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- HB 8 Pacheco, Leo(D) AN ACT relating to access by a hiring law enforcement agency to an applicant's employment records.
- Companions:** SB 1205 Schwertner, Charles(R) (Identical)
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence
- Remarks:** CS - No substantive change JBD - Directs TCOLE to promulgate rules regarding release of personnel file of peace officer to another hiring law enforcement agency.
- Last Action:** 3-30-21 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety
- HB 11 Paddie, Chris(R) Relating to the extreme weather emergency preparedness of facilities for providing electric service.
- Remarks:** 3FA - Clarifies only during a disaster. 3FA - Clarifying amendment to verify which businesses are critical care.
- FA -clarifying amendment to ensure residential generation like rooftop solar units do not fall into the weatherization mandate.
- allows the PUC to levy an administrative penalty for violation of the mandate.
- definitional in nature, defining "rural areas" in the bill as those with less than 50,000 residents and "low-income area" as those with at least 52% of its households at or below 80% of the Area Median Family Income.
- directs the PUC to audit power generator, utility companies, and REP emergency management plans and meet NERC minimum reliability standards.
- directs the PUC to write out "communication best practices" to use during weather emergencies.
- requires critical infrastructure with self-sustaining backup power to be identified so that it can be taken off the grid to allow other places without backup power to be kept on.
- allow TDUs to negotiate ahead of time the ability to shut down commercial sites from the grid, taking demand off the load.

WLJ - Requires electric transmission and generation facilities in this state to be weatherized against the spectrum of extreme weather Texas may face. Utilities will be required to reconnect service as soon as possible and prevent slower reconnections for low-income areas, rural Texas and small communities.

Last Action: 3-31-21 S Received in the Senate

 HB 12

Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to a study on a statewide disaster and extended power outage alert system and implementation of that system.

Remarks: FA - after examining the system, the PUC would then make recommendations based on those findings.

Anchia Amendment changes permissive nature of the bill to mandatory and requires local governments participate including covering costs.

Wu Amendment - requires the alert system to utilize more than just English to communicate, includes Spanish and whatever language the Dept. determines.

WLJ - Creates a statewide disaster alert system administered by TDEM to alert Texans across the state about impending disasters and extreme weather events. The alerts will also provide targeted information on extended power outages to the state's regions most affected. This system builds off the model used in Amber alert systems.

Last Action: 3-31-21 S Received in the Senate

 HB 362

Sherman, Carl(D)

Relating to the authority of a county to require electronic bids or proposals for competitive bidding.

Companions:

HB 3898	Sherman, Carl (F)(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 124	West, Royce(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 326	West, Royce(D)	(Identical)
	3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government	

Remarks: MGV - CS Allowable if the county makes available all technology necessary to submit a bid/proposal through electronic transmission to any person who submits in person. MGV - Allows a commissioners court, by order, to require submission of bids or proposals through electronic submission. Dallas County bill.

Last Action: 3-26-21 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

 HB 567

Frank, James(R)

Relating to the procedures and grounds for terminating the parent-child relationship, for taking possession of a child, and for certain hearings in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

Companions:

SB 190	Hughes, Bryan(R)	(Identical)
	4- 6-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.028, Senate State Affairs	

Remarks: CS - Marihuana use by parent is, alone, not a sufficient

reason to remove child.

WLJ - Clarifies evidence required to terminate a parent child relationship, by a court. Clarifies the definition of neglect. Allows the court to separate the parental relationship and award custody to a parent not accused of child endangerment regardless of the parents relationship status.

Last Action: 4- 1-21 H Passed (Vote: Y:143/N: 5)

 HB 723 Patterson, Jared(R)

Relating to notice of a modification to the medical certification information on a death certificate.

Companions: SB 864 Paxton, Angela(R) (Identical)
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Remarks: CS - Only applies to non pending death certificates. WLJ - Requires notification of the next of kin when amending the medical certification of a death certificate.

Last Action: 3-29-21 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health

 HB 787 Allen, Alma(D)

Relating to conditions of community supervision prohibiting contact with certain persons.

Companions: HB 373 Allen, Alma(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

Remarks: CS - Drops language about participation in rallies/protests. So could still be prohibited.

