

87th Legislative Session - Education Bills to watch

Bill Number	Author	Last Action	Last Action Date	Link to Bill	Summary
HB 434	Rep. Keith Bell	Left pending in committee	3/9/21	HB 434	Adjusts curriculum requirements for high schools and allows students to take either a fine arts class OR a CTE class as one of their required electives.
HB 749	Rep. Mayes Middleton	Left pending in committee	3/26/21	HB 749	Restricts lobbying activities of all political subdivisions. This includes school districts, cities, and counties, but not charter schools.
HB 773	Rep. Gary VanDeaver	Committee report sent to Calendars	3/24/21	HB 773	Requires school districts to report the number of students who successfully completed CTE program for evaluating the performance of high school campuses
HB 785	Rep. Alma Allen	Passed the House	4/8/21	HB 785	Requires the ARD committee to review a BIP at least annually and more frequently to address the safety of the student or others OR to address changes in the students setting, including a change in educational setting, an increase or persistence in disciplinary actions taken by the student, a variation in attendance, a variation in behavior including unauthorized unsupervised departure from an educational setting; requires districts to consider a BIP for students who are suspended, sent to DAEP or expelled if they don't already have one. If they do have one, it requires districts to consider revision of the plan.
HB 1147	Rep. Dan Huberty	Passed the House	4/9/21	HB 1147	Adds enrollment in the Texas National Guard to the US armed forces meet requirements for the CCMR allotment.
HB 1468	Rep. Keith Bell	Reported favorably as substituted	4/7/21	HB 1468	Allows a district to provide virtual instruction to students eligible to enroll in the district; allows the time spent in remote learning to be counted toward the minimum number of instructional hours required for a student to be considered a full-time student in average daily attendance.
HB 1525	Rep. Dan Huberty	Committee report sent to Calendars	4/9/21	HB 1525	HB 3 cleanup bill. Adjusts special education allotment funding for charter schools to ensure compliance with federal requirements for maintenance of funding; creates investigation requirement for school districts who increase M&O taxes to pay debt service; requires additional student information reporting; creates a tiered growth system for the fast growth allotment.
HB 1603	Re. Dan Huberty	Placed on General State Calendar	4/12/21	HB 1603	Removes the expiration on the ability to use individual graduation committees and other alternative methods to satisfy certain public high school requirements.
HB 3163	Rep. Lynn Stucky	Referred to Public Education	3/19/21	HB 3163	Prohibits new charter campuses from being opened under an existing charter without Commissioner approval in a public school district that received an A or B in 3 of the last 5 years with 75% of campuses receiving an A or B in 3 of the last 5 years and no campuses receiving an F.
SB 1	Sen. Nelson	Scheduled for public hearing on 4/12/21	4/6/21	SB 1	State budget for the biennium, which fully funds public education, including enrollment growth.
SB 10	Rep. Paul Bettencourt, et al	Left pending in committee	4/6/21	SB 10	Relating to the use by a county or municipality of public money for lobbying activities.

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SB 28	Sen. Bryan Hughes, et al	Committee report printed and distributed	4/6/21	SB 28	Requires SBOE to adopt adopt procedures for the appeal of a charter application selection determination made based on a minimum score necessary for an applicant to be eligible if the applicant is within 10% of the required minimum score if the selection process includes scoring criteria and procedures for use of the criteria by an external application review panel selected by the commissioner; requires municipalities and counties to consider a charter school as a school district regarding zoning, permitting, plat approvals, fees, etc.; allows a charter to be treated as a school district for land development standards; prohibits a local governmental entity from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, order, regulation, resolution, rule, or policy or take action that prohibits an open-enrollment charter school from operating a public school campus, educational support facility, or administrative office in the local governmental entity's jurisdiction; exempts charters from certain municipal rules and ordinances; increases the required majority to veto the Commissioner's decision to approve a charter application to a supermajority from the current simple majority.
SB 29	Sen. Larry Taylor	Committee report printed and distr	3/30/21	SB 29	Prohibits an interscholastic team sponsored by a school district from allowing a student to participate in an interscholastic activity designated for the biological sex opposite to the student's biological sex as determined at the student's birth and correctly stated on the birth certificate; an interscholastic athletic team may allow a female student to participate in a the activity that is designated for male students if a corresponding athletic activity designated for female students is not available.
SB 179	Sen. Eddie Lucio	Placed on intent calendar	3/31/21	SB 179	Requires school boards to adopt a policy that requires counselors to spend 80% of their time on duties related to a comprehensive school counseling program, or, if staffing hinder the ability to do so, to adopt a policy that specifies what other duties a counselor may spend time on, outlines the reasons why, and set a new percentage for how much time a counselor must spend on a comprehensive school counseling program.
SB 226	Sen. Angela Paxton	Committee report printed and distributed	4/6/21	SB 226	Requires educator prep programs and alternative certification programs to include training related to virtual learning, including specifically, grading best practices for virtual learners, and writing virtual learning curriculum.
SB 442	Sen. Bryan Hughes	Placed on intent calendar	4/7/21	SB 442	Requires the minutes of School Health Advisory Council meetings be posted on the District's website. Requires the Board of Trustees to adopt a policy to convene the SHAC to make recommendations regarding curriculum and curriculum materials for human sexuality instruction, holding two public meetings for input. Requires the Board to hold a public meeting to adopt curriculum and curriculum materials for human sexuality instruction. Makes the SHAC subject to the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
SB 1389	Sen. Royce West	Referred to Education	3/18/21	SB 1389	Allows school districts to create remote learning programs for students eligible to enroll in their district; allows time spent in remote learning to count for ADA but funding is contingent on successful completion; allows school districts to use their own curriculum for remote learning; allows students outside of the school district to enroll if the district of residence and the district offering the program have an agreement; accountability measures would apply in the same way as in person; remote students must be reported separately in PIEMS; ensures students in remote learning to participate in UIL;