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## Dual Credit

### [SB 22](#)

**Author:** Taylor, Larry | et al.

**Last Action:** *05/27/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:** Relating to the establishment of a Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program and to the repeal of the tech-prep program.

**House Committee:** Public Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Education (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 1237](#) by Lucio III | et al., Identical, 04/25/2017 H Withdrawn from schedule  
[HB 1842](#) by Giddings, Identical, 03/09/2017 H Referred to Public Education

**Comment:** Bill establishes the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program and repeals the tech-prep program. The Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) would be required to establish and administer the program for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools. Within six years, students in the program would be permitted to earn their high school diploma and an associate degree, two-year postsecondary certificate, or industry certification as well as participate in work-based training. P-TECH programs would be required to have articulation agreements and memoranda of understanding between schools and institutions of higher education and regional industry partners or businesses.

### [SB 802](#)

**Author:** Seliger

**Last Action:** *05/29/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to a study and report regarding best practices in the provision of dual credit courses by public institutions of higher education and the transfer of course credit between those institutions.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** The study must evaluate existing articulation agreements under which institutions of higher education provide dual credit courses to school district students or that govern the transfer of course credit between institutions of higher education; and identify those institutions that are implementing the best practices. The study created would be submitted not later than September 1, 2018.

[HB 1638](#)

**Author:** Guillen

**Last Action:** 05/23/2017 E Effective immediately

**Caption:** Relating to statewide goals for dual credit programs provided by school districts.

**House Committee:** Public Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Administration (Out)

**Companion:** SB 1903 by West, Identical, 05/03/2017 S Committee report printed and distributed

**Comment:** The bill seeks to implement dual credit recommendations found the [LBB recommendations](#). It would require the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop and align goals across dual credit programs. Also recommended is a requirement that memoranda of understanding for all dual credit programs be posted online and contain program-specific goals and quality assurances.

[SB 1091](#)

**Author:** Seliger

**Last Action:** 06/12/2017 E Effective immediately

**Caption:** Relating to limitations on courses that may be offered for dual credit by school districts and public institutions of higher education.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** The bill limits dual credit offerings to those in the core curriculum of the institution of higher education that offered the course; a career and technical education course; or a foreign language course. Does not apply to early college high schools. House substitute expands exemption to dual credit leading to an associate's degree while in high school. Floor amendment added negotiated rulemaking requirement.

[HB 2937](#)

**Author:** Canales

**Last Action:** 06/09/2017 E Effective immediately

**Caption:** Relating to the establishment of a pilot program under which a licensed hospital may offer dual credit courses to public high school students.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Allows hospital to offer dual credit if they have THECB approval to award a degree or Work Force Commission approval to offer a program of instruction. As substituted and amended by the Senate, the bill is now bracketed to the Valley, requires the hospital in the pilot to design the dual credit program with the intent of issuing a degree or certificate to a student while still in high school, and would require a hospital that does not have accreditation or authority to offer a program from the THECB or TWC to partner with a community college. The substitute bill also included language requiring the hospital to review the curriculum with the goal of ensuring transfer of credit.

## Baccalaureate Authorization

[SB 2118](#)

**Author:** Seliger

**Last Action:** 06/12/2017 E Effective immediately

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

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 4092](#) by Davis, Sarah, Identical, 05/01/2017 H Reported favorably as substituted

**Comment:** The conference committee report final passed by each chamber retains most of the Rep. Clardy amendment on the dental hygiene program at TJC with the caveat that the THECB will continue to produce a progress report on the program. The Rep. Bonnen amendment was also retained and was expanded to include dental hygiene for GATI level funding recommendations. However, the exemption from the limitation on tuition was only put in place for those colleges already offering BAT or BAS.

[HB 2039](#)

**Author:** Huberty

**Last Action:** 06/15/2017 E Effective immediately

**Caption:** Relating to creating an early childhood certification to teach students in prekindergarten through grade three.

**House Committee:** Public Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Requires State Board for Educator Certification to create a certificate for preK instruction. Component of HB 971 by Giddings / SB 2118 as amended by Sen. West. Creation of certificate for preK instruction amended to SB 1839.

