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PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY — TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 39).

Present — Mr. Speaker(C); Alders; Allen; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Campos; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; García, J.; García, L.; García Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody; Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent — Martinez Fischer.

The invocation was offered by Francis Onyekozuru, pastor, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Odessa.

The chair recognized Representative Barry who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The chair presented Dr. Chelsea Mendonca of Houston as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Mendonca and thanked them for their participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED

On motion of Representative Geren and by unanimous consent, the reading and referral of bills was postponed until just prior to adjournment.

COMMITTEES GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Hunter moved that the house grant permission for all committees and subcommittees to meet while the house is in session, pursuant to their committee postings or recess motions. For purposes of this motion, committees and subcommittees scheduled to meet or reconvene today upon final adjournment or recess or during bill referral if permission is granted are authorized to convene upon adoption by the house of today's adjournment motion.

Permission to meet was granted.

HR 14 - PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED

(by Raymond)

The chair laid out the following previously adopted resolution:

HR 14, In memory of Judge Morris L. Overstreet.

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).

HR 585 - ADOPTED

(by Tinderholt, Turner, and Cook)

Representative Tinderholt moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 585**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 585, Congratulating the Texas Rangers for winning a Major League Baseball World Series Championship in 2023.

HR 585 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Plesa, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 585** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Tinderholt who introduced representatives of the Texas Rangers.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Buckley who introduced a delegation from Micronesia.

HR 526 - ADOPTED
(by Louderback)

Representative Louderback moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 526**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 526, Recognizing March 18, 2025, as Matagorda County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 526 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Vasut, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 526** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Louderback who introduced a delegation from Matagorda County.

(Speaker pro tempore in the chair)

HR 403 - PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED
(by Bhojani, Noble, Plesa, Villalobos, and Meza)

The chair laid out the following previously adopted resolution:

HR 403, Commemorating DiscoverSTEM Innovation Day at the State Capitol on March 18, 2025.

(Martinez Fischer now present)

HR 562 - ADOPTED
(by Ward Johnson)

Representative Ward Johnson moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 562**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 562, Recognizing March 18, 2025, as National Pan-Hellenic Council Day at the Texas State Capitol.

HR 562 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Bowers, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 562** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Ward Johnson who introduced representatives of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

HR 520 - ADOPTED
(by A. Davis)

Representative A. Davis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 520**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 520, Recognizing March 18, 2025, as Blue and White Day at the State Capitol.

HR 520 was adopted.

HR 519 - ADOPTED
(by Reynolds)

Representative Reynolds moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 519**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 519, Recognizing March 18, 2025, as Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Day at the State Capitol.

HR 519 was adopted.

HR 442 - ADOPTED
(by Simmons)

Representative Simmons moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 442**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 442, Recognizing March 18, 2025, as Omega Psi Phi Day at the State Capitol.

HR 442 was adopted.

On motion of Representative Rose, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 442** as signers thereof.

HR 77 - PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED
(by Harris)

The chair laid out the following previously adopted resolution:

HR 77, Recognizing March 18, 2025, as Navarro County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 340 - PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED
(by Buckley)

The chair laid out the following previously adopted resolution:

HR 340, Honoring the Bartlett High School FCCLA LifeSmarts team on its achievements at the LifeSmarts State and National Championship competitions.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Criminal Jurisprudence, scheduled to meet upon adjournment or during bill referral today, will convene 40 minutes after adoption of today's adjournment motion in the posted location.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

At 11:35 a.m., Representative Slawson moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

(McQueeney in the chair)

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 11:56 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

List No. 1

HB 2601 (By Holt), Relating to certain disqualifications from operating a commercial motor vehicle.

To Transportation.

HB 2602 (By Holt), Relating to the permitting and inspection of mobile food units.

To Public Health.

HB 2603 (By Campos), Relating to the provision of assistance to elderly persons in obtaining certain protective orders.

To Human Services.

HB 2604 (By Simmons), Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain individuals under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

To Appropriations.

