exchange certain land.

SB 2055 by Williams- Relating to safety rules for gas pipeline facilities and public awareness.

SB 2074 by Duncan- Relating to the delivery of proposed state agency rules to the lieutenant governor, a member of the legislature, or a legislative agency.

SB 2076 by Uresti- Relating to health insurance coverage for diagnosis and treatment of conditions affecting the temporomandibular joint.

SB 2077 by Uresti- Relating to physician shortage residency programs.

SB 2084 by Ogden- Relating to changing the eligibility for a tuition and fees exemption under the TEXAS grant program to accommodate the amount of funding available.

SB 2086 by Davis- Relating to the essential high school program and to the curriculum requirements for the recommended and advanced public high school programs.

SB 2091 by Harris- Relating to adoption of the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. Companions: HB 2027 Zerwas 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 2096 by Wentworth- Relating to the creation of and the powers of a comprehensive multimodal urban transportation authority.

SB 2111 by Averitt- Relating to the implementation of and incentives for projects involving the capture, transportation, injection, sequestration, geologic storage, or abatement of carbon dioxide.

SB 2113 by Lucio- Relating to the state employee wellness program.

SB 2140 by Wentworth- Relating to requests to inspect or be provided with copies of information under the public information law.

SB 2146 by Duncan- Relating to the annual allocation of certain constitutional funds to eligible agencies and institutions of higher education.

SB 2150 by Patrick- Relating to the creation of a commission to study the practices and procedures of the Texas Legislature.

SB 2154 by Wentworth- Relating to the confidentiality of certain travel vouchers submitted by certain peace officers.

SB 2155 by Shapiro- Relating to resuming certain state contributions for new members of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

SB 2156 by Shapiro- Relating to the number of persons who may be appointed to the classification immediately below department head in a police department covered by municipal civil service.

SB 2158 by Shapiro- Relating to the evaluation of highway or other mobility projects as toll projects by the Texas Department of Transportation.

SB 2164 by Ellis- Relating to information technology security practices of state agencies.

SB 2186 by Gallegos- Relating to a reporting requirement for certain nonprofit corporations that award college scholarships.

SB 2188 by Lucio- Relating to a collateral guarantee program to aid small contractors in participating in public works projects.

SB 2189 by Lucio- Relating to the degrees awarded by the Texas State Technical College System. Companions: HB 1325 Rios 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 2194 by Whitmire- Relating to the reporting and recording of a motor vehicle accident involving an official vehicle driven by a peace officer, fire fighter, or and emergency medical services employee in the course of official duties.

SB 2196 by Williams- Relating to the employment of peace officers by certain law enforcement agencies.

SB 2205 by Van de Putte- Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain amino acid- based elemental formulas. Companions: HB 2000 McCall 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 2210 by West- Relating to the formula funding for public institutions of higher education for certain credit hours that do not count toward a degree.

SB 2211 by West- Relating to enrollment requirements for the operation of the University of North Texas at Dallas as a general academic teaching institution and the issuance of bonds for that institution.

SB 2220 by Lucio- Relating to school bus safety.

SB 2227 by Averitt- Relating to authorizing the issuance of bonds for the reimbursement of the cost of public improvements located in public improvement districts in certain counties. Companions: HB 1730 Pitts 6-19-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 2232 by Averitt- Relating to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission's authority to regulate certain nonalcoholic beverage business activities. Companions: HB 3413 Thompson 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 2235 by Seliger- Relating to the definition of "operator" in relation to the regulation of a solid waste facility.

SB 2237 by Seliger- Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a medical education building for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

SB 2243 by Zaffirini- Relating to the repayment of certain education loans for licensed physicians and dentists.

SB 2245 by Zaffirini- Relating to eliminating certain reporting requirements of university systems and institutions of higher education.

SB 2246 by Zaffirini- Relating to eligibility requirements for the tuition equalization grant program. Companions: HB 4476 Cohen 5-27-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 2249 by Zaffirini- Relating to a certification program for teachers of students with visual impairments.

SB 2259 by Zaffirini- Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.

SB 2267 by Gallegos- Relating to eligibility for an award through the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program.

SB 2269 by Gallegos- Relating to the use of historically underutilized businesses by utilities.

SB 2271 by Gallegos- Relating to the use of historically underutilized businesses by utilities.

SB 2273 by Seliger- Relating to certain reporting duties of the attorney general.

SB 2277 by Ellis- Relating to authorizing certain state agencies to provide student loan repayment assistance to attorneys.