## Disclosure of Information

[SB 537](#)

**Author:** Hinojosa

**Last Action:** 06/09/2017 E Effective immediately

**Caption:** Relating to requiring the disclosure of special course fees at public institutions of higher education.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Bill would require inclusion in the institution's course catalog, for each course listed in the catalog, a description and the amount of any special course fee, including an online access fee or lab fee, to be charged specifically for the course.

[SB 887](#)

**Author:** Seliger

**Last Action:** 05/27/2017 E Effective immediately

**Caption:** Relating to a requirement that certain participating institutions under the student loan program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board provide loan debt information to students.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 836](#) by Clardy | et al., Identical, 05/19/2017 S Referred to Higher Education

**Comment:** An institution must provide certain information to student receiving a THECB administered loan. Information includes an estimate of the total amount of education loans previously incurred by the student; an estimate of the total payoff amount, or a range for that amount, including principal and interest; an estimate of the monthly repayment amount that the student may incur for the repayment, including principal and interest; and an estimate of the percentage of the education loan borrowing limit applicable to the student based on the student's dependency status and degree objective

## Tuition & Fees

### [SB 1123](#)

**Author:** Zaffirini

**Last Action:** *06/12/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to conditions on the receipt of tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for adopted students formerly in foster or other residential care.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Exempts former foster care students receiving waiver from academic progress requirements

### [SB 1782](#)

**Author:** West

**Last Action:** *06/15/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to the elimination of certain formula funding and dropped course restrictions for returning adult students at public institutions of higher education and to the tuition rate that may be charged to those students for certain excessive undergraduate hours.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 654](#) by Clardy | et al., Identical, 05/10/2017 S Received from the House

**Comment:** Bill would allow an additional dropped course under certain circumstances, provided the student has completed 50 hours and re-enrolls timely.



## Financial Aid & Student Loans

[HB 66](#) **Author:** Guillen | et al.

**Last Action:** *05/29/2017 E Effective on . . . . .*

**Caption:** Relating to determining eligibility for a Texas Armed Services Scholarship and to the appointment by certain elected officials of students to receive that scholarship.

**House Committee:** Defense & Veterans' Affairs (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** [SB 49](#) by Zaffirini | et al., Identical, 05/28/2017 E Sent to the Governor  
[SB 439](#) by Rodríguez, Similar, 02/06/2017 S Referred to Higher Education

**Comment:** If a student given the scholarship fails to maintain eligibility or otherwise meet the requirements to continue receiving the scholarship, the elected official who appointed the student may appoint another student.

[HB 846](#) **Author:** Raney | et al.

**Last Action:** *06/15/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:** Relating to the implementation of student financial assistance programs for veterans and their families.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Veteran Affairs & Border Security (Out)

**Companion:** SB 1546 by Menéndez, Identical, 03/21/2017 S Referred to Vet Affairs & Border Security

**Comment:** Prohibits an institution of higher education from imposing additional obligations or burdens concerning payment or registration on a student eligible for state and federal student financial assistance programs available to military veterans or their family members that are not otherwise required by those programs to be imposed for the purpose of receiving that assistance.

[HB 928](#) **Author:** White | et al.

**Last Action:** *06/01/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to assisting certain children who are in foster care or who have been adopted in the process of applying to institutions of higher education.

**House Committee:** Human Services (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Health & Human Services (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Additional assistance for foster children with applying for college and financial aid, assistance with campus visits, and researching financial aid. Requirements placed on “community resource coordination group”, not the institutions of higher education.

[HB 1117](#) **Author:** Wray

**Last Action:** *05/29/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to eligibility for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program.

**House Committee:** Defense & Veterans' Affairs (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Veteran Affairs & Border Security (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Adds United States Marine Corps Platoon Leaders Class to meet enrollment requirement for TASSP recipients.

[SB 2082](#) **Author:** Taylor, Larry

**Last Action:** *05/26/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption Version:** Introduced

**Caption:** Relating to the work-study student mentorship program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 796](#) by Clardy | et al., Identical, 05/12/2017 H Committee report sent to Calendars

**Comment:** THECB recommendation; expands the Work-Study Mentorship Program’s use of funds to support success

## Credit Transfer/Advising/Degree Plans

[HB 655](#)

**Author:** Clardy

**Last Action:** *05/29/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to the filing of a degree plan by students at public junior colleges.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Requires a student to file a degree plan not later than the end of the second regular semester immediately following the semester in which the student earned a cumulative total of 30 or more semester credit hours; or if the student begins the student's first semester or term at the college with 30 or more semester credit hours of course credit for courses, the end of the student's second regular semester.

