

## **BILLS REFERRED TODAY**

**Monday  
February 25, 2013**

### **Committee referral on the following:**

**SB 15** **Seliger/ Deuell/ Duncan/ Ellis/  
Eltife/ et al.**

Relating to the duties and responsibilities of members of governing boards of university systems and institutions of higher education.

**Higher Education**

**SB 201** **Birdwell/ Nichols**

Relating to the continuation and functions of the State Preservation Board.

**Administration**

**SB 202** **Huffman/ Nichols**

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on the Arts.

**Government Organization**

**SB 203** **Whitmire/ Ellis/ Huffman/  
Nichols/ Patrick/ et al.**

Relating to the Port of Houston Authority; creating an offense.

**Transportation**

**SB 204** **Nichols**

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers; changing a fee.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 205** **Nichols**

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners; changing certain fees.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 206** **Nichols**

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, to the transfer of certain functions from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and to the functions of the Office of Public Utility Counsel; authorizing a fee.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 207** **Nichols**

Relating to governmental entities subject to the sunset review process.

**Transportation**

**SB 591** **Van de Putte**

Relating to procedures for certain audits of pharmacists and pharmacies.

**State Affairs**

**SB 592** **Ellis**

Relating to caseloads for attorneys who are appointed to represent indigent defendants in criminal cases.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 593** **Deuell**

Relating to the authority of a property owners' association to regulate the use of certain lots for residential purposes.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 594** **Deuell**

Relating to exempting the first \$1 million from total revenue for purposes of the franchise tax.  
**Finance**

**SB 595** **Hegar**  
Relating to the power of the North Fort Bend Water Authority to impose a charge on certain wells or classes of wells.  
**Natural Resources**

**SB 596** **Birdwell**  
Relating to the application process for certain alcoholic beverage permits and licenses and the provision of alcoholic beverages on certain premises.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 597** **Birdwell/ Uresti**  
Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for certain Operation Enduring Freedom veterans.  
**Transportation**

**SB 598** **Birdwell**  
Relating to restrictions on holders of package store permits.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 599** **Davis**  
Relating to the requirement that electric utilities offer a standard retail service package on a standard form with standard terms to a customer.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 600** **Davis**  
Relating to premium refunds for insurance rates found to be excessive or unfairly discriminatory; providing an administrative penalty.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 601** **Davis**  
Relating to the availability of certain payment plans for residential electric customers.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 602** **Davis**  
Relating to retail electric provider customer choice information.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 603** **Williams**  
Relating to the revocation and reinstatement of an end user number for purposes of purchasing dyed diesel fuel.  
**Finance**

**SB 604** **Hegar**  
Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 458; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 605** **Hegar**  
Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Improvement District No. 24; providing authority to impose an assessment, impose a tax, and issue bonds.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 606** **Hegar**  
Relating to the powers and duties of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 457; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 608** **Hegar**  
Relating to the creation of the Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 609** **Hegar**

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**SB 623 Williams**

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 138; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 624 Williams**

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 137; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 625 Williams**

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 139; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 626 Watson**

Relating to fees collected by the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority.

**Finance**

**SB 627 Watson**

Relating to the form of the Legislative Budget Board's report of equalized funding elements to the commissioner of education and the legislature.

**Finance**

**SB 628 Watson**

Relating to the creation of regional emergency communications districts; authorizing the issuance of bonds; authorizing a fee.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 629 Watson**

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas at Austin.

**Finance**

**SB 630 Carona**

Relating to certain obligations of and limitations on residential landlords.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 631 Carona**

Relating to certain statutory insurance deposit requirements.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 632 Carona**

Relating to contracts between dentists, optometrists, or therapeutic optometrists and health maintenance organizations or insurers.

**State Affairs**

**SB 633 Ellis/ Patrick**

Relating to liability of certain electric utilities that allow certain uses of land that the electric utility owns, occupies, or leases.

**State Affairs**

**SB 634 Davis**

Relating to regulating faulty on-site sewage disposal systems in the unincorporated areas of a county as a public nuisance; providing a criminal penalty.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 635 Duncan**

Relating to the distribution of certain civil penalties and civil restitution received by the attorney general.

**State Affairs**

**SB 636 Paxton**

Relating to public information regarding bonds and other obligations issued by the state and local governments.

**Open Government**

**SB 637** **Paxton**

Relating to notice and proposition language requirements for bond approval elections held by political subdivisions.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 638** **Paxton**

Relating to performance and payment security for certain comprehensive development agreements.

**Transportation**

**SB 639** **Carona**

Relating to the manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 640** **Van de Putte**

Relating to the designation of a regular location for purposes of obtaining transportation to and from a child's public school.

