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☒ ☐ **HB 743** **Davis, Yvonne(D)** Relating to the appointment and duties of an attorney ad litem for certain relatives in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

General Remarks: JBD - Would require the appointment of an attorney ad litem for any person related to a child within the 3rd degree of consanguinity who files a motion to be appointed as the child's managing conservator and who requests the appointment. Indigency is not required.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

☒ ☐ **HB 744** **Rose, Toni(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	
HB 610	Walle, Amando(D)	(Identical)
	1- 2-19 H Filed	
SB 147	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	(Identical)
	11-12-18 S Filed	

General Remarks: WLJ - Provides that a woman who miscarries is provided medical assistance an additional 12 months through the women infant program.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

☒ ☐ **HB 745** **Rose, Toni(D)** Relating to the duties and powers of peace officers.

General Remarks: JBD - Updates language describing duties of peace officers. Permits, but does not require, arrest of offenders without a warrant when authorized. Repeals language about summoning citizens for assistance and the requirement that those citizens comply.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

☒ ☐ **HB 746** **Rose, Toni(D)** Relating to the establishment by certain counties and hospital districts of disease control pilot programs to

reduce the risk of certain infectious and communicable diseases.

General Remarks: VRS - Expanding a pilot program that originally applied only to Bexar County to Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Travis counties and hospital districts in those counties. The pilot program provides education on limiting the spread of infectious and communicable diseases (HIV, etc) and to distribute clean needles in an effort to remove used needles from circulation. Counties/HDs are allowed to charge a fee to cover the cost of this program. Pilot program employees are exempt from the criminal penalties of distributing needles as long as they are for a "medical purpose" as it relates to the program.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 748 Neave, Victoria(D)

Relating to certain criminal offenses involving protective headgear requirements for motorcycle operators and passengers.

General Remarks: VRS - Repeals the provision granting peace officers the ability to stop motorcycle operators/passengers to ensure they have proper coverage, the provision requiring the Dept. of insurance to provide a standard proof of insurance to drivers who are 21 years old or older, and the definition of a health insurance plan.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 750 Walle, Amando(D)

Relating to required provision of workers' compensation insurance coverage for employees of building and construction contractors and subcontractors.

Companions: SB 474 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 163 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical)
11-12-18 S Filed

General Remarks: JBD - Clarifies that both contractors and subcontractors on construction contracts with governmental entities must have work comp insurance (and cannot be "opt-outs" of the work comp system). This is not new requirement.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 751 Bailes, Ernest(R)

Relating to establishment of the office of first responder support within the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas.

General Remarks: WLJ - Creates a state office to provide PTSD and trauma support to first responders after an incident.















Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 753 Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to the prosecution of and penalties for possession of 0.35 ounces or less of marihuana.



General Remarks: MGJ - Removes possession of marihuana as a Class B misdemeanor if amount is .35oz or less.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

-   **HB 754** **Wu, Gene(D)** Relating to an affirmative defense to the offense of operating a vehicle without displaying two license plates.
- General Remarks:** aph - creates an affirmative defense for not having a front plate on a vehicle with a driving assistance system if the plate interferes with the system.
- Last Action:** 1-11-19 H Filed
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-   **HB 755** **Wu, Gene(D)** Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain feminine hygiene products.
- Companions:** **HB 410** Springer, Drew(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
 HB 716 Wu, Gene(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
- General Remarks:** WLJ - Sales tax exemption for feminine products.
- Last Action:** 1-11-19 H Filed
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-   **HB 756** **Wu, Gene(D)** Relating to a defendant's waiver of a jury trial following a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for a felony offense.
- Companions:** **HB 685** Wu, Gene(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
- General Remarks:** JBD - Permits a defendant to waive a jury for punishment without consent of the state or court. Effectively, it permits a defendant to plead guilty or nolo without state's consent.
- Last Action:** 1-11-19 H Filed
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-   **HB 757** **Wu, Gene(D)** Relating to the required notice of a surcharge assessed under the driver responsibility program.
- General Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the Drivers Responsibility Program notices to include the total unpaid dollar amount of any previous charges and include indigency waiver information.
- Last Action:** 1-11-19 H Filed
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-   **HB 758** **Wu, Gene(D)** Relating to public access to juvenile court proceedings.
- General Remarks:** JBD - Increases requirements for closing juvenile proceedings to the public, including mandatory hearing and written findings.
- Last Action:** 1-11-19 H Filed
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-   **HB 760** **Wu, Gene(D)** Relating to the punishment for the criminal offense of theft involving a package delivered to or collected from a residential or commercial property.
- General Remarks:** JBD - Creates state jail felony for stealing packages left on doorsteps.
- Last Action:** 1-11-19 H Filed
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-   **HB 761** **Wu, Gene(D)** Relating to the establishment of the Texas Pay Equity Task Force.



