SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Wednesday January 28, 2015

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 7 Zaffirini Recognizing the members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association in Laredo.

SR 61LucioRecognizing January 28, 2015, as Brownsville Day at the State Capitol.

SR 65 Zaffirini Recognizing January 28, 2015, as Laredo Legislative Day at the State Capitol.

HCR 50

Simpson

Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days from Thursday, January 29th, 2015 to Monday, February 2nd, 2015.

Committee referral on the following:

SB 11Birdwell/ Bettencourt/ Burton/
Campbell/ Creighton/ et al.

Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education.

State Affairs

SB 219 Schwertner/ et al.

Relating to the provision of health and human services in this state, including the powers and duties of the Health and Human Services Commission and other state agencies, and the licensing of certain health professionals; clarifying certain statutory provisions; authorizing the imposition of fees. **Health & Human Services**

SB 226 Ellis

Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with an intellectual disability. **Criminal Justice**

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SB 227ZaffiriniRelating to the designation of a segment of Farm-to-Market Road 624 in McMullen County as the GameWarden James E. Daughtrey Memorial Highway.Transportation

SB 228 Creighton

Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for firearms and hunting supplies for a limited period. **Finance**

SB 229 Creighton

Relating to the unlawful seizure of a firearm by a governmental officer or employee; providing penalties. **State Affairs**

SB 230

Relating to acceptable forms of identification for voting. **State Affairs**

Watson

SB 231 Whitmire

Relating to certain duties of the Commission on Jail Standards regarding visitation periods for county jail prisoners.

Criminal Justice

Relating to the creation and operation of a park and recreation district in counties that share a border on the San Marcos River and to the authority of the district to collect fees; creating an offense and providing penalties. Intergovernmental Relations	
SB 235WestRelating to consumption of alcoholic beverages in certain entertainment facilities.Business & Commerce	
SB 236SchwertnerRelating to the punishment of certain controlled substance offenses committed in a drug-free zone.Criminal Justice	
SB 237PerryRelating to certain athletic competitions sponsored or sanctioned by the University InterscholasticLeague.Education	
SB 238ZaffiriniRelating to the use of a wireless communication device by a state officer or employee while operating a motor vehicle.Business & Commerce	
SB 239SchwertnerRelating to student loan repayment assistance for certain mental health professionals.Higher Education	
SB 240WatsonRelating to the state's contribution to the financing of public education.Education	
SB 241WatsonRelating to the transportation allotment provided under the Foundation School Program.Education	
SB 242WatsonRelating to a transportation allotment credit for school districts required to take action to reduce wealth per student.Education	
SB 243WatsonRelating to the cost of education adjustment.Education	
SB 244 Watson	

Relating to the elimination of the cost of education adjustment under the Foundation School Program. Education

SB 245 Watson Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education. **Higher Education**

Watson

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SB 232 Schwertner

Relating to exempting textbooks purchased, used, or consumed by university and college students from the sales and use tax for limited periods.

Finance

SB 233 Schwertner/ et al.

Relating to limitations on increases in fees and designated tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.

Zaffirini

Higher Education

SB 234

SB 250 Garcia/ Rodríguez Relating to the information on the supplementary birth certificate of an adopted child. **State Affairs** SB 251 Ellis Relating to eligibility to serve as an interpreter in an election. **State Affairs** SB 252 Ellis University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. **Higher Education SB 253** Ellis Relating to applications for permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain new or expanded facilities in certain low-income and minority communities. **Natural Resources & Economic Development SB 254** Ellis contributions and expenditures. **State Affairs SB 255** Ellis Relating to a limitation on the amount of tuition charged by public institutions of higher education. **Higher Education SB 256** Ellis Relating to creating an offense for the unlawful possession or transfer of a large-capacity magazine. **State Affairs** SB 257 Ellis Relating to the reporting of a lost or stolen firearm; providing criminal penalties. **State Affairs SB 258** Ellis Relating to the creation of certain offenses concerning firearm sales at gun shows. **State Affairs SB 259** Ellis

Relating to the allocation of the proceeds from taxes imposed on the sale, storage, or use of sporting goods.

Finance

SB 249 Campbell Relating to dedicating certain state revenue to the purpose of retiring state general obligation debt. Finance

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund a personalized cancer care building at The

Relating to the use of brokerage statements to meet certain requirements for reports of political

Relating to criminal history background checks in connection with firearm transfers; creating offenses. **State Affairs**

SB 260 Ellis

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

Ellis **SB 261**

Relating to the basic allotment and the equalized wealth level under the Foundation School Program. Education

SB 247 Relating to the equalized wealth level and the guaranteed yield under the public school finance system.

Education

SB 248

Watson

Estes

SB 263 Ellis Relating to injury and occupational disease reporting requirements for employers who do not obtain or otherwise provide workers' compensation insurance coverage; providing an administrative violation. **Business & Commerce SB 264** Ellis Relating to group health benefits coverage for dependents of persons wrongfully imprisoned. Ellis Seliger Perrv Watson Watson Watson/Zaffirini Ellis Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs. **Higher Education** Hancock Relating to making a voluntary contribution to the Special Olympics Texas fund when registering a motor vehicle or renewing a motor vehicle registration. **SB 273** Campbell/ et al.

Relating to certain offenses relating to carrying concealed handguns on property owned or leased by a governmental entity; providing a civil penalty.

State Affairs

SB 274 West Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for county officials. **Transportation**

SB 275 Nichols

Relating to registration powers of volunteer deputy registrars. **State Affairs**

SB 262 Ellis

Relating to requirements for employers who do not obtain workers' compensation insurance coverage under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act; providing an administrative violation. **Business & Commerce**

State Affairs

SB 265 Relating to student use of sunscreen products in public schools. Education

SB 266 Relating to the first day of instruction of a school year for public school students. Education

SB 267

Relating to the regulation by a municipality or county of the rental or leasing of housing accommodations.

Business & Commerce

SB 268

Relating to the duties of a magistrate to inform an arrested person of consequences of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations-S/C Border Security

SB 269

Relating to comprehensive development agreements of the Texas Department of Transportation. **Transportation**

SB 270

Relating to toll rates for certain vehicles traveling on State Highway 130. **Transportation**

SB 271

SB 272

Transportation

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education and Research Center at Stephen F. Austin State University. **Higher Education**

SB 276 Campbell

Relating to state savings and government efficiency achieved through a taxpayer savings grant program administered by the comptroller of public accounts. **Education**

SB 277

Schwertner

Relating to the abolition of certain health-related task forces, work groups, advisory councils, and advisory committees.

Health & Human Services

SB 278 Watson

Relating to an increase in the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district and the increase of the exemption amount in subsequent years to reflect inflation, a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the homestead of a disabled or elderly person to reflect the increased exemption amounts, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue. **Finance**

SB 279

Watson

Relating to the authority of the governing body of a taxing unit other than a school district to adopt an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, of the appraised value of an individual's residence homestead.

Finance

SB 280 Watson

Relating to ad valorem tax protests and appeals on the ground of the unequal appraisal of property. **Finance**

SB 281

Watson

Relating to the information required to be included in an affidavit submitted by a property owner who elects to offer evidence or argument by affidavit in an appraisal review board hearing on certain protests. **Finance**

SB 282 Watson

Relating to the period for which certain property acquired by a charitable organization to provide lowincome housing may be exempted from ad valorem taxation. **Finance**

SB 283WestRelating to requirements for the nonjudicial foreclosure of certain residential mortgage liens.Business & Commerce

SB 284

West

Relating to service of citation in connection with an application for an expedited court order allowing the foreclosure of a contract lien.

State Affairs

SB 285 West Relating to court jurisdiction and procedures for truancy. Criminal Justice

SB 286WestRelating to additional primary election ballot information for judicial candidates.State Affairs

SB 287WestRelating to the elimination of certain court fees and costs.State Affairs

SB 288

Estes

Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 16 in Young County as the Texas Game Warden Joseph Marshall Evans Memorial Highway. **Transportation**

SB 289

SB 289EstesRelating to the licensure or certification of volunteer firefighters and members of industrial emergency
response teams.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 290

Zaffirini

Relating to the recording of a proceeding in a municipal court in San Antonio. **State Affairs**

SB 291 Nelson

Relating to the jurisdiction of certain county criminal courts in Tarrant County. **State Affairs**

SB 292 Nelson

Relating to a request for a waiver of the waiting period before human remains may be cremated. **Health & Human Services**

SB 293

Nelson

Relating to a clarification of the law governing eligibility of National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing events for funding under the Major Events trust fund. **Natural Resources & Economic Development**

SB 294 West

Relating to the coordination of educational support services for and information regarding students who are currently or were formerly placed in foster care.

Health & Human Services

SB 295 Schwertner

Relating to tracking career information for graduates of Texas medical schools and persons completing medical residency programs in Texas.

Higher Education

SB 296 Taylor, Van

Relating to the first day of the school year for public schools. **Education**

SB 297

Watson

Relating to health education curriculum and instruction in public schools. **Education**

SB 298

Watson

Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of public school students. **Education**

SB 299 Watson

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

Education

SB 300

Watson

Relating to notice to parents of public school students regarding human sexuality instruction. **Education**