

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Tuesday
March 21, 2017

The Senate suspended the necessary rules to consider and finally pass:

SB 2 (CS) **Bettencourt/ Creighton/ Hancock/ Taylor, Van/ et al.**

Relating to ad valorem taxation.

4 Floor Amendments

SB 17 (CS) **Nelson/ et al.**

Relating to the decrease of the rates of the franchise tax under certain circumstances and the expiration of that tax.

SB 312 **Nichols/ Taylor, Van/ et al.**

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Department of Transportation; authorizing an increase in rates charged for the use of state aircraft to provide for the acquisition of replacement aircraft.

3 Floor Amendments

The Senate suspended the regular order, read third time and finally passed:

SB 25 (CS) **Creighton/ Bettencourt/ Birdwell/ Burton/ Campbell/ et al.**

Relating to eliminating the wrongful birth cause of action.

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 426 **Estes**

Recognizing March 21, 2017, as Tarleton State University Day.

SR 440 **Estes**

Recognizing March 21, 2017, as Stephenville Day.

SR 445 **West**

Recognizing March 21, 2017, as Paul Quinn College Day.

Committee referral on the following:

SJR 52 **West**

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county of a portion of the value of the residence homestead of a physician who provides health care services for which the physician agrees not to seek payment from any source, including the Medicaid program or otherwise from this state or the federal government, to county residents who are indigent or who are Medicaid recipients.

Finance

SJR 53 **Huffines**

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to limiting the permissible uses of money appropriated from the economic stabilization fund.

Finance

SJR 54 **Taylor, Larry**

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a municipal charter amendment election to be held on certain election dates.

Intergovernmental Relations

SJR 55 **Hinojosa**

SB 1534

Rodríguez

Relating to the entry of a plea by defendants charged with certain misdemeanors involving family violence.

Criminal Justice

SB 1535

Rodríguez

Relating to school districts of innovation.

Education

SB 1536

Campbell/ Perry

Relating to the ability of a child-placing agency to decline to provide services or accept a referral from the Department of Family and Protective Services on the basis of sincerely held religious beliefs.

State Affairs

SB 1537

Taylor, Larry

Relating to dispute resolution for certain claims arising under insurance policies issued by the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan Association; authorizing fees.

Business & Commerce

SB 1538

Watson

Relating to the permissible uses of the floodplain management account.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1539

Watson

Relating to the application of the sales and use tax to certain property and services.

Finance

SB 1540

Watson

Relating to the certification, training, and supervision of certified family partners and the provision of peer support services by certified family partners to the family or primary caregiver of certain children with serious emotional disturbance, including the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.

Health & Human Services

SB 1541

Estes

Relating to the treatment and recycling for beneficial use of drill cuttings.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1542

Kolkhorst

Relating to a requirement that a condominium receive prior approval from a county prior to its creation.

Business & Commerce

SB 1543

West

Relating to a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county of a portion of the value of the residence homestead of a physician who provides health care services for which the physician agrees not to seek payment from any source, including the Medicaid program or otherwise from this state or the federal government, to indigent residents of the county.

Finance

SB 1544

Kolkhorst

Relating to financial reporting requirements of regional planning commissions.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1545

Kolkhorst

Relating to the definition of eligible central municipality for purposes of the municipal hotel occupancy tax.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1546

Menéndez

Relating to the implementation of student financial assistance programs for veterans and their families.

Veteran Affairs & Border Security

SB 1547

Menéndez

Relating to access to criminal history record information by the adjutant general.

Criminal Justice

SB 1548

Menéndez

Relating to post-discharge services offered by a juvenile board or juvenile probation department to a child after the child's probation period ends.

Criminal Justice

SB 1549

Menéndez

Relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety to provide notification of a failure to appear in federal court.

State Affairs

SB 1550

Menéndez

Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation of the effects of restricting trucks from the use of one lane of a highway.

Transportation

SB 1551

Menéndez

Relating to the criteria for issuing a silver alert for a missing senior citizen.

Criminal Justice

SB 1552

Menéndez

Relating to an environmental service fee charged by an institution of higher education.

Higher Education

SB 1553

Menéndez

Relating to the refusal of entry to or ejection from school district property.

Education

SB 1554

Kolkhorst

Relating to establishing a Medicaid Block Grant Waiver Legislative Oversight Committee.

Health & Human Services

SB 1555

Kolkhorst

Relating to Texas Department of Transportation consideration of financially independent state highway toll projects.

Transportation

SB 1556

Kolkhorst

Relating to the management of commercial oyster boats in this state.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1557

Kolkhorst

Relating to the administration of gasoline and diesel fuel motor fuels taxes and the fee on the delivery of certain petroleum products.

Finance

SB 1558

Kolkhorst

Relating to automatic admission to general academic teaching institutions for valedictorians of certain high school graduating classes.

Higher Education

SB 1559

Taylor, Larry

Relating to a fee exemption for guardianship proceedings of certain military servicemembers and certain law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders.

State Affairs

SB 1560

Taylor, Larry

Relating to the offense of operating certain vehicles without a license plate.

Transportation

SB 1561

Taylor, Van

Relating to a study by the State Board of Education on the instructional day and academic year requirements necessary to complete the required curriculum in public schools.

Education

SB 1562

Kolkhorst

Relating to enforcement for violations of duplicate state and federal regulations by long-term facilities.

Health & Human Services

SB 1563

Kolkhorst

Relating to audