

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 86TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

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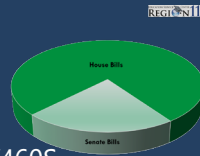
## **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

- School Funding
- Tax Rate Reform
- School Safety

## **86<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATURE REVIEW**

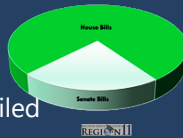
3562 Senate Bills  
7315 House Bills

**10,877** Total Bills filed **1429** Passed - 969H/460S

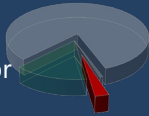


343 Senate Bills  
784 House Bills

**1127** Ed. Related Bills filed



**139** Education Bills  
Sent to the Governor



## **HB 3 - RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE AND PUBLIC EDUCATION**

### **Basic Allotment**

- Increases the current \$5,140 basic allotment to **\$6,160**.
- Requires districts to use 30% for compensation increases for full-time employees other than administrators.

### **Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten**

- Requires districts to provide full-day pre-K to eligible 4-year-old students but they may seek a waiver to the requirement for up to six years if seat availability is an
- Provides sufficient funding for full-day pre-K through the Early Education Allotment. Weight for each economically disadvantaged and/or Limited English Proficiency

### **Teacher Compensation, Incentives, and ACE Programs**

- 30% of revenue gain for compensation increases for full-time employees other than administrators.
- 75% must be used for full-time teachers, counselors, nurses, and librarians, prioritizing differentiated compensation for classroom teachers with more than five years
- The other 25% of the gain may be used for increased compensation paid to full-time district employees.
- Creates a Teacher Incentive Allotment
- Creates a Local Optional Teacher Designation System
- Creates a mentor program allotment.

### **Compensatory Education Allotment**

- Commissioner to create a 5-tier index for a compensatory education allotment based on census block groups.

### Test-Based Funding

- Creates a College, Career, and Military Readiness Outcomes Bonus that funds students who achieve minimum standards on SAT, ACT, TSIA, or Armed Services exam.

### Reading Standards for Kindergarten through Third Grade

- Reading standards for kindergarten through third grade for school districts and charters. Schools shall provide for the use of a phonics curriculum

### Gifted and Talented Allotment

- Repealed

### Blended Learning

- grant program to assist school districts and open-enrollment charter schools in developing and implementing effective blended learning models. \$12M /bie

### School Board Goals for Early Childhood Literacy and Postsecondary Readiness

- Requires local school boards to develop and post online a five-year early childhood literacy plan, a mathematics proficiency plan, and a college, career, and military readiness plan.

### Spending Requirements

- Requires 55% of compensatory education allotment to be used on supplemental services to prevent disparities between at risk and non-at risk students, and economically disadvantaged and non-economically disadvantaged students. For bilingual education, 55% of the allotment must be used on supplemental services.

### Assessment Related

- Commissioner to enter into a memorandum of understanding with an institution of higher education to conduct a study to determine if the STAAR is written at the appropriate reading level for students.
- Requires students to complete a FAFSA prior to graduating high school.
- Commissioner may approve an alternative reading instrument for use in diagnosing the reading development and comprehension of kindergarten students.
- Provides college entrance exam reimbursement to districts.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

- **HB 330** Relating to excluding certain students from the **computation of dropout and completion rates** for purposes of public school accountability.
- **HB 2210** Relating to the consideration for public school accountability purposes of certain students receiving **residential services** in state hospitals.
- **HB 3007** Relating to requiring the Texas Education Agency to provide to a school district certain **information used in determining academic accountability ratings**
- **HB 3011** Relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide to a school district **certain information used in determining academic accountability ratings** for the district.
- **HB 3906** Relating to the **adoption and administration of assessment instruments** used to assess the performance of public school students.
- **HB 4205** Relating to the conditions under which a **closed campus may be repurposed** to serve students at that campus location.
- **SB 54** Relating to the consideration for public school accountability purposes of certain students participating in regional day school **programs for the deaf**.
- **SB 1746** Relating to the inclusion of certain students as **students at risk of dropping out of school**.

## ADMISSIONS / ATTENDANCE

- **HB 452** Relating to the creation of truancy masters for **Bell County**.
- **HB 539** Relating to the **automatic admission of a student who is the valedictorian** of the student's high school graduating class.
- **HB 548** Relating to reporting certain **truancy information** through the Public Education Information Management System.
- **HB 1051** Relating to an **adult education program** provided under an adult high school diploma and industry certification charter school program, eligibility of certain students for Foundation School Program benefits.
- **HB 1597** Relating to **establishing residency** for purposes of admission into public schools.
- **HB 2526** Relating to **criteria for admission** of certain students into public schools.

