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Major Legislation passed
during the 88th Session





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The Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce



As Chair of the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Division, I am pleased to present the legislative wrap-up brochure detailing bills successfully passed during the 88th Texas Legislative Session. This brochure is a roadmap of the significant legislation that passed and key initiatives that unfolded during this past session.

The Advocacy Division is deeply committed to advancing the interest of local businesses and fostering a business environment that encourages growth, innovation, and economic prosperity in the Greater Beaumont Area. With the close of the regular and special sessions, we recognize the need to keep the business community informed about the legislative issues that directly impact businesses and their operations, workforce, and overall business climate.

Furthermore, I would like to thank the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce members for their continued support and involvement in our advocacy efforts. Together, we strengthen the collective voice of our business community and drive positive change for the betterment of Beaumont.

Sincerely,

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Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce Legislative Update

The Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce is pleased to provide this legislative wrap-up brochure highlighting major legislation from the Texas 88th Legislative Session. Our state lawmakers diligently worked on legislation that can have far-reaching impacts on Texas and the business community.

From new laws to foster business investment and initiatives to make it easier to do business in Texas, the 88th Session demonstrated that Texas continues to be committed to making Texas the place to live, invest and grow. Together, we will continue to grow and make Beaumont an even better place to live, work, and do business.

Leadership Priority Issues – Here is a run-down of the final status of the priority issues for Governor Greg Abbott, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, and Speaker Dade Phelan taken up by the 88th Legislature:

Governor Greg Abbott's Emergency Items:

- **SB 2** (Bettencourt) [88(2)] *This Act takes effect October 12, 2023, except Sections 3.09, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, and Article 6 take effect immediately. Articles 2 and 3 take effect on the date of official canvass showing adoption of HJR 2, and Article 4 takes effect on January 1, 2024, but only if HJR 2 is approved by the voters. Article 5 takes effect July 1, 2024, except Sections 5.04 and 5.13 take effect October 12, 2023, but only if HJR 2 is approved by the voters. Sections 3.05, 3.08, and 3.15(b) take effect January 1, 2025, and Sections 4.02, 4.05, 4.08, 4.10, and 4.12 take effect January 1, 2027.*

End COVID Restrictions:

- **SB 29** (Birdwell/Lozano) **Banning Local COVID-19 Mandates** – *Signed by the governor and takes effect September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1104/SJR 58** (Birdwell/Slawson) **Requiring a Special Session to Renew a Disaster Declaration** – *SB 1104 DIED on the House Calendar; SJR 58 DIED between the House State Affairs Committee and the House Calendars Committee*

Education Freedom for All Texans:

- **HB 4340 and HB 5261** (Frank) **Education Savings Accounts** – *DIED the House Public Education Committee*
- **SB 8** (Creighton/Frank) **Empowering Parental Rights – Including School Choice** – *DIED in the House Public Education Committee*

School Safety:

- **HB 3** (Burrows/Nichols) **School Safety and Security** - *Signed by the governor and takes effect September 1, 2023*
- **HB 13** (K. King) **School Active Shooter Plans; Mental Health Resources** – *DIED in the Senate Education Committee*
- **SB 11** (Nichols/K. King) **Keeping Our Schools Safe and Secure** – *Pronounced DEAD by procedural action (postponed until after the session – some provisions are in HB 3)*
- **SB 838** (Creighton/Thierry) **Panic Alert Devices in Classrooms**— *Signed by the governor and took effect on May 5, 2023*
- **SB 1852** (Flores/Metcalf) **Active Shooter Training for Peace Officers** – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*

End Revolving Door Bail:

- **SB 1318** (Huffman/Smith) **List of Offenses Not Eligible for Bail** – *Pronounced DEAD in the House by procedural action (was postponed until after the session)*
- **SJR 44** (Huffman/Smith) **Denial of Bail for Violent Offenses** – *Pronounced DEAD in the House by procedural action (was postponed until after the session)*

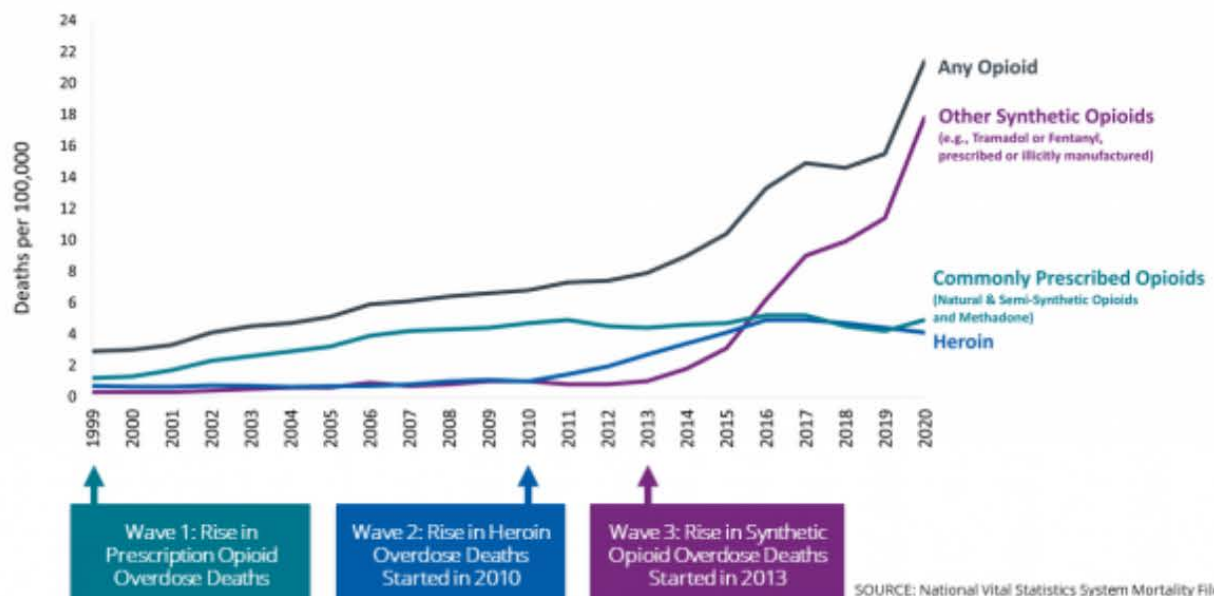
Securing the Border:

- **HB 7** (Guillen/Birdwell) **Legislative Border Safety Oversight Committee** – *DIED in conference committee*
- **HB 20** (Schaefer) **Creating a Border Protection Unit** – *DIED on a point-of-order on the House floor*
- **SB 1427** (Flores) **Criminal Organizations that Threaten the Security of the State** - *DIED in the the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 1484** (Creighton/Holland) **Border Operations Training Program for Peace Officers** – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **SB 2424** (Birdwell/Hefner) **Making it a State Crime to Illegally Enter the State** – *Pronounced DEAD by procedural action in the House (postponed until after the session)*

Fighting the Fentanyl Crisis:

- **HB 6** (Goldman/Huffman) **Increased Punishment for Fentanyl-Related Crimes** – *Signed by the governor and takes effect September 1, 2023*
- **HB 178** (Murr) **Requiring Crime Labs to Test Evidence for Fentanyl** – *DIED the Senate Criminal Justice Committee*
- **HB 362** (Oliverson/Hughes) **Allowing Use of Fentanyl Test Strips** – *DIED in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee*
- **SB 1319** (Huffman/Turner) **Mapping of Overdoses for Public Safety Purposes** – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **SB 2372** (Campbell) **Requiring School Health Advisory Councils to Recommend Curriculum on Fentanyl Dangers** – *DIED in the House Public Education Committee*

Three Waves of Opioid Overdose Deaths



Lt. Governor Dan Patrick's Priority Bills:

- **SB 1 – State Budget** (Huffman) – *Passed as HB 1, Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 2 – Restoring Voter Fraud to a Felony** (Hughes) – *DIED in the House Elections Committee; but HB 1243 (Hefner/Hughes) was signed by the governor, takes effect September 1, 2023*
- **SB 3/SJR 3 – Increasing the Homestead Exemption to \$70,000** (Bettencourt/Meyer) – *DIED in conference committee*
- **SB 4 – Adding Additional Property Tax Relief** (Bettencourt) school tax rate compression – *DIED in the House Ways & Means Committee*
- **SB 5 – Increasing the Business Personal Property Tax Exemption** (Parker) – *DIED in the House Ways & Means Committee*
- **SB 6 – Adding New Natural Gas Plants** (Schwertner) and **SJR 1** (Schwertner) establish the Texas Energy Insurance Program – *DIED in the House State Affairs Committee (Note: Similar legislation SB 2627/SJR 93 (Schwertner/Hunter) establishing a completion bonus and zero interest loan for new dispatchable generation resources passed.)*
- **SB 7 – Continuing to Improve the Texas Grid** (Schwertner/Hunter), ERCOT reliability – *DIED in conference committee (some provisions passed in HB 1500)*
- **SB 8 – Empowering Parental Rights – Including School Choice** (Creighton/Frank) – *DIED in the House Public Education Committee*
- **SB 9 – Empowering Teacher Rights – Teacher Pay Raise** (Creighton/Dutton) - *Pronounced DEAD in the House by procedural action (postponed until after the session)*
- **SB 10 – Adding 13th Checks for Retired Teachers** (Huffman/Bonnen) - *Signed by the governor, (effective immediately except Section 1 takes effect January 1, 2024, but only if HJR 2 is approved by the voters)*
- **SB 11 – Keeping Our Schools Safe and Secure** (Nichols/Ken King) – *Pronounced DEAD by procedural action (postponed until after the session – some provisions are in HB 3)*
- **SB 12 – Banning Children's Exposure to Drag Shows** (Hughes/Shaeen) - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 13 – Protecting Children from Obscene Books in Libraries** (Paxton) – *DIED in the House State Affairs Committee Note: a similar bill, HB 900 (Patterson/Paxton) Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 14 – Ending Child Gender Modification** (Campbell/Oliverson) - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 15 – Protecting Women's College Sports** (Middleton/Swanson) - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 16 – Banning Critical Race Theory (CRT) in Higher Education** (Hughes) – *DIED in the House Higher Education Committee*
- **SB 17 – Banning Discriminatory "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" (DEI) Policies in Higher Education** (Creighton/Kuempel) - *Signed by the governor, effective January 1, 2024*
- **SB 18 – Eliminating Tenure at General Academic Institutions** (Creighton/Kuempel) - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 19 – Creating A New Higher Education Endowment Fund** (Huffman/Bonnen) – *DIED in the House Higher Education Committee; Passed as HB 1595 (Bonnen/Huffman), Takes effect January 1, 2024 but only if HJR 3 is approved by the voters*

- **SB 20 – Removing District Attorneys Who Refuse to Follow Texas Law** (Huffman) – *DIED in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee*
- **SB 21 – Removing Judges Who Refuse to Follow Texas Law** (Huffman/Leach) – *DIED in the House by procedural action (was postponed until after the legislative session)*
- **SB 22 – Assisting Rural Law Enforcement Funding – Increasing Pay and Needed Equipment** (Springer/Guillen) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 23 – Creating A Mandatory 10-Year Prison Sentence for Criminals Committing a Gun Crime** (Huffman) – *DIED in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee*
- **SB 24 – Expanding Alternatives to Abortion** (Kolkhorst/Frank) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 25 – Creating New Scholarships for Registered Nurses** (Kolkhorst/Klick) – *Signed by the governor effective immediately*
- **SB 26 – Expanding Mental Health Care Beds Across Texas – Focus on Rural Counties** (Kolkhorst/Jetton) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 27 – Creating A New Business Specialty Court** (Hughes) – *Died in the Senate Jurisprudence Committee; Passed as HB 19 (Murr/Hughes), Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 28/SJR 75 – Addressing Texas’ Future Water Needs** (Perry/T. King) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023 (except Section 6 takes effect January 1, 2024)*
- **SB 29 – Banning Local COVID-19 Mandates** (Birdwell/Lozano) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 30 – Supplemental Budget** (Huffman/Bonnen) – *Signed by the governor, effective immediately*

Speaker Dade Phelan’s Priority Bills:

- **HB 1 – State Budget** (Bonnen/Huffman) – *Certified by the comptroller, signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 2/HJR 1 – Property Tax Relief** (Meyer) – *DIED in the Senate Local Government Committee*
- **HB 3 – School Safety and Security** (Burrows/Nichols) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 4 – Data Privacy** (Capriglione/Hughes) – *Signed by the governor, effective July 1, 2024 (except Section 541.055(e), Business & Commerce Code, as added by this Act, takes effect January 1, 2025)*
- **HB 5 – Job Creation and Economic Development** (Hunter/Schwertner), providing a temporary school property tax reduction for large capital investments – *Signed by the governor, effective January 1, 2024 (except Section 10 takes effect September 1, 2023)*
- **HB 6 – Increased Punishment for Fentanyl-Related Crimes** (Goldman/Huffman) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 7 – Legislative Border Safety Oversight Committee** (Guillen/Birdwell) – *DIED in conference committee*
- **HB 8 – Community College Finance Reform** (VanDeaver/Creighton) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023 (This Act takes effect September 1, 2023, except Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 25, 28, 29, 31, 45, and 51 take effect immediately.)*

- **HB 8 – Community College Finance Reform** (VanDeaver/Creighton) - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023 (This Act takes effect September 1, 2023, except Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 25, 28, 29, 31, 45, and 51 take effect immediately.)*
- **HB 9/HJR 125 – Rural Broadband Infrastructure** (Ashby/Huffman) – *Signed by the governor, effective January 1, 2024 (but only if HJR 125 is approved by the voters.)*
- **HB 10/HJR 130 – Water Infrastructure** (T. King) – DIED in the House Natural Resources Committee; *Passed as SB 28/SJR 75 (Perry/T. King) – Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023 (except Section 6 takes effect January 1, 2024)*
- **HB 11 – Teacher Recruitment and Retention** (Dutton/Creighton) – *DIED in the Senate Education Committee*
- **HB 12 – Expanding Postpartum Medicaid Coverage** (Rose/Kolkhorst) - *Signed by the governor, effective immediately*
- **HB 13 – School Active Shooter Plans; Mental Health Resources** (K. King) – *DIED in Senate Education Committee*
- **HB 14 – Streamline Property Development Approvals** (Cody Harris/Bettencourt) - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 15/HJR 135 – Mental Health and Brain Health Research** (S. Thompson) – *DIED because they were not referred to committee in the Senate*
- **HB 16 – Juvenile Justice Reform** (Moody) – *DIED in the Senate State Affairs Committee*
- **HB 17 – Uniform Enforcement of Criminal Laws** (Cook/Huffman) - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 18 – Data Privacy and Protection for Minors** (Slawson/Hughes) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2024 (except Article 3 takes effect immediately)*
- **HB 19 – Creating a Business Court System** (Murr/Hughes) - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 20 – Creating a Border Protection Unit** (Schaefer) – *DIED on a point-of-order on the House Floor*
- **HB 90 – Workers’ Compensation and Death Benefits for Texas Military** (Patterson/Huffman) - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 100 – Increased Teacher Pay; increased basic allotment (the Senate added Education Savings Accounts)** (K. King/Creighton) – *DIED in conference committee*
- **HB 200 – Re-establishing the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council** (Leach) – *DIED in the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee*
- **HB 300 – Sales Tax Exemption for Family Products** (Howard/Huffman) – *DIED in the Senate Finance Committee; Passed as SB 379 (Huffman/Howard) Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 400 – Higher Education Incentives for Mental Health Professionals** (Klick/Kolkhorst) - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 500 – Supplemental Appropriations Bill** (Bonnen) – *DIED in the House Appropriations Committee; Passed as SB 30 (Huffman/Bonnen), Signed by the governor, effective immediately*
- **HB 600/HJR 2 – Annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Retired Teachers** (Bonnen) – *HB 600 passed as SB 10 (Huffman/Bonnen), Effective immediately, except Section 1 takes effect January 1, 2024 but only if HJR 2 is approved by the voters.*