**Education**

**SB 641** **Duncan**

Relating to the election and authority of the board of directors of the McCulloch County Hospital District.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 642** **Van de Putte**

Relating to the sale of distilled spirits to the holder of an industrial permit.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 643** **Deuell**

Relating to a supplemental payment for retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and the unfunded actuarial liabilities allowed under that system.

**State Affairs**

**SB 644** **Huffman**

Relating to the creation of a standard request form for prior authorization of prescription drug benefits.

**State Affairs**

**SB 645** **Ellis**

Relating to water quality improvement and pollution reduction through beverage container recycling incentives; assessing a fee; providing penalties.

**Finance**

**SB 646** **Deuell**

Relating to court-ordered outpatient mental health services.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 647** **Rodríguez**

Relating to guardianships, including the assessment and payment of attorney's fees and other court costs in guardianships, and to court-created management trusts for persons who have physical disabilities or who are incapacitated.

**Jurisprudence**

**SB 648** **Rodríguez**

Relating to trusts.

**Jurisprudence**

**SB 649** **Rodríguez**

Relating to the exemption of certain property from seizure by creditors.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 650** **Rodríguez**

Relating to the continuation of title insurance coverage of certain transferred property.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 651 Rodríguez**

Relating to a medical power of attorney.

**Jurisprudence**

**SB 652 Van de Putte**

Relating to the transfer of alcoholic beverages for manufacturing purposes between certain permit and license holders.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 653 Zaffirini**

Relating to the composition and functions of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation.

**Higher Education**

**SB 654 West**

Relating to the enforcement of water conservation and animal care and control ordinances of a municipality by civil action or quasi-judicial enforcement; providing civil penalties.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 655 Birdwell**

Relating to the exercise of the power of eminent domain by certain authorized entities.

**State Affairs**

**SB 656 Paxton**

Relating to providing transparency in the taxing and budgeting process of certain local governments.

**Open Government**

**SB 657 Paxton**

Relating to procedural requirements for adopting and filing a school district budget and voting requirements for setting a property tax rate by the governing body of a taxing unit, including a school district.

**Finance**

**SB 658 Deuell**

Relating to the imposition and collection of a penalty for fraudulently obtaining unemployment compensation benefits.

**Economic Development**

**SB 659 West**

Relating to debarment of certain persons from participating in programs administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 660 West**

Relating to assessment collection in certain public improvement districts.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 661 Carona**

Relating to cemeteries and perpetual care cemetery corporations; creating an offense.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 662 Carona**

Relating to the composition of the drought preparedness council.

**Natural Resources**

**SB 663 Davis/ et al.**

Relating to the amount of unclaimed lottery prize money to be deposited in the fund for veterans' assistance.

**State Affairs**

**SB 664 Davis/ Campbell/ Van de Putte**

Relating to the allocation of certain grants from the fund for veterans' assistance.

**Veteran Affairs & Military Installations**

**SB 665 Nichols/ Patrick**

Relating to a school district's recognition of and education regarding traditional winter celebrations.

**Education**

**SB 666 Seliger**

Relating to public school educator preparation and alternative certification programs.

**Education**

**SB 667 Seliger**

Relating to a study on the feasibility of requiring certain researchers to make research papers available to the public.

**Open Government**

**SB 668 Seliger**

Relating to the reports and recommendations of the Water Conservation Advisory Council.

**Natural Resources**

**SB 669 Whitmire**

Relating to the manner in which a bail bond or personal bond is forfeited and circumstances under which a final judgment of forfeiture may be reformed.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 670 Whitmire**

Relating to the copying of certain records and files relating to a child who is a party to a juvenile proceeding.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 671 Carona**

Relating to the deregulation of weather modification operations.

**Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security**

**SB 672 Carona**

Relating to the regulation of industrialized housing and buildings.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 673 Carona**

Relating to the requirements for elevators, escalators, and related equipment; providing penalties.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 674 Seliger**

Relating to election through secret ballot of a labor union as the exclusive bargaining representative.

**State Affairs**

**SB 675 Hancock**

Relating to certain advance directives and health care and treatment decisions.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 676 Carona**

Relating to the classification of certain construction workers and the eligibility of those workers for unemployment benefits; providing penalties.

**Economic Development**

**SB 677 Paxton/ Estes**

Relating to the electronic recording of proceedings in a statutory probate court in Collin County.

**Jurisprudence**

**SB 678 Paxton**

Relating to money allocated under the federal-aid highway program.

**Finance**

**SB 679 Duncan**

Relating to evidence in a civil action concerning the provision and cost of certain services.