- **SB 1557** Relating to **military-connected students**, including providing a designation for certain school district campuses that take actions to assist those students.
- **SB 1679** Relating to eligibility of certain children for **free prekindergarten programs** in public schools.

## **ATHLETICS**

- **HB 76** Relating to **cardiac assessments** of high school participants in extracurricular athletic activities sponsored or sanctioned by the University Interscholastic
- **HB 961** Relating to the membership and training course requirements of school district and open-enrollment charter school **concussion oversight teams**.

## **CHARTERS**

- **HB 2190** Relating to **admission of certain students** to an open-enrollment charter school in certain counties.
- **SB 139** Relating to a notice of educational rights and recovery by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools of **costs for certain student evaluations**.
- **SB 372** Relating to the authority of an open-enrollment charter school to **employ security personnel, commission peace officers, and have school resource**
- **SB 1454** Relating to the **ownership, sale, lease, and disposition of property and management of assets** of an open-enrollment charter school.
- **SB 2293** Relating to the **applicability of certain laws** to open-enrollment charter schools.
- **HB 109** Relating to the operation of open-enrollment charter schools on **Memorial Day**.

## **COLLEGE, CAREER, AND MILITARY READINESS**

- **HB 114** Relating to providing public high school students information regarding the availability of **college credit awarded for military experience, education and training** obtained during military service.
- **HB 277** Relating to a requirement that **online admission application forms** for public institutions of higher education include a link to certain comparative gainful employment data.
- **HB 539** Relating to the automatic admission to general academic teaching institutions and eligibility for certain scholarships of a student who is the **valedictorian of the student's high school graduating class**.
- **HB 638** Relating to the issuance of **posthumous high school diplomas** to certain students.
- **HB 678** Relating to the public high school graduation **credit requirements for a language other than English**.
- **HB 963** Relating to the **career and technology education and technology applications allotment** and the essential knowledge and skills of the **career and technology education and technology applications curriculums**.
- **HB 1244** Relating to including a **civics test in the graduation requirements** for public high school students and to eliminating the United States history end-of-course assessment instrument.
- **HB 1891** Relating to an exemption from the **assessment requirements of the Texas Success Initiative** for students who achieve certain scores on certain high school equivalency examinations.
- **HB 2984** Relating to the essential knowledge and skills of the **technology applications curriculum**.
- **HB 3511** Relating to the creation of the **Commission on Texas Workforce of the Future**.
- **HB 3650** Relating to an **agreement between a school district and public institution of higher education** to provide a dual credit program to high school students enrolled in the district.
- **SB 213** Relating to the use of **individual graduation committees** and other alternative methods to satisfy certain public high school graduation requirements.
- **SB 232** Relating to **parental notification** by a school district **regarding high school graduation requirements**.
- **SB 502** Relating to requiring certain institutions of higher education to **issue reports on the transferability of credit**.
- **SB 504** Relating to the inclusion of certain information in **postsecondary education and career counseling academies developed for certain school counselors** and other postsecondary advisors employed by a school district.
- **SB 1276** Relating to an agreement between a school district and public institution of higher education to **provide a dual credit program to high school students** enrolled in the district.
- **SB 1374** Relating to the sequencing of certain **required mathematics courses in public schools**.

## DISCIPLINE

- **HB 65** Relating to reporting information regarding **public school disciplinary actions**.
- **HB 692** Relating to the **suspension of a student who is homeless** from public school.
- **HB 811** Relating to **determining appropriate disciplinary action** to be taken against a public school student who is in foster care or who is homeless.
- **HB 2184** Relating to a public school student's **transition from an alternative education program** to a regular classroom.
- **HB 3012** Relating to requiring the provision of instruction to public school students subject to **in-school or out-of-school suspension**.
- **HB 3630** Relating to prohibiting the **use of certain aversive techniques** on students enrolled in public schools. **Same as SB 712**.
- **SB 38** Relating to the offense of **hazing**.
- **SB 712** Relating to prohibiting the **use of certain aversive techniques** on students enrolled in public schools. **Same as HB 3630**.
- **SB 1306** Relating to requiring a school district to **post on the district's Internet website** the name and contact information of each school administrator primarily responsible for student discipline at a district campus.
- **SB 1451** Relating to the ability of public school teachers to maintain student discipline without being subjected to **adverse employment consequences**.
- **SB 2432** Relating to the **mandatory removal of a public school student** from the classroom following certain conduct.

