



Denton ISD Legislative Update

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State of the Session

88th Session by the Numbers

As of April 21, 2023:

- 8,267 total bills filed
- 1,301 education bills filed
- 106 education bills have passed out of committee
- 21 education bills have passed out of the originating chamber
- 1 bill passed from second chamber

88th Session Deadlines

May 8

Last day for House committees to report out house bills

May 12

Last day for the House to consider House bills on the floor

May 24

Last day to pass bills, any amendments have to be addressed by May 28

May 29

Last day of session,
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Budget Conferees Named

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Speaker Dade Phelan appointed the conferees who will negotiate on the state budget bill, HB 1.

Senate Conferees

- Joan Huffman, Chair (Houston)
- Brandon Creighton (Conroe)
- Lois Kolkhorst (Brenham)
- Robert Nichols (Jacksonville)
- Charles Schwertner (Georgetown)

House Conferees

- Greg Bonnen, Chair (Friendswood)
- Mary Gonzalez (Clint)
- Jacey Jetton (Richmond)
- Gary VanDeaver (New Boston)
- Armando Walle (Houston)

State Budget Bill – HB 1

Both versions would add approximately \$5 billion in additional funding for public schools.

Senate Version:

- \$142.1 billion in general revenue
- \$16.5 billion in property tax relief
- \$3.7 billion in cost of living adjustments for retired teachers
- \$650 million for school safety
- \$500 million for vouchers

House Version:

- \$137 billion in general revenue
- \$17 billion for property tax relief
- \$3.5 billion for cost-of-living adjustment and 13th check for retired teachers
- \$1.6 billion for school safety



Bills We're Watching

House Bill 681

- Relating to virtual and off-campus electronic instruction at a public school and the allotment for certain special-purpose school districts under the Foundation School Program
- Removes sunset provisions from SB 15 (87-2)
- Status: Passed by House 4/20/23

House Bill 1416

- Limits the requirement for supplemental instruction to students who fail to perform satisfactory on English, Reading, or Math assessments
- Eliminates accelerated learning committees unless a student has not been successful on the STAAR for two consecutive years in the same subject area
- Lowers minimum numbers of supplemental hours from 30 to 15
- Increases student to teacher ration to 5:1 for grades 3-8 and 10:1 for high school
- Allows parents to opt out of or opt to reduce supplemental instruction
- Allows accelerated instruction to be provided before or after school
- Status: Passed by House 4/20/23

House Bill 100

- Allotment for full individual and initial evaluations
- Early education, GT, facilities yield, debt assistance, bilingual ed, and CTE allotments all based on enrollment
- Increases minimum salary schedule for teachers and nurses
- Basic allotment increase with inflationary adjustment
- Extends Formula Transition Grant through the 2029-2030 school year
- Allows Districts to access \$0.06 golden pennies up from \$0.05
- Status: House reported favorably as substituted 4/11/23

House Bill 4402

- Relating to the changes to the high school graduation requirements and accountability rating system for assessing campus and district performance
- Status: Heard in public hearing 4/20/23

House Bill 4514

- Relating to public school accountability, including the assessment of academic performance, and district and campus performance standards and sanctions
- Status: Heard in public hearing 4/20/23

House Bill 4656 (Thimesch)

- Provide for the immediate temporary certification for teachers who hold valid certificates in other states, hold a bachelor's degree and have applied for a Texas certification
- Status: Heard in public hearing 4/20/23

House Bill 4522

- Relating to language that must be included in a school district bond election (Identical to Senator Parker's SB 2205)
- Status: Heard in public hearing 4/20/23

House Bill 669

- Would require schools to have silent panic alert devices in all classrooms.
- Status: Placed on House Calendar 4/24/23

House Bill 13

- Would require district employees to complete mental health first aid training
- Status: Placed on House Calendar 4/24/23

House Bill 3

- Requires armed guard at every campus
- Raises safety allotment by \$.28
- Adds \$15,000 allotment per campus
- Grants TEA the authority for compliance oversight
- Status: Placed on House Calendar 4/24/23

Senate Bill 2117 - Creighton

- New ballot language: "THIS AUTHORIZES THE DISTRICT TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL DEBT"
- Status: Left pending in committee 4/19/23

Senate Bill 2205 - Parker

- Ballot language would only include "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASE" if the election would require a district to raise the I&S tax rate in the following year.
- Status: Left pending in committee 4/19/23

Resources for more information



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