General Remarks: WLJ - Creates a pay equity task force that looks at disparities on the basis of gender and race in wages exists in state agencies, counties and cities. They shall provide recommendations to eliminate disparities if found. Includes two representatives from counties.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 763 Wu, Gene(D) Relating to the permanent preservation of birth certificates on microfiche, microfilm, or electronic storage media.



General Remarks: VRS - Mandates the state registrar to electronically store birth certificates for births that occurred after January 1, 2017, and to then destroy the paper certificates.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 764 Wu, Gene(D) Relating to the statute of limitations for aggravated assault.

General Remarks: JBD - Increases statute of limitations for aggravated assault from 2 to 3 years.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 767 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the evaluation of and reporting on certain Medicaid waiver projects.

General Remarks: WLJ - Requires every entity that receives funding for a federal waiver project (like 1115 waiver) to submit a final evaluation report within 30 days of a projects scheduled termination date, to HHSC regardless if the waiver is extended.



Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 768 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the reappraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of property damaged in a disaster.

Companions: SB 202 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)
11-16-18 S Filed

General Remarks: aph - SB 202 (Huffman) identical. mandates the chief appraiser to reappraise property located within an area when FEMA declares at least a 5% damage because of a disaster. Provides for 45 days after the Gov declares the disaster for the reappraisal to occur. The costs of the reappraisal is paid by the taxing units within the area. Allows property owners the ability to refuse the reappraisal.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed



  HB 770 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the establishment of an electronic database for settlement agreements for certain suits involving minors or incapacitated persons.

Companions: HB 2469 Davis, Sarah(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

General Remarks: JBD - Requires OCA to create a database in which parties may - but are not required - to enter data about personal



injury or wrongful death settlement agreements for which a minor or incapacitated person is the beneficiary.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 771 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the placement of warning signs in areas where the use of a wireless communication device is prohibited.

General Remarks: WLJ - Currently Political subdivisions prohibiting use of cell phones must post signs whether or not hands-free devices are permitted. This bill specifies the local authority that enforces the prohibition is responsible for the posting or approving the posting of signs.



Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 772 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the offense of operating certain vehicles without a license plate.

Companions: HB 1154 Davis, Sarah(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

General Remarks: aph - allows for a driver to operate a vehicle without a front plate if the plate interferes with the driver assistance system.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 773 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the cremation of human remains by alkaline hydrolysis.

General Remarks: WLJ - Expands cremation processes to include alkaline hydrolysis.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 774 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to restrictions on political contributions and political expenditures by general-purpose political committees.

General Remarks: aph - repeals the requirement of a general purpose PAC to file a treasurer appointment and receive monies from at least 10 persons before making contributions from the PAC. Repeals this section of law.



Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 775 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the reporting of political contributions and political expenditures by out-of-state political committees.

Companions: HB 1379 Davis, Sarah(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

General Remarks: aph - expands reporting requirements for out-of-state PACs to notify affected candidates of their expenditures.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 776 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to political contributions by corporations and labor organizations to certain political committees.

Companions: [HB 2465](#) Davis, Sarah(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

General Remarks: aph - allows labor unions and corporations to make direct contributions to a PAC not associated with candidates or making specific-purpose expenditures.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  [HB 777](#) Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to required disclosures on certain mailed political advertising.

Companions: [HB 1382](#) Davis, Sarah(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

General Remarks: JBD - Imposes a requirement that a slate mailer supporting or opposing 4 or more candidates contain the name and address of each person with final decision making authority as to selection of candidates.



Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  [HB 778](#) Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the provision of notice by the Texas Ethics Commission.

Companions: [HB 1381](#) Davis, Sarah(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)



General Remarks: JBD - Permits the Ethics Commission to notify persons of the requirement to file personal financial statements by means other than mail.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  [HB 779](#) Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the ethics of public servants, including the authority and duties of the Texas Ethics Commission, the regulation of certain contributions and expenditures.

General Remarks: JBD - Compilation of Davis' other ethics bills. Prohibits use of public funds for political contribution or expenditure. Requires records related to annual financial statements to be kept for at least 3 years.


Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  [HB 781](#) Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to prohibiting political contributions and political expenditures made by certain persons with public funds.

Companions: [HB 2471](#) Davis, Sarah(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

General Remarks: JBD - An officer or employee of political subdivision may not spend public funds to make a political contribution or expenditure, nor directly or indirectly employ a person to use public funds to make an unlawful political contribution or expenditure. Class A misdemeanors.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  [HB 782](#) Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to permitting the Texas Ethics Commission to

provide seminars and charge an attendance fee for those seminars.

Companions: HB 2470 Davis, Sarah(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

General Remarks: JBD - Grants Ethics Commission authority to hold seminars regarding laws administered and enforced by Commission and charge a fee.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 783 Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to the contents of and recordkeeping requirements relating to personal financial statements filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

General Remarks: JBD - Financial statements filed with Ethics Commission must include number of shares of both publicly- and nonpublicly-traded entities. Filers must keep records related to annual filings for at least 3 years. TEC to put financial statements on its website.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 785 Shaheen, Matt(R)

Relating to the execution of a warrant issued for certain individuals who violate a condition of release on parole or to mandatory supervision.

Companions: HB 1824 Shaheen, Matt(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 1788 Taylor, Van(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

General Remarks: JBD - Law enforcement to execute warrant as soon as practicable for violations of super-intensive parole and mandatory supervision.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 786 Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to the making and acceptance of political contributions before, during, or following a special legislative session.

General Remarks: JBD - prohibits political contributions to statewide officeholders and legislators after proclamation of special session until adjournment.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 788 Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to a study on the assessments used by the Board of Pardons and Paroles to make parole decisions.

General Remarks: JBD - TDCJ to assess parole decisions.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed



  HB 789 Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to the height of outdoor advertising signs regulated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Companions: SB 357 Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical)
1-15-19 S Filed



General Remarks: WLJ - Specifies billboard signs can not exceed 42 1/2 feet. Prohibits the rebuilding of a sign over 42 1/2 feet also. Repeals the grandfather provision from 85th session.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 790 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

General Remarks: JBD - Makes the state and political subdivisions liable for attorney fees in breach-of-contract lawsuits.



Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 791 Huberty, Dan(R) Relating to the definition of volunteer fire department for purposes of certain motor fuel tax exemptions.

Companions: HB 3665 Huberty, Dan(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)



General Remarks: aph - adds volunteer fire departments to the list of entities eligible to use tax exempt 'red diesel' for purposes related to the department's activities.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 793 King, Phil(R) Relating to certain government contracts with companies that boycott Israel.

General Remarks: JBD - The mandatory contract provision that the vendor does not boycott Israel will be limited to vendors that have 10 or more full-time employees and contracts valued at \$100,000 or more.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 794 King, Phil(R) Relating to the repeal of the additional ad valorem taxes imposed as a result of certain changes in the use of open-space land appraised as agricultural land.



General Remarks: aph - repeals the lien applied for 'back' taxes due when land previously subject to an exemption has a change of use.

Last Action: 1-11-19 H Filed

  HB 796 Thierry, Shawn(D) Relating to civilian complaint review boards in certain municipalities and counties.



General Remarks: MGv - Applies to Harris and Dallas Counties, cities w/ 1m+ population. Requires the establishment of civilian complaint review boards.

Last Action: 1-14-19 H Filed

  HB 798 Walle, Amando(D) Relating to plot plan requirements for an application for a standard permit for a concrete batch plant issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.



General Remarks: aph - adds criteria for a plot plan, distance limits, and scaled map to the issuance of a standard permit for a concrete batch plant.

Last Action: 1-14-19 H Filed

  HB 799 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to liability for certain damage caused by vehicles exceeding maximum height limitations.

General Remarks: aph - establishes strict liability for the owner of a vehicle causing damage to a bridge or underpass due to height limits and creates a misdemeanor offense for hitting a bridge.



Last Action: 1-14-19 H Filed

  HB 801 Walle, Amando(D) Relating to the establishment of a task force to conduct a comprehensive study on flood control infrastructure for Harris County.

Companions: SB 179 Miles, Borris(D) (Identical)
11-14-18 S Filed

General Remarks: MGW - Establishes task force to conduct study on flood control infrastructure for Harris County. Requires study to assess existing infrastructure and identify infrastructure improvements.

Last Action: 1-14-19 H Filed

  HB 802 Huberty, Dan(R) Relating to voting rights and eligibility for office of residents of certain districts subject to a strategic partnership agreement.

Companions: HB 3822 Huberty, Dan(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 1661 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)



General Remarks: MGW - Allows voters in a conservation and reclamation district, any part of which is annexed for limited purposes and subject to a strategic partnership, to vote in that city's elections. A resident of the district is not eligible to be a candidate for municipal office.

Last Action: 1-14-19 H Filed

  HB 803 Patterson, Jared (F)(R) Relating to financial reporting requirements for toll projects.

General Remarks: aph - adds reporting requirements for an entity operating a toll project to report financial each year and post those revenues, expenses, and debt on the entity's website.



Last Action: 1-14-19 H Filed

  HB 804 Johnson, Jarvis(D) Relating to the authority of peace officers to conduct certain searches.

Companions: HB 814 Johnson, Jarvis(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 381 Burton, Konni(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)



General Remarks: JBD - Limits circumstances in which peace officers may search vehicle stopped for traffic violation.

Last Action: 1-14-19 H Filed

  **HB 807** **Larson, Lyle(R)** Relating to the state and regional water planning process.



General Remarks: aph - establishes an interregional planning council appointed by the TWDB from members of each regional planning group. The purpose is to improve coordination for larger projects and share information among separate planning groups.

Last Action: 1-14-19 H Filed

  **HB 813** **Huberty, Dan(R)** Relating to money used by counties that participate in the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program.



General Remarks: aph - authorizes LIRAP funds for Harris County to continue the program with fees collected and held by TCEQ in prior years. Authorizes 90% of the past fees assessed in Harris to be credited to Harris Co.

Last Action: 1-15-19 H Filed

  **HB 815** **Kuempel, John(R)** Relating to the authority of a county to require photo identification to file certain documents with the county clerk.

General Remarks: VRS - Removes the bracket from the provision allowing a county clerk to require a photo ID to file real property records in the clerk's county.



Last Action: 1-15-19 H Filed

  **HB 816** **Bernal, Diego(D)** Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Companions:	HB 292	Munoz, Sergio(D)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
	HB 3493	Alvarado, Carol(D)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
	SB 327	Alvarado, Carol (F)(D)	(Identical)
		1-10-19 S Filed	

General Remarks: WLJ - Upon a request from a county, requires the executive commissioner of HHS to apply for Medicaid expansion for residents of the county.

Last Action: 1-15-19 H Filed

  **HB 817** **King, Tracy(D)** Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain areas of the Edwards Aquifer.

General Remarks: aph - prohibits TCEQ from issuing a water discharge permit or an increase to an existing permit within the boundaries of the Nueces River found within the EAA recharge zone. Prohibition does not impact storm water discharges.

Last Action: 1-15-19 H Filed

  HB 818 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D)

Relating to the release by a peace officer of certain individuals suspected of the offense of public intoxication.

Companions: HB 830 Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)
1-16-19 H Filed
SB 306 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
1- 7-19 S Filed

General Remarks: JBD - Permits police to drop public intox arrestees at a sobering center.

Last Action: 1-15-19 H Filed

  HB 820 Turner, Chris(D)

Relating to the minimum wage.

Companions: HB 924 Turner, Chris(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 229 Menendez, Jose(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 113 Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)
11-12-18 S Filed

General Remarks: JBD - Raises minimum wage to \$10.10 / hour

Last Action: 1-15-19 H Filed

  HB 821 Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to the information required to be included in or with a school district ad valorem tax bill.

Companions: HB 1890 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 1407 Taylor, Van(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
HB 569 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical)
12-18-18 H Filed
SB 328 Seliger, Kel(R) (Identical)
1-10-19 S Filed

General Remarks: aph - HB 569 (Capriglione) and SB 328 (Seliger) identical. Applies to Chapter 41 districts and adds requirements for the ISD to post the percent of the districts M&O funds are derived from property taxes and state funds. Also requires the district to post how much of the M&O budgets goes to purchase WADA credits and how much goes to reserve balances.

Last Action: 1-15-19 H Filed

  HB 822 Parker, Tan(R)

Relating to addressing adverse childhood experiences and developing a strategic plan to address those experiences.

General Remarks: WLJ - Creates a taskforce to evaluate, identify, and develop a five year strategic plan to prevent adverse childhood experiences.

Last Action: 1-15-19 H Filed



  HB 824 Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to requirements to vote, including presenting proof of identification.

Companions: [HB 526](#) Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)
12-13-18 H Filed
[SB 104](#) Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)
11-12-18 S Filed



General Remarks: WLJ - Repeals voter identification requirements.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  [HB 825](#) Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the notice of intent to obtain an environmental permit sent to certain state legislators.



General Remarks: aph - expands notice requirement for TCEQ permits to go to Members of the Legislature within the 'general area' of the permit.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  [HB 827](#) Rose, Toni(D) Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of an improvement that is necessary to support the continued use or existence of a historic site.

General Remarks: aph - allows a governmental entity to exempt the assessed value of all property and improvements used to preserve an historical or archeological site.



Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  [HB 828](#) Rose, Toni(D) Relating to credit toward payment of a fine and costs for certain misdemeanants confined in jail or prison before sentencing.

Companions: [SB 336](#) West, Royce(D) (Identical)
1-11-19 S Filed

General Remarks: JBD - JP courts to give credits towards fines and costs for any time the defendant was confined in jail or prison for any other offense between commission of the JP offense and sentencing.



Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  [HB 829](#) Rose, Toni(D) Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.

Companions: [HB 1408](#) Cortez, Philip(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[SB 53](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[HB 242](#) Bernal, Diego(D) (Identical)
11-12-18 H Filed
[HB 342](#) Cortez, Philip(D) (Identical)
11-13-18 H Filed

General Remarks: WLJ - Provides 12 month continuous eligibility in Children's Medicaid.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed



  [HB 830](#) Israel, Celia(D) Relating to the release by a peace officer of certain individuals suspected of the offense of public

intoxication.

Companions: **HB 818** Cole, Sheryl (F)(D) (Identical)
1-15-19 H Filed
SB 306 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
1- 7-19 S Filed



General Remarks: JBD - Permits police to drop public intox arrestees at a sobering center.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  **HB 831** Huberty, Dan(R) Relating to the residency requirement to be eligible for public office.



General Remarks: aph - clarifies that relocation as a result of a disaster does not impair the continuous residency requirements needed to hold an elective office.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  **HB 832** Deshotel, Joe(D) Relating to the expiration date of a driver's license.

General Remarks: VRS - Extends the expiration date of a drivers license to the 8th anniversary of the drivers license application. Increases the fee for issuance or renewal of a drivers license from \$24 to \$32.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  **HB 834** Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to the authority of a county to adopt a land bank program.

General Remarks: JBD - Permits counties to adopt a land bank program to convert tax-foreclosed properties to use for low-income housing. Only applies to undeveloped property with mkt value less than amount owed. Other taxing units must agree.



Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  **HB 836** Rosenthal, Jon (F)(D) Relating to a defense to prosecution for the criminal offense of theft of service.

Companions: **SB 183** Miles, Borris(D) (Identical)
11-14-18 S Filed

General Remarks: WLJ - Creates a defense to theft of service if a tenant refuses to vacate a rental property and the lease is a rental-purchase agreement.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  **HB 837** Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to the sale by certain municipalities of leased land located near the shoreline of a lake.

General Remarks: aph - authorizes Fort Worth to sell land near the shoreline of a lake to sell land leased to a person at a fair market value of the land. Targets land around Eagle Mountain Lake.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

☐ HB 838 Deshotel, Joe(D)

Relating to an agreement between the Department of Public Safety and a private vendor for the issuance of renewal and duplicate driver's licenses and other identification certificate services.

General Remarks: VRS - Allows private vendors to renew/issue drivers licenses.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

☒ ☐ HB 840 Bucy, John (F)(D)

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Companions: HB 590 Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)
12-27-18 H Filed

General Remarks: MGVS - Expands Medicaid eligibility to all persons who apply and for whom federal matching funds are available.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

☒ ☐ HB 841 Bucy, John (F)(D)

Relating to the calculation of the rollback tax rate of a school district.

General Remarks: aph - increases an ISD's rollback rate to equal the district's combined M&O and debt rate if those rates are higher than currently allowed.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

☒ ☐ HB 842 Hernandez, Ana(D)

Relating to a central database containing information about offenders who have committed certain violent offenses against children or offenses involving family or dating violence.

General Remarks: JBD - DPS to maintain publicly-accessible database of persons convicted 3 or more times of family violence, offenses against minors, or unlawful disclosure of intimate visual material.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

☒ ☐ HB 848 Wray, John(R)

Relating to notice of the cost of a forensic examination for a victim of an alleged sexual assault.

General Remarks: JBD - Sex assault victims must be verbally told that forensic medical exams are provided at no cost to them.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed



☒ ☐ HB 850 Johnson, Eric(D)

Relating to the prohibition of employment discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Companions: HB 225 Johnson, Eric(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)



General Remarks: WLJ - provide that an employer, employment agency, and labor organization could not discriminate against a person because of their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  HB 854 **Moody, Joe(D)** Relating to the prosecution of the offense of making a firearm accessible to a child.