SB 2284 by Lucio- Relating to the issuance of grants by the Texas Water Development Board for water and wastewater system improvements in economically distressed areas.

SB 2295 by Lucio- Relating to the minimum change interval at an intersection at which a photographic traffic monitoring system is in use.

SB 2309 by Whitmire- Relating to certain personnel policies of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and to certain related duties of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

SB 2322 by Duncan- Relating to plan provisions required for maintaining retirement plan qualification for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. Companions: HB 3347 Truitt 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 2323 by Carona- Relating to the functions of the Texas School Safety Center and safety at public educational institutions.

SB 2326 by Hegar- Relating to the sale, recovery, and recycling of certain television equipment; providing administrative penalties.

SB 2331 by West- Relating to the establishment of the Texas power source fund.

SB 2338 by Shapiro- Relating to the creation, operations and financing of tax increment reinvestment zones.

SB 2339 by Shapiro- Relating to the regulation of discount health care programs by the Texas Department of Insurance. Companions: HB 4341 Truitt 9- 1-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 2343 by Uresti- Relating to the salary paid to certain professional employees of public schools.

SB 2348 by Ogden- Relating to the composition and appointment of the board of directors of a corporation to which the board of regents of the University of Texas delegates investment authority for the permanent university fund.

SB 2351 by Ogden- Relating to limiting increases in a student health services fee at the Texas A&M University-College Station.

SB 2353 by Ogden- Relating to improving efficiency in state government and reducing state government spending.

SB 2354 by Ogden- Relating to ensuring the state government has sufficient general law authority to apply and receive maximum amount of federal funds.

SB 2358 by Gallegos- Relating to the guaranteed benefits of a public school educator.

SB 2361 by Ellis- Relating to the operation of certain three-wheeled vehicles in this state.

SB 2370 by Uresti- Relating to eligibility of certain dependents for health insurance coverage.

SB 2376 by Lucio- Relating to the change of the name of Texas A&M University-- Kingsville to Texas A&I University.

SB 2378 by Nichols- Relating to the purposes and designation of a transportation reinvestment zone.

SB 2382 by Shapleigh- Relating to the implementation by the comptroller of a low- emission vehicle program for the state vehicle fleet.

SB 2383 by Shapleigh- Relating to universal health coverage for Texans.

SB 2390 by Shapleigh- Relating to the physician licensing requirements for foreign medical graduates.

SB 2392 by Shapiro- Relating to public school finance.

SB 2396 by Nelson- Relating to the repeal of obsolete or redundant reporting requirements of health and human services agencies.

SB 2405 by Zaffirini- Relating to a pilot program to expand access to career and technical education partnerships in rural areas.

SB 2406 by Zaffirini- Relating to additional compensation for certain state employees.

SB 2409 by Lucio- Relating to the higher education fund and the allocation and distribution of certain constitutional revenues to The University of Texas at Brownsville.

SB 2419 by Deuell- Relating to preventative treatment for state employees exposed to HIV while performing duties of employment.

SB 2421 by Deuell- Relating to the confidentiality of newborn screening information. Companions: HB 1672 Crownover 5-27-09 G Earliest effective date

SB 2436 by Uresti- Relating to exemption from application of the Private Security Act of certain peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency.

SB 2449 by Wentworth- Relating to the administration of certain provisions affecting the licensing of persons to carry a concealed handgun.

SB 2477 by Wentworth- Relating to the authority of a municipality to lower the speed limit on certain highways in the municipality.

SB 2500 by Carona- Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates.

SB 2527 by Hinojosa- Relating to creating the health care access fund to recruit health care providers in health professional shortage areas and to support federally-qualified health centers.

SB 2556 by Huffman- Relating to confidentiality of information regarding certain agents.

SB 2567 by Duncan- Relating to state fiscal matters.

SB 2568 by Patrick- Relating to a prohibition against the knowing employment of persons not lawfully present in the United States and the suspension of licenses held by certain employers for the knowing employment of those persons.

SB 2573 by Ogden- Relating to annual reports by certain agencies conducting, funding, or supporting biomedical research.

SCR 15 by Shapleigh- Expressing the intent of the Texas Legislature that the state accept federal economic stimulus funds appropriated under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or any similar legislation.

SCR 49 by Shapleigh- Certifying the state's intention to request and use all funds that may be available to the state under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

SJR 8 by Carona- Relating to the automatic adjustments of the rates of motor fuels taxes.

