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EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, FIRST CALLED SESSION

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## PROCEEDINGS

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SECOND DAY — TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023

The house met at 1:41 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 2).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen; Allison; Anchia; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Darby; Davis; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Flores; Frank; Frazier; Gámez; Garcia; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris, C.E.; Harris, C.J.; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jetton; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo-Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morrison; Muñoz; Murr; Neave Criado; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Ortega; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Plesa; Price; Ramos; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rogers; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schaefer; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Sherman; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Spiller; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thierry; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Vo; Walle; Wilson; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Lopez, R.; Smithee; Wu.

Absent — Herrero.

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business in the district:

R. Lopez on motion of Garcia.

Smithee on motion of Darby.

On motion of Representative Metcalf and by unanimous consent, all members who were granted leaves of absence on the previous legislative day were granted leaves for this legislative day.

**MOTION IN WRITING**

Representative Geren offered the following motion in writing:

Mr. Speaker:

I move to suspend all necessary rules to set the following measures as special orders for today at 4:00 p.m. to be considered in the following order: **HB 1, HJR 1, HB 2.**

Geren

The motion was read and, by unanimous consent, prevailed.

**RECESS**

Representative Geren moved that the house recess until 4 p.m. today.

The motion prevailed.

The house accordingly, at 1:43 p.m., recessed until 4 p.m. today.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

The house met at 5:03 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today and the remainder of the week because of important business in the district:

Anchía on motion of Zwiener.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY**

REPRESENTATIVE GEREN: I just heard the senate messenger read the captions of the two senate measures passed by the senate today, and I think I heard that these measures contain provisions relating to resident homestead exemption. Is that subject matter germane to the governor's call?

SPEAKER PHELAN: The governor's call is expressly limited to cutting property taxes solely by reducing the school district maximum compressed tax rate. **SB 1** and **SJR 1** are not germane to the governor's call.

GEREN: What are the next steps in the house for **SB 1** and **SJR 1**?

SPEAKER: Pursuant to the explanatory note on pages 177 and 178 of the House Rules Manual and the practice followed during the called sessions of the 87th Legislature, the house will strictly follow the provisions of the Constitution, under which the speaker reviews all bills filed with the chief clerk or coming from the senate to determine the subject matter has been submitted by the governor and admits to first reading only those measures that are covered. **SB 1** and **SJR 1**, therefore, will not be referred to a house committee.

**REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED**

Representative Geren moved to print remarks between the chair and Representative Geren.

The motion prevailed.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Herrero on motion of Martinez Fischer.

**HB 1 ON SECOND READING**

(by Meyer, Burrows, Bonnen, Thierry, Raymond, et al.)

**HB 1**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and additional state aid for certain school districts impacted by compression.

**HB 1** was set as a special order earlier today for 4 p.m.

**HB 1** was read second time.

**Amendment No. 1**

Representative Meyer offered the following amendment to **HB 1**:

Amend **HB 1** (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 2, line 22, strike "A" and substitute "(a) For the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, a".

(2) On page 3, line 3, strike ".B." and substitute "**HB 1**".

(3) On page 3, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

(b) This section expires September 1, 2026.

(4) On page 3, strike lines 15 and 16 and substitute the following:

(2) the tax rate described by Subdivision (1), less:

(A) \$0.162; or

(B) if the district is subject to Section 48.2555(b), Education Code, the amount of the tax reduction received by the district determined by the commissioner under that section.

Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

**HB 1**, as amended, was passed to engrossment.

**HJR 1 ON SECOND READING**

(by Meyer, Burrows, Bonnen, Thierry, Raymond, et al.)

**HJR 1**, A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment excepting certain appropriations to pay for school district ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations.

**HJR 1** was set as a special order earlier today for 4 p.m.

**HJR 1** was read second time and was adopted by (Record 3): 143 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen; Allison; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Darby; Davis; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Flores; Frank; Frazier; Gámez; Garcia; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris, C.E.; Harris, C.J.; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jetton; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo-Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morrison; Muñoz; Murr; Neave Criado; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Ortega; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Plesa; Price; Ramos; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rogers; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schaefer; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Sherman; Slawson; Smith; Spiller; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thierry; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Vo; Walle; Wilson; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Herrero; Lopez, R.; Smithee; Wu.