WLJ - Prohibits a judge making as a condition of probation, the prohibition to interact with persons with criminal histories if they belong to an organization that advocates for criminal justice issues, provide peer support to other formerly incarcerated persons or participate in lawful rallies.

Last Action: 3-30-21 H Reported from committee as substituted House Corrections

 HB 873 Collier, Nicole(D)

Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog.

Companions: HB 386 Pacheco, Leo(D) (Identical)
2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence
SB 474 Lucio, Eddie(D) (Identical)
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

Remarks: CS - Removes clean from the definition of adequate shelter
MGV - Creates offense of unlawful restraint of dog, class C misdemeanor.

Last Action: 3-31-21 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

 HB 1118 Capriglione, Giovanni(R)

Relating to state agency and local government compliance with cybersecurity training requirements.

Companions: SB 345 Paxton, Angela(R) (Identical)
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

Remarks: MGV - CS Does not apply to those on military leave, FMLA, on workers comp, or other type of extended leave w/o access to database/systems. Removes eligibility of training program offered by a local government.

MGV - To apply for Gov Office grants, requires a local govt to submit compliance certification with mandated cybersecurity training. Requires local govt elected and appointed officials to complete cybersecurity training (in addition to employees currently). Limits required training to those using a computer to perform at least 25% of duties.

If Gov's office finds a grant recipient has failed to meet cybersecurity training requirement, grant must be repaid and local government ineligible for other grants for 2 years.

Last Action: 4- 7-21 H Set on the House Calendar

 HB 1193 Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to the jurisdiction of a juvenile court over certain persons and to the sealing and nondisclosure of certain juvenile and criminal records.

Remarks: CS - changes concern the sealing of records of juvenile receiving determinate sentences, which is not permitted for juveniles ultimately transferred to the adult system.

JBD - Currently juvenile court jurisdiction extends beyond age 18 or 19 under certain circumstances. Bill adds circumstance where delayed proceedings are not fault of state. Permits courts to seal records of juveniles receiving determinate sentences.

Last Action: 3-30-21 H Reported from committee as substituted House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

 HB 1419 Hull, Lacey (F)(R)

Relating to the duties of a law enforcement agency regarding missing children and missing persons and regarding unidentified bodies.

Remarks: MGV - CS Requires JP and ME investigating death of an unidentified person to enter all available identifying features into National Missing and Unidentified Persons System by 10th working day that one or more identifying features is determined or 60 days after investigation began, whichever is earlier. JBD - Requires missing child reports to law enforcement and info on unidentified bodies be entered into National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

Last Action: 3-31-21 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

 HB 1428 Huberty, Dan(R)

Relating to procurement by a political subdivision of a contingent fee contract for legal services.

Companions: SB 515 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Jurisprudence

Remarks: CS - Carves out collection of fines and penalties under Water

Code. So contingency fee contracts to collect those must comply with Chapter 2254.

JBD - Excludes contingent fee contracts for collection of obligations owed to local governments from myriad requirements of chapter 2254, Gov Code, including prior approval of AG.

Last Action: 3-26-21 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

 [HB 1675](#) Allison, Steve(R)

Relating to guardianships of wards with profound intellectual disabilities who are minors or were minors when their guardianship proceedings commenced.

Remarks: MGV - CS To determine whether guardianship of wards with profound intellectual disabilities who are minors requiring guardianships as adults, should be continued, modified, or terminated, gives court discretion to review but not more than once every five years unless the guardian of the person is also guardian of the estate.

MGV - Establishes procedures to appoint caregiver parent as independent guardian for certain minors requiring guardianships as adults. To determine whether guardianship of wards with profound intellectual disabilities who are minors requiring guardianships as adults, should be continued, modified, or terminated, gives court discretion to review but not more than once every five years.

Last Action: 4- 6-21 H Set on the House Calendar

 [HB 1680](#) Smith, Reggie(R)

Relating to the regulation of on-site sewage disposal systems on certain leased land that is owned by the federal government.