## Sexual Offenses Policies

[HB 355](#) **Author:** Raney | et al.

**Last Action:** *06/01/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:** Relating to prohibiting certain sex offenders from residing on the campus of a public or private institution of higher education.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Criminal Justice (Out)

**Companion:** [SB 1041](#) by Buckingham, Identical, 03/06/2017 S Referred to Criminal Justice

**Comment:** Registered sex offenders barred from living on campus. Substitute bill allows institutions discretion with offenders deemed unlikely to reoffend.

[SB 968](#) **Author:** Watson

**Last Action:** *06/12/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to requiring certain public and private institutions of higher education to provide students and employees an option to electronically report certain offenses to the institution.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** State Affairs (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 2229](#) by Leach, Identical, 03/20/2017 H Referred to Higher Education

**Comment:** Requires institutions of higher education to provide an option for a student enrolled at or an employee of the institution to electronically report to the institution an allegation of sexual assault, family violence, or stalking committed against or witnessed by the student or employee, regardless of the location at which the alleged offense occurred. Would require an option to report anonymously.

[SB 969](#) **Author:** Watson

**Last Action:** *06/12/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to requiring certain public and private institutions of higher education to provide amnesty to students who report incidents of sexual assault.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** State Affairs (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 2230](#) by Leach, Identical, 03/20/2017 H Referred to Higher Education

**Comment:** Prohibits a postsecondary educational institution from taking any disciplinary action against a student enrolled at the institution for a violation by the student of the institution's policies on student conduct if the student reports to the institution being the victim of, or a witness to, an incident of sexual assault and the violation of the institution's policies is in relation to the incident

[SB 128](#)

**Author:** Garcia | et al.

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**Last Action:** *05/18/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to the inclusion of education and training regarding human trafficking in the curriculum of commercial driver's license training programs offered by public junior colleges and career schools and colleges and to certain requirements for commercial driver's licenses.

**House Committee:** Transportation (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Transportation (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 272](#) by Thompson, Senfronia, Identical, 05/04/2017 H Laid on the table subject to call

**Comment:**

## Service Areas & Governance

[SB 286](#)                      **Author:** Nichols

**Last Action:**                *05/26/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:**                      Relating to the governing board of the Trinity Valley Community College District.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:**                [HB 1062](#) by Gooden, Identical, 04/06/2017 S Received from the House

**Comment:**                    Allows board to increase to 11 members.

[HB 961](#)                      **Author:** Rodriguez, Justin

**Last Action:**                *06/15/2017 E Vetoed by the Governor*

**Caption:**                      Relating to the election of junior college district trustees by plurality vote.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:**                N/A

**Comment:**                    Would have eliminated the requirement for a run-off election for trustees. A board by resolution could have continued to require a run-off.

From the Governor's [veto statement](#): "In crowded races, this would result in the election of candidates who received a small percentage of voter support."...  
"These elections have important consequences for property owners and for junior colleges. They should not be treated like second-tier elections."

[HB 1472](#)                      **Author:** Capriglione | et al.

**Last Action:**                *06/01/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:**                      Relating to investment by a public junior college district of public funds received from the management and development of mineral rights.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Finance (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Allows the governing board of a public junior college district to invest funds received by the district from a lease or contract for the management and development of land owned by the district and leased for oil, gas, or other mineral development in any investment authorized to be made by a trustee under the Texas Trust Code. Funds invested by the governing board of a public junior college district under the new provision would have to be segregated and accounted for separately from other funds of the district.

[HB 2194](#) **Author:** King, Phil | et al.

**Last Action:** *05/22/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:** Relating to the board of trustees of the Weatherford Junior College District.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Natural Resources & Economic Development (Out)

**Companion:** SB 2246 by Estes, Identical, 04/04/2017 S Referred to Higher Education

**Comment:** Would allow board representation for a county with a maintenance tax. Maintenance tax county representative would not be able to vote on imposition of a tax. Limited to Weatherford Junior College.