- **HB 700 – Texas Health Insurance Exchange** (Oliverson) - *DIED in the House Select Committee on Health Care Reform*
- **HB 800 – Increased Penalties for Human Traffickers** (Guillen/Flores) – *DIED in the House on a germaneness point-of-order on the Senate amendments and was returned to the Senate*
- **HB 900 – Identifying Sexually Explicit School Library Materials** (Patterson/Paxton) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*

SENATE:

Procedures for Senate Trial of Ken Paxton – Before adjourning the Senate adopted SR 735 by Dean John Whitmire adopting procedures governing the trial of Warren Kenneth Paxton by a vote of 31 to 0. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick appointed a committee to develop and recommend trial procedures no later than June 20, 2023. The committee includes Senators Brian Birdwell (R-Granbury), Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa (D-McAllen), Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe), Pete Flores (R-Pleasanton), Joan Huffman (R-Houston), Phil King (R-Weatherford), and Royce West (D-Dallas).

Trial will begin September 5, 2023.

HOUSE:

Articles of Impeachment of Warren Kenneth Paxton – On May 25th, the House General Investigating Committee HR 2377 a resolution containing Articles of Impeachment against Attorney General Warren Kenneth Paxton. The resolution included 20 Articles of Impeachment including:

- Article 1 – Disregard of Official Duty – Protection of Charitable Operation
- Article 2 – Disregard of Official Duty – Abuse of the Opinion Process
- Article 3 – Disregard of Official Duty - Abuse of the Open Records Process
- Article 4 – Disregard of Official Duty – Misuse of Official Information
- Article 5 – Disregard of Official Duty – Engagement of Brandon Cammack
- Article 6 – Disregard of Official Duty – Termination of Whistleblowers
- Article 7 – Misapplication of Public Resources – Whistleblower Investigation and Report
- Article 8 – Disregard of Official Duty – Settlement Agreement
- Article 9 – Constitutional Bribery – Paul’s Employment of Mistress
- Article 10 – Constitutional Bribery – Paul’s Providing Renovations to Paxton Home
- Article 11 – Obstruction of Justice – Abuse of Judicial Process
- Article 12 – Obstruction of Justice – Abuse of Judicial Process
- Article 13 – False Statements in Official Records – State Securities Board Investigation
- Article 14 – False Statements in Official Records – Personal Financial Statements
- Article 15 – False Statements in Official Records – Whistleblower Response Report
- Article 15 – False Statements in Official Records – Whistleblower Response Report
- Article 16 – Conspiracy and Attempted Conspiracy
- Article 17 – Misappropriation of Public Resources
- Article 18 - Dereliction of Duty
- Article 19 – Unfitness for Office
- Article 20 – Abuse of Public Trust

Board of Managers to Present Trial in the Senate - On Monday, the House adopted HR 2547 creating a Board of Managers to present articles of impeachment to the Senate. It was adopted by a vote of 136 to 4. Speaker Dade Phelan appointed members of the Board of Managers including Representatives Andrew Murr (R-Junction), Chair; Ann Johnson (D-Houston), Vice-Chair; Charlie Geren (R-Fort Worth); Joe Moody (D-El Paso); Terry Canales (D-Edinburg); Jeff Leach (R-Allen), Oscar Longoria (D-Mission); Morgan Meyer (R-Dallas); Briscoe Cain (R-Deer Park); and Cody Vasut (R-Angleton).

In a press conference Chairman Murr said, “The Senate will set rules and processes for the trial. The managers will put forth the evidence, like any other civil or criminal trial. Witnesses will be called and sworn in. They will be examined and cross-examined. Rules of evidence are assumed to apply. We are part of a judicial proceeding. This is about facts and evidence. My colleagues and I will not tolerate public corruption and that is why we are proceeding to trial in the Senate.”

Freshmen of the Year Awards - Prior to adjournment, the House caucuses announced their “**Freshman of the Year**” awards:

*****Legislative Black Caucus** – Representative Christian Manuel (D-Beaumont)

BUDGET:

HB 1 by Greg Bonnen (R-Friendswood) and Joan Huffman (R-Houston) is the general appropriations bill for the 2024-2025 biennium. Below are highlights of the bill from the Legislative Budget Board.

Appropriations Totals:

- **All Funds** - HB 1 appropriates \$321.34 billion in All Funds for the 2024-2025 biennium, up from \$303.3 billion (\$18.04 billion – 5.95 percent) from the 2022-23 biennium.
- **General Revenue Funds** – HB 1 appropriates \$144.13 billion in General Revenue Funds for the 2024-2025 biennium, up from \$130.4 billion in the 2022-2023 biennium (a \$13.73 billion increase – 10.53 percent).
- **General Revenue-Dedicated Funds** – HB 1 appropriates \$6.834 billion in General Revenue-Dedicated Funds for the 2024-2025 biennium, down from \$8.024 billion (a decrease of \$1.191 billion – 14.84 percent) from the 2022-2023 biennium.
- **Federal Funds** – HB 1 appropriates \$102.286 billion in federal funds for the 2024-2026 biennium, down from \$117.301 billion in federal funds (a decrease of \$15.015 billion – 12.8 percent) for the 2022-2023 biennium due to the expiration of federal pandemic relief funding.



Constitutional Limitations – HB 1 is \$10.7 billion short of the pay-as-you-go limit in Article III, Section 49(a) of the Texas Constitution; and is \$1.6 billion below the constitutional spending limit in Article VIII, Section 22 of the Texas Constitution. It is also \$11.8 billion below the consolidated General Revenue limit in Texas Government Code, Section 316.001(c) (population growth plus inflation).

Public Education:

- **Property Tax Relief** - Provides \$17.6 billion for property tax relief, including \$12.3 billion above amounts required by current law, contingent on enactment of legislation.

- **Foundation School Program** - Fully funds the Foundation School Program (FSP) under current law, including increases of:
 - \$3.2 billion to fund projected enrollment growth,
 - \$2.4 billion for increases in the golden penny yield,
 - \$60.0 million for the New Instructional Facilities Allotment. and
 - increases funding to districts and charter schools for technology and instructional materials by \$307 million.
- **Increased Allotment** - Includes \$5.0 billion in additional funding for Public Education, contingent on enactment of legislation (HB 100 – increased basic allotment and teacher payraise).
- **School Safety** - Increases funding for school safety measures by \$1.4 billion (\$300.0 million in HB 1 and \$1.1 billion in SB 30), including grants to districts and charter schools and new statewide initiatives.
- **Retired Teachers** - Includes \$1.6 billion for a onetime supplemental annuity payment for certain TRS retirees and \$3.4 billion to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to eligible TRS retirees, contingent on enactment of legislation.
- **Teacher Healthcare** - Provides \$588.5 million to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) to maintain health insurance premium increases below 10 percent each year for TRS-ActiveCare participants.



