

**SENATE FLOOR ACTION**

**Monday  
April 27, 2009**

**The Senate suspended the necessary rules to consider and finally pass:**

**SB 42**

**Zaffirini**

Relating to the eligibility of certain postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to participate in health benefit programs at public institutions of higher education.

**1 Floor Amendment**

**SB 89 (CS) (LC)**

**Van de Putte/ et al.**

Relating to the prosecution, punishment, and prevention of offenses involving trafficking of persons or certain forced or sex-based labor or services, law enforcement training relating to the trafficking of persons, and the creation of the trafficking of persons investigation and prosecution account in the general revenue fund.

**SB 650 (LC)**

**Van de Putte**

Relating to certain peace officers commissioned by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

**SB 1249 (CS)**

**Zaffirini**

Relating to the creation of a pilot program to improve curricula alignment between junior colleges and general academic teaching institutions for engineering degree programs.

**SB 1378 (CS)**

**Duncan/ Averitt**

Relating to the responsibility of oil and gas well operators with regard to plugging inactive oil or gas wells and to ensuring the proper connection of electric lines.

**1 Floor Amendment**

**SB 1394 (CS)**

**Zaffirini/ et al.**

Relating to notification of an applicant for admission to a general academic teaching institution regarding the availability of degree programs in the applicant's preferred major field of study offered by other institutions.

**SB 1456 (CS) (LC)**

**Duncan**

Relating to the time for bringing an action on a consumer debt.

**SB 1661 (CS) (LC)**

**Harris**

Relating to child support liens on real property.

**SB 1717 (LC)**

**West**

Relating to prohibition of certain practices by owners of developments supported with low income housing tax credit allocations.

**SB 1728 (CS) (LC)**

**West**

Relating to the administration of and eligibility for the Joint Admissions Medical Program.

**1 Floor Amendment**

**SB 1843 (LC)**

**Van de Putte**

Relating to coverage of drivers under a personal automobile insurance policy.

**1 Floor Amendment**

**SB 1933 (CS)**

**Carona**

Relating to the confidentiality of information and documents collected, developed, or produced during a school district security audit.

**SB 2045 (CS)**

**Williams**

Relating to certain constitutionally dedicated funds allocated to the Lamar Institute of Technology and to the administration of that institution.

**1 Floor Amendment**

**SB 2105 (CS)**                                 **Uresti/ et al.**  
Relating to limiting the liability of space flight entities.

**SB 2111 (CS)**                                 **Averitt**  
Relating to the implementation of and incentives for projects involving the capture, transportation, injection, sequestration, geologic storage, or abatement of carbon dioxide; providing for the issuance of bonds.  
**1 Floor Amendment**

**SB 2120 (CS)**                                 **Seliger/ et al.**  
Relating to the management, operation, and review of groundwater conservation districts.  
**2 Floor Amendments**

**SB 2243 (CS)**                                 **Zaffirini**  
Relating to the repayment of certain education loans for licensed physicians and dentists.  
**3 Floor Amendments**

**SB 2376 (CS)**                                 **Lucio**  
Relating to the change of the name of Texas A&M University--Kingsville to Texas A&I University.  
**1 Floor Amendment**

**SB 2424 (LC)**                                 **Deuell**  
Relating to the authorization of certain nonemergency ambulance services under the Medicaid program.

**SB 2476 (LC)**                                 **Deuell**  
Relating to the creation of the North Texas Trauma and Burn Authority in Trauma Service Area E.

**HB 1484 (LC)**                                 **Pitts**   **SP: Fraser**  
Relating to the use of certain professional titles by interior designers.

**The Senate suspended the regular order, read third time and finally passed:**

**SB 1553 (CS) (LC)**                                 **Wentworth**  
Relating to the creation of district courts in certain counties.

**SB 1754 (LC)**                                 **Wentworth**  
Relating to filing fees for civil actions or proceedings in a district, county, justice, or small claims court.

**SB 2154**   **Wentworth**  
Relating to the confidentiality of certain travel vouchers submitted by certain peace officers.

**The Senate suspended the regular order, read second time and passed to engrossment:**

**SB 1629 (CS)**                                 **Wentworth**  
Relating to the persons exempted from the required prepayment of the personnel costs incurred by a governmental body in responding to requests from a requestor under the public information law that require large amounts of personnel time.