SJR 9 by Carona- Relating to limiting the purposes for which revenue from taxes on motor fuels and lubricants may be used.

SJR 12 by West- Relating to authorizing a student member of the board of regents of a state institution of higher education or state university system to serve a term that differs from the terms of the other members.

SJR 16 by Carona- Relating to exempting from ad valorem taxation a high-speed passenger rail facility.

SJR 17 by Van de Putte- Relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide and guarantee loans to encourage the use of hydrogen as a cleaner fuel source.

SJR 18 by Ogden- Permitting the Texas Transportation Commission to designate the area adjacent to a state highway project as a transportation finance zone and dedicating the proceeds of taxes in the zone to the Texas Mobility Fund.

SJR 22 Wentworth- Limiting the purposes for which revenues from motor vehicle registration fees, taxes on motor fuels and lubricants, and certain revenues received from the federal government may be used.

SJR 24 by Carona- Relating to allowing the expenditure of motor vehicle fuels taxes and registration fees for passenger rail, transit and freight rail.

SJR 25 by Harris- Relating to requiring certain revenue collected by a public entity from the use of a tolled highway project to be used only for transportation projects.

SJR 26 by Wentworth- Relating to permitting counties to impose a local motor fuel tax and an additional vehicle registration fee to be used for transportation purposes.

SJR 28 by Ellis- Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide and guarantee loans to promote the use of renewable energy technology and the making of energy efficiency improvements.

SJR 30 by Carona- Providing that the governor's absence from the state, and the lieutenant governor's absence from the state when acting as governor, do not affect the person's ability to serve as governor if the person maintains communication.

SJR 31 by Ellis- Authorizing and regulating slot machines and casino games by licensed operators and certain Indian tribes to provide additional money to fund transportation in this state and to provide additional financial aid for higher education.

SJR 35 by Duncan- Relating to establishing the national research university fund.

SJR 36 by Duncan- Proposing a constitutional amendment to provide that the governor, and the lieutenant governor when acting as governor, retain executive authority unless the person becomes unavailable as provided by law.

SJR 38 by Williams- Allowing the Lamar Institute of Technology to participate in the allocation of certain constitutionally dedicated funds for capital improvements at agencies and institutions of higher education.

SJR 41 by Duncan- Proposing a constitutional amendment to replace the attorney general on the legislative redistricting board with the commissioner of agriculture.

SJR 42 by Duncan- Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit the taking of property for certain economic development purposes.

SJR 52 by Davis- Proposing a constitutional amendment allowing the expenditure of motor vehicle fuel taxes and registration fees for passenger rail, transit, and freight rail.

SJR 53 by Lucio- Proposing a constitutional amendment to entitle The University of Texas at Brownsville to participate in the income and other benefits of the permanent university fund.

81st Legislature, First Called Session

On July 1, 2009, legislators returned to the Capitol for a two-day special session to address the transportation and sunset safety net issues left unresolved at the close of the 81st Regular Session. Both chambers unanimously approved the sale of \$2 billion in highway bonds, which had already been approved by Texas voters. There was also unanimous support for the legislation to prevent five agencies from being “sunsetting” at the beginning of the 2011 fiscal year. The Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Insurance, the Racing Commission, State Affordable Housing Corporation, and the Office of Public Insurance Counsel will all be scheduled for legislative review again during the 82nd Legislature.

Governor Perry also wanted legislators to address comprehensive development agreements (CDAs), which are public-private partnerships used to build toll roads. Many members were not convinced this was a critical need for the state, and both the House and Senate adjourned without taking action on the issue.

The following are summaries of the two bills that were passed:

HB 1 by Pitts/Carona – Relating to certain sources of revenue for the funding of highways and transportation projects. HB 1 authorizes the issuance of Proposition 12 general-obligation bonds to pay for costs of highway improvement projects. These funds may not be used cannot be used to convert non-tolled roads or highways into tolled roads or highways. The bill also amends TxDOT Rider 60 in the general appropriations act to allow the appropriation of \$2 billion in Proposition 12 bond proceeds for highway project and \$100 million in general revenue for debt service on the bonds. The bonds and related records have to be submitted to the attorney general for approval.