**State Affairs**

- SB 680** **West**  
Relating to a pilot program to improve student loan default rates and financial aid literacy among postsecondary students.  
**Higher Education**
- SB 681** **West**  
Relating to a pilot program for a three-year high school diploma plan and cost-neutral expansion of full-day prekindergarten programs.  
**Education**
- SB 682** **Campbell**  
Relating to reimbursement for services provided by advanced practice nurses and physician assistants under the Medicaid program.  
**Health & Human Services**
- SB 683** **Birdwell**  
Relating to the election of members of the board of directors of the Benbrook Water Authority.  
**Natural Resources**
- SB 684** **Deuell**  
Relating to a physical assessment of students by a public school.  
**Education**
- SB 685** **Carona**  
Relating to the registration of token trailers.  
**Transportation**
- SB 686** **Huffman/ et al.**  
Relating to the change of the name of the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 687** **Huffman**  
Relating to certain fees associated with the installation and monitoring of an ethyl alcohol testing device as a condition of bond.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 688** **Huffman**  
Relating to the transfer of certain inmates to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following pronouncement of the inmate's sentence.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 689** **Ellis**  
Relating to excluding certain short-term employment from unemployment compensation chargebacks and grounds for benefit disqualification.  
**Economic Development**
- SB 690** **Ellis**  
Relating to the creation of Harris County Improvement District No. 23; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 691** **Eltife**  
Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M University--Texarkana.  
**Higher Education**
- SB 692** **Carona**  
Relating to the filing by electronic mail of financial disclosures by certain county officers, county employees, or candidates for county office.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 693** **Carona**  
Relating to clarifying liability and damages for certain liens placed on and certain court records of real property.  
**State Affairs**



Relating to the authority of the Texas Forensic Science Commission to conduct investigations of forensic analyses conducted in connection with a civil proceeding.

## Education

Relating to professional development institutes regarding education of students with disabilities to serve as a resource for public school teachers and paraprofessionals.

## Education

Relating to a postponement for certain recent immigrants of requirements for enrolling in public school courses for which end-of-course assessment instruments are administered.

## Education

Relating to the financing of school district facilities and property tax relief for school district debt; providing for reduced property tax rates.

## Finance

Relating to the employment of certified counselors by school districts.

## Education

Relating to access to birth records of certain adopted children.

## Jurisprudence

Relating to use of consistent terminology to refer to school counselors in the Education Code.

## Education

Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time.

## Education

Relating to consent by a minor to housing or care provided through a transitional living program.

## Jurisprudence

Relating to voluntary and involuntary mental health services.

## Health & Human Services

Relating to fees charged by certain entities administering alternative dispute resolution systems for counties.

## Jurisprudence

Relating to jury instructions regarding the insanity defense in a criminal case.

## Criminal Justice

Relating to the insanity defense in a criminal case.

## Criminal Justice

Relating to eligibility to serve as an interpreter in an election.

## State Affairs

Relating to the location of certain public sales of real property.

## Business & Commerce

## SB 724 Williams

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 133; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 725 Williams**

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 134; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 726 Paxton**

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

**Higher Education**

**SB 727 Taylor**

Relating to the eligibility for judge-ordered community supervision or for release on parole of certain defendants convicted of burglary with the intent to commit a sex offense.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 728 Davis**

Relating to the notification of certain legislators of the death of a child in foster care.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 729 Rodríguez/ et al.**

Relating to the creation of the State Supported Living Center Realignment Commission.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 730 Deuell**

Relating to the temporary exemption of certain tangible personal property related to data centers from the sales and use tax.

**Finance**

**SB 731 Huffman**

Relating to the penalties for the production or delivery of marihuana plants.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 732 Eltife**

Relating to the Certified Retirement Community Program.

**Economic Development**

**SB 733 Carona**

Relating to the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 734 Carona**

Relating to the licensing of captive insurance companies; authorizing fees.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 735 Lucio**

Relating to using the system benefit fund for the support of certain programs for low-income electric customers.

**Finance**

**SB 736 Watson**

Relating to insurance rating and underwriting practices and declinations based on certain consumer inquiries.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 737 Watson**

Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain child protective services workers.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 738 Watson**

Relating to the establishment and administration of the Texas Essential Workers Program; imposing fees.

**Economic Development**

**SB 758** **Williams**

Relating to the established schedule of payments from the foundation school fund of the yearly entitlement of certain school districts.

**Finance**

**HB 10** **Pitts/ Giddings**

Relating to making emergency supplemental appropriations and providing direction and transfer authority regarding certain appropriations.

**Finance**