**The Senate adopted the following resolutions:**

**SR 739**   **Lucio**  
Congratulating the members of the Episcopal Day School Leopards United Football Club for winning the Under 9 division of the Rio Grande Valley Soccer Championship.

**HCR 122**   **Naishtat**   **SP: Shapleigh**  
Designating April 27, 2009, as Social Work Day at the State Capitol.

**Committee referral on the following:**

**SB 2560**   **Deuell**  
Relating to the creation of the Rowlett Downtown Management District; providing authority to impose a tax, levy an assessment, and issue bonds.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

- SB 2561** **Deuell**  
 Relating to the creation of the Rowlett Pecan Grove Management District; providing authority to impose a tax, levy an assessment, and issue bonds.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 2562** **Deuell**  
 Relating to the creation of the Rowlett Waterfront Entertainment Management District; providing authority to impose a tax, levy an assessment, and issue bonds.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 2563** **Deuell**  
 Relating to the creation of an additional county court at law in Kaufman County.  
**Jurisprudence**
- HJR 58** **Thompson/ Naishtat/ et al.**  
 Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant one or more reprieves in a capital case.  
**Criminal Justice**
- HB 77** **Flynn/ Heflin/ Hopson**  
 Relating to the collateralization of certain public funds and to custodians with which certain pledged securities may be deposited; providing administrative penalties.  
**Finance**
- HB 205** **Aycock**  
 Relating to the applicability of certain city requirements affecting the restraint of certain dogs on annexed or otherwise acquired property used for agricultural operations.  
**Agriculture & Rural Affairs**
- HB 348** **Pena/ Leibowitz/ et al.**  
 Relating to the punishment for theft of certain aluminum, bronze, or copper materials.  
**Criminal Justice**
- HB 350** **Leibowitz/ Herrero/ Kent/ Martinez, "Mando"/ et al.**  
 Relating to use of school district resources for athletic or instructional facilities.  
**Education**
- HB 374** **Bonnen/ Patrick/ Laubenberg/ Branch/ Orr/ et al.**  
 Relating to school bus emergency evacuation training.  
**Transportation & Homeland Security**
- HB 375** **Miller, Sid**  
 Relating to classifying elk and elk hybrids as livestock under the Agriculture Code.  
**Agriculture & Rural Affairs**
- HB 389** **Zerwas**  
 Relating to requirements for expedited credentialing of certain physicians by managed care plans.  
**State Affairs**
- HB 396** **Hartnett**  
 Relating to expunction of a notice of lis pendens.  
**Jurisprudence**
- HB 400** **Herrero**  
 Relating to the dismissal of a charge of unlawfully parking a vehicle in a space designated specifically for persons with disabilities.  
**Transportation & Homeland Security**
- HB 406** **Rodriguez**  
 Relating to the disposition of excess proceeds of a tax sale of real property or foreclosure of a tax lien on real property.  
**Finance**

**HB 415** **Villarreal/ Naishtat/ Leibowitz**  
Relating to the regulation of employer-based day-care facilities.  
**Health & Human Services**

**HB 523** **Giddings**  
Relating to the contents of a receipt issued for payment of a good or service; providing a civil penalty.  
**Business & Commerce**

**HB 536** **Anchia/ Pena/ Madden/ Leibowitz**  
Relating to the voter registration of a person who submits a federal postcard application to vote in an election.  
**State Affairs**

**HB 551** **Madden/ Pena**  
Relating to the electronic transmission of a federal postcard application used for voting.  
**State Affairs**

**HB 558** **Hernandez**  
Relating to law enforcement and judicial procedures for, and the prosecution of, children who engage in conduct constituting public intoxication.  
**Criminal Justice**

**HB 582** **Dukes**  
Relating to informing the parents and guardians of certain children about the availability of the child health plan and medical assistance programs.  
**State Affairs**

**HB 590** **Crownover**  
Relating to the name of the Crime Stoppers Advisory Council.  
**Criminal Justice**

**HB 605** **Farabee/ Martinez, "Mando"**  
Relating to mileage reimbursement for state employees.  
**Government Organization**

**HB 673** **Solomons**  
Relating to certain services provided by the office of injured employee counsel under the workers' compensation program of this state.  
**State Affairs**

**HB 675** **Bonnen**  
Relating to a retired status license for an optometrist or therapeutic optometrist practicing voluntary charity care.  
**Health & Human Services**

