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# 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Preview



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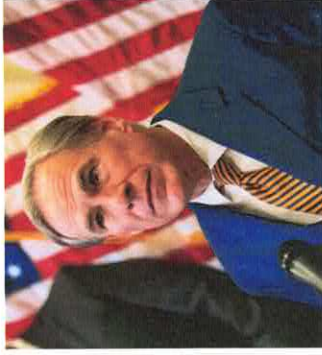


# Heading into the 89th...



**Former Speaker Dade Phelan**

- Burrows, Cook are battling to be next speaker
- Committee Chair shake up
- 35 new House members
- 150 bill numbers reserved for priorities
- House Republicans have set goal of \$20 billion in property tax cuts



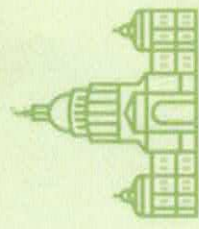
**Governor Greg Abbott**

- Will likely declare “education freedom” an emergency item
- Authority to call 30-day special sessions on topics of his choosing



**Lt. Governor Dan Patrick**

- Endorsed Rep. Cook in speaker race
- 2 new senators (Houston & RGV)
- 40 bill numbers reserved for priorities



Election Results

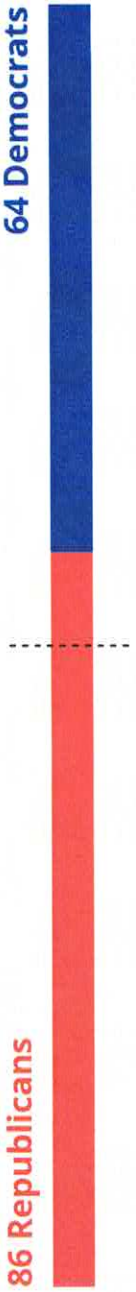
# Texas House

**88<sup>th</sup>**

Legislature

**86 Republicans**

**64 Democrats**



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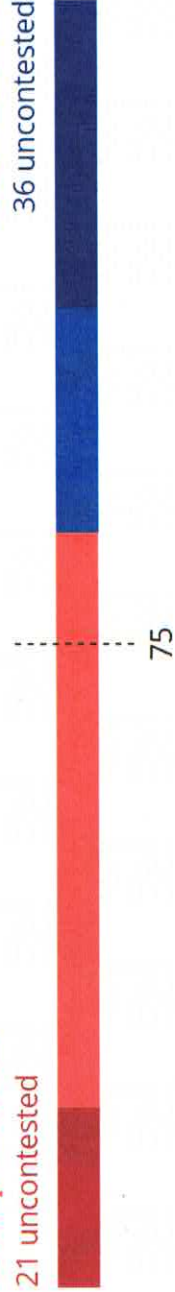
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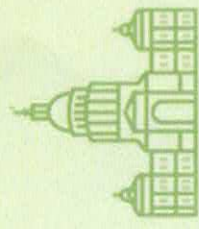
**88 Republicans**

21 uncontested

**62 Democrats**
































36 uncontested

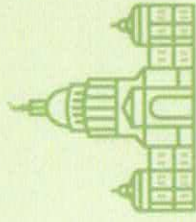




Election Results

# "Sweet 16" Gets Decimated

 <b>Steve Allison</b> San Antonio 2 primary challengers 	 <b>Travis Clardy</b> Nacagdoches 1 primary challenger 	 <b>Justin Holland</b> Rockwall 2 primary challengers 	 <b>Glenn Rogers</b> Graford 1 primary challenger 
 <b>Ernest Bailes</b> Shepherd 2 primary challengers 	 <b>Drew Darby</b> San Antonio 1 primary challenger 	 <b>Ken King</b> Canadian 1 primary challenger 	 <b>Hugh Shine</b> Temple 2 primary challengers 
 <b>Keith Bell</b> Forney 1 primary challenger 	 <b>Jay Dean</b> Longview 2 primary challengers 	 <b>John Kuempel</b> Seguin 3 primary challengers 	 <b>Reggie Smith</b> Van Alstyne 1 primary challenger 
 <b>DeWayne Burns</b> Cleburne 2 primary challengers 	 <b>Charlie Geren</b> Fort Worth 1 primary challenger 	 <b>Stan Lambert</b> Abilene 2 primary challengers 	 <b>Gary VanDeaver</b> New Boston 2 primary challengers 