## ETHICS AND GOVERNANCE

### ETHICS

- **HB 111** Relating to training for employees of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools on the **prevention of sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and other maltreatment** of certain children.
- **SB 1476** Relating to the requirement for certain administrators of certain educational entities to **report certain educator misconduct** to the State Board for Educator Certification.

### GOVERNANCE

- **HB 293** Relating to **investment training requirements** for school district and municipal financial officers.
- **HB 305** Relating to the requirement that certain political subdivisions with authority to impose a tax **post certain information on an Internet website**. Contact info and OMA notice and minutes posting. *Exempt if <5000 in-district*.
- **HB 403** Relating to **training requirements for a member of the board of trustees and the superintendent** of an independent school district regarding **sexual abuse, human trafficking, and other maltreatment** of children.
- **HB 963** Relating to the availability of school district **trustee information on the Internet** and a review of the essential knowledge and skills of certain curricula.
- **HB 1734** Relating to litigation involving certain **defects in school district facilities** and enforcement of certain duties following that litigation.
- **HB 2778** Relating to the **allocation of expenses of a joint election** to certain school districts.
- **HB 2840** Relating to the right of a member of the **public to address the governing body** of a political subdivision at an open meeting of the body.
- **HB 3834** Relating to the requirement that certain state and local government employees and state contractors complete a **cybersecurity training program** certified by the Department of Information Resources. *[Safety] Board training*.
- **SB 494** Relating to certain **procedures applicable to meetings under the open meetings law** and the disclosure of public information under the public information law in the event of an emergency, urgent public necessity, or catastrophic event. *New One-Hour Notice rule*.
- **SB 944** Relating to the **public information law**. *Temporary custodians of public records*.
- **SB 1640** Relating to the **open meetings law**. *Reestablishes "walking quorum" offenses*.

## FINANCE

- **HB 1** General Appropriations Bill
- **HB 3** Relating to **public school finance** and public education

- **HB 440** Relating to **general obligation bonds** issued by political subdivisions.
- **HB 477** Relating to the **notice required before the issuance of certain debt obligations** by political subdivisions.
- **HB 793** Relating to certain **government contracts with companies that boycott Israel**. *Limits ban to contract >\$100K*
- **HB 4388** Relating to the **management of the permanent school fund** by the School Land Board and the State Board of Education.
- **HB 4611** Relating to certain **distributions to the available school fund**.
- **SB 2** Relating to **ad valorem taxation**.
- **SB 12** Relating to the contributions to and benefits under the **Teacher Retirement System of Texas**.
- **SB 30** Relating to **ballot language requirements** for a proposition seeking voter approval for the issuance of bonds.
- **SB 500** Relating to making **supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations** and prescribing limitations regarding appropriations.
- **SB 608** Relating to the **continuation and functions of the School Land Board**.
- **HJR 151** Proposing a **constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions** to the available school fund.

### **SCHOOL HEALTH**

- **HB 455** Relating to policies on the **recess period in public schools**.
- **HB 496** Relating to the **placement of bleeding control kits** in public schools and to required training of school personnel.
- **HB 684** Relating to training requirements for public school nurses and certain other school personnel regarding **seizure recognition and related first aid**. "**Sam's**
- **HB 2243** Relating to the **use of prescription asthma medicine** on public and private school campuses.
- **HB 3884** Relating to **dissemination of bacterial meningitis information** by school districts.
- **SB 435** Relating to recommendations by local school health advisory councils regarding **opioid addiction and abuse education** in public schools.
- **SB 869** Relating to guidelines for policies of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools for the **care of certain students at risk for anaphylaxis**.
- **SB 1827** Relating to the possession and **emergency administration of an epinephrine auto-injector** by law enforcement agencies and peace officers.