General Remarks: JBD - Offense bumped to felony if child injures or kills a person that does not reside with the child.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  HB 856 **Hinojosa, Gina(D)** Relating to local government prohibitions or restrictions on the sale or use of a container or package.



General Remarks: MGJ - Repeals prohibition on local governments, political subdivisions from adopting ordinances banning plastic bag bans.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  HB 861 **Anchia, Rafael(D)** Relating to the calculation of penalties and interest resulting from the final determination of an ad valorem tax appeal that changes a property owner's tax liability.

General Remarks: aph - clarifies that penalty and interest charged on delinquent property taxes do not begin to accrue until after the delinquency date has passed.



Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  HB 869 **Hefner, Cole(R)** Relating to the prosecution of organized criminal activity involving the interception, use, or disclosure of certain communications.

Companions: SB 315 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)
1- 7-19 S Filed



General Remarks: JBD - Would permit prosecution under organized crime provisions for combination of persons that engage in intercepting electronic communications.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  HB 870 **Price, Four(R)** Relating to Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services.

General Remarks: WLJ - Provides that services provided via telemedicine are covered for reimbursement through Medicaid. Repeals a provision that requires a health professional is present with the patient during treatment.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  HB 871 **Price, Four(R)** Relating to use of telemedicine medical service by certain trauma facilities.

General Remarks: WLJ - Allows a county of 30k or less to satisfy level IV trauma facility designation requirements relating to physicians through telemedicine.

Last Action: 1-17-19 H Filed

  HB 878 Bell, Cecil(R)

Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.

General Remarks: aph - changes the annual appraisal cap to 5% per year and applies that cap to 'real property' not just the homestead. Also provides the appraisal cap extends to a surviving spouse when the property is transferred to the spouse upon death.

Last Action: 1-17-19 H Filed

  HB 881 Bell, Cecil(R)

Relating to the right of a parent of a deceased person to view the person's body before an autopsy is performed.

General Remarks: WLJ - Currently a parent of a child, under 18, can view the child's body prior to the JP or medical examiner taking control. This bill wants to expand the right to any parent regardless of the age of the person who is deceased.

Last Action: 1-17-19 H Filed

  HB 887 Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to the use of force to make an arrest or search and law enforcement policies regarding de-escalation and proportionate response.

General Remarks: WLJ - Requires the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to develop a state model policy and training materials regarding de-escalation and proportionate response to reduce force by peace officers.

Requires law enforcement to first use nonlethal force.
Requires a peace officer who uses force, or directs another to use force to use the de-escalation techniques mentioned above.

Last Action: 1-17-19 H Filed

  HB 888 Landgraf, Brooks(R)

Relating to creating the criminal offense of misrepresenting a child as a family member at a port of entry.

General Remarks: WLJ - Creates a class b misdemeanor for intentionally misrepresenting to law enforcement at a port of entry that a child is a family member

Last Action: 1-17-19 H Filed

  HJR 45 Turner, Chris(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment establishing an increased minimum wage.

Companions: [HJR 56](#) Turner, Chris(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[SJR 22](#) Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)
12- 7-18 S Filed

General Remarks: JBD - Constitutional amendment for \$10.10 / hour minimum wage.

Last Action: 1-15-19 H Filed

  HJR 46 Bucy, John (F)(D)



Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain

persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Companions: HJR 40 Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)
12-27-18 H Filed

General Remarks: MGJ - Constitutional amendment to expand Medicaid eligibility to all who apply and for whom federal matching funds are available.

Last Action: 1-16-19 H Filed

  HJR 47 Bell, Cecil(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.



General Remarks: JBD - Constitutional amendment to expand the current 10% appraisal growth cap on residence homesteads to all real property and to lower the cap to 5%.

Last Action: 1-17-19 H Filed

  SB 1 Nelson, Jane(R) General Appropriations Bill.



General Remarks: WLJ - Senate version of the state appropriations act.

Last Action: 1-16-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

  SB 332 West, Royce(D) Relating to preventing racial profiling and to video and audio equipment and recordings of certain law enforcement motor vehicle stops.



General Remarks: JBD - Requires beefed-up policies regarding use of video cameras by law enforcement, including when cameras are to be used. If not used per policy, officers must state why in incident reports. Requestors of videos must provide information to narrow the request. All timelines in the Public Information Act extended by 10 days in case of request for law enforcement video.

Last Action: 1-11-19 S Filed

  SB 333 West, Royce(D) Relating to the appointment of an attorney ad litem for a child in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

General Remarks: JBD - Mandates that the appointment of an attorney ad litem for a child placed with DFPS continue for as long as the child remains in DFPS conservatorship. The appointment may be terminated after 3 months if the attorney consents.