Election Results

# What does this mean for vouchers?

**Yes**

**No**

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Legislature

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Legislature

80-85\*

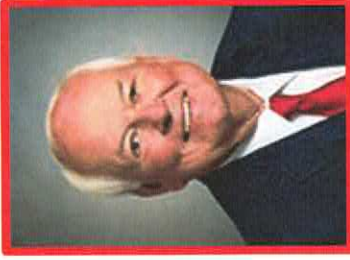
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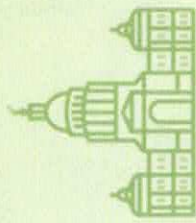
**House Committee on Public  
Education**

**Brad Buckley (Chair)**  
**Alma Allen (Vice-Chair)**

**Steve Allison**

Charles Cunningham  
Harold Dutton  
Cody Harris  
Brian Harrison  
Cole Hefner  
Gina Hinojosa  
Oscar Longoria  
**Matt Schaefer**





Election Results

# Texas Senate

**88<sup>th</sup>**

Legislature

**19 Republicans**

**12 Democrats**



**89<sup>th</sup>**

Legislature

**20 Republicans**

None uncontested  
12 not up for election

**11 Democrats**

5 uncontested  
4 not up for election



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**Senate Committee on  
Education**

**Brandon Creighton (Chair)**  
**Donna Campbell (Vice-Chair)**

**Paul Bettencourt**

**Brian Birdwell**

**Pete Flores**

**Phil King**

**Morgan LaMantia**

**José Menéndez**

**Mayes Middleton**

**Tan Parker**

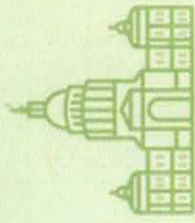
**Angela Paxton**

**Drew Springer**

**Royce West**



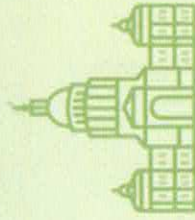




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# Bill filing has begun

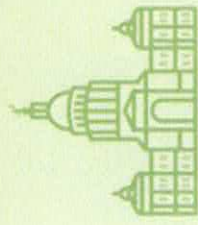
- More than **2,000 bills/joint resolutions** have been filed since bill filing began on 11/12.
- MoakCasey is tracking nearly **500 bills** that impact public education in some way.
- We have heard that Lege Council has 20,000 bills in the pipeline.



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# Notable Finance Proposals

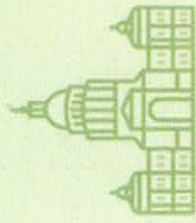
- Several bills would increase the basic allotment or index it to inflation.  
(*HB 337, HB 351, HB 595, HB 1257*)
- Many bills move to enrollment-based funding.  
(*HB 236, HB 276, HB 683, HB 1157, HB 1257, SB 233*)
- Many bills would provide full-day funding for pre-kindergarten.  
(*HB 190, HB 358, HB 693, HB 1048, HB 1257, SB 42, SB 163*)
- Many bills increase current allotments or create new allotments.  
(*HB 222, HB 248, HB 441, HB 593, HB 977, HB 1079, HB 1156, SB 237, SB 260, SB 557*)



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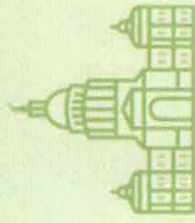
- SB 149 would move to intensity of service-based funding for Special Education, as well as moving the system to being enrollment based.
- HB 1192/SB 555 provides funding for evaluations.
- HB 1542 would increase special ed. transportation rate.
- SB 111 would put a cap on legal fees that could be spent on special education proceedings and require additional reporting.



89<sup>th</sup> Legislature

# Notable Finance Proposals

- Number of bills target undocumented students. HB 371 would remove certain funding for those students. Districts could not admit these students unless federal government agreed to cover costs.
- Many bills provide additional property tax relief or attempt to repeal property taxes altogether. Most tax relief proposals do not include corresponding hold harmless.
- Several bills would fully recognize a LOHE for state aid/recapture purposes. (HB 152, HB 558, HB 1153).



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- Two bills from Sen. Hinojosa would lessen impact of PVS. Others tweak how the PVS operates.
- HB 217 would increase vote threshold for TREs to 60 percent.
- SB 409 would prohibit districts from going to voters with bond proposal if that purpose has been voted down in prior 5 years.
- HB 250 would prohibit planned defeasance & disaster pennies.
- HB 929 would prohibit purchases from a buy board.