HB 2605 (By Gerdes), Relating to water losses reported by certain municipally owned utilities to the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing administrative penalties.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2606 (By Bryant), Relating to the unlawful acquisition, purchase, and transfer of certain weapons; creating a criminal offense; increasing a criminal penalty.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 2607 (By Wharton), Relating to the terms of the members of the board of hospital managers and leasing authority of the Walker County Hospital District.

To s/c County and Regional Government (Intergovernmental Affairs).

HB 2608 (By Zwiener), Relating to the consideration by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of alternative waste collection, treatment, and disposal options before issuing permits to discharge certain waste.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2609 (By Bernal), Relating to prohibiting the denial of a driver's license renewal for failure to appear in court, failure to pay a fine or cost, or failure to satisfy a judgment.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 2610 (By Rosenthal), Relating to Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for certain cancer-related treatments or items.

To s/c Disease Prevention and Women's and Children's Health (Public Health).

HB 2611 (By Raymond), Relating to an increase in the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district and the protection of school districts against certain losses in local revenue.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2612 (By Zwiener), Relating to the establishment and functions of the Texas Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Policy Council.

To Energy Resources.

HB 2613 (By Harris Davila), Relating to liability of a water park entity for injuries arising from certain activities.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2614 (By Zwiener), Relating to the regulation of motor vehicle booting.
To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2615 (By Harris), Relating to publication of public improvement district service plans and assessments on certain public Internet websites.
To Intergovernmental Affairs.

HB 2616 (By Oliverson), Relating to the use of certain compensation arrangements in contracts between certain health benefit plan issuers for the provision of health care services to insureds and enrollees.
To Insurance.

HB 2617 (By Anchía), Relating to the procedures for the expunction of arrest records and files for persons who complete certain court programs or pretrial intervention programs.
To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2618 (By Anchía), Relating to the development of a severe weather adaptation plan by certain entities.
To State Affairs.

HB 2619 (By Anchía), Relating to electronic voter registration.
To Elections.

HB 2620 (By VanDeaver), Relating to the inclusion of certain sources of water supply in regional water plans.
To Natural Resources.

HB 2621 (By Meyer), Relating to the recording and archiving of live video feed by the Texas Department of Transportation.
To Transportation.

HB 2622 (By Metcalf), Relating to the transport of female patients to a mental health facility or residential care facility.
To Public Health.

HB 2623 (By Metcalf), Relating to students enrolled in public schools subject to in-school or out-of-school suspension.
To Public Education.

HB 2624 (By Gervin-Hawkins), Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain legal paraprofessionals; requiring an occupational license; imposing fees.
To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2625 (By DeAyala), Relating to prohibited local regulations regarding certain late-night and overnight deliveries to food service establishments.
To State Affairs.

HB 2626 (By Buckley, Hickland, Curry, and Spiller), Relating to creating the Central Texas Water Alliance; providing authority to issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain; providing authority to impose fees.
To Natural Resources.

HB 2627 (By Garcia Hernandez), Relating to the development and implementation of the Live Well Texas program and the expansion of Medicaid eligibility to provide health benefit coverage to certain individuals; imposing penalties.

To s/c Disease Prevention and Women's and Children's Health (Public Health).

HB 2628 (By Leo Wilson), Relating to the purchase of or acquisition of title to real property by foreign organizations.

To State Affairs.

HB 2629 (By Rodríguez Ramos), Relating to requiring a person convicted of an offense involving family violence or a person who is the subject of a protective order to surrender firearms owned by the person; authorizing a fee.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 2630 (By Harris Davila), Relating to declarant control of certain property owners' associations.

To Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development.

HB 2631 (By Harris Davila), Relating to prohibited facility fees for telehealth and telemedicine medical services; providing an administrative penalty.

To Public Health.

HB 2632 (By Campos), Relating to the definition of child neglect and to the appointment of the Department of Family and Protective Services and a child's parent or legal guardian as joint managing conservators of the child.

To Human Services.

HB 2633 (By Rodríguez Ramos), Relating to the provision of services by nonphysician mental health professionals at school districts.

To Public Education.

HB 2634 (By Campos), Relating to policies and procedures regarding certain young adults in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To Human Services.

HB 2635 (By Campos), Relating to county and municipal regulation of automated external defibrillators.