Higher Education:

- **Formula Funding** - Provides a state focus on student affordability for general academic universities and a revamped public junior college state finance program – HB1 provides \$9.9 billion, which is a \$1.1 billion increase to the current biennium, to fund the formulas at our higher education institutions:
- **Health Education and Technical Training** - \$4.8 billion to General Academic Institutions, Lamar State Colleges and Texas State Technical Colleges; \$2.9 billion to Health-Related Institutions and \$2.2 billion to Community Colleges.
- **Texas University Fund** - Provides for long-term investments in higher education through the establishment of the Texas University Fund (\$3.0 billion corpus in SB 30) and
- **Workforce** – The Permanent Instruction in Manufacturing and Technical Workforce Operations Funds (\$1.05 billion corpus in HB 1), contingent on enactment of legislation.
- **Healthcare workforce:**
 - \$233.1 million for graduate medical education to maintain a 1.1 to 1.0 ratio for residency slots;
 - \$280.5 million for the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium; and
 - \$124.8 million for other related workforce programs.
 - Includes \$1.54 billion for financial aid programs:
- **Student Financial Aid Programs:**
 - \$950.3 million for TEXAS Grants program,
 - \$195.8 million for Tuition Equalization Grants program,
 - \$222.0 million for Texas Educational Opportunity Grants (TEOG) –Public Community Colleges,
 - \$22.2 million for TEOG –State and Technical Colleges,
 - \$149.3 million for Student Financial Aid to be allocated to TEXAS Grants, Tuition Equalization Grants, Texas Leadership Scholars Program and TEXAS Transfer Grants.



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Health & Human Services:

- **Mental Health** - Strengthens commitment to mental health services by providing \$9.4 billion in All Funds in HB 1 and \$2.2 billion in All Funds in SB 30 for behavioral health.
 - In HB 1, \$302.0 million for mental health community hospitals, \$199.4 million for mental health state hospital operations, and \$83.0 million for community mental health grant programs; and
 - In SB 30, \$1.6 billion for new construction of mental health state hospitals, \$0.5 billion for new construction at mental health community facilities, and \$0.1 billion for maintenance and information technology projects related to mental health services.
- **Women's Health** - Includes \$447.2 million in All Funds for women's health programs, an increase of \$160.1 million over current spending.
- **Medicaid** - Provides a total of \$80.8 billion in All Funds across all three Health and Human Services agencies for Medicaid, including:
 - \$2.0 billion to support community attendant services and raise the base wage to \$10.60 an hour; and
 - \$206.8 million to increase rates for pediatric services, women's health related surgeries, private duty nursing, and ground ambulances.
- **Rural Hospitals** - Provides an additional \$178.2 million for rural hospitals, including increased funding for rural labor and delivery add on, and a new rural hospital grant program.
- **Foster Care** - Increases funding for Department of Family and Protective Services by \$548 million in All Funds, including \$97.1 million to expand Community- based Care into new regions and stages, and \$219.7 million for Foster Care rate modernization.

Public Safety:

- **Border Security** - Provides \$5,105.7 million for border security efforts coordinated through thirteen state agencies, including the Texas Military Department (\$2,265.5 million), Office of the Governor (\$1,388.7 million) and the Department of Public Safety (\$1,194.6 million).
- **Law Enforcement Training** - Includes \$381.5 million to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to expand the Williamson County Training Academy facility, funding for 50 additional officers (\$31.1 million) and a total of six recruit schools along with graduation recruitment bonus payments (\$35.0 million), expansion of statewide intelligence and analytics (\$27.1 million), and communication radio infrastructure improvements (\$23.7 million).
- **Criminal Justice** - Includes \$126.2 million in new funding for local adult probation departments at the Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), along with:
 - additional body scanners and metal detectors (\$8.4 million),
 - video surveillance upgrades (\$6.3 million),
 - additional protective gear for correctional staff (\$4.0 million), and
 - expanded resources to the TDCJ-OIG (\$3.0 million) to pursue parole absconders.



- **Juvenile Justice** - Includes \$200.0 million for new state secure facilities for the Juvenile Justice Department and \$142.5 million in additional funding for local juvenile probation departments.
- **Rural Law Enforcement** - Provides \$330.8 million for county law enforcement contingent on enactment of legislation, to establish grant programs to provide financial assistance to qualified sheriff, constable, and prosecutors' offices in rural counties.

Other Highlights:

- **State Employee Payraise** - Provides \$1.8 billion in All Funds, including \$1.3 billion in GR and GR-Dedicated Funds, for a 5.0 percent increase to state employee salaries, with a minimum of \$3,000 per year in fiscal year 2024, followed by another 5.0 percent increase with a minimum of \$3,000 per year in fiscal year 2025. (SB 30 includes funding necessary to begin the FY 2024 increase two months early, in July 2023). Additional targeted salary increases were provided to agencies with significant staff turnover.
- **Employees Retirement System** - Includes \$931.2 million to the Employees Retirement System to address unfunded liabilities and cover the normal costs of the Law Enforcement and Custodial Officer Supplemental Retirement Plan and the Judicial Retirement System Plan II. Additionally, in SB30, \$900.0 million was provided to ERS for a onetime legacy payment toward the retirement system's unfunded actuarial liabilities.
- **Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan** - Provides \$243.8 million in SB 30 to fully fund all remaining obligations with the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan.
- **Semiconductor Innovation Fund** - Includes \$0.7 billion for the Semiconductor Innovation Fund (in SB30).
- **Broadband Development** - \$1.5 billion for broadband development and telecommunications services.
- **Texas Space Commission** - \$350.0 million to establish the Texas Space Commission, each of which are contingent on enactments of legislation.
- **Centennial Parks Conservation Fund** - Provides the Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) \$1.0 billion in GR to capitalize the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund for the purpose of establishing state parks, contingent on enactment of legislation.
- **Gulf Coast Protection District** - Provides the General Land Office (GLO) \$550.0 million in GR to provide funds to the Gulf Coast Protection District and
- **Coastal Erosion Planning** - \$60.0 million in GR-D funding to administer the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act program to expand erosion response projects studies.
- **Alamo Restoration** - Includes \$400.0 million in additional General Revenue to complete remaining Alamo Plan construction and restoration projects.
- **Texas Water Fund** - Provides (in SB30) to the Water Development Board (TWDB) \$1.0 billion in GR to capitalize the Texas Water Fund, contingent on enactment of legislation, for financing water projects in the state.
- **Flood Infrastructure Fund** - \$625.0 million in General Revenue to be transferred to the Flood Infrastructure Fund to increase funding for flood control, drainage, and mitigation projects.

- **Texas Energy Fund** - Contingent on enactment of legislation that establishes the Texas Energy Fund, appropriates \$5.0 billion to support the construction, maintenance, and modernization of dispatchable electric generating facilities.
- **Transportation Infrastructure** - Increases funding to the Texas Department of Transportation for highway planning and design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction and maintenance by approximately \$5.0 billion that includes \$2.5 billion in Federal Funds and \$2.5 billion in the State Highway Fund.

Supplemental Appropriations - SB 30 by Joan Huffman (R-Houston) and Greg Bonnen (R-Friendswood) is the supplemental appropriations bill. Below are some highlights from the Legislative Budget Board of SB 30.

Appropriation Totals - Fiscal year 2023 supplemental appropriations in SB 30 total \$7,358.3 million in General Revenue Funds and \$13,207.9 million in All Funds. After consideration of these supplemental appropriations, remaining 2022–23 biennial General Revenue Funds capacity subject to the tax spending limit is \$368.1 million.