Last Action: 1-11-19 S Filed

  SB 334 West, Royce(D) Relating to law enforcement agency policies regarding the placement of a child taken into possession by a peace officer during the arrest of a person.

General Remarks: JBD - Imposes new requirements on peace officers to investigate adults before releasing child arrestees to those adults. Every law enforcement agency must enter into an

agreement with DFPS that provides the procedures for releasing a child to DFPS.

Last Action: 1-11-19 S Filed

  SB 335 West, Royce(D)

Relating to community land trusts.

General Remarks: MGV - Entitles a housing land trust to a continued property tax exemption until the taxing unit rescinds the exemption. Creates new appraisal method for appraising land leased by a community land trust to take into account uses and limitations applicable to the property and use same capitalization rate used to appraise other rent-restricted properties.

Last Action: 1-11-19 S Filed

  SB 336 West, Royce(D)

Relating to credit toward payment of a fine and costs for certain misdemeanants confined in jail or prison before sentencing.

Companions: HB 828 Rose, Toni(D) (Identical)
1-16-19 H Filed

General Remarks: JBD - JP courts to give credits towards fines and costs for any time the defendant was confined in jail or prison for any other offense between commission of the JP offense and sentencing.

Last Action: 1-11-19 S Filed

  SB 337 West, Royce(D)

Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to regulate construction and renovation of structures owned by certain counties.

General Remarks: MGV - Dallas County bill. Allows Dallas County to construct, renovate county-owned building, facilities located within boundaries of another political subdivision without notice to the political subdivision by reducing population bracket from 3.3 million to 2.3 million.

Last Action: 1-11-19 S Filed

  SB 340 Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to the creation of a grant program to assist law enforcement agencies with the purchase of opioid antagonists.

General Remarks: MGV - Creates an opioid antagonist grant program housed in TDCJ to provide grants to a law enforcement agency for providing opioid antagonists to peace officers, evidence technicians, and related personnel likely to come into contact with opioids or persons suffering from an apparent opioid-related drug overdose. Authorizes TDCJ to use any money available for purposes of grant.

Last Action: 1-11-19 S Filed



  SB 341 Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to the appointment of an attorney pro tem for certain criminal proceedings.

General Remarks: JBD - Would require that all prosecutors pro tem be prosecutors from another county or asst attorneys general -



ie, not private attorneys. One exception for courts of inquiry (very rare).

Last Action: 1-11-19 S Filed

  SB 342 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to civil and criminal liability for the unlawful disclosure of intimate visual material.



General Remarks: JBD - redefines offense of unlawful disclosure of intimate visual material after court decision struck down the statute as unconstitutionally broad.

Last Action: 1-11-19 S Filed

  SB 343 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the information required to be included in or with a school district ad valorem tax bill.



General Remarks: aph - mandates a school district to provide information on tax bills about the percent of taxes paid which go to M&O, I&S, and to the state for the purpose of funding other schools.

Last Action: 1-11-19 S Filed

  SB 346 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the consolidation and allocation of state criminal court costs.



General Remarks: JBD - OCA's court cost consolidation bill.

Last Action: 1-14-19 S Filed

  SB 347 Flores, Pete(R) Relating to eligibility for service on the board of directors of an appraisal district.

General Remarks: aph - adds a requirement for a member of the ARB to be an elected member of a governing body within the taxing district.



Last Action: 1-14-19 S Filed

  SB 349 Seliger, Kel(R) Relating to the regulation of the sale of dextromethorphan to minors.

Companions: [HB 1939](#) Coleman, Garnet(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[SB 916](#) Seliger, Kel(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)


General Remarks: WLJ - Creates a civil penalty to a business for the sale of cough syrup to minors.

Last Action: 1-14-19 S Filed

  SB 350 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to the expiration of the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act.

General Remarks: aph - removes the sunset date of Chapter 312 to extend it permanently.

Last Action: 1-14-19 S Filed

  SB 353 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the assistant prosecutor supplement fund.

General Remarks: JBD - strengthens the fund for prosecutor longevity pay by

increasing the balance over which funds may be transferred to state general revenue from \$1.5M to \$2M.

Last Action: 1-15-19 S Filed

  SB 354 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to authority of certain officers of certain counties to disburse or direct payment of county funds for salaries or expenses.

General Remarks: JBD - Applies officer salary procedures currently applicable in counties of 190,000 or more to all counties. The practical effect is that small county commissioners courts will not have to meet to approve payroll.