[SB 59](#) **Author:** Zaffirini

**Last Action:** *05/29/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:** Relating to energy and water management planning and reporting requirements for state agencies and institutions of higher education.

**House Committee:** Government Transparency & Operation (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Business & Commerce (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Removes requirement that an institution of higher education develop a five-year energy and water management plan.

[HB 4276](#) **Author:** VanDeaver

**Last Action:** *06/15/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:** Relating to the Paris Junior College District.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Administration (Out)

**Companion:** [SB 2247](#) by Hughes, Identical, 05/10/2017 S Not again placed on intent calendar

**Comment:**



## Textbooks

SB 810

**Author:** Kolkhorst

**Last Action:** *06/09/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to the use of open educational resources.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Requires inclusion of OER options on book lists produced by institutions. Requires bookstores to make OERs searchable on their website, if they have a searchable website. Creates an OER grant program to encourage wider adoption of OERs. Calls for feasibility study on state repository of OERs.

## Curriculum

HB 2223

**Author:** Giddings | et al.

**Last Action:** *06/15/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to developmental coursework offered by public institutions of higher education under the Texas Success Initiative.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Requires the implementation of a co-requisite model of developmental education. Substitute bill limits full phase in to 75% of DE students.

## Workforce Development

### [SB 634](#)

**Author:** Estes

**Last Action:** 06/09/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

**Caption:** Relating to reporting requirements for certain skills development fund workforce training program providers.

**House Committee:** Economic & Small Business Development (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Natural Resources & Economic Development (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Requires refunding the state the amount of a SDF grant if the required SDF report is not submitted. As amended, bill would require only refunding of unexpended amount.

### [HB 2431](#)

**Author:** Deshotel

**Last Action:** 06/01/2017 E Effective immediately

**Caption:** Relating to the participation of public state colleges in the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Extends JET availability to two-year public state colleges.

### [HB 2994](#)

**Author:** Ashby

**Last Action:** 06/09/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

**Caption:** Relating to workforce continuing education offered by public junior colleges.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** SB 1746 by Hinojosa, Similar, 04/26/2017 S Left pending in committee

**Comment:** TACC priority. Allows CE courses for high school students 16 and up, reimbursement for contact hours, ability to waive tuition.



## Weapons & Public Safety

### [SB 1649](#)

**Author:** Watson

**Last Action:** *06/09/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:** Relating to increasing the punishment for certain conduct constituting the offense of criminal trespass.

**House Committee:** Criminal Jurisprudence (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Criminal Justice (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** The bill would amend the Penal Code enhancing the penalty for repeated criminal trespassing on the property of a public institution of higher education. The penalty would be punishable as a Class A misdemeanor. Amendment added to give consideration for an exemption from increase in punishment if the person charged with trespass was engaged in speech or expressive conduct on campus.

### [SB 4](#)

**Author:** Perry | et al.

**Last Action:** *05/07/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:** Relating to the enforcement by campus police departments and certain local governmental entities of state and federal laws governing immigration and to related duties and liability of certain persons in the criminal justice system; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.

**House Committee:** State Affairs (Out)

**Senate Committee:** State Affairs (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 611](#) by Leach | et al., Identical, 02/22/2017 H Referred to State Affairs  
[HB 754](#) by Fallon, Identical, 03/01/2017 H Referred to State Affairs  
[HB 889](#) by Geren | et al., Identical, 02/23/2017 H Referred to State Affairs  
[HB 1308](#) by Holland | et al., Identical, 02/27/2017 H Referred to State Affairs

**Comment:** Under the bill, campus police may not “adopt, enforce, or endorse a policy under which the entity or department prohibits or materially limits the enforcement of immigration laws.” A campus police department may not prohibit or limit a commissioned peace officer from inquiring into the immigration status of a person under lawful detention or arrest. Discrimination prohibited; complaint process and equitable relief process established. Civil penalties created for violations. Potential removal from office if person holding “elective or appointive office of a political subdivision” violates provisions of the new law.

## Veteran Services

[HB 493](#)

**Author:** Perez | et al.

**Last Action:** *05/29/2017 E Effective on 1/1/18*

**Caption:** Relating to reporting requirements for the College Credit for Heroes program.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Veteran Affairs & Border Security (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Adds to an existing report by TVC a requirement to report the number of academic or workforce education semester credit hours awarded under the program and applied toward a degree or certification program at an institution of higher education during the most recent academic year.