### **SCHOOL SAFETY**

- **HB 7/SB 6** Relating to **disaster preparation** for state agencies and political subdivisions. Relating to **emergency and disaster management, response, and recovery**.
- **HB 18** Relating to consideration of the **mental health of public school students in training requirements** for certain school employees, curriculum requirements, counseling programs, educational programs.
- **HB 19** Relating to **mental health and substance use resources** for certain school districts.
- **HB 906** Relating to the establishment of a collaborative **task force to study certain public school mental health services**.
- **HB 1143** Relating to the transportation or **storage of a handgun or other firearm or ammunition by a handgun license holder** in a school parking area.
- **HB 1387** Relating to the **number of school marshals that may be appointed** to serve on a public school campus or at a private school.
- **HB 1791** Relating to the **carrying of handguns by license holders on property** owned or leased by a governmental entity. *Signage*.
- **HB 2195** Relating to an **active shooter emergency policy** for school districts.
- **HB 3316** Relating to the **Texas Crime Stoppers Council**.
- **HB 4342** Relating to the composition of the board of directors of the **Texas School Safety Center**.
- **SB 11** Relating to **policies, procedures, and measures for school safety and mental health promotion** in public schools; making an appropriation.
- **SB 64** Relating to **cybersecurity for information resources**.
- **SB 670** Relating to **Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services**.
- **SB 820** Relating to a requirement that a school district **develop and maintain a cybersecurity framework**. **\*\*Board Policy**.
- **SB 1707** Relating to the duties of **school district peace officers, school resource officers, and security personnel**.
- **SB 2135** Relating to **information a law enforcement agency is required to share** with a school district about a person who may be a student.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- **HB 165** Relating to providing for **endorsements for public high school students enrolled in special education programs.**
- **HB 706** Relating to the eligibility of certain **children with hearing impairments for audiology services** under the school health and related services program.
- **SB 522** Relating to the development of an individualized education program for a public school student with a **visual impairment.**
- **HB 3703** Relating to the prescription of **low-THC cannabis for medical use** by certain qualified physicians to patients with certain medical conditions. Includes autism, MS, ALS, terminal cancer, and 7 additional disorders.
- **SB 2075** Relating to public school **compliance with dyslexia screening and testing requirements.**

### **TEACHER PAY AND PREPARATION**

- **HB 2424** Relating to the creation of a **micro-credential certification program** for public school educator continuing education.
- **HB 3217** Relating to certain **eligibility requirements for issuance of a teaching certificate.**
- **HB 4310** Relating to **teacher instructional time.**
- **SB 1230** Relating to the **reporting of private school educator misconduct.**
- **SB 2073** Relating to a **reduction in required days of service for educators in public schools** under certain circumstances.

### **TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

- **HB 1612** Relating to the authority of the **Teacher Retirement System of Texas to invest in certain hedge funds.**
- **HB 2629** Relating to the deadline to **appeal administrative decisions of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.**
- **HB 2820** Relating to the registration and certification of certain **investment products made available to public school employees.**
- **HCR 19** Urging Congress to repeal the **Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision of the Social Security Act.**
- **SB 322** Relating to the **evaluation and reporting of investment practices and performance** of certain public retirement systems.
- **SB 1682** Relating to the **administration of and benefits payable under the Texas public school retired employees group insurance program** and the Texas school employees **uniform group health coverage program** and certain expenditures for school.

### **POTPOURRI**

- **HB 391** Relating to **student access to public school instructional materials and technology.**
- **HB 396** Relating to acceptable **uses of the instructional materials and technology fund** and the instructional materials and technology allotment.
- **HB 1026** Relating to **instruction in positive character traits** in public schools.
- **HB 510** Relating to enforcement of rules for certain county and **municipal parks, playgrounds, historical museums, or historic or prehistoric sites.**
- **HB 674** Relating to soliciting from school districts served by a regional education service center certain **information in conjunction with the annual evaluation of**
- **HB 965** Relating to updating **references to certain former health services state agencies and certain terms used to describe persons** with intellectual or developmental disabilities in the Education Code.
- **HB 2633** Relating to the **consumption, possession, or sale of an alcoholic beverage** at a performing arts facility leased to a nonprofit organization.
- **HB 3145** Relating to the **right of a parent appointed as a conservator** of a child to attend school activities.
- **HB 3435** Relating to establishing and celebrating **Texas Girls in STEM Day.**
- **HB 3871** Relating to the process for **establishing speed limits on roads near certain schools.**
- **HB 4090** Relating to the **licensing of certain school-age programs** that provide child- care services.
- **HCR 59** Designating the second week of November as **School Psychologist Appreciation Week** for a 10-year period beginning in 2019.
- **SB 619** Relating to the **sunset review process** and certain governmental entities subject to that process.
- **SB 668** Relating to data collection, reporting, and notice requirements for certain educational entities.
- **SB 1231** Relating to providing certain public and private school administrators with **information regarding certain child abuse and neglect investigations** and
- **SB 1376** Relating to **eliminating certain requirements imposed on school districts** and other educational entities.
- **SB 1828** Relating to **Holocaust Remembrance Week** in public schools.

• **SB 2018** Relating to **abolishing a dissolution committee established to abolish certain county boards of education** or boards of county school trustees and appointing commissioners courts to assume the duties of the dissolution committee.

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