

TASB Legal Services

Key Education Bills from 89th Legislative Session (2025)

Bill Number	Topic	Description	BISD Action Plan	Completed Date	Notes
Finance					
SB 1	State Budget	Appropriates about \$338 billion over the biennium with an additional \$8.5 billion for public education, \$3.1 billion in all funds for student population projections, and \$51 billion for previous and impending property tax relief.	Property tax relief was included in the certified values used for revenue caluculations for budget.	June 30, 2025	
HB 2	School Finance	Sets aside: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.7 billion for teacher compensation • \$500 million for non-admin staff pay raises • \$1.3 billion for a new fixed cost allotment • \$850 million for special education • \$433 million for early learning programs • \$200 million for charter facilities • \$300 million for small and mid-size school allotment Includes \$55 for the basic allotment by repurposing the golden penny yield.	Revise Compensation plans and budget to ensure appropriate expenditures and revenue.	June 30, 2025	
SB 2	Education Savings Accounts	Provides most participants an ESA equal to 85% of total per-student funding (around \$10k). Students with disabilities may receive up to \$30k. Homeschool students may receive up to \$2k. Applicants will be prioritized in this order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students with disabilities from families with an annual income at or below 500% of the federal poverty level, which includes any four-person household earning less than roughly \$160,000 • Families at or below 200% of the poverty level, which includes any four-person household earning less than roughly \$64,300 • Families between 200% and 500% of the poverty level • Families at or above 500% of the poverty level (limited to 20% of the program's budget) Provides for administration through the Comptroller's office.	Vouchers - N/A for 25-26		
SB 4, SB 23	Hold harmless for homestead exemptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raises homestead exemption from \$100k to \$140k • Raises additional exemption for disabled and over 65 from \$10k to \$60k • Holds school districts harmless for the lost revenue • Contains transitional and other calculations for state aid 	Utilized in the template for revenue calculations (state paid) for June 30 approved budget	June 30, 2025	
SB 2185	Bilingual education allotment	Adds a multiplier of 0.15 to the basic allotment for emergent bilingual students and 0.05 for other students in language immersion programs	Included but may be ammended in October budget ammendment due to use of 24-25 enrollment counts.		October budget ammendment
SB 568	Special education allotment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires TEA to create, provide technical assistance, and monitor compliance with a comprehensive system for special education • Requires school boards to hold an annual meeting on special education • Adjusts weights of per student funding based on eight tiers of intensity of services for special education 	Applicable 26-27		
SB 260	Safety allotment	Essentially doubles the allotment, up to \$20 per student and \$33,540 per campus	Utilized in the template for revenue calculations (state paid) for June 30 approved budget	June 30, 2025	
HB 9	Tax exemption	Increases the exemption up to \$125k for business personal property	Property tax relief was included in the certified values used for revenue caluculations for budget.	June 30, 2025	
Taxation					
SB 1025 SB 506	Ballot language	Requires top of tax increase propositions to include "THIS IS A TAX INCREASE" Requires a proposition to state the issue with such definiteness, certainty, and neutrality that's not misleading	N/A for Brackett ISD - we are not proposing a VATRE or Bond		
SB 1502	Adoption of ad valorem tax rate	Prohibits adoption of disaster pennies in the tax rate after a VATRE fails in the same tax year.	N/A for Brackett ISD - we are not proposing a VATRE or Bond		