Absent — Shine.

#### STATEMENTS OF VOTE

When Record No. 3 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Ramos

When Record No. 3 was taken, my vote failed to register. I would have voted yes.

Shine

#### REASON FOR VOTE

Representative Meza submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

I voted aye on **HJR 1** to provide property tax relief to my constituents and because it provides a sunset date so that the legislature may revisit it at a future time. Furthermore, I take this vote with the understanding that we will be back in Austin again soon to pass legislation to use our historic surplus to increase the basic allotment and provide raises to our Texas teachers.

#### HB 2 ON SECOND READING

(by Guillen, Raymond, Muñoz, Lozano, J. Lopez, et al.)

**HB 2**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the punishment for certain criminal conduct involving the smuggling of persons or the operation of a stash house; increasing criminal penalties.

**HB 2** was set as a special order earlier today for 4 p.m.

**HB 2** was read second time.

### **Amendment No. 1**

Representative Guillen offered the following amendment to **HB 2**:

Amend **HB 2** (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 5, line 19, strike "Subsection (b-1)" and substitute "Subsections (b-1) and (b-2)".

(2) On page 5, line 21, strike "Subsection (b-1)" and substitute "Subsections (b-1) and (b-2)".

(3) On page 7, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

(b-2) At the punishment stage of a trial of an offense under this section, other than an offense punishable under Subsection (b)(1)(A) or (b)(2), the actor may raise the issue as to whether the actor is related to the smuggled individual in the third or fourth degree of consanguinity or, at the time of the offense, in the third or fourth degree of affinity. If the actor proves the issue in the affirmative by a preponderance of the evidence, the offense is a felony of the third degree with a minimum term of imprisonment of five years.

Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

**HB 2**, as amended, was passed to engrossment.

### **MOTION IN WRITING RULES SUSPENDED**

Representative Meyer offered the following motion in writing:

Mr. Speaker:

I move to suspend the constitutional and house rules requiring bills to be read on three several days and place **HB 1** and **HB 2** on their third reading and final passage.

Meyer

The motion in writing was read and prevailed by (Record 4): 143 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allen; Allison; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Darby; Davis; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Flores; Frank; Frazier; Gámez; García; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris, C.E.; Harris, C.J.; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jetton; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo-Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morrison; Muñoz; Murr; Neave Criado; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Ortega; Patterson; Paul; Perez;

Plesa; Price; Ramos; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rogers; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schaefer; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Sherman; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Spiller; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thierry; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Vo; Walle; Wilson; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Herrero; Lopez, R.; Smithee; Wu.

### **HB 1 ON THIRD READING**

**(by Meyer, Burrows, Bonnen, Thierry, Raymond, et al.)**

The chair laid before the house, on its third reading and final passage,

**HB 1**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to a reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and additional state aid for certain school districts impacted by compression.

**HB 1** was read third time and was passed by (Record 5): 144 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen; Allison; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Darby; Davis; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Flores; Frank; Frazier; Gámez; Garcia; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris, C.E.; Harris, C.J.; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jetton; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo-Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morrison; Muñoz; Murr; Neave Criado; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Ortega; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Plesa; Price; Ramos; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rogers; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schaefer; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Sherman; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Spiller; Stucky; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thierry; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Vo; Walle; Wilson; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Herrero; Lopez, R.; Smithee; Wu.

### **STATEMENT OF VOTE**

When Record No. 5 was taken, I was shown voting yes. I intended to vote no.

Ramos

## REASONS FOR VOTE

Representative Bryant submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

I voted for **HB 1**, the school property tax compression bill, because procedurally it became the only option available in this special session to provide taxpayers with significant property tax relief. But it is not the best way to do it and I will vote for a better option at the first opportunity.

The bill compresses (forces down) local school property taxes and replaces the resulting loss in revenue with revenue from the state, which comes mostly from state sales taxes. But sales tax revenue can decrease with fluctuations in the economy, while the funding needed for public schools does not decrease; yet no mechanism is provided in **HB 1** to maintain public school funding when sales tax revenue declines. When there was a decline in 2011, the legislature reduced public school funding by \$5 billion. Since Texas is already 44th in the nation (NEA Research Rankings and Estimates Report, Table C-4, 2020-21 School Year) in the state contribution to public education we can't afford to let this happen again.

Additionally, obtaining relief only through property tax compression doesn't remove the inequity in present laws: property tax rates decrease more quickly in school districts with high property value growth than in districts with lower property value growth. Further, owners of the most expensive properties will receive the most dollars at the expense of helping average Texas homeowners afford to stay in their homes. And because of prior law, compression also provides the biggest percentage reductions to those who already pay the lowest tax rates.

Additionally, property tax compression provides no relief to the 38 percent of Texas householders who rent their homes or to those who rent their place of business, unless the landlord decides to reduce the rent, which is not likely.

The right way to reduce property taxes is to dramatically and permanently increase the state's contribution to public education and to simultaneously provide additional state funding to replace local revenue lost by compressing local school tax rates. This should be accompanied by increasing homestead exemptions to make sure people get the lion's share of the savings rather than corporations. And the state should provide a proportional rebate to renters so they will also share in the property tax reductions.

Bryant, Allen, Bowers, J. González, Hinojosa, J.D. Johnson, J.E. Johnson, V. Jones, Lalani, R. Lopez, Manuel, Martinez Fischer, Meza, C. Morales, Morales Shaw, Plesa, Rosenthal, and Turner

Representative Meza submitted the following reason for vote to be printed in the journal:

I voted aye on **HB 1** to provide property tax relief to my constituents and because it provides a sunset date so that the legislature may revisit it at a future time. Furthermore, I take this vote with the understanding that we will be back in Austin again soon to pass legislation to use our historic surplus to increase the basic allotment and provide raises to our Texas teachers.

**HB 2 ON THIRD READING****(by Guillen, Raymond, Muñoz, Lozano, J. Lopez, et al.)**

The chair laid before the house, on its third reading and final passage,

**HB 2**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the punishment for certain criminal conduct involving the smuggling of persons or the operation of a stash house; increasing criminal penalties.

**HB 2** was read third time and was passed by (Record 6): 90 Yeas, 53 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Allison; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bonnen; Buckley; Bumgarner; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Capriglione; Clardy; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Darby; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Frank; Frazier; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Goldman; Guillen; Harless; Harris, C.E.; Harris, C.J.; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Holland; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jetton; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo-Wilson; Lopez, J.; Lozano; Lujan; Martinez; Metcalf; Meyer; Morales, E.; Morrison; Muñoz; Murr; Noble; Oliverson; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Price; Raney; Raymond; Rogers; Schaefer; Schatzline; Schofield; Shaheen; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Spiller; Stucky; Swanson; Tepper; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; VanDeaver; Vasut; Walle; Wilson.

Nays — Allen; Bernal; Bhojani; Bowers; Bryant; Bucy; Campos; Canales; Cole; Collier; Davis; Dutton; Flores; Gámez; Garcia; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Howard; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Lalani; Longoria; Manuel; Martinez Fischer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales Shaw; Neave Criado; Ordaz; Ortega; Perez; Plesa; Ramos; Reynolds; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Sherman; Talarico; Thierry; Thompson, S.; Turner; Vo; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Herrero; Lopez, R.; Smithee; Wu.

**STATEMENT OF VOTE**

When Record No. 6 was taken, I was shown voting no. I intended to vote yes.

Longoria

**HCR 3 - ADOPTED****(by Geren)**

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HCR 3**

RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the First Called Session of the 88th Legislature is authorized to adjourn sine die May 30, 2023, pending the receipt of messages, the signing of bills and resolutions, and the completion of administrative tasks.

**HCR 3** was adopted by (Record 7): 140 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present, not voting.



Yeas — Allen; Allison; Anderson; Ashby; Bailes; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Burns; Burrows; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Clardy; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Darby; Davis; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Flores; Frank; Frazier; Gámez; Garcia; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; Goldman; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris, C.E.; Harris, C.J.; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hinojosa; Holland; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Jetton; Johnson, A.; Johnson, J.D.; Johnson, J.E.; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kacal; King, K.; King, T.; Kitzman; Klick; Kuempel; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo-Wilson; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lozano; Lujan; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morrison; Muñoz; Murr; Neave Criado; Noble; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Ortega; Patterson; Paul; Perez; Plesa; Price; Ramos; Raney; Raymond; Reynolds; Rogers; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schaefer; Schatzline; Shaheen; Sherman; Shine; Slawson; Smith; Spiller; Stucky; Talarico; Tepper; Thierry; Thimesch; Thompson, E.; Thompson, S.; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Vo; Walle; Wilson; Zwiener.

Present, not voting — Mr. Speaker(C).

Absent, Excused — Anchía; Herrero; Lopez, R.; Smithee; Wu.

Absent — Harrison; Schofield; Swanson.

### **PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE**

At 6:25 p.m., pursuant to **HCR 3**, Representative Geren moved that, at the conclusion of the receipt of messages, the signing of bills and resolutions, and the completion of administrative tasks, the house stand adjourned sine die.

The motion prevailed, and the speaker announced that the house stands adjourned sine die, pending the receipt of messages, the signing of bills and resolutions, and the completion of administrative tasks.

### **Wednesday, June 7**

(Leach in the chair)

The chair called the house to order at 3:42 p.m. Wednesday, June 7.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 2).

### **HOUSE AT EASE**

At 3:44 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, the chair announced that the house would stand at ease pending the receipt of messages, the signing of bills and resolutions, and the completion of administrative tasks.

### **Tuesday, June 27**

(A. Johnson in the chair)

The chair called the house to order at 1:31 p.m. Tuesday, June 27.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 3).

**ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE**

In accordance with a previous motion, the chair, at 1:32 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, pronounced the House of Representatives of the First Called Session of the Eighty-Eighth Legislature adjourned sine die.

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**ADDENDUM**

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**Tuesday, June 12****PROCLAMATION BY THE SPEAKER  
CREATION OF HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND ENRICHMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 16(b), Rules of the House of Representatives, I, Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby create the House Select Committee on Educational Opportunity and Enrichment.

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND JURISDICTION.**

The committee is created to consider issues and matters that broadly affect educational opportunities for K-12 students in Texas and make recommendations for:

- (1) Ensuring all Texas youths enjoy equal educational opportunity and the freedom to obtain a quality education, regardless of circumstance;
- (2) Improving outcomes for Texas public school students and meaningfully supporting educators and educational institutions; and
- (3) Modernizing assessment and accountability measures for Texas schools educating K-12 students.

**SECTION 2. REPORTING.**

The committee shall submit an initial report, no later than August 11, 2023, in the same manner as an interim study committee under Rule 4, Section 61, Rules of the House of Representatives. The initial report shall include, but is not limited to, identification of the current menu of choices available to K-12 students in Texas and highlighting of options for providing additional educational opportunities to K-12 students. As necessary, the committee may submit additional reports in the same manner.

**SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP, AUTHORITY, AND DURATION.**

The committee shall have 15 members and shall have the same authority and duties conferred on standing committees under the Rules of the House of Representatives. The committee expires on the date the 89th Legislature convenes.

The following members are hereby appointed to the House Select Committee on Educational Opportunity and Enrichment:

Brad Buckley, Chair  
Barbara Gervin-Hawkins, Vice-chair  
Trent Ashby  
Keith Bell  
Harold Dutton  
James Frank  
Cody Harris  
Cole Hefner  
Gina Hinojosa  
Ken King  
Oscar Longoria  
Will Metcalf  
Matt Shaheen  
James Talarico  
Gary VanDeaver

/s/Dade Phelan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

**Tuesday, June 20**

**PROCLAMATION BY THE SPEAKER  
CREATION OF HOUSE SELECT STUDY COMMITTEE ON  
SUSTAINABLE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 17, and Rule 4, Sections 57 and 58, Rules of the House of Representatives, I, Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby create the House Select Study Committee On Sustainable Property Tax Relief.

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND JURISDICTION.**

The committee is created to consider issues and matters that broadly affect property taxes and make recommendations for sustainable property tax relief for Texas property owners. The committee shall examine all elements of state policy that influence the property tax burden on Texas property owners. Specifically, the committee shall:

- (1) Evaluate the dynamic effects of tax rate compression, limits on taxable value, and homestead exemption increases to maximize savings to property owners;
- (2) Study the viability and sustainability of eliminating maintenance and operations taxes by 2035;
- (3) Examine historical rates of appraisal increases and recommend methods to reduce the tax burden of appraisal increases on all real property; and
- (4) Examine the long-term value of homestead exemptions to Texas homeowners in conjunction with the impact of appraisal increases.

**SECTION 2. REPORTING.**

The committee shall submit a final report under Rule 4, Section 61, Rules of the House of Representatives.

**SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP, AUTHORITY, AND DURATION.**

The committee shall have 16 members and shall have the same authority and duties conferred on standing committees under the Rules of the House of Representatives. The committee expires on the date the 89th Legislature convenes.

The following members are hereby appointed to the House Select Study Committee On Sustainable Property Tax Relief:

Representative Morgan Meyer, Chair  
 Representative Shawn Thierry, Vice-chair  
 Representative Steve Allison  
 Representative Dustin Burrows  
 Representative Mano DeAyala  
 Representative Donna Howard  
 Representative Janie Lopez  
 Representative Candy Noble  
 Representative Richard Peña Raymond  
 Representative Hugh Shine  
 Representative Ellen Troxclair  
 Representative Chris Turner  
 Representatative Armando Walle  
 Cheryl E. Johnson, Public Member  
 Don "Skeeter" Miller, Public Member  
 Brad Livingston, Public Member

/s/Dade Phelan

Speaker of the House of Representatives

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

**Message No. 1**

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE  
 SENATE CHAMBER  
 Austin, Texas  
 Tuesday, May 30, 2023

The Honorable Speaker of the House  
 House Chamber  
 Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

**SB 1**

Bettencourt

Relating to a reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and additional state aid for certain school districts impacted by compression, an increase in the amount of certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads, an adjustment in the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in the exemption amounts, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue.

**SJR 1**

Bettencourt

Proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads, to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts, and to except certain appropriations to pay for school district ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

**Message No. 2**

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE  
SENATE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 - 1

The Honorable Speaker of the House  
House Chamber  
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

**HB 2**

Guillen

SPONSOR: Flores

Relating to the punishment for certain criminal conduct involving the smuggling of persons or the operation of a stash house; increasing criminal penalties.  
(Committee Substitute/Amended)

**SB 2**

Birdwell

Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of improper entry from a foreign nation.

**SB 8**

Birdwell

Relating to measures to address public safety threats in this state presented by transnational criminal activity, including by establishing a Texas Border Force and making funds available to certain governmental entities.

Respectfully,  
Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

**Message No. 3**

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE  
SENATE CHAMBER  
Austin, Texas  
Tuesday, June 27, 2023 - 1

The Honorable Speaker of the House  
House Chamber  
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

**SB 26** Bettencourt

Relating to providing property tax relief through the public school finance system, exemptions, and limitations on taxes and providing franchise tax relief.

**SJR 2** Bettencourt

Proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads, to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts, and to except certain appropriations to pay for school district ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations.

Respectfully,  
Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

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**APPENDIX**

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**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

**May 30**

State Affairs - **HB 2**

Ways and Means - **HB 1, HJR 1**

**ENGROSSED**

**May 31 - HB 1, HB 2, HJR 1**