Companions: [SB 665](#) Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

Remarks: MGV - CS Allows Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to adopt rules. MGV - Re: regulation of on-site sewage disposal systems, if tract of land owned by the fed govt contains separately leased parts, provides that each part is considered a separate tract of land.

Last Action: 3-30-21 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

 [HB 2005](#) Meyer, Morgan(R)

Relating to an exemption for certain cemeteries from cemetery location restrictions.

Companions: [HB 3768](#) Meyer, Morgan(R) (Identical)
3-22-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management
[SB 1604](#) Whitmire, John(D) (Identical)
3-24-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: MGV - CS Nonsubstantive amendment MGV - Exempts a private family cemetery at a presidential library and museum from cemetery location restrictions

Last Action: 3-29-21 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

HB 2119 Burrows, Dustin(R) Relating to the regulation of restaurants and third-party food delivery services, including the issuance of certain permits to restaurants.

Companions: **SB 911** Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)
3-26-21 S Recommended for
Local/Uncontested Calendar

Remarks: MGV - CS Adds restaurants to entities in county/city ordinance Redefines restaurant, created new rules for food service delivery services. Prohibits a city/county from adopting any ordinance or regulation on food delivery services that are more restrictive than statute, effects the fees charged to a restaurant, or affects the terms of an agreement between a third party delivery service and a restaurant.

Last Action: 3-31-21 H Reported from committee as substituted Licensing and Administrative Procedures

HB 2555 Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to evidence included in the statewide electronic tracking system for evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense and to a report on the status of evidence in that system.

Remarks: CS - only evidence related to sexual forensic exam is required. If not reported within 2 days submission of a report explaining why is required.

WLJ - Requires the sexual assault tracker to include all evidence collected in a case, regardless if the victim is alive or deceased.

Last Action: 3-31-21 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

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

Remarks: Appropriations Bill - appropriates \$251.2 billion in All Funds and \$119.7 billion in General Revenue. This represents 4 percent growth in General Revenue, is well within population and inflation and reflects the 5 percent reductions agencies were asked to make in the current biennium.

Last Action: 4- 6-21 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

SB 3 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to preparing for, preventing, and responding to weather emergencies, power outages, and other disasters.

Remarks: MGV - ENG Requires DPS to adopt criteria for termination of statewide power outage alert. MGV - CS Requires DPS to develop statewide power outage alert to be activated when power supply may be inadequate. Requires TDEM to create a list of suggested actions for state agencies, public to prep for winter storms, organized by severity. Requires natural gas, electrical plants, and transmission lines to winterize. Allows for up to \$1m fine. Addresses pricing.

MGV - Requires DPS to develop statewide blackout alert. Requires TDEM to establish a system to categorize winter

storms according to predicted severity. Establishes TX Energy Reliability Council to ensure that human needs are met in the event of curtailment of natural gas distribution.

Last Action: 3-30-21 H Received in the House

 SB 5

Nichols, Robert(R)

Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas.

Remarks: MGV - CS Adds to duties of broadband office to serve as information clearinghouse. Adds urban and rural representation to Board of Advisors. MGV - Establishes a state broadband development office attached to the UT System to award grants, low-interest loans, other financial incentives for expanding broadband access. Creates a broadband development account in GR of appropriations, grants, and interest.

Last Action: 4- 1-21 H Received in the House

 SB 7

Hughes, Bryan(R)

Relating to elections, including election integrity and security.

Remarks: Fa. Prohibits SOS from waiving any section of election code. Fa each poll watcher takes an oath not to disrupt election proceedings

Fa make paid ballot harvesting illegal and provides a civil remedy for those harmed.

Fa requires memory disks w/recorded votes from polling places not be overwritten b/w the time it goes from polling place to central counting station.

Fa allowing voting equipment be open to public information.

Fa - requires no equipment used to count votes be connected to internet or other computer networks.

Fa - allow folks who get in line to vote and are in line after 9pm can stay in line to vote.

Fa - AG can only get info of non-voter who helped transport 3+ voters to polls for curbside voting only if there's an investigation. -Countywide polling place formula ties to eligible voters, not voters in last election. Mandates livestream of central count of counties w/>100K pop. Poll watchers recording video of voters receiving assistance they reasonably believe is unlawful can only send to SoS if evidence of voter fraud.