SB 1453	I & S tax rate	Limits the I&S rate to the minimum amount for debt service unless a specific explanation is provided and the motion passes by 60 percent of the board	N/A for Brackett ISD - we do not have I&S debt		
SB 843	TEA Database of school taxation	Requires districts to provide detailed information about tax rates and elections to TEA for a state database. See also HB 103, which requires all taxing units (including ISDs) to provide the Comptroller similar information for a state database, and HB 3526, which requires a similar database for the Bond Review Board.	BISD will comply and provide the required information		
Elections					
HB 3546 and SB 1494	November election date	Permits school districts to change to the November uniform election date and adjust terms	N/A for Brackett ISD; we will continue with May elections unless Board would like to discuss at a future meeting.		
Risk Management					
HB 4623	Liability for sexual misconduct	Waives governmental immunity and allows a district to be liable up to \$500k for grossly negligent, reckless, or intentional misconduct in hiring, supervising, or employing a professional school employee who commits sexual misconduct or fails to report suspected child abuse	Brackett ISD will review current policy with TASB to ensure appropriate coverage		
Governance					
HB 1522	Posting for open meetings and budget adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires 3 business days instead of 72 hours notice for all meetings. Adds additional posting requirements for budget meetings. 	Adjust and plan to ensure agenda is posted by Tuesday (provides the 3 business days Wed. - Friday) for Monday board meetings.	Beginning September Board Meetings	September meeting was scheduled for 09/11; agenda posted 09/05
HB 2520	Open meetings	Changes the notice requirement (must specify items that are "unusual" or of high interest; must specify items happening in closed session) and the personnel exception (limited to specific employees); eliminates closed meeting exception for consultation with employee group.	Language has been changed as per Walsh Gallegos to ensure compliance.	August 11, 2025	All agendas are sent to the attorney for final review prior to posting
HB 3112	Open meetings	Adds OMA exception for cybersecurity.			
SB 413	Meeting minutes and recording	Requires minutes to include each members vote and be posted online within 7 days of meeting along with any resolution adopted at the meeting; meetings must be recorded, and recordings must be available to the public.	Board book has updated to ensure compliance and will indicate members individual votes; the posting of minutes occurs within 7 days of approval of minutes; recordings are available on board book through the use of a link and are available on our website.	Sept. 11, 2025	All will be finalized for implementation for the Sept. 11, 2025 meeting
HB 210	Prohibition on vendor related to trustee	Makes it a criminal offense for a vendor to bid on or receive a contract from a district if a trustee or close relative has a substantial interest, which is defined as an ownership interest or receipt or promise of gifts or services valued over \$250.	Formal letters were sent to our two vendors impacted by HB 210	July 2025	Final project by one vendor was in Aug. 2025 and was completed; warranty work will be allowed because work was completed prior to Sept. 1
HB 4310	Public information	Describes a special right of access for members of governmental bodies to obtain public records promptly without charge and to be able to sign a confidentiality agreement in order to access confidential records.			
Purchasing					
SB 1173	Competitive purchasing	Raises the threshold amount to trigger competitive purchasing requirements to \$100k	will be included in TASB policy update 126; all financial manuals including EDGAR will be updated		The revised manuals (upon completion and updates) will be brought to the board
School Safety					

HB 33	Uvalde Strong Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a security review of facilities to confirm compliance and identify vulnerabilities based on rules set by the Commissioner, in consultation with DPS, TDEM, and TxSSC. Requires every campus to have a breaching tool and ballistic shield. Requires ALERRT to create training for law enforcement and medical personnel and a template for debriefing active shooter incidents. Requires every school district and law enforcement unit to have PIO to be certified in emergency communications. Provides for DPS to lead tabletop exercises and in person drills with schools and for mutual aid agreements. Requires all counties to have annual meetings related to school safety coordination. Provides mental health support to first responders involved in critical incidents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breaching tools and ballistic shields (request through buyboard) pending purchase; *ALERRT training on campus during the summer (July 2025) * Table Top training with administrators completed in July 2025 * Mental Health training provided to all staff (August 2025) 		Vero Ibanez; Christy Price and Eliza Diaz - scheduled to attend PIO training; Pending scheduled table top with county; and annual meeting held with sheriff but follow up meeting will be scheduled.
HB121	School Safety	Addresses training of security personnel, annual renewal of good cause exception, threat assessment for students in special ed, and agency authority	Good Cause Exemption approved August 2025		Pending training for guardian refresher and new guardians
SB 57	Safety or individuals with disabilities	Requires emergency plans and drills to address the needs of individuals with disabilities.	Submitted to Texas School Safety Center - 09/09/25		Pending approval
SB 870	School marshals	Allows open carry.	Not applicable to Brackett ISD		
Parental Rights					
SJR 34	Parental rights	Acknowledges parental rights in Texas Constitution.			
SB 12	Parental rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describes parental rights in education. Requires detailed facility reports to TEA. Prohibits DEI activities in public schools. Prohibits helping with social transitioning of gender. Ensures parents have access to full information about their student and instruction. Requires notice and consent about health screenings, treatments, and records. Requires parent comments to be accepted through a portal; public comments to be prioritized at public meetings; and board meetings to occur outside of typical work hours. Codifies and substantially changes local grievance procedures. 	Distribution of parental consent forms for health services and counseling services; consent forms will not be required as per update 09/09/25		
SB 204	Parental rights	Requires board members to have training on parental rights with content set by SBOE and requires TEA to create a parental rights handbook.	Vero will schedule and provide board with information on the required training		
SB 13	Library books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires new policy by 25-26 school year. Requires library collections to exclude content that is indecent or profane. Requires schools to give parents access to the library catalog and records of what their own child obtained from the library through an online parent portal. Provides a School Library Advisory Council. Requires the board to publish publicly and approve or reject a list of library materials that have been donated or proposed to be procured. Establishes detailed procedures for library book challenges. 	step 1 - hire the library manager I have sent the following permission slip out to parents. https://forms.gle/d8RRpk9Rj59rZwGQ6 Emails are being collected. Waiting on Tech to get Library Service' ready on the website for parents to access the entire catalog. Waiting on tech to set up Destiny Follett to input parent emails for circulation notifications. Monthly approval of new books will be ready to view at each meeting.		
School Day					
SB 11	Designated prayer and reading time	Requires a record vote on whether to set a daily time for prayer and reading religious texts for employees and students with parental consent.	Pending direction for TASB update 126		
SB 1049	Release time	Permits district to allow release time for private study.	Pending direction for TASB update 126		
SB 207	Excused absences	Adds mental health professionals to excused absences for medical appointments.	Pending direction for TASB update 126		
HB 367	Excused absences	Requires documentation of absence for life-threatening disease on a specific form.	Form has been developed and is being reviewed (Special Ed Cluster) and will be used for identified students; also pending additional information from the Student Attendance Handbooks from TEA		