**HB 703** **Rose/ Naishtat**  
Relating to fall prevention awareness.  
**Health & Human Services**

**HB 704** **Rose**  
Relating to the jurisdiction of a court over a child in the managing conservatorship of the state after the child's 18th birthday.  
**Health & Human Services**

**HB 719** **Flynn**  
Relating to certain content requirements for signs used to identify the location of a polling place during a primary election.  
**State Affairs**

**HB 748** **Darby/ Herrero/ et al.**  
Relating to the provision of services to certain individuals with developmental disabilities by a state school or state center.  
**Health & Human Services**

- HB 750** **Davis, Yvonne**  
Relating to certain offenses that involve impersonating a peace officer or other public servant and misrepresenting the nature of certain property.  
**Criminal Justice**
- HB 763** **Hartnett**  
Relating to the recusal or disqualification of a statutory probate court judge and subsequent assignment of another judge.  
**Jurisprudence**
- HB 765** **Hartnett**  
Relating to supplemental payments made to certain statutory probate court judges.  
**Jurisprudence**
- HB 772** **Howard, Donna/ Rodriguez/  
Maldonado/ Leibowitz/ et al.**  
Relating to Internet broadcasts of open meetings held by the State Board of Education.  
**Education**
- HB 782** **Pickett**  
Relating to registration exemptions for certain foreign commercial motor vehicles.  
**Transportation & Homeland Security**
- HB 824** **Hochberg/ Marquez/ Naishtat**  
Relating to the imposition of conditions on and access to case records regarding a child adjudicated of having engaged in conduct that constitutes the commission of a hate crime.  
**State Affairs**
- HB 874** **Callegari**  
Relating to the abolition of the Texas Incentive and Productivity Commission and the state employee incentive program.  
**Government Organization**
- HB 890** **Naishtat**  
Relating to the terminology used to describe certain judicial officers.  
**Jurisprudence**
- HB 962** **Guillen**  
Relating to the purchase of library goods and services by public junior colleges.  
**Higher Education**
- HB 963** **Guillen**  
Relating to a criminal history evaluation letter determining occupational license eligibility.  
**Business & Commerce**
- HB 968** **Homer/ Kuempel/ Aycocock/  
Edwards**  
Relating to the use of crossbows for hunting.  
**Agriculture & Rural Affairs**
- HB 1013** **Corte/ Leibowitz**  
Relating to the authority of a county to regulate the installation and use of lighting in certain areas.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- HB 1023** **Deshotel**  
Relating to the use of certain state property transferred from the state to Spindletop MHMR Services.  
**Health & Human Services**
- HB 1038** **Paxton/ Zerwas/ Harless/ Gattis/  
Truitt/ et al.**  
Relating to the determination of the market value of a residence homestead for purposes of ad valorem taxation.  
**Finance**

**HB 1079**

**Kolkhorst**

Relating to the appellate process for the community development block grant program.

**Economic Development**

**HB 1081**

**Herrero/ Flores/ Ortiz, Jr.**

Relating to requiring posting of certain information regarding nursing homes and related institutions on the Department of Aging and Disability Services website.

**Health & Human Services**

**HB 1084**

**Truitt**

Relating to shipment of wine to ultimate consumers.

**Business & Commerce**

**HB 1145**

**Brown, Betty**

Relating to the appointment of election judges.

**State Affairs**

**HB 1161**

**Geren/ Maldonado**

Relating to local regulation of distance requirements for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages near certain establishments.

**Business & Commerce**

**HB 1178**

**Guillen**

Relating to the creation of the Starr County Drainage District.

**Natural Resources**

**HB 1215**

**Farias**

Relating to the collection of administrative fees by the commissioners courts of certain counties.

**Criminal Justice**

**HB 1265**

**Hochberg**

Relating to the information about certain candidates required to be filed with the secretary of state.

**State Affairs**

**HB 1297**

**Hochberg/ Flores/ et al.**

Relating to optional flexible school day program courses offered by school districts to enable students to earn course credit under certain circumstances.

**Education**

**HB 1345**

**Menendez**

Relating to titles by which certain officers of a defense base development authority may be known.

**S/C on Base Realignment and Closure**

**HB 1365**

**Eissler**

Relating to service records of professional staff employed by school districts and payment of compensation based on those records.

**Education**

**HB 1404**

**Miklos**

Relating to the establishment and use of a columbarium by a church.

**Health & Human Services**

**HB 1409**

**Hopson**

Relating to the minimum patient age for administration of an influenza vaccination by a pharmacist.