Fa - changes polling place distribution for countywide polling place to be based on eligible voters.

Fa - removes disability certificate requirement for annual application for ballots by mail.

WLJ - CS

Requires the voter rolls are clear; Prohibits unsolicited mail in ballots; Tracking of mail in ballot; Increased review of signature on mail in ballots; Poll watcher access; Voting hours – weekdays 6am to 9pm; No rolling voting, temporary buildings or parking garages; Prohibition on software that arranges parties; Electronic software must update in real

time; Allows for video surveillance; Paper audit trail required – allows for retrofitting funding; Automatic recount if votes exceed registered voters; Prohibits donations for election administration; Injunctive relief; Allows awarding of attorneys fees.

1) If the registrar determines an ineligible person has registered to vote, must notify the attorney general, secretary of state, along with the local prosecuting attorney.

2) If the secretary of state has to make corrections for a local registrar on the voter registration list, the registrar could be subject to civil penalties of \$100 per each violation corrected.

3) The early voting clerk may not solicit a person to complete an application for a ballot-by-mail or by third party.

3) If an application for a ballot-by-mail is requested on the grounds of a disability must require the applicant to affirm their disability by agreeing with a statement they are physically unable to enter the polling place without assistance.

4) Provides for an electronic tracker system for ballots voted by mail.

5) The signature verification committee may use any known signature to verify a voter's signature.

6) Ballots-by-mail shall be tabulated separately from ballots voted in person.

7) Early voting ballots must be scanned on both sides.

8) Expands poll watcher and observers access to the polling location.

9) Each countywide polling place in the county must have the same number of voting machines.

10) An election officer who knowingly refuses to accept a poll watcher for service commits an offense of a Class A Misdemeanor.

11) Stipulates elections may not be conducted after 7pm, and that the polling place may not be open more than 12 hours/day.

12) Requires paper trail on all voting machines. Allows the use of state/federal funds to retrofit machines purchased between 2016 and 2021 - 100% for machines retrofitted by 2022, 50% by 20206.

Last Action: 4- 1-21 H Received in the House

 SB 14

Creighton, Brandon(R)

Relating to the regulation by a municipality or county of certain employment benefits and policies.

Remarks: MGV - CS Specifies any provision of any ordinance or order
JBD - Prohibits cities and counties from adopting any orders or regulations regarding terms of employment that exceed or conflict with state or federal law.

Last Action: 3-31-21 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Business and Commerce

- T** SB 24 **Huffman, Joan(R)** Relating to the procedures required before a law enforcement agency hires a peace officer.
- Remarks:** CS - TCOLE to adopt rules regarding electronic sharing of officer personnel files. Permits head of law enforcement agencies to designate person responsible for reviewing history and attesting to same.
- JBD - Establishes new hiring procedures for peace officers. The head of each employing law enforcement agency must sign a confirmation for each new hire attesting to review of a list of information. Each law enforcement agency must providing requesting agencies and TCOLE with personnel information.
- Last Action:** 4- 1-21 H Received in the House
- T** SB 73 **Miles, Borris(D)** Relating to providing access to local health departments and certain health service regional offices under Medicaid.
- Companions:** **HB 1666** Thierry, Shawn(D) (Identical)
3- 9-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services
- HB 3834** Klick, Stephanie(R) (Identical)
3-23-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services
- Remarks:** CS - Clarifies health entities instead of just a local health dept. WLJ - Requires the HHSC commissioner to create a health service regional office that is eligible for reimbursement under the medical assistance program.
- Allows a health department to bill Medicaid.
- Last Action:** 4- 6-21 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for
- T** SB 230 **Seliger, Kel(R)** Relating to the continuing education requirement for county commissioners.
- Companions:** **HB 192** Ortega, Lina(D) (Identical)
4- 8-21 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR
ADJ., E2.014, House County Affairs
- Remarks:** MGV - CS Requires in-person ed during the 1st year of a commissioner's 1st term.
- Allows online completion of continuing ed requirement for commissioners
- Last Action:** 3-31-21 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
- T** SB 415 **Hancock, Kelly(R)** Relating to use of electric energy storage facilities in the ERCOT power region.
- Companions:** **HB 1672** Holland, Justin(R) (Identical)
3-25-21 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House State Affairs
- HB 2818** Thierry, Shawn(D) (Identical)
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - would allow transmission and distribution utilities to contract with generation companies for battery storage services. The services would be for reliability purposes only. The legislation bars T&D utilities from owning battery storage on their own. The legislation is nearly identical to a House Committee substitute version of SB 1941, from the 2019 legislative session.