Last Action: 1-15-19 S Filed

  SB 357 Nichols, Robert(R)

Relating to the height of outdoor advertising signs regulated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Companions: HB 789 Davis, Sarah(R) (Identical)
1-11-19 H Filed

General Remarks: WLJ - Specifies billboard signs can not exceed 42 1/2 feet. Prohibits the rebuilding of a sign over 42 1/2 feet also. Repeals the grandfather provision from 85th session.

Last Action: 1-15-19 S Filed

  SB 359 Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to straight-party voting.

Companions: HB 740 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)
1-10-19 H Filed

General Remarks: WLJ - Restores straight ticket voting.

Last Action: 1-16-19 S Filed

  SB 360 Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to a study on migrant labor housing facilities.

Companions: HB 40 Romero, Ramon(D) (Identical)
11-12-18 H Filed

General Remarks: MGJ - The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall conduct a study evaluating the quantity, quality, and availability of, and the needs associated with, migrant labor housing facilities due by September 2020.

Last Action: 1-16-19 S Filed

  SB 362 Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to court-ordered mental health services.

General Remarks: WLJ - In Class B misdemeanors, an incompetent defendant that the court determines is not a threat may be released and transferred to civil mental health court for court-ordered outpatient mental health services. On motion of state, the court may dismiss the charges if defendant completes treatment. If they fail to comply the court may proceed to trial.

Last Action: 1-16-19 S Filed

  SB 366 Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to the content of detailed reports filed by lobbyists and to monetary limits on expenditures by lobbyists.

General Remarks: JBD - Reduces by 1/2 the amount a lobbyist may provide to a legislator before it is reportable, and pulls in amounts spent for the benefit of a legislator's immediate family members.

Last Action: 1-16-19 S Filed

  SB 367 Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to the prohibition on lobbying by certain elected officers.

Companions: [HB 503](#) Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[SB 503](#) Taylor, Van(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

General Remarks: JBD - Prohibits lobbyists from candidacy or appointment to elective office, except for unpaid offices in political subdivisions of 150,000 or less.

Last Action: 1-16-19 S Filed

  SB 368 Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to lobbying by former members of the legislature.

General Remarks: JBD - Bars former legislators from paid lobbying for full legislative cycle after leaving office.

Last Action: 1-16-19 S Filed

  SB 369 Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to the availability on the Internet of certain registrations and reports filed by lobbyists.

Companions: [SB 464](#) Watson, Kirk(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

General Remarks: WLJ - requires the ethics commission to make available on its website, for public access, registrations and reports filed by lobbyists (minus home addresses).

Last Action: 1-16-19 S Filed

  SB 370 Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to employment protections for jury service.

General Remarks: JBD - Expands protection for jurors to cover public employers, and prohibits intimidation and coercion in addition to termination.

Last Action: 1-16-19 S Filed

  SB 371 Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for certain assaults committed against employees of primary and secondary schools.

General Remarks: JBD - Penalty for assault increased if victim is school employee.

Last Action: 1-16-19 S Filed

  SB 500 Nelson, Jane(R)

Relating to making supplemental appropriations and

reductions in appropriations and prescribing limitations regarding appropriations.

General Remarks: Reduce Public Finance - \$35,078,954 Reduce Facility Commission - \$17589128 Reduce TEA – 643,000,000 / Sum certain amount to FSP is \$21,919,735,602

Increase TEA for security - \$100m from ESF Increase Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan - \$210,981,159 from ESF Increase Employee retirement system - \$300m from ESF Increase Office of the Governor Disaster Fund - \$100m ESF Increase HHSC – Harvey Expense - \$110m ESF Increase HHS Medicaid Shortfall - \$2.1b from GR \$2.3b from federal funds Increase MH State Hospital - \$300m from ESF Increase Foster Care - \$83m from GR Increase Relative Caregiver - \$6.8m from GR Increase Daycare - \$23m from federal funds Increase TEA – Harvey - \$905m from ESF Increase Teach Retirement - \$300m from ESF Increase Texas A&M – Harvey - \$2.6m from ESF Increase Texas A&M – Wildfires - %54m from ESF Increase TDCJ – Harvey - \$38.6m from ESF Increase TDCJ Correctional Care - \$160m from GR Increase DPS – Harvey - \$100m – from ESF Increase Crime Laboratories - \$5.7m from GR Increase GLO – Harvey - ? – ESF Increase Parks and Wildlife – Harvey - ? – ESF Increase Texas Workforce – Harvey - \$8.9 – ESF Increase any state costs – Harvey - ? Increase any higher learning costs – Harvey - ?

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