

## **Legislative Update:** (as of 1/13/2025)

**89th Legislative Session:** The 89th Texas legislative session convenes at 12:00 noon CST on January 14, 2025. The period for pre-filing bills has already begun (as of November 12, 2024), and since then over 1,500 bills have been filed, many of which pertain to public education. We will be following many of these bills, and particularly those that impact small/midsize schools and that are specifically addressed in our Legislative Priorities. The last day to file bills is March 14, 2025. Also, of interest is the Speaker's race, which has become quite contentious since Speaker Dade Phelan withdrew from the race. The selection of the Speaker could be pivotal in our ability to leverage influence on key legislative matters. It is definitely something we are keeping a close eye on.