**Health & Human Services**

**HB 1476**

**Sheffield**

Relating to capital stock and surplus requirements for certain insurance companies.

**Business & Commerce**

**HB 1510**

**Bonnen/ Marquez/ Naishtat/ et al.**

Relating to including information on sudden infant death syndrome in a resource pamphlet for parents of newborn children.

**Health & Human Services**

- HB 1530**                                 **Button/ Driver/ Hardcastle/  
Gonzalez Tourelles/ Rios Ybarra/  
et al.**  
Relating to the licensing and regulation of health-related pest control by the Department of Agriculture.  
**Agriculture & Rural Affairs**
- HB 1695**                                 **Turner, Sylvester**  
Relating to the requirement that electric utilities create and implement a plan for infrastructure improvement and maintenance.  
**Business & Commerce**
- HB 1711**                                 **Turner, Sylvester/ Guillen/  
Martinez, "Mando"/ Veasey/  
Marquez**  
Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to establish a comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan for offenders released or discharged from a correctional facility.  
**Criminal Justice**
- HB 1722**                                 **Castro/ et al.**  
Relating to the proceedings that may be referred to and the powers of a criminal law magistrate in Bexar County.  
**Criminal Justice**
- HB 1736**                                 **Anchia/ Davis, Yvonne/ Branch/  
Hodge/ Isett/ et al.**  
Relating to compensation of persons wrongfully imprisoned.  
**State Affairs**
- HB 1761**                                 **Thompson**  
Relating to the reserve requirements for credit life and credit accident and health insurance.  
**State Affairs**
- HB 1785**                                 **Kuempel**  
Relating to the licensing of occupational therapists.  
**Health & Human Services**
- HB 1793**                                 **Farrar/ Gallego/ Marquez**  
Relating to judicial instruction for judges who hear complaints against children alleging violations of certain misdemeanor offenses.  
**Jurisprudence**
- HB 1802**                                 **Bohac**  
Relating to mobile food units in certain municipalities.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- HB 1804**                                 **Hughes**  
Relating to service of process for delinquent taxes on a nonresident.  
**Jurisprudence**
- HB 1805**                                 **Kuempel/ et al.**  
Relating to the use of laser sighting devices by hunters who have certain documented disabilities.  
**Agriculture & Rural Affairs**
- HB 1809**                                 **Hartnett/ et al.**  
Relating to proceedings in a statutory probate court during the judge's absence.  
**Jurisprudence**
- HB 1819**                                 **Bohac/ Alvarado/ Thibaut/ Allen/  
Vo**  
Relating to minimum habitability standards for multi-family rental buildings in certain municipalities; providing a penalty.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

**HB 1822** **Solomons/ Maldonado/ Hartnett/  
et al.**

Relating to the use of certain terms by certificated telecommunications utilities, retail electric providers, and electric utilities in retail bills.

**Business & Commerce**

**HB 1918** **Darby/ Chisum/ Swinford/ Keffer/  
Hardcastle/ et al.**

Relating to changing the name of the Office of Rural Community Affairs to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs.

**Government Organization**

**HB 1919** **Kent/ Eiland/ Thompson/ et al.**

Relating to the maturity dates of certain annuities.

**State Affairs**

**HB 1963** **Kuempel**

Relating to eliminating the limitation on lottery advertising expenses based on the lottery prize payout percentage.

**State Affairs**

**HB 2032** **England**

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use tax revenue for certain venue projects.

**Economic Development**

**HB 2055** **Guillen**

Relating to the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force.

**Health & Human Services**

**HB 2066** **Gallego/ Moody/ Bolton/ et al.**

Relating to enhancing penalties for assaulting a family member by strangulation or suffocation.

**Criminal Justice**

**HB 2071** **Oliveira**

Relating to the reporting of certain inventories for ad valorem tax purposes; providing penalties.

**Finance**

**HB 2102** **Dutton**

Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 403; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**HB 2169** **Chavez/ Moody/ Harless/ Pickett/  
Button**

Relating to the establishment of additional job incentive programs by the Texas Workforce Commission using the skills development fund.

**Economic Development**

**HB 2172** **Chavez/ Pickett/ Moody**

Relating to the exemptions from fees imposed by a municipal storm water utility on certain property in certain counties.

**International Relations & Trade**

**HB 2196** **Truitt**

Relating to the establishment of a workgroup to study and make recommendations on the integration of health and behavioral health services.

