



Texas School Alliance

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Senate Interim Charges

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- 57 charges for 13 Senate committees to study in preparation for the 89th Legislature
- “The priorities of the conservative majority of Texans will be accomplished, including school choice, continued property tax relief, and strengthening the power grid.”
- Reviewing proposed legislation from prior sessions that did not pass can shed light on what may arise next session...

Senate Committee on Education

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Education Committee

Charge

- **Reading and Math Readiness:** Study current local, state, and national policies and programs that improve student achievement in reading and mathematics, with an emphasis on “early readiness” in grades preK-5. Make recommendations to ensure every student has a strong academic foundation in reading and math.

Related Materials

- [HB 2162](#) relating to reading instruction, assessment instruments, and interventions provided to public school students.
- Would create a TEA list of adopted reading instruments for k-2. Requires faster reporting of assessment results to parents; interventions to students who fail k-2 reading assessments for 2 consecutive years, including private tutoring

Education Committee

Charge

- **Testing Reform:** Review the state's current development and phase-in of the STAAR test redesign and ongoing innovative assessment reforms, including the Texas Through-Year Assessment Pilot (TTAP). Recommend ways to accelerate current testing improvement efforts and the development of a real-time testing program that meets the educational needs of Texas students.

Related Materials

- **HB 4402** relating to the administration of certain assessment instruments, the accountability rating system for assessing campus and district performance, public school career and technology education programs, and an extracurricular and cocurricular allotment under the Foundation School Program.

Education Committee

Charge

- **Monitoring:** Monitor implementation of legislation and make recommendations for legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:
 - Measures ensuring public school safety;
 - Oversight of public school library procurement and content policies; and
 - High-quality instructional materials and open-educational resources for public schools.

Related Materials

- [HB 3](#) Relating to measures for ensuring public school safety...
- [HB 900](#) Relating to the regulation of library materials ...
- [HB 1605](#) Relating to instructional material and technology, the adoption of essential knowledge and skills for certain public school foundation curriculum subjects, and the extension of additional state aid to school districts for the provision of certain instructional materials; authorizing a fee

High Quality Instructional Materials

- HB 1605 Materials not approved in time for start of 2024-2025 school year

[House Bill 1605 and IMRA | Texas Education Agency](#)



Education Committee

- **COVID-19 Funding Oversight:** Examine and report on how public schools spent federal funds since the beginning of the pandemic, including funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), with a dual focus on demonstrated improved student outcomes and efficient use of taxpayer funds.

Discussion



- Where are the potential concerns, opportunities for TSA?
- What information can we share with our legislative delegations that might be helpful?

Senate Committee on State Affairs

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State Affairs Committee

Charge

- **Maintaining Election Security:** Identify threats to Texas's election integrity, including those from "Big Tech" and foreign entities. Recommend ways to neutralize such threats. Additionally, evaluate the countywide polling place program in Texas. Make recommendations to address countywide polling issues, such as increased wait times, longer travel distances, supply shortages, and reporting irregularities. **Evaluate current laws that prohibit political subdivisions and public school districts from using government resources for illegal electioneering. Make recommendations to strengthen these laws and put a stop to illegal electioneering.**

Related Materials

- **All Bond Counsel Letter**

"... as school districts must expressly include in the ballot the fully capitalized statement "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE", there is no basis for the voter information document or other election materials to include language contradicting the statement statutorily required to be in the ballot."

- **HB 3018** Relating to the offense of unlawful use of public funds for communications relating to a measure.
- allows only the official election notice and bans other communication describing the measure

State Affairs Committee

- **Social Media & Protecting Children:** Study the impact of social media use on children. Review current mechanisms in place to protect minors online. Monitor the implementation of House Bill 18, 88th Legislature, relating to the protection of minors from harmful, deceptive, or unfair trade practices in connection with the use of certain digital services and electronic devices, **including the use and transfer of electronic devices to students by a public school**. Make policy recommendations to further protect Texas children online.



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Finance Committee

Charge

- **Continue Cutting Property Taxes:** Identify the best combination to further increase the amount of homestead exemption and compression to continue cutting Texans' property taxes. Additionally, establish and report on the cost of eliminating:
 - School maintenance and operation property taxes;
 - All school property taxes; and
 - All property taxes.
- Determine the fiscal consequences of each action, including whether revenue reallocations would be required for public education funding and local government funding, and impacts on the state's ability to respond to disasters and other urgent priorities. For example, determine the effect on other state programs if general revenue were used to fully replace school property taxes, particularly during economic downturns. Evaluate and report on how much state revenue would need to be generated to replace foregone property tax revenue, and from what source.

Related Materials

- **HB 29** relating to the elimination of school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes and the creation of a joint interim committee on the elimination of those taxes.



Finance Committee

- **Monitor Property Tax Relief and Infrastructure Funds:** Monitor the appropriations supporting, and implementation of, legislation passed during the 88th Legislature, Regular or Special Sessions, and approved by voters, amending the Texas Constitution:
 - Property Tax Relief: Senate Bill 2 and House Joint Resolution 2, 88th Legislature, Second Called Special Session

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Local Government Committee

Charge

- **Additional Property Tax Relief and Reform:** Report on the effects of prior property tax relief and reform, including the \$18 billion tax cut with the \$100,000 homestead exemption authorized by the 88th Legislature. Focus particularly on the interaction between Senate Bill 2, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, and Senate Bill 2, 86th Legislature. Make recommendations for further property tax relief and reform, **including methods to improve voter control over tax rate setting and debt authorization**, and **mechanisms to dissolve** taxing entities such as municipal management districts (MMDs) and **tax increment reinvestment zones (TIRZs) when they have outlived their purpose.**

Related Materials

- [SB 977](#) relating to the definition of debt for the purpose of calculating certain ad valorem tax rates of a taxing unit.
- [SB 946](#) relating to the election date for the authorization of the issuance of bonds or a tax increase.
- [SB 2337](#) relating to an election to approve the issuance of bonds or other debt.



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