To Intergovernmental Affairs.

HB 2636 (By Longoria), Relating to designating October 6 as Hispanic Registered Dietician Day.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 2637 (By DeAyala), Relating to the practice and procedures for summoning prospective grand jurors and petit jurors and the exemption of certain persons from grand jury and petit jury service; authorizing a fee.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2638 (By Shofner), Relating to the designation of Farm-to-Market Road 10 in Panola County as the Deputy Sheriff Chris Dickerson Memorial Highway.
To Transportation.

HB 2639 (By Lalani), Relating to preauthorization determinations conducted by physicians of the same specialty as the requesting physician or health care provider.
To Insurance.

HB 2640 (By Lalani), Relating to medical director certification and training requirements at certain nursing facilities.
To Human Services.

HB 2641 (By Lalani), Relating to health benefit plan preauthorization requirements for physicians and providers providing certain health care services.
To Insurance.

HB 2642 (By Dutton), Relating to the persons entitled to request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.
To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2643 (By Dutton), Relating to the application of child support guidelines to net resources in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.
To s/c Family and Fiduciary Relationships (Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence).

HB 2644 (By Dutton), Relating to the amount of a fine and costs discharged by a defendant while confined in jail or engaged in labor.
To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2645 (By Dutton), Relating to a suit for possession of or access to a child by a grandparent.
To s/c Family and Fiduciary Relationships (Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence).

HB 2646 (By Dutton), Relating to the establishment of the private child care task force.
To Human Services.

HB 2647 (By Dutton), Relating to the establishment of the inmate legal services office and to the appointment and compensation of certain legal counsel for certain indigent inmates and other persons in secure correctional facilities.
To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2648 (By Dutton), Relating to the use of deadly force to make an arrest.
To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 2649 (By Dutton), Relating to the extent of a defendant's criminal responsibility for the conduct of a coconspirator in a capital murder case.
To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2650 (By Bhojani), Relating to the reporting of certain orders and convictions to the Department of Public Safety and Federal Bureau of Investigation for use with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for the transfer of firearms.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 2651 (By Plesa), Relating to an exemption from abortion restrictions for unemancipated minors and the repeal of provisions regarding notice and consent to those abortions.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2652 (By Ordaz), Relating to establishing a certified caregiver pilot program in the Borderplex workforce development area.

To s/c Workforce (Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development).

HB 2653 (By Bhojani), Relating to the prohibited performance of certain procedures affecting cat claw functioning; providing a civil penalty.

To Public Health.

HB 2654 (By Bhojani), Relating to the establishment of the Texas Promise Grant Program for certain students at two-year public institutions of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 2655 (By Oliverson), Relating to operation by certain nonprofit organizations of certain regional health care programs for employees of small employers.

To s/c County and Regional Government (Intergovernmental Affairs).

HB 2656 (By Virdell), Relating to motor vehicle stops by a peace officer operating an unmarked law enforcement motor vehicle.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 2657 (By Hopper, Little, Money, Schatzline, and Luther), Relating to the abolition of the Texas Education Agency and elimination of the position of commissioner of education, the transfer of powers and duties to the State Board of Education and the comptroller of public accounts, and the elimination of public school accountability and assessment systems.

To Public Education.

HB 2658 (By Virdell), Relating to the Kimble County Hospital District of Kimble County, Texas.

To s/c County and Regional Government (Intergovernmental Affairs).

HB 2659 (By Lalani), Relating to certain mammography reports providing required breast density information.

To s/c Disease Prevention and Women's and Children's Health (Public Health).

HB 2660 (By McLaughlin), Relating to the requirement to obtain certification and continuing education for certain public information officers.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 2661 (By McLaughlin), Relating to the jurisdiction and operation of the County Court at Law in Atascosa County.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2662 (By A. Davis), Relating to the issuance of a warrant authorizing the use of a no-knock entry by a peace officer.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2663 (By Darby), Relating to the affirmation required to be made by an operator as part of an application to the Railroad Commission of Texas for an extension of the deadline for plugging an inactive well; providing for the imposition of a penalty.

To Energy Resources.

HB 2664 (By Bowers), Relating to the task force on racial diversity in the nursing workforce.

To Public Health.

HB 2665 (By VanDeaver), Relating to notification and disclosure of records and information concerning an investigation of a report of child abuse or neglect to county or district attorneys.

To Human Services.

HB 2666 (By Virdell), Relating to the punishment for the offense of arson involving a government building.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2667 (By King), Relating to the regulation of referral agencies for senior living communities.

To Human Services.

HB 2668 (By Reynolds), Relating to a study conducted by the Commission on Jail Standards on the living conditions and safety of persons confined in the Harris County jail.

To s/c County and Regional Government (Intergovernmental Affairs).

HB 2669 (By Guerra), Relating to the establishment of a reporting and education program for the dangers of balloons to livestock.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 2670 (By Toth), Relating to the administration of an election for a member of a board of trustees of an independent school district.

To Public Education.

HB 2671 (By Toth), Relating to the date of an automatic election to approve the tax rate of a school district.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2672 (By Toth), Relating to a proposition to approve the issuance of bonds or other debt by a school district.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

HB 2673 (By Lujan), Relating to the repeal of certain provisions authorizing cemeteries in certain municipalities and counties.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 2674 (By Cook), Relating to prohibiting the regulation of homeschool programs.

To Public Education.

HB 2675 (By Cook), Relating to housing finance corporations.

To Intergovernmental Affairs.

HB 2676 (By Goodwin), Relating to abnormal skin growth education for certain occupational license holders and to the liability of those license holders and their employers for certain medical referrals.

To Public Health.

HB 2677 (By Thompson and Bucy), Relating to Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for the treatment of obesity and certain diabetes prevention program services.

To s/c Disease Prevention and Women's and Children's Health (Public Health).

HB 2678 (By Darby), Relating to the establishment of the Texas Advanced Nuclear Energy Authority and a Texas nuclear permitting officer.

To State Affairs.

HB 2679 (By Ordaz), Relating to closed meeting deliberation regarding defense and military issues.

To Delivery of Government Efficiency.

HB 2680 (By Lozano), Relating to the liability of a pilot performing pilot services on Matagorda and Lavaca Bays.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2681 (By Dutton), Relating to the penalty for certain offenders for possession of a small amount of certain controlled substances.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2682 (By Schatzline), Relating to the establishment of the Texas Adoption Assistance Program.

To Human Services.

HB 2683 (By Harrison), Relating to the regulation of mobile food vendors; requiring an occupational license; imposing fees; authorizing an administrative penalty.

To State Affairs.

HB 2684 (By Swanson), Relating to information regarding perinatal palliative care; creating an administrative penalty.

To Public Health.

HB 2685 (By Campos), Relating to an evaluation by the housing and health services coordination council of the 2-1-1 services provided by the Texas Information and Referral Network.

To Human Services.

HB 2686 (By Dean), Relating to the registration of frac tanks.

To Transportation.

HB 2687 (By Guillen), Relating to municipal zoning regulations and district boundaries.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 2688 (By Harless and M. Perez), Relating to the public retirement systems of certain municipalities.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

HB 2689 (By Guillen), Relating to the establishment of an intensive workforce readiness adult education pilot program.

To s/c Academic and Career-Oriented Education (Public Education).

HB 2690 (By Harrison), Relating to governmental restrictions on the right to earn a living.

To State Affairs.

HB 2691 (By Harrison), Relating to prohibitions on lobbyists making certain expenditures and gifts to public servants.

To State Affairs.

HB 2692 (By Guillen), Relating to the codification and clarification of local laws concerning the San Antonio River Authority.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2693 (By J. González), Relating to designating January 6 as Defenders of the United States Capitol Recognition Day.

To State Affairs.

HB 2694 (By Vasut), Relating to the election, terms, and resignation of the board of commissioners of the Brazoria Drainage District No. 4.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2695 (By Anchía), Relating to the use of a social media platform in furtherance of an offense involving the delivery of a controlled substance; increasing criminal penalties.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2696 (By Noble, Buckley, Leach, Spiller, and Raymond), Relating to the display of the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms.

To Public Education.

HB 2697 (By Anchía), Relating to certain procedures in connection with a bond forfeiture.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2698 (By Anchía), Relating to the representation of certain indigent applicants for a writ of habeas corpus.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2699 (By Guillen), Relating to an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit by City of Roma for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Starr County; authorizing a fee.

To Transportation.

HB 2700 (By Anchía), Relating to the definition of holster for purposes of certain criminal offenses.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 2701 (By Guillen), Relating to construction standards for certain recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 2702 (By Raymond), Relating to prohibiting certain limitations on the operation of certain organizations that benefit veterans during a declared state of disaster.

To State Affairs.

HB 2703 (By Raymond), Relating to designating July as American Patriotism Month.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 2704 (By Shofner), Relating to general definitions regarding biological sex and the designation and use of certain spaces according to biological sex; authorizing a civil right of action.

To State Affairs.

HB 2705 (By Zwiener), Relating to the protection of free speech rights at institutions of higher education, including the prosecution of the offenses of trespass, damage, and defacement at certain institutions of higher education, and criminal trespass.

To Higher Education.

HB 2706 (By Zwiener), Relating to the possession of property to be acquired by eminent domain during pending litigation in a condemnation proceeding.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 2707 (By Gervin-Hawkins), Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain legal paraprofessionals; requiring an occupational license; imposing fees.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2708 (By Allen), Relating to the eligibility of certain criminal defendants for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.

To Corrections.

HB 2709 (By Allen), Relating to the required minutes of service during each school day for a classroom teacher in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 2710 (By Little), Relating to affirmative defenses to prosecution for certain criminal offenses involving material or conduct that may be obscene or is otherwise harmful to children.

To State Affairs.

HB 2711 (By Vo, Barry, and Rodríguez Ramos), Relating to the establishment of a work group to conduct a study on the feasibility of implementing an acute psychiatric bed registry.

To Public Health.

HB 2712 (By Darby), Relating to test years used for ratemaking purposes by certain water and sewer utilities.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2713 (By Darby), Relating to the repeal of a municipal civil service system for firefighters and police officers in certain municipalities.

To Intergovernmental Affairs.

HB 2714 (By Anchía), Relating to the issuance and acceptance of a high school student identification card and certain other forms of identification as identification for voting.

To Elections.

HB 2715 (By Curry), Relating to the suspension and removal from office of certain elected officials of this state or a political subdivision of this state.

To State Affairs.

HB 2716 (By Curry), Relating to the consideration of a history of family violence, child neglect or abuse, or sexual offenses in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

To s/c Family and Fiduciary Relationships (Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence).

HB 2717 (By Anchía), Relating to equalizing compensation for certain wrongfully imprisoned persons.

To Appropriations.

HB 2718 (By Lozano), Relating to the allocation of money appropriated to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission for the purpose of making certain grants.

To s/c Defense and Veterans' Affairs (Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs).

HB 2719 (By Anchía), Relating to the name and governance of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

To Energy Resources.

HB 2720 (By Anchía), Relating to the adoption of the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

To State Affairs.

HB 2721 (By Toth), Relating to the installation and maintenance by the Texas Department of Transportation of highway signs for certain cultural attractions.

To Transportation.

HB 2722 (By Anchía), Relating to the denial of certain applications for a permit or other authorization under the Texas Clean Air Act on the basis of certain adverse impacts.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2723 (By Cunningham), Relating to the requirement that a person submit an application for an exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain property used for human burial.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2724 (By Cole), Relating to equitable operations policies for certain emergency homeless shelters.

To Intergovernmental Affairs.

HB 2725 (By Cole), Relating to discount programs provided by toll project entities for certain customers.

To s/c Transportation Funding (Transportation).

HB 2726 (By Bhojani), Relating to an argument before the jury after a subsequent jury charge in a criminal case.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2727 (By Anchía), Relating to the creation of certain criminal offenses concerning firearm sales at gun shows.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

HB 2728 (By Dutton), Relating to spoliation of evidence held for use in a criminal proceeding.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2729 (By Dutton), Relating to the admissibility of hearsay evidence in a hearing for a person charged with a violation of a condition of release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

To Corrections.

HB 2730 (By Darby), Relating to the authority of the chief appraiser of an appraisal district to require a person allowed an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead to file a new application or confirm the person's current qualification for the exemption.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2731 (By Muñoz), Relating to the regulation of roadside vendors and solicitors in certain counties.

To s/c County and Regional Government (Intergovernmental Affairs).

HB 2732 (By Curry), Relating to prohibiting school districts from providing student instruction on Veterans Day.

To Public Education.

HB 2733 (By Canales), Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offenses of prohibited barratry and solicitation of professional employment.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

HB 2734 (By Holt), Relating to public assistance program fraud; creating a criminal offense.

To Human Services.

HB 2735 (By Cunningham), Relating to a prohibition on e-cigarette advertising in certain locations.

To Public Health.

HB 2736 (By Cain), Relating to an election authorizing the issuance of bonds or an increase in taxes by a political subdivision.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

HB 2737 (By Kitzman), Relating to land development regulation of communities using manufactured homes and motor vehicles for long-term residences by certain counties.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 2738 (By Isaac), Relating to acceptable forms of identification for voting.

To Elections.

HB 2739 (By Isaac), Relating to requiring the address on certain identification documents presented by a voter match the address of the voter on the list of registered voters.

To Elections.

HB 2740 (By Martinez Fischer), Relating to a franchise tax credit for a taxable entity that provides paid parental leave to the entity's employees.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2741 (By Martinez Fischer), Relating to prohibiting the use of credit scoring in certain lines of personal insurance.

To Insurance.

HB 2742 (By Vasut), Relating to the split-payment of ad valorem taxes.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2743 (By Kerwin), Relating to the dedication of certain surplus state revenue for ad valorem tax relief.

To Appropriations.

HB 2744 (By Vasut), Relating to requiring state contractors, political subdivisions of this state, and private employers to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify; creating civil penalties.

To State Affairs.

HB 2745 (By King), Relating to plans for the management and inspection of distribution poles.

To State Affairs.

HB 2746 (By Campos), Relating to the establishment by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs of a pilot program to solicit donations made by text message for the benefit of local programs that provide services to homeless individuals and families in certain municipalities.

To Intergovernmental Affairs.

HB 2747 (By Frank), Relating to requiring certain health care entities to submit notice of material change transactions to the attorney general and the attorney general's authority to conduct certain related studies; imposing civil and administrative penalties.

To Public Health.

HB 2748 (By Goodwin), Relating to a pilot program to disburse payments to residential landlords when tenants terminate leases following family violence, certain sex offenses, or stalking.

To Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development.

HB 2749 (By Orr), Relating to the authority of certain counties to restrict sex offenders from child safety zones in certain portions of the unincorporated area of the county; creating a criminal offense.

To s/c County and Regional Government (Intergovernmental Affairs).

HB 2750 (By Harris), Relating to use of a pharmacy benefit manager in which a health benefit plan issuer has a financial interest.

To Insurance.

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, March 18, 2025

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 263 Perry

Relating to the computation of the cost of goods sold by television and radio broadcasters for purposes of the franchise tax.

SB 523 Zaffirini

Relating to the issuance of a driver's license to certain persons that includes an alternative to the license holder's residence address.

SB 569 Bettencourt

Relating to the provision of virtual education in public schools and to certain waivers and modifications by the commissioner of education to the method of calculating average daily attendance in an emergency or crisis for purposes of preserving school district funding entitlements under the Foundation School Program during that emergency or crisis; authorizing a fee.

SB 688 Hughes

Relating to the date of the meeting of presidential electors of this state.

SB 766 Zaffirini

Relating to the correction of references to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

SB 914 Blanco

Relating to authorizing certain cities to change the date on which their general election for officers is held.

SB 971 Sparks

Relating to the definition of a rural political subdivision for purposes of the Texas Water Assistance Program.

SB 1066 Perry

Relating to the requirement for performance and payment bonds from certain contractors of the Parks and Wildlife Department.

SCR 9 Hughes

Urging Congress to propose and submit to the states for ratification the "Keep Nine" amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