**Health & Human Services**

**HB 2202** **Castro/ Martinez Fischer/ Lucio  
III/ Bolton/ Leibowitz/ et al.**

Relating to protective orders against family violence.

**Jurisprudence**



- HB 2237** **Hamilton**  
 Relating to possession by certain alcoholic beverage permit holders of certain alcoholic beverages for cooking purposes.  
**Business & Commerce**
- HB 2249** **Hunter/ Harless**  
 Relating to the regulation of staff leasing services.  
**Business & Commerce**
- HB 2263** **Eissler/ et al.**  
 Relating to extending the high school innovation grant initiative to middle and junior high schools.  
**Education**
- HB 2275** **Raymond/ Guillen/ Flynn/  
 Shelton/ Martinez, "Mando"**  
 Relating to creating a task force to develop uniform standards for subdivisions in the unincorporated areas of counties near the international border and in economically distressed counties.  
**International Relations & Trade**
- HB 2330** **Guillen**  
 Relating to laboratory tests measuring kidney function.  
**Health & Human Services**
- HB 2353** **Hughes**  
 Relating to the limitations period for certain disciplinary actions against title insurance companies.  
**Business & Commerce**
- HB 2374** **Guillen/ Lucio III/ Pena/  
 Martinez, "Mando"/ Herrero/  
 et al.**  
 Relating to financing of water and wastewater connections and plumbing improvements in economically distressed areas.  
**International Relations & Trade**
- HB 2440** **McCall**  
 Relating to scholarships for fifth-year accounting students.  
**Higher Education**
- HB 2483** **Pickett**  
 Relating to the repeal of the authority for the establishment and administration of the Border Health Institute in the city of El Paso.  
**International Relations & Trade**
- HB 2509** **Geren**  
 Relating to the payment of a lottery prize awarded to a minor.  
**State Affairs**
- HB 2512** **Aycock**  
 Relating to authorization to make an audio recording of a meeting or proceeding arising from a grievance reported by a public school employee.  
**Education**
- HB 2542** **Eissler/ Guillen/ Cohen**  
 Relating to excused absences in public schools for students visiting institutions of higher education.  
**Education**
- HB 2557** **Harper-Brown/ et al.**  
 Relating to the evaluation of highway or other mobility projects as toll projects by the Texas Department of Transportation.  
**Transportation & Homeland Security**
- HB 2558** **Turner, Sylvester**  
 Relating to registration for evacuation and disaster preparedness for clients of home and community support services agencies.  
**S/C on Flooding & Evacuations**

**HB 2570**                                 **Hancock**  
Relating to the regulation of stipulated premium insurance companies.  
**State Affairs**

**HB 2752**                                 **Eiland**  
Relating to independent audits of insurer financial statements and insurer internal controls.  
**Business & Commerce**

**HB 2765**                                 **Anderson**  
Relating to the authority of a veterinarian to fill certain prescriptions in an emergency.  
**Agriculture & Rural Affairs**

**HB 2906**                                 **Kuempel**  
Relating to the expansion of the boundaries of the Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

**HB 2914**                                 **McReynolds/ Gonzalez Toureilles/  
Guillen**  
Relating to the establishment of a fuel mitigation pilot grant program for fire departments.  
**Agriculture & Rural Affairs**

**HB 3004**                                 **Coleman**  
Relating to animal shelter standards; providing a civil penalty.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

**HB 3073**                                 **Geren**  
Relating to charges at closing of certain real property transactions.  
**Business & Commerce**

**HB 4291**                                 **Smithee**  
Relating to insurance charters and certificates of authority.  
**Business & Commerce**

**HB 4339**                                 **Smithee**  
Relating to the establishment and operation of the unauthorized insurance guaranty fund.  
**Business & Commerce**

**HB 4344**                                 **Smithee**  
Relating to the regulation of premium rates for long-term care insurance.  
**State Affairs**

**HB 4540**                                 **Raymond**  
Relating to disposition of proceeds from the development or sale of the rights to natural resources or minerals in land held by Webb County for the county permanent school fund.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

**HCR 88**   **Davis, John/ Hopson/ et al.**  
Directing the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Education Agency to educate parents of adolescent Texans regarding the importance of adolescents' receiving regular physical exams and updated immunizations.  
**Health & Human Services**

**HCR 125**   **Guillen**  
Urging the U.S. Congress to increase COPS grants for smaller communities and less populated counties in the South Texas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.  
**Criminal Justice**

(CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR