

STATUS OF LEADERSHIP BILLS
April 18, 2023

Governor Greg Abbott's Emergency Items:

Cut Property Taxes:

- **HB 2/HJR 1** (Meyer) **Property Tax Relief** – *They have passed the House but not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **SB 3** (Bettencourt) **Increasing the Homestead Exemption** to \$70,000 – *They have passed the Senate and been referred to House Ways & Means Committee*
- **SB 4** (Bettencourt) **Adding Additional Property Tax Relief** school tax rate compression - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Ways & Means Committee*
- **SB 5/SJR 2** (Parker) **Increasing the Business Personal Property Tax Exemption** – *SB 5 has passed the House and been referred to the House Ways & Means Committee; SJR 2 has been heard and left pending in the Senate Finance Committee*

End COVID Restrictions:

- **SB 29** (Birdwell) and **HB 5027** (Toth) **Banning Local COVID-19 Mandates** – *SB 29 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee; HB 5027 has been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 1104/SJR 58** (Birdwell) and **HB 2654/HJR 121** (Slawson) **Requiring a Special Session to Renew a Disaster Declaration** – *SB 1104 and SJR 58 have passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee; HB 2654 and HJR 121 have been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*

Education Freedom for All Texans:

- **HB 4340** (Frank) **Education Savings Accounts** – *Pending in the House Public Education Committee*
- **SB 8** (Creighton) **Empowering Parental Rights – Including School Choice** - *Has passed the Senate been referred to the House Public Education Committee*

School Safety:

- **HB 3** (Burrows) **School Safety and Security** - *Has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety*
- **HB 13** (K. King) **School Active Shooter Plans; Mental Health Resources** - *Has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety*
- **HB 20** (Schaefer) **Creating a Border Protection Unit** - *Has been heard and left pending in the House State Affairs Committee*

- **SB 11** (Nichols) **Keeping Our Schools Safe and Secure** – *On the Senate Intent Calendar on April 18th (first placement)*
- **SB 838** (Creighton) and **HB 669** (Thierry) **Panic Alert Devices in Classrooms** – *SB 838 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety; HB 669 has been reported favorably as substituted from the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety*
- **SB 1852** (Flores) **Active Shooter Training for Peace Officers** – *Passed the Senate on April 17th*

End Revolving Door Bail:

- **SB 1318** (Huffman) and **HB 3400** (Smith) **List of Offenses Not Eligible for Bail** – *SB 1318 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee; HB 3400 was referred to the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee*
- **SJR 44** (Huffman) and **HJR 181** (Smith) **Denial of Bail for Violent Offenses** – *SJR 44 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee; HJR 181 was referred to the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee*

Securing the Border:

- **HB 7** (Guillen) **Legislative Border Safety Oversight Committee** - *Has been heard and left pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **HB 20** (Schaefer) **Creating a Border Protection Unit** – *Pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 1427** (Flores) **Criminal Organizations that Threaten the Security of the State** - *Has passed the Senate but has not been referred to committee in the House*
- **SB 1484** (Creighton) and **HB 1675** (Holland) **Border Operations Training Program for Peace Officers** – *SB 1484 passed the Senate on April 17th; HB 1675 has been reported favorably from the House Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee*
- **SB 2424** (Birdwell) **Making it a State Crime to Illegally Enter the State** - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*

Fighting the Fentanyl Crisis:

- **HB 6** (Goldman) and **SB 645** (Huffman) **Increased Punishment for Fentanyl-Related Crimes** – *HB 6 has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee; SB 645 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee*
- **HB 178** (Murr) **Requiring Crime Labs to Test Evidence for Fentanyl** – *Has passed the House but has not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **HB 362** (Oliverson) and **SB 495** (Hughes) **Allowing Use of Fentanyl Test Strips** – *HB 362 has passed the House and been referred to the Senate Criminal Justice Committee; SB 495 has been referred to the Senate Criminal Justice Committee*
- **SB 1319** (Huffman) **Mapping of Overdoses for Public Safety Purposes** – *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee*

- **SB 2372** (Campbell) **Requiring School Health Advisory Councils to Recommend Curriculum on Fentanyl Dangers** – *Has been reported favorably from the Senate Education Committee and recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar*

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick's Priority Bills:

- **SB 1 – State Budget** (Huffman) - *The companion HB 1 has passed the House and Senate*
- **SB 2 – Restoring Voter Fraud to a Felony** (Hughes) - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Elections Committee*
- **SB 3 – Increasing the Homestead Exemption** to \$70,000 (Bettencourt) - *SB 3 and SJR 3 have both passed the Senate and been referred to House Ways & Means Committee*
- **SB 4 – Adding Additional Property Tax Relief** (Bettencourt) school tax rate compression - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Ways & Means Committee*
- **SB 5 – Increasing the Business Personal Property Tax Exemption** (Parker) - *SB 5 has passed the House and been referred to the House Ways & Means Committee; SJR 2 has been heard and left pending in the Senate Finance Committee*
- **SB 6 – Adding New Natural Gas Plants** (Schwertner) and **SJR 1** (Schwertner) establish the Texas Energy Insurance Program - *SB 6 and SJR 1 have passed the Senate and have been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 7 – Continuing to Improve the Texas Grid** (Schwertner), ERCOT reliability - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 8 – Empowering Parental Rights – Including School Choice** (Creighton) - *Has passed the Senate been referred to the House Public Education Committee*
- **SB 9 – Empowering Teacher Rights – Teacher Pay Raise** (Creighton) - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Public Education Committee*
- **SB 10 – Adding 13th Checks for Retired Teachers** (Creighton) - *Has passed the Senate and been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Pensions, Investments & Financial Services Committee*
- **SB 11 – Keeping Our Schools Safe and Secure** (Nichols) – *Is on the Senate Intent Calendar on April 18th (first placement)*
- **SB 12 – Banning Children's Exposure to Drag Shows** (Hughes) - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 13 – Protecting Children from Obscene Books in Libraries** (Paxton) - *Has passed the Senate but not been referred to committee in the House*
- **SB 14 – Ending Child Gender Modification** (Campbell) - *Has passed the Senate and been voted favorably as substituted from the House Public Health Committee*
- **SB 15 – Protecting Women's College Sports** (Middleton) - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Higher Education Committee*

- **SB 16 – Banning Critical Race Theory (CRT) in Higher Education** (Hughes) - *Has passed the Senate but has not been referred to committee in the House*
- **SB 17 – Banning Discriminatory “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion” (DEI) Policies in Higher Education** (Creighton) - *Was on the Senate Intent Calendar on April 17th but not placed on the Senate Intent Calendar on April 18th*
- **SB 18 – Eliminating Tenure at General Academic Institutions** (Creighton) - *Placed on the Senate Intent Calendar on April 17th but not placed on the Senate Intent Calendar on April 18th*
- **SB 19 – Creating A New Higher Education Endowment Fund** (Huffman) - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Higher Education Committee; the companion HB 1595 passed to Third Reading in the House on April 17th*
- **SB 20 – Removing District Attorneys Who Refuse to Follow Texas Law** (Huffman) - *has passed the Senate been referred to the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee*
- **SB 21 – Removing Judges Who Refuse to Follow Texas Law** (Huffman) - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee*
- **SB 22 – Assisting Rural Law Enforcement Funding – Increasing Pay and Needed Equipment** (Springer) - *Passed the Senate and set for a hearing in the County Affairs Committee on April 19th*
- **SB 23 – Creating A Mandatory 10-Year Prison Sentence for Criminals Committing a Gun Crime** (Huffman) - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee*
- **SB 24 – Expanding Alternatives to Abortion** (Kolkhorst) - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Human Services Committee*
- **SB 25 – Creating New Scholarships for Registered Nurses** (Kolkhorst) - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Higher Education Committee*
- **SB 26 – Expanding Mental Health Care Beds Across Texas – Focus on Rural Counties** (Kolkhorst) - *Has passed the Senate but has not been reported from committee in the House*
- **SB 27 – Creating A New Business Specialty Court** (Hughes) - *Has been heard and left pending in the Senate Jurisprudence Committee; the companion HB 19 (Murr) has been reported favorably as substituted from the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee*
- **SB 28/SJR 75 – Addressing Texas’ Future Water Needs** (Perry) - *Have passed the Senate and are scheduled for a hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee on April 18th*
- **SB 29 – Banning Local COVID-19 Mandates** (Birdwell) - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 30 – Supplemental Budget** (Huffman/Bonnen) - *Has passed the Senate and House*