Homeschooling					
HB 2674	Homeschooling	Prohibits state regulation of homeschooling	Policy update 126		
SB 401	UIL participation by homeschoolers	Requires a local policy by a date certain in order for homeschool students not to participate	Aug 11 - school board approved - opt out	August 11, 2025	Board approved opt out
Instruction					
HB 100	Instructional materials	Restricts district from selecting books rejected by SBOE	Brackett ISD utilizes TEA approved instructional materials. All instructional material for this year were approved by the board.	July 14, 2025	
HB 120	Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes the definition of CCMR. Expands P-TECH. Provides facilities funding for CTE. 	Pending update 126		
SB 25	Health & nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires HS elective on nutrition. Prohibits holding students back from physical activity for academic or behavioral reasons 	Pending update 126		
SB 1191	GPA calculation	Requires the commissioner to create a standardized method of calculation GPAs.	Pending policy/TEA regulations for 26-27		
SB 569	Virtual school network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completely overhauls the TXVSN Allows districts and charters to deliver instruction (and receive funding) through hybrid courses, virtual courses, full-time hybrid programs, and full-time virtual programs 	Brackett ISD is in the processing of reviewing TXVSN and the possible opportunities.		
Student Issues					
HB 6	Student Discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits DOI exemptions from Chapter 37 Requires SCOC to allow DAEP as an option for first time possession of vape. If not DAEP, then ISS for 10 days. Allows a policy on parental involvement that would shorten DAEP or expulsion with a behavior agreement Requires the commissioner to create a model return to class plan following teacher removal. States ISS is unlimited with check ins every 10 days. Permits OSS for students below grade 3 for certain conduct. Allows a parent to request ISS instead of OSS if unable to supervise the student. Creates a new "virtual expulsion" option Adds more special ed expertise to the SSSP team (BTA) 	Changes made accordingly to TASB model Student Code of Conduct and Board approved in August.	August 11, 2025	
HB 1481	Cell phone policy	Requires policy prohibiting students from using cell phones and smart watches on school property during the school day	Board Approved	August 11, 2025	
SB 1920	Administration of medication	Allows school employees to administer OTCs on parent request in accordance with policy	Brackett ISD district nurse will provide information to staff on the new regulation - policy update 126		
Employment					
HB 3372	Prohibition on "moonlighting" for administrators	Prohibits outside work by administrators for vendors; prohibits outside work by superintendents and assistant superintendents for curriculum and administrative service providers and other educational entities; permits limited outside work by other administrators with notice and approval of the school board	policy update 126		
HB 762 and SB 2237	Cap on severance pay	Limits severance pay to 20 weeks compensation and is prohibited when an employee or contractor is dismissed for cause	policy update 126		
HB 3126	Opting back into TRS Active Care	Allows districts that opted out of TRS Active Care to return in less than 5 years with notice and "risk stabilization" fee.	Brackett ISD participated in TRS active care		
SB 571	Notification of criminal history	Expands reporting by districts to SBEC and by SBEC to law enforcement regarding the criminal history of school employees.	policy update 126		
SB 965	Prayer by employees	Prohibits infringing on the right of employee to pray or engage in religious speech on duty unless necessary to further compelling interest and limitation is narrowly tailored.	policy update 126		
SB10	Posting the Ten Commandments	Require posting the Ten Commandments (as written in the bill) in every classroom if donated.	N/A- Brackett ISD has not received any donated ten commandments.		
SB 2986	Religious Use	Allows school boards to permit religious use of facilities at rate necessary to cover expense of operations.	policy update 126		