Last Action: 3-31-21 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

 SB 709 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

Companions: HB 1845 Canales, Terry(D) (Identical)
4- 7-21 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR
ADJ., E1.026, House Urban Affairs

Last Action: 3-31-21 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

 SB 860 Johnson, Nathan(D)

Relating to the exemption of certain vehicles from vehicle towing regulations.

Companions: HB 3758 Goldman, Craig(R) (Identical)
4- 7-21 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR
ADJ., JHR 120, Licensing and Administrative
Procedures

Remarks: CS - Nonsubstantive change MGV - Exempts a car hauler shipping a damaged vehicle between businesses from towing regs.

Last Action: 3-26-21 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

 SB 911 Hancock, Kelly(R)

Relating to the regulation of restaurants and third-party food delivery services, including the issuance of certain permits to restaurants.

Companions: HB 2119 Burrows, Dustin(R) (Identical)
3-31-21 H Reported from committee as
substituted Licensing and Administrative
Procedures

Remarks: MGV - CS Prohibits county/city from adopting any ordinance to the extent that the ordinance affects terms of agreements between delivery service and restaurants.

Redefines restaurant, created new rules for food service delivery services. Prohibits a city/county from adopting any ordinance or regulation on food delivery services that are more restrictive than statute, effects the fees charged to a restaurant, or affects the terms of an agreement between a third party delivery service and a restaurant.

Last Action: 3-26-21 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

 SB 941 Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to the adoption of a state scenic byways program.

Companions: HB 1908 Morales, Eddie (F)(D) (Identical)
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Transportation

Remarks: ENG - Nonsubstantive change WLJ - Requires TxDOT to establish a program for designating highways as State Scenic Byways. The program must include a process by which TxDOT receives proposals from political subdivisions or other community groups approved by TxDOT and sets forth various requirements related to applying for grants from the federal scenic byways program.

Last Action: 3-31-21 H Received in the House


 SB 1018 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to an early voting ballot voted by mail.

Companions: [HB 2411](#) Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
[HB 1464](#) Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Identical)
 3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

Remarks: CS - Removes provision requiring an officially-prescribed application form for an early voting ballot to include a space for the voter to provide a change of residence address within the county, if applicable. Removes provision that, if an application for an early voting ballot includes a change of address within the county, the early voting clerk must notify the voter registrar of the change and the registrar shall update the voter's registration accordingly. Removes provision that an early voting clerk is not required to provide a form for a statement of residence to a voter who indicated a change of address within the county on the voter's application for an early voting ballot to be voted by mail.

WLJ - Requires an officially-prescribed application form for an early voting ballot to include a space for the voter to provide a change of residence address within the county, if applicable. Provides that, if an application for an early voting ballot includes a change of address within the county, the early voting clerk must notify the voter registrar of the change and the registrar shall update the voter's registration accordingly. Provides that an early voting clerk is not required to provide a form for a statement of residence to a voter who indicated a change of address within the county on the voter's application for an early voting ballot to be voted by mail. Provides that, for certain defective early voting ballots voted by mail, that the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board may: return the carrier envelope to the voter by mail, if the signature verification committee determines that it would be possible to correct the defect and return the carrier envelope before the time the polls are required to close on election day; or notify the voter of the defect by telephone or e-mail and inform the voter that the voter may come to the early voting clerk's office in person to correct the defect; or request to have the voter's application to vote by mail cancelled.

Last Action: 3-30-21 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

 SB 1308 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to a study on the impacts of using certain motor vehicle technologies.

Remarks: MGV - CS Sets due date as 2023 MGV - Authorizes study on impacts of using automated driving systems and connected driving systems.

Last Action: 3-31-21 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

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