Speaker Dade Phelan’s Priority Bills:

- **HB 1 – State Budget** (Bonnen/Huffman) - *Has passed the House and Senate*

- **HB 2/HJR 1 – Property Tax Relief** (Meyer) - *Have passed the House but have not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **HB 3 – School Safety and Security** (Burrows) - *Has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety*
- **HB 4 – Data Privacy** (Capriglione) - *Has passed the House but has not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **HB 5 – Job Creation and Economic Development** (Hunter), providing a temporary school property tax reduction for large capital investments - *Has been heard and left pending in the House Ways & Means Committee*
- **HB 6 – Increased Punishment for Fentanyl-Related Crimes** (Goldman) - *Has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee*
- **HB 7 – Legislative Border Safety Oversight Committee** (Guillen) - *Has been heard and left pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **HB 8 – Community College Finance Reform** (VanDeaver) - *Has passed the House but has not been referred to committee in the Senate; the companion SB 2539 (Creighton) has been heard and left pending in the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education*
- **HB 9/HJR 125 – Rural Broadband Infrastructure** (Ashby) - *Have been voted out favorably as substituted from the House State Affairs Committee*
- **HB 10/HJR 130 – Water Infrastructure** (T. King) - *Have been referred to the House Natural Resources Committee; the companions SB 28/SJR 10 (Perry) have passed the Senate and are set for a hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee on April 18th*
- **HB 11 – Teacher Recruitment and Retention** (Dutton) - *Has been reported out favorably as substituted from the House Public Education Committee*
- **HB 12 – Expanding Postpartum Medicaid Coverage** (Rose) - *Has been reported favorably from the House Select Committee on Health Care Reform*
- **HB 13 – School Active Shooter Plans; Mental Health Resources** (K. King) - *Has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety*
- **HB 14 – Streamline Property Development Approvals** (Cody Harris) - *Has passed the House but has not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **HB 15/HJR 135 – Mental Health and Brain Health Research** (S. Thompson) - *Have passed the House but have not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **HB 16 – Juvenile Justice Reform** (Moody) – *Set on the House Calendar on April 19th*
- **HB 17 – Uniform Enforcement of Criminal Laws** (Cook) - *Has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee*
- **HB 18 – Data Privacy and Protection for Minors** (Slawson) - *Has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety*
- **HB 19 – Creating a Business Court System** (Murr) - *Has been reported favorably as substituted from the House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee*

- **HB 20 – Creating a Border Protection Unit** (Schaefer) - *Has been heard and left pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **HB 90 – Workers’ Compensation and Death Benefits for Texas Military** (Patterson) - *Has passed the House and been referred to the Senate Finance Committee*
- **HB 100 – Increased Teacher Pay** (K. King) - *Has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Public Education Committee*
- **HB 200 – Re-establishing the Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council** (Leach) - *Has been voted out favorably from the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee*
- **HB 300 – Sales Tax Exemption for Family Products** (Howard) - *Has passed the House and been referred to the Senate Finance Committee*
- **HB 400 – Higher Education Incentives for Mental Health Professionals** (Klick) - *Has been reported favorably from the House Higher Education Committee*
- **HB 500 – Supplemental Appropriations Bill** (Bonnen) – *Passed as SB 30 (Huffman/Bonnen)*
- **HB 600/HJR 2 – Annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Retired Teachers** (Bonnen) - *Have been reported favorably as substituted from the House Pensions, Investments & Financial Services Committee*
- **HB 700 – Texas Health Insurance Exchange** (Oliverson) - *Has been heard and left pending in the House Select Committee on Health Care Reform*
- **HB 800 – Increased Penalties for Human Traffickers** (Guillen) - *Has been heard and left pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **HB 900 – Identifying Sexually Explicit School Library Materials** (Patterson) – *Set on the House Calendar on April 19th*