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- ☒ ☐ **HB 281** Middleton, Mayes (F)(R) Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public money for lobbying activities.
- Remarks:** WLJ-Requires the secretary of state to allow a voter to complete a registration application on their website. The SOS will forward the application to the appropriate county registrar.
- Last Action:** 1- 2-19 H Filed
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- ☒ ☐ **HB 282** Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to education and training for peace officers regarding trauma-informed interviewing of victims of sexual assault or other sex offenses.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires law enforcement officers to receive education and training on trauma interviewing for victims of sexual assault.
- Last Action:** 1- 3-19 H Filed
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- ☒ ☐ **HB 598** Price, Four(R) Relating to the use of funds appropriated for the continuing legal education of certain appointed masters, magistrates, referees, and associate judges.
- Remarks:** JBD - Will permit the state Judicial and Court Training Fund to be used to train part-time magistrates (in addition to full-time).
- Last Action:** 12-28-18 H Filed
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- ☒ ☐ **HB 599** Price, Four(R) Relating to the delivery of certain mental health records of a defendant to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the inmate assessment follow the inmate if transferred to TDCJ
- Last Action:** 12-28-18 H Filed

 ☐ HB 600 Price, Four(R)

Relating to procedures for identifying or releasing on personal bond criminal defendants suspected of having a mental illness or intellectual disability.

Remarks: JBD - Currently, if jail notifies magistrate of inmate suspected to have mental illness, magistrate must order assessment by mental health professional. The bill clarifies the assessment must include an interview of the inmate. Courts also supposed to submit reports on number of assessments, and bill firms up that reporting obligation.

Last Action: 12-28-18 H Filed

 ☐ HB 610 Walle, Amando(D)

Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.

Companions:

HB 2599	Farrar, Jessica(D)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
HB 241	Farrar, Jessica(D)	(Identical)
	11-12-18 H Filed	
HB 411	Thierry, Shawn(D)	(Identical)
	11-27-18 H Filed	
SB 147	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	(Identical)
	11-12-18 S Filed	

Remarks: WLJ - would extend Medicaid coverage to last one year after giving birth or miscarrying. Currently expires 60 days postpartum.

Last Action: 1- 2-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 611 White, James(R)

Relating to the acceptance of certain voters at a polling place.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows an election officer to allow a uniformed first responder priority at the polling location.






Last Action: 1- 2-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 614 Murphy, Jim(R)

Relating to the additional tax imposed on land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as agricultural, open-space, or timber land if the land is sold or diverted to a different use.

Remarks: MGJ - Removes payment of interest on delinquent taxes imposed on land designated for ag use if land is sold or diverted a non ag use. Reduces from 5 years to 3 years the period in which additional tax is imposed on ag, open-space, or timber land due to change of use

Last Action: 1- 2-19 H Filed

-  ☐ HB 615 Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to the destruction of certain biological evidence.
- Remarks:** JBD - adds a new requirement of victim notification before destruction of rape kit evidence. Victim has 90 days to object. Doesn't say what happens if objection is received.
- Last Action:** 1- 3-19 H Filed
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-  ☐ HB 616 Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to compensation for a portion of a forensic medical examination of a sexual assault survivor and for the evidence collection kit required for the examination.
- Remarks:** JBD - Will permit health care facilities that provide rape forensic medical exams to submit claims for payment to the Sex Assault Program Fund administered by the AG.
- Last Action:** 1- 3-19 H Filed
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-  ☐ HB 618 Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to the prohibition of certain required nondisclosure and arbitration agreements.
- Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits mandatory arbitration between employers and employees regarding sex assault or sex harassment claims. Prohibits agreements between employers and employees that would prevent an employee from disclosing any sex assault or sex harassment claim to any person.
- Last Action:** 1- 3-19 H Filed
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-  ☐ HB 621 Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to prohibited adverse employment action against an employee who in good faith reports child abuse or neglect.
- Remarks:** JBD - Expands the current right to sue for retaliation for reporting child abuse to cover adverse employment actions.
- Last Action:** 1- 3-19 H Filed
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-  ☐ HB 622 Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to a temporary limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a taxing unit on a residence homestead rendered uninhabitable or unusable as a result of a natural disaster.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Applies to residence that is located in a governor-declared disaster area and rendered uninhabitable or unusable as result of disaster. Temporarily prohibits a taxing unit from increasing property taxes on a residence above the amount imposed on the residence for the tax year in which residence was rendered uninhabitable. Limited to January 1 of the first tax

year following the tax year in which natural disaster rendered damage up to January 1 of the earlier of the 5th anniversary of disaster or first year in which property no longer qualifies as residence homestead of property owner or surviving spouse.

Last Action: 1- 3-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 623 Neave, Victoria(D)

Relating to an exemption for a homeless individual from the payment of a fee for the issuance of a driver's license or personal identification certificate.

Remarks: WLJ - Exempts a homeless individual from the fee for a duplicate drivers license or personal ID. Requires a notarized affidavit as proof.

Last Action: 1- 3-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 625 Neave, Victoria(D)

Relating to notice and request for a hearing regarding a vehicle that has been towed or booted.

Remarks: MGJ - Increases from 14 days to 60 days a persons's right to submit a request for a court hearing regarding a vehicle that has been towed or booted.

Last Action: 1- 3-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 626 Neave, Victoria(D)

Relating to notice of a person's right to a hearing placed on a sign prohibiting unauthorized vehicles on a parking facility.

Companions: [HB 2426](#) Neave, Victoria (F)(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Requires parking restriction signs that the owner may tow or boot to include a person's right for a court hearing.

Last Action: 1- 3-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 627 Thierry, Shawn(D)

Relating to the rate of the cigarette tax and the allocation of certain revenue from that tax to the foundation school fund.

Remarks: MGJ - Increases cigarette tax from \$70.50 per thousand to \$82.50 per thousand. Limits allocation of \$70.50 per thousand to Property Tax Relief fund with excess allocated to Foundation School Fund.

Last Action: 1- 3-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 628](#) [Thierry, Shawn\(D\)](#)

Relating to an acute psychiatric bed registry to list available beds for the psychiatric treatment of certain individuals.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires HHSC to create an online database of mental health inpatient beds in Harris County.

Last Action: 1- 3-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HJR 41](#) [Neave, Victoria\(D\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to limit for a temporary period the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a political subdivision on a residence homestead uninhabitable.

Companions: [HJR 108](#) Neave, Victoria (F)(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: MGJ - Constitutional amendment authorizing a temporary prohibition on an increase in property taxes imposed on a residence rendered uninhabitable or unusable due to natural disaster.

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