## Intersection with Public Education

### HB 1553

**Author:** Lozano

**Last Action:** 06/15/2017 E Effective immediately

**Caption:** Relating to permitting a school district that has failed to satisfy performance standards to partner with an institution of higher education to improve district performance.

**House Committee:** Public Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Amends existing statute on intervention and sanctions for districts to include permitting a school district that has failed to satisfy performance standards to partner with an institution of higher education to improve district performance.

### SB 825

**Author:** Taylor, Larry

**Last Action:** 06/09/2017 E Effective immediately

**Caption:** Relating to school district discretion to administer college preparation assessment instruments to public school students at state cost.

**House Committee:** Public Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Education (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 2614](#) by Huberty, Identical, 05/19/2017 S Considered in public hearing

**Comment:** Bill would make existing statute on assessment permissive rather than required.

### HB 2537

**Author:** Guerra

**Last Action:** 06/09/2017 E Effective immediately

**Caption:** Relating to requiring public schools to provide information to certain students on the availability of financial assistance for postsecondary education.

**House Committee:** Public Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Requirement that public schools make students aware of waivers available to students in or previously in the conservatorship of DFPS.

[HB 136](#) **Author:** Bell | et al.

**Last Action:** *06/01/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to inclusion of career and technology education and workforce training in the mission of public education.

**House Committee:** Public Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Bill would expand the mission of public education to include preparation to succeed in postsecondary activities, including employment, workforce training, and enrollment in higher education.

[HB 639](#) **Author:** Anderson, Charles "Doc" | et al.

**Last Action:** *05/26/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to authorizing the purchase of certain insurance coverage by public school districts for the benefit of businesses and students participating in career or technology training programs and providing for immunity from liability of certain public school students participating in career or technology programs.

**House Committee:** Public Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Education (Out)

**Companion:** SB 1880 by Menéndez, Identical, 03/23/2017 S Referred to Education  
SB 1898 by West, Identical, 03/23/2017 S Referred to Education  
HB 380 by Huberty, Duplicate, 02/16/2017 H Referred to Public Education

**Comment:**

[HB 2729](#) **Author:** Lucio III

**Last Action:** *06/09/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to an inventory of credentials and certificates that may be earned by a public high school student through a career and technology education program.



**House Committee:** Public Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** THECB and TWC jointly tasked with developing the inventory by September 1, 2018.

## Occupational Certification & Licensure

### [HB 2738](#)

**Author:** Hernandez

**Last Action:** 06/09/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

**Caption:** Relating to the hours of instruction provided in barbering and cosmetology schools.

**House Committee:** Licensing & Administrative Procedures (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Business & Commerce (Out)

**Companion:** SB 2153 by Taylor, Larry, Identical, 03/29/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce

HB 2304 by Guillen, Duplicate, 05/24/2017 H Senate Amendments Analysis distributed

**Comment:** Allows the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation to adopt rules to authorize barbering and cosmetology schools to account for any hours of instruction completed on the basis clock hours or credit.

### [HB 2739](#)

**Author:** Hernandez

**Last Action:** 06/09/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

**Caption:** Relating to the regulation of barber schools, private beauty culture schools, and other facilities used to teach or perform the practice of barbering or cosmetology.

**House Committee:** Licensing & Administrative Procedures (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Business & Commerce (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Expands approval of application for a permit for a barber school, other than a school offering instruction for a Class A barber certificate.

### [SB 1932](#)

**Author:** West

**Last Action:** 06/15/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

**Caption:** Relating to eligibility requirements for registration as an interior designer.

**House Committee:** Licensing & Administrative Procedures (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Business & Commerce (Out)

**Companion:** HB 2721 by Lucio III, Identical, 03/28/2017 H Referred to Licensing & Administrative Procedures

**Comment:**

## Political Subdivision Requirements

[SB 622](#)

**Author:** Burton | et al.

**Last Action:** *06/09/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to itemizing certain public notice expenditures in political subdivision budgets.