Foundation School Program Adjustment - It reduces General Revenue Fund appropriations to the Texas Education Agency from the Foundation School Fund No. 193 by \$8.4 billion resulting from updated projections since the appropriations were passed by the 87th Legislature, 2021. The net savings results primarily from increased District Property Value growth, lower-than-anticipated average daily attendance, and increased non-General Revenue Funds revenues.

Texas University Fund - It provides \$3.0 billion in General Revenue Funds to the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) to be deposited to the Texas University Fund, contingent on the enactment of legislation establishing the fund.

Medicaid - It provides \$2.5 billion in General Revenue Funds and \$4.7 billion in Federal Funds to the Health and Human Services Commission to cover additional costs related to Medicaid.

State Hospital Construction and Inpatient Capacity - It provides \$2.2 billion in General Revenue Funds to the Health and Human Services Commission for construction of state hospitals and additional inpatient capacity.

Salary Increase - It provides \$99.2 million in All Funds to CPA to fund two months of a 5.0 percent salary increase (or \$250 per month if greater) to classified state employees, including:

- \$63.9 million in General Revenue Funds;
- \$5.7 million in General Revenue–Dedicated Funds;
- \$18.2 million in Federal Funds; and
- \$11.4 million in Other Funds.

Semiconductor Innovation Projects - It provides \$1.4 billion in All Funds for semiconductor innovation projects, including:

- a \$698.3 million transfer from General Revenue Funds to the Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund and appropriations out of the Fund to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor contingent on the enactment of legislation establishing the fund,
- \$440.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the University of Texas at Austin, and
- \$226.4 million in General Revenue Funds to Texas A&M University System.

School Safety - It provides \$1.1 billion in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Education Agency to assist school districts in implementing school safety initiatives.

Employees Retirement System of Texas – It provides \$900.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) for a onetime legacy payment to the system’s unfunded actuarial liabilities to reduce long-term interest costs.

Flood Mitigation and State Revolving Fund Match - It provides \$625.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Water Development Board to recapitalize the Flood Infrastructure Fund and \$125.0 million in state match for federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds for the Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Fund programs.

Maintenance of State Buildings - It transfers \$400.0 million in General Revenue Funds to General Revenue–Dedicated Account No. 5166, Deferred Maintenance, for use by the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) to fund future maintenance of state buildings. (The transfer is not included in appropriation totals.)

Correctional Managed Health Care - It provides \$379.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice including \$237.2 million for correctional security operations, staffing adjustments, and other expenses and \$141.8 million to fill a shortfall in correctional managed healthcare.

Vehicle Replacement - It provides \$313.9 million in All Funds to various agencies for vehicle replacement, including: \$227.4 million in General Revenue Funds; \$42.5 million in General Revenue–Dedicated Funds; \$31.8 million in Other Funds; and \$12.2 million in Federal Funds.

Film Incentive Program and Texas Enterprise Fund – It provides \$155.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Truist Programs within the Office of the Governor for the Moving Image Industry Incentive Program and \$150.0 million to the Texas Enterprise Fund.

Endowment for Historic Sites - It provides \$300.0 million in General Revenue Funds to CPA to be deposited in an endowment fund in the Safe Keeping Trust Fund for use by the Texas Historical Commission, contingent on passage of legislation establishing the fund.

Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan – It provides \$243.8 million in General Revenue Funds to CPA to fully fund remaining Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan obligations.

“New school safety laws seek to add armed guards, chaplains and mental health training.”

Article by Maria Mendez, The Texas Tribune

Maintenance, Restoration, and Promotion of Historic Sites - It provides \$217.1 million in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Historical Commission for maintenance, restoration, and promotion of various historical sites, including:

- San Jacinto Battleground (\$102.7 million),
- courthouses (\$45.0 million),
- USS Battleship Site (\$40.0 million),
- National Museum of the Pacific War (\$7.5 million),
- Levi Jordan Plantation (\$5.0 million),
- Monument Hill Visitor Center (\$4.3 million),
- Magoffin Home (\$4.1 million),
- Eisenhower Birthplace Visitor Center (\$3.4 million),
- Deferred maintenance projects at various sites (\$2.9 million),
- Varner-Hogg Plantation (\$0.8 million),
- Heritage Tourism Publications (\$0.5 million),
- Fort Velasco Historic Site (\$0.5 million), and
- deferred maintenance at Commission-managed properties in the Capitol Complex (\$0.3 million).



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Texas State Library & Archives New Facility - It provides \$210.3 million in General Revenue Funds to TFC for construction of a new facility for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for records storage.

Preservation Endowment Fund - It provides \$200.0 million in General Revenue Funds to CPA to be deposited in an endowment fund in the Safe Keeping Trust Fund for use by the State Preservation Board, contingent on passage of legislation to establish the fund.

Port Improvement - It transfers \$200.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Port Access Account Fund for appropriation to the Texas Department of Transportation for maritime port capital improvement projects.

Employees Retirement System – Legacy Payment Shortfall - It provides \$165.6 million in General Revenue Funds to ERS to cover the remaining fiscal year 2023 legacy payments relating to Senate Bill 321, Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

Responding to Natural Disasters - It provides \$146.1 million in General Revenue Funds to the Texas A&M Forest Service for the mobilization and use of firefighting aircraft.

B-On-Time Loan Program - It provides an estimated \$141.5 million in General Revenue–Dedicated Funds to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the closing out of the B-On-Time loan program.

Park Acquisition - It provides \$125.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for acquisition of park property.

Crime Victims Compensation Fund - It provides \$115.0 million in General Revenue Funds to Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor to provide funding for grants for victims of crime and an additional \$5.0 million in General Revenue Funds to the Office of the Attorney General for deposit to the General Revenue-Dedicated Account No. 469, Compensation to Victims of Crime.

Senate Finance Committee

Highlights of CCRHB 1 and CCRSB 30 include:

- **Property Tax Relief** - Funding to support \$17.6 billion in property tax relief contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval;
- **Public Education** - The largest increase in funding for public education in state history, including an additional:
 - \$5 billion to support public education priorities, including teacher compensation, special education services, curriculum reform, and school choice, contingent upon the passage of legislation;
 - \$2.4 billion for increases in the golden penny yield;
 - \$3.2 billion for student enrollment growth; and
 - \$1.4 billion for school safety and security, including \$1.1 billion in SB30 for school safety and security grants plus \$300 million set aside in HB 1 for an increase to the school safety allotment contingent upon the passage of legislation;
- **Retired Teachers** - \$5 billion to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to retired educators and a supplemental payment to certain TRS retirees (a \$7500 supplement to retired teachers over the age of 75; and a \$2500 supplement to retired teachers between the ages of 70-74) contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval;
- **Teacher Healthcare** - \$589 million in additional funding for TRS Active Care to contain healthcare premium increases for teachers;
- **Law Enforcement and Judicial Retirement** - \$931.2 million to eliminate all unfunded liability and cover normal costs for both the Law Enforcement & Custodial Officer Retirement Fund and the Judicial Retirement Fund;
- **Border Security** - \$5.1 billion for Operation Lone Star, the state-sponsored effort to secure our international border;
- **Law Enforcement Training** - \$523 million to support 50 new troopers, six recruit schools, enhanced communications capacity and intelligence efforts and investing in the Montgomery County Special Threat Training Facility and the Williamson County Training Academy Facility for the benefit of DPS recruits, troopers, and local law enforcement;
- **Rural Law Enforcement** - \$381 million to bolster rural law enforcement and criminal justice efforts through a contingency for county law enforcement, additional training resources, and a new regional training facility;
- **Criminal Justice** - \$322.4 million for safety, security, and infrastructure investments at the Department of Criminal Justice and to expand and enhance the use of body worn and fixed surveillance cameras, digital radios and related equipment, and to procure body scanners and metal detectors;
- **Juvenile Justice** - \$385.5 million in new investments in the juvenile justice system including additional staff salary increases to stabilize the workforce, expand capacity for committed youth, and resources to construct two new secure state juvenile facilities with mental health capacity;