SB 2 by Hegar/Isett – Relating to the governmental entities subject to the sunset review process. SB 2 changes the Sunset review date from 2009 to 2011 for six agencies that had been evaluated in preparation for the 81st Legislature. These agencies include Equine Research Account Advisory Committee; Texas Racing Commission; Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation; Texas Department of Insurance; Office of Public Insurance Counsel and the Texas Department of Transportation. The bill limits the reviews of these agencies to a review of the appropriateness of recommendations already made by the Sunset Commission. **The bill also subjects the Texas Forest Service to the Sunset process, to be reviewed in 2011.** In addition, the bill balances the Commission’s workload by moving the Sunset review dates from 2013 to 2011 for certain environmental agencies and pushing back sunset dates for criminal justice and health and human services agencies. SB 2 requires a special purpose review of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), as part of the 2011 review of the Public Utility Commission, stipulates that ERCOT and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (as required by SB 1263, 81st Legislature, Regular Session) will pay the costs incurred by the Sunset Commission of performing those Sunset reviews.

Appendix

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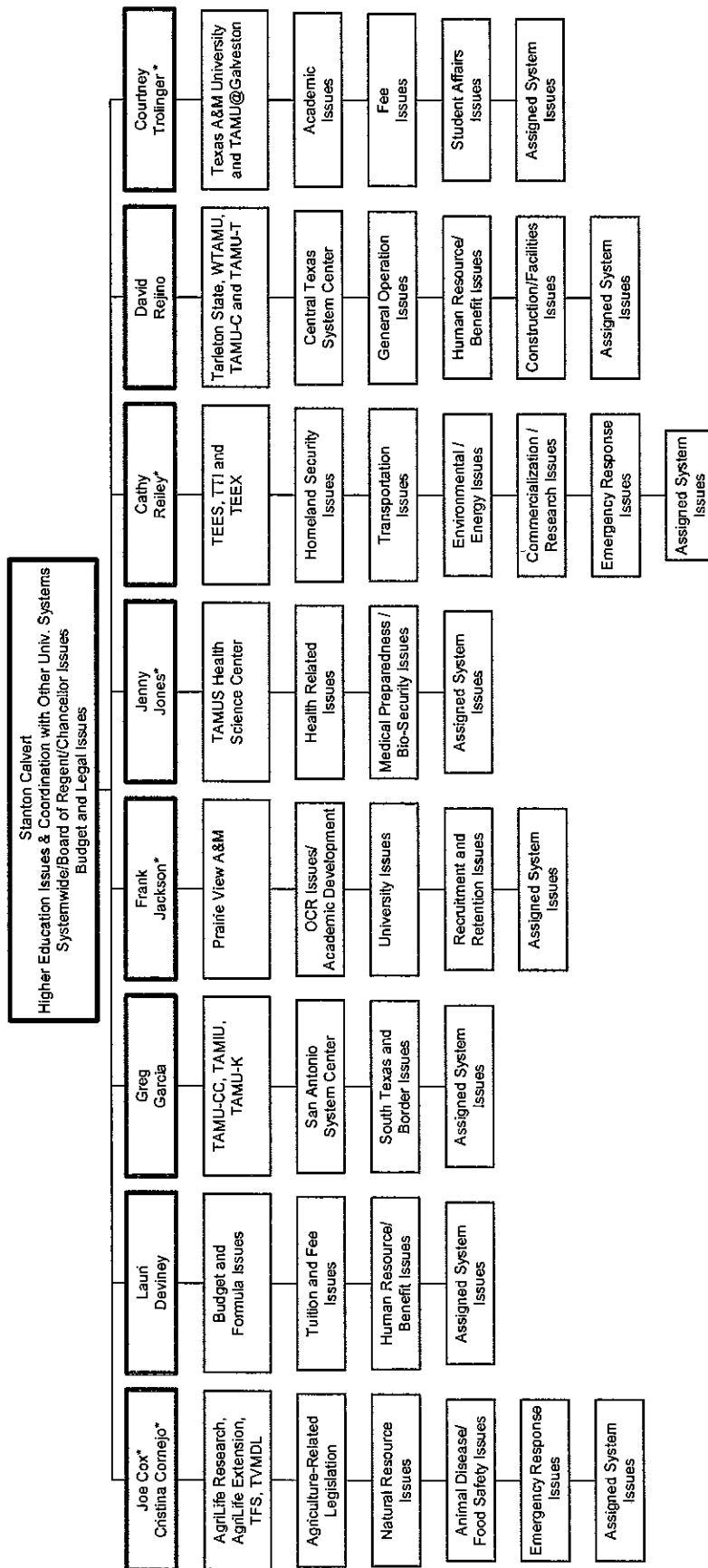
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