**House Committee:** Government Transparency & Operation (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Intergovernmental Relations (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 1596](#) by Lozano, Identical, 05/09/2017 H Laid on the table subject to call

**Comment:** Requires the proposed budget of a political subdivision to include a line item indicating expenditures for notices required by law to be published in a newspaper by the political subdivision or a representative of the political subdivision that allows as clear a comparison as practicable between those expenditures in the proposed budget and actual expenditures for the same purpose in the preceding year.

## Property Taxes

### SJR 1

**Author:** Campbell | et al.

**Last Action:** 05/25/2017 E Filed with the Secretary of State

**Caption:** Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

**House Committee:** Ways & Means (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Finance (Out)

**Companion:** HJR86 by Button | et al., Identical, 04/26/2017 H Left pending in committee  
HJR88 by Fallon, Identical, 05/05/2017 H Committee report distributed

**Comment:** This will now be put to voters in a November 2017 proposition election.

### SB 15

**Author:** Huffines | et al.

**Last Action:** 06/09/2017 E See remarks for effective date

**Caption:** Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

**House Committee:** Ways & Means (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Finance (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 570](#) by Button | et al., Identical, 04/26/2017 H Left pending in committee  
[HB 2524](#) by Fallon | et al., Identical, 05/05/2017 H Committee report sent to Calendars

**Comment:** Enabling legislation for SJR 1.

## Miscellaneous

[SB 1220](#)

**Author:** Miles

**Last Action:** 06/01/2017 E Effective immediately

**Caption:** Relating to ensuring continuity of education and access to higher education, career information, and skills certification for foster care youth and former foster care youth.

**House Committee:** Human Services (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Education (Out)

**Companion:** HB 1640 by Vo | et al., Similar, 05/22/2017 S Referred to Education

**Comment:** Requires Department of Family and Protective Services to collaborate with local workforce development boards, foster care transition centers, community and technical colleges, schools, and any other appropriate workforce industry resources to create a program that assists foster care youth and former foster care youth in completing high school or its equivalency; and industry certifications; provides career guidance to foster care youth and former foster care youth; and informs foster care youth and former foster care youth about the tuition and fee waivers for institutions of higher education.

[SB 719](#)

**Author:** Zaffirini

**Last Action:** 06/09/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

**Caption:** Relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to collect and study data on the participation of persons with intellectual disabilities in workforce education programs.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** The bill would include in THECB's requirement to collect and maintain data relating to the participation of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities workforce continuing education programs that are eligible for funding through the state. Amended to include pilot program for 5 colleges to study financial reporting by instructional site. Similar to pilot amendment language contemplated by Rep. Raney amendment to HB 2975. Amendment will override the reporting rider included in the budget.

[HB 2895](#)

**Author:** Price

**Last Action:** *05/29/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:** Relating to the requirement that certain public institutions of higher education post mental health resources on the institution's Internet website.

**House Committee:** Public Health (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** N/A

**Comment:** Builds on existing requirement to post mental health resources. Clarifies that information on services if required regardless if the institution is not the provider.

[SB 1367](#)

**Author:** Menéndez

**Last Action:** *05/27/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:** Relating to policies and training regarding the use of epinephrine auto-injectors by public institutions of higher education; providing immunity.

**House Committee:** N/A

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** HB 3851 by Howard, Identical, 05/02/2017 H Committee report sent to Calendars

**Comment:** Allows an institution of higher education to adopt and implement a policy on use of epinephrine auto-injectors. Lists requirements if an institution chooses to implement a policy.

[SB 1813](#)

**Author:** Buckingham

**Last Action:** *06/15/2017 E Effective immediately*

**Caption:** Relating to common admission application forms for institutions of higher education.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Companion:** HB 3585 by Turner, Identical, 05/12/2017 H Returned to Local & Consent Calendars Comm.

SB 1899 by West, Duplicate, 03/23/2017 S Referred to Higher Education

**Comment:**

[SB 1954](#)

**Author:** Hughes

**Last Action:** 05/26/2017 E *Effective on 9/1/17*

**Caption:** Relating to participation in and contributions to the optional retirement program for certain employees of institutions of higher education.

**House Committee:** Higher Education (Out)

**Senate Committee:** State Affairs (Out)

**Companion:** [HB 3267](#) by Lozano, Identical, 05/12/2017 H Returned to Local & Consent Calendars Comm.

**Comment:**