- **Election Integrity** - \$45.1 million in additional funding to invest in election integrity, business transactions, and filings at the Secretary of State;
- **Higher Education Formula Funding** - \$9.9 billion, an increase of \$1.1 billion, to fund formulas at higher education institutions;
- **Higher Education Endowment Fund** - \$3 billion set aside for a higher education endowment fund, contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval (SB 30).
- **TSTC Endowment Fund** - \$1 billion to a fund to support capital needs for career and technical education programs at Texas State Technical Colleges and Lamar Institutes of Technology, contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval;
- **Community College Outcomes Funding** - \$650 million to reform community college funding formulas to prioritize student outcomes, pending legislation;
- **Higher Education Financial Aid** - \$1.54 billion for higher education financial aid programs;
- **Medicaid** - \$80.8 billion for the Texas Medicaid Program, including:
 - \$75.4 billion to fully fund the projected Medicaid caseload;
 - \$2 billion to support and increase the base wage from \$8.11 to \$10.60 for Medicaid community attendants;
 - \$126.8 million to add an additional 1,831 Medicaid waiver slots;
 - \$206.8 million to increase Medicaid rates to expand access to pediatric services, women's health care, private duty nursing, and ground ambulance services; and
 - \$911.5 million for a Medicaid nursing facility rate increase;
- **Mental Health** - \$9.4 billion for mental health funding across state government, including additional funds to address workforce challenges at state facilities, expand community-based services, and address the statewide mental health professional workforce shortage. This is in addition to \$2.2 billion included in SB 30 to increase inpatient mental health capacity and address waitlists;
- **Women's Health** - \$160.1 million increase for women's health programs;
- **Maternal Health** - \$11.7 million to fund new Maternal Health and Maternal Mortality systems and acquire timely, transparent data;
- **Rural Hospitals** - \$178.2 million increase for rural hospitals through both Medicaid and non-Medicaid programs;
- **Early Childhood Intervention** - \$71.8 million increase for the Early Childhood Intervention program to fully fund the projected caseload and increase the per-child funding amount;
- **Foster Care** - \$219.7 million to increase foster care rates, relative caregiver rates, and implement a new rate methodology that accurately captures provider costs; and \$151.5 million to support and expand Community-based Foster Care, including \$97.1 million to expand this model to 4 new geographic areas;
- **State Employee Pay raise** - \$1.9 billion for an across-the-board state employee payraise to address a state workforce crisis, the highest across-the-board salary increase in over 40 years;
- **Electric Generation Capacity** - \$5 billion set aside to support the construction and operation of electric generating facilities, contingent upon the passage of legislation;

- **Transportation** - Over \$37 billion to address the state's transportation needs, including
 - more than \$32 billion for highway planning and design, right-of-way acquisition, construction, and maintenance;
 - \$95 million in new funding for the state's general aviation airports;
 - \$200 million in new funding for port capital improvement projects; and
 - \$400 million to capitalize the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund;
- **Water Infrastructure** - \$1 billion in new funding to invest in the state's water infrastructure and supply, contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval; and \$625 million in new funding for flood mitigation;
- **New Park Development** - \$1 billion reserved to support new park development, contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval;
- **Gulf Coast Protection District** - Over half a billion in new funding for Gulf Coast Protection District projects;
- **Broadband** - \$1.5 billion for broadband development and 9-1-1 services, contingent upon the passage of legislation and voter approval; and
- **Restoration of the Alamo Complex** - \$400 million in new funding to complete the restoration, development, and maintenance of the Alamo Complex.”



Lt. Governor Dan Patrick also noted key areas on the passage of HB 1 and SB 30,

- **Property Tax Relief** - \$17.6 billion to combat skyrocketing property taxes, the largest property tax cut in Texas history;
- **Border Security** - \$5.1 billion for border security, the most in Texas history, including funds for a new border force;
- **Retired Teachers** - \$3.4 billion for a cost-of-living adjustment for Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) retirees and \$1.6 billion for one-time supplemental payments for certain TRS retirees;
- **School Safety** - \$1.4 billion for school safety measures, the most in Texas history;
- **Public Education** - Additionally, we deepened our continued commitment to public education, increasing general revenue funding by 21.6 percent. There are billions of dollars set aside for teacher pay, curriculum, and formula funding increases.
- **Mental Health** - We spent an unprecedented \$2.2 billion on mental health care to build new hospitals or add to existing hospitals.
- **State Parks** - We are creating a \$1 billion fund to greatly expand our state park system for generations to come.
- **Rural Law Enforcement** - Under a plan that I developed on my rural bus tour last fall, for the first time in history, we set aside state money to financially support rural law enforcement in addition to our continued long-standing practice of strengthening the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Final Status of other Major Budget Bills:

Appropriations:

- **HB 1** (Bonnen/Huffman) is the general appropriations bill – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 3461** (Bonnen/Huffman) dedicate and rededicate revenue for certifying the budget – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023 (certain exceptions from Section 2 of this Act take effect on the later of August 31, 2023, or the effective date of the Act(s) creating, re-creating, dedicating, or rededicating the accounts, revenues, or funds described in Sections 9, 10, and 19.)*
- **HB 4041** (Bonnen/Huffman) is the miscellaneous claims and judgments against the state bill – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 30** (Huffman/Bonnen) is the supplemental appropriations bill – *Signed by the governor, effective immediately*
- **SJR 56** (Schwertner) increasing the cap on the Economic Stabilization Fund – *DIED in the House Appropriations Committee*

Infrastructure:

- **SB 1332** (Huffman/Bonnen) establishing the Historic Infrastructure Sustainability Trust Fund to preserve historic sites – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1333** (Huffman/Bonnen) establishing the Texas State Buildings Preservation Endowment Fund to maintain state buildings – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1648/SJR 74** (Parker/Walle) establishing the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund – *SB 1648 Signed by the governor and takes effect January 1, 2024 but only if SJR 74 is approved by the voters*



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Final Status of Major Economic Development Bills:

- **HB 5** (Hunter/Creighton), providing a temporary school property tax reduction for large capital investments – *Signed by the governor, effective January 1, 2024 (except Section 10 takes effect September 1, 2023)*
- **HB 2207/HJR 111** (Landgraf) Texas Severance Tax Revenue and Oil & Natural Gas (STRONG) Defense Fund - *DIED in the Senate Finance Committee*
- **HB 3447** (Bonnen/Huffman) Texas Space Commission – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 5174** (Bonnen/Huffman) Semiconductor Innovation Consortium – *Signed by the governor, effective immediately.*
- **HJR 155** (Geren) Texas Gaming Commission, authorizing sports wagering and casino gaming – *Pronounced DEAD by procedural action in the House (it was postponed until after the session)*

ENERGY:

Final Status of Major Energy Bills:

- **SB 2010** (Schwertner/Slawson) preventing market abuse – *Vetoed by the governor*
- **SB 2011** (Schwertner/Slawson) power mitigation – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*

US Supreme Court Ruling on Waters of the United States – On May 25th, Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court’s (SCOTUS) decision in Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that ruled in favor of landowner by considerably narrowing the authority of the federal government to regulate “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act (CWA). Commissioner Christian said, “The Supreme Court continues to hand losses to President Biden’s EPA, first with an unconstitutional emissions rule and now an attempt to illegally control water and property rights. I applaud SCOTUS for protecting private property rights and the rule of law, reining-in an out-of-control EPA. The battle over WOTUS isn’t over, but this decision is a solid win for individual liberties.”

ENVIRONMENT:

Final Status of Major Environmental Bills:

- **SB 28/SJR 75** (Perry/T. King) establishing the New Water Supply for Texas Fund – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023 (except Section 6 takes effect January 1, 2024)*
- **SB 224** (Alvarado/Leach) possession of catalytic converters presumption of unlawful acquisition – *Signed by the governor, effective immediately except Sections 3.01 and 3.06 take effect July 1, 2023.*
- **SB 784** (Birdwell/Landgraf) giving the state exclusive jurisdiction over regulation of greenhouse gas emissions – *Signed by the governor and takes effect September 1, 2023*

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Final Status of General Business Bills:

- **HB 1826** (Turner/Whitmire) Organized Retail Theft Task Force – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 2453** (Guillen/Parker) digital occupational licenses – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*

HEALTH:

Status of Major Health Bills:

- **HB 6** (Goldman/Huffman) increased criminal penalties for manufacturing or delivery of fentanyl – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 12** (Rose/Kolkhorst) expanding Postpartum Medicaid Coverage – *Signed by the governor, effective immediately*
- **HB 25** (Talarico/Kolkhorst) wholesale prescription drug importation program – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 54** (S. Thompson/Zaffirini) increasing the personal needs allowance for Medicaid residents of long-term care facilities – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 26** (Kolkhorst/Jetton) expanding mental health capacity – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 240** (Campbell/Howard) health care workplace violence prevention plans – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*



- **SB 989** (Huffman/Bonnen) requiring health plan coverage of biomarker testing – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1249** (Hancock/Oliverson) Living Organ Donor Education Program – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1319** (Huffman/Turner) requiring health authorities and law enforcement agencies to map overdose locations – *Signed by the governor and takes effect September 1, 2023*

HIGHER EDUCATION:

Final Status of Major Higher Education Bills:

- **HB 8** (VanDeaver/Creighton) Community College Finance Reform - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023 (This Act takes effect September 1, 2023, except Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 25, 28, 29, 31, 45, and 51 take effect immediately.)*
- **HB 400** (Klick/Kolkhorst) higher education Incentives for mental health professionals - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 584** (Capriglione/Zaffirini) state information technology credentials – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 1590** (Burns/West) Texas Leadership Scholars Program – *Signed by the governor, effective immediately.*
- **HB 4005** (Raney/Parker) establishing the Texas Competency-Based Education Grant Program – *Signed by the governor, effective immediately*
- **HB 4997** (Kuempel/Campbell) new TSTC campus in Comal and/or Guadalupe Counties – *Signed by the governor, effective immediately*
- **HB 1595/HJR 3** (Bonnen/Huffman) Creating A New Higher Education Endowment Fund (Huffman) – *Takes effect January 1, 2024 but only if HJR 3 is approved by the voters*
- **SB 25** (Kolkhorst/Klick) Nurse Faculty Loan Repayment Program and Nursing Innovation Grant Program – *Signed by the governor, effective immediately*
- **SB 532** (West/Kuempel) student loan repayment for health professionals - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1055** (Nichols/Clardy) establish Stephen F. Austin State University as a component of the University of Texas System – *Signed by the governor and takes effect immediately except Section 5 takes effect September 1, 2023*

LU receives state's largest percent funding growth



HUMAN RESOURCES/EMPLOYMENT:

Final Status of Major Human Resources/Employment Bills:

- **SB 222** (Nichols/Metcalf) paid parental leave for state employees – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*

PRIVACY:

Final Status of Major Privacy Bills:

- **HB 4** (Capriglione/Hughes) the Texas Data Privacy and Security Act – *Signed by the governor, effective July 1, 2024 (except Section 541.055(e), Business & Commerce Code, as added by this Act, takes effect January 1, 2025)*
- **HB 18** (Slawson/Hughes) Data Privacy and Protection for Minors - *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2024 (except Article 3 takes effect immediately)*
- **SB 271** (Nathan Johnson/Shahen) requiring local governmental entities to report security breach incidents – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 621** (Parker/Capriglione) requiring Department of Information Resources to employ a Chief Information Security Officer to oversee cybersecurity matters – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 821** (Nichols/K. Bell) requiring the Sunset Advisory Commission to review state agency sale of personal information – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1602** (Hughes/Cain) censorship by social media platforms – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 2105** (Nathan Johnson/Holland) data brokers/third party data collection entities – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*



PUBLIC EDUCATION:

Final Status of Major Public Education Bills:

School Safety:

- **HB 3** (Burrows/Nichols) School Safety and Security – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 11** (Nichols/K. King) keeping schools safe and secure – *Pronounced DEAD by procedural action (postponed until after the session – some provisions are in HB 3)*
- **SB 838** (Creighton/Thierry) panic alert devices in classrooms – *Signed by the governor; effective immediately*
- **SB 1852** (Flores/Metcalf) active shooter training for peace officers – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*

Retired Teachers:

- **HJR 2** (Bonnen/Huffman) annual cost-of-living adjustment for retired teachers – *SB 10: Effective immediately, except Section 1 takes effect January 1, 2024 but only if HJR 2 is approved by the voters.*
- **SB 10** (Huffman/Bonnen) adding 13th checks for retired teachers - *Effective immediately, except Section 1 takes effect January 1, 2024 but only if HJR 2 is approved by the voters*

Instructional Materials:

- **HB 1605** (Buckley/Creighton) establishing a high-quality instructional materials program – *Takes effect immediately except Sections 48, 49, and 50 take effect September 1, 2023.*

REDISTRICTING – The Census Bureau did not provide information necessary for redistricting bills until after the 2021 legislative session. The Texas Legislature is required to adopt redistricting plans in the first regular legislative session after the census information is delivered. Therefore, the legislature plans to re-pass their redistricting plans.

Final Status of Redistricting Bills:

- **SB 375** (Huffman/Darby) redistricting bill for Texas Senate districts – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **HB 1000** (Darby/Huffman) redistricting bill for Texas House districts – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*

STATEWIDE:

Final Status of Major Statewide Bills:

Border Security:

- **SB 1403** (Parker/Spiller) border security compact – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1484** (Creighton/Holland) border operations training program for peace officers – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*

COVID Restrictions:

- **SB 29** (Birdwell/Lozano) prohibiting vaccine mandates, mask mandates, and school and private business closures – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*

Human Trafficking:

- **HB 279** (Jetton/Bettencourt) increased penalties for trafficking a disabled individual – *VETOED by the governor*
- **SB 415** (Paxton/Smith) training for physicians to help identify trafficked persons – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*

Local Pre-emption:

- **HB 2127** (Burrows/Creighton) the Texas Regulatory Consistency Act prohibiting local ordinances related to agriculture, finance, insurance, labor, environment, occupations and property – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*

SUNSET BILLS:

Final Status of Sunset Bills:

General Sunset:

- **SB 1659** (Schwertner/Holland) changes the sunset schedule to balance the workload – *Signed by the governor, effective immediately*
- **HB 1620** (Holland/Schwertner) is the sunset safety net bill – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*

Sunset Agencies

- **State of Texas Anatomical Board** – **SB 2040** (Springer/Clardy) *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism** – **HB 1515** (Clardy/Springer) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*

- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – SB 1397** (Schwertner/K. Bell) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **Texas Juvenile Justice Department and Office of Independent Ombudsman – SB 1727** (Schwertner/Canales) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **Texas Commission on Law Enforcement – SB 1445** (Paxton/Goldman) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **Public Utility Commission of Texas; Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT); and Office of Public Utility Counsel – HB 1500** (Holland/Schwertner) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board; Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Council – SB 1424** (Perry/Clardy) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **Office of State-Federal Relations –HB 1550** (Goldman/Springer) – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners – SB 1414** (N. Johnson/Holland) – *Signed by the governor, effective September 1, 2023*
- **Texas Water Development Board; State Water implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee – HB 1565** (Canales/Perry) – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*

TAX:

Final Status of Major Tax Bills:

Property Tax:

- **SB 1145/SJR 64** (West/Talarico) optional ad valorem tax exemption for child-care facility – *SB 1145 takes effect January 1, 2024, but only if SJR 64 is approved by the voters.*
- **SJR 87** (Huffman/Bonnen) ad valorem tax exemption for tangible personal property of a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products – *Will be on the November 7, 2023 ballot*

Sales Tax:

- **SB 379** (Huffman/Howard) sales tax exemption for family care items – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*

Tax General:

- **HJR 132** (Hefner/Hughes) prohibiting an individual net worth or wealth tax – *Will be on the ballot on November 7, 2023*

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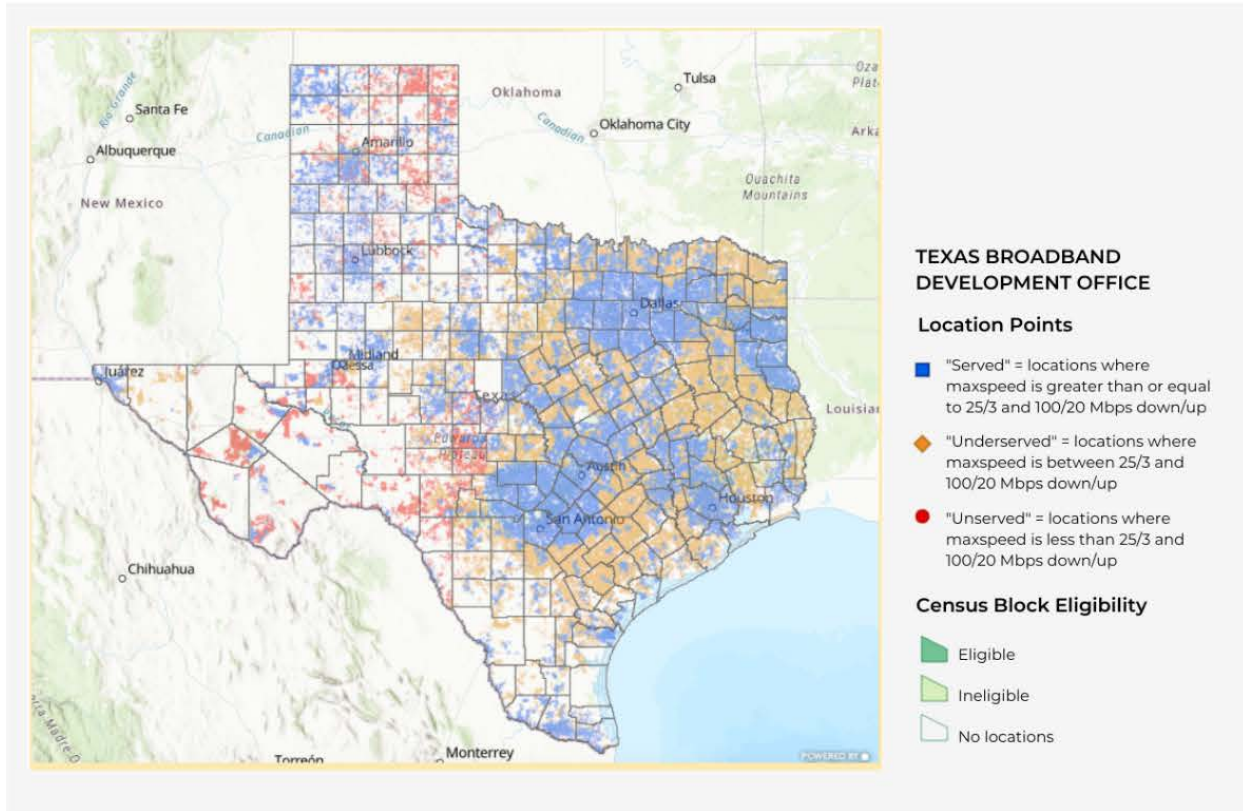
Status of Major Technology Bills:

- **SB 1639** (Zaffirini/Thimesch) on-line sale of event tickets – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1361** (Huffman/Burrows) unlawful production of sexually explicit videos using deep fake technology – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1893** (Birdwell/Anderson) prohibiting social media applications on state devices – *Signed by the governor and takes effect immediately*

TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

Status of Major Telecommunications Bills:

- **HB 9/HJR 125** (Ashby/Huffman) rural broadband infrastructure – *Signed by the governor, effective January 1, 2024 (but only if HJR 125 is approved by the voters.)*
- **HB 3290** (Guillen/Hancock) next generation 9-1-1 service fund – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1238** (Nichols/Ashby) updating broadband development statutes – *Signed by the governor and takes effect immediately*
- **SB 2119** (Schwertner/Hunter) mapping of state broadband services – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*



TORT:

Status of Major Tort Bills:

- **HB 19** (Murr/Hughes) creating a new business specialty court – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **HB 3474** (Leach/Hughes) is the omnibus courts bill establishing additional courts – *This Act takes effect September 1, 2023, except Article 15 takes effect immediately; Sections 1.011, 2.014, 2.015, 2.018, and 2.019 take effect October 1, 2023; Section 1.014 takes effect September 1, 2024; Section 1.015 takes effect October 1, 2024; Section 1.009 takes effect January 1, 2025; and Section 1.016 takes effect October 1, 2025.*
- **HJR 107** (Price Hinojosa) increasing the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges – *Will be on the November 7, 2023 ballot*
- **SB 1045** (Huffman/Murr) establishing 15th Court of Appeals to hear matters brought against the state or a state agency – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*

TRANSPORTATION:

Status of Major Transportation Bills:

- **HB 3297** (Cody Harris/Middleton) – eliminating mandatory vehicle safety inspections for non-commercial vehicles – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on January 1, 2025*
- **SB 505** (Nichols/Canales) additional registration and renewal fee for electric vehicles – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1001** (Schwertner/K. King) regulation of electric vehicle supply equipment – *Signed by the governor and takes effect immediately*
- **SB 1002** (Schwertner/Hernandez) operation of electric vehicle charging stations – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **SB 2144** (Parker/Cook) advisory committee to facilitate implementation of advanced air mobility technology – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*



Tesla Charging Station on Walden Rd, Beaumont TX

WORKERS' COMPENSATION:

Status of Major Workers' Compensation Bills:

- **HB 90** (Patterson/Huffman) death benefits for surviving families of Texas National Guard members – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **HB 471** (Patterson/Schwertner) line of duty pay/leave for first responders – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on immediately*
- **HB 2314** (Canales/Kolkhorst) allowing claims for death benefits to be filed with the insurance carrier – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on immediately*
- **HB 2468** (Burrows/Perry) benefits for first responders who sustain a serious bodily injury – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **SB 1122** (Schwertner/Turner) exempt workers' compensation-related medical exams from taxes as an insurance service – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on immediately*
- **SB 2269** (Perry/Shine) winding down the self-insurance guaranty fund – *VETOED by the governor*

WORKFORCE:

Status of Major Workforce Bills:

- **HB 1615** (Button/Birdwell) Pre-Kindergarten Partnership Program – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **HB 1755** (Button/Alvarado) Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*
- **HB 2575** (Button/Hancock) workforce diploma pilot program – *Signed by the governor and takes effect on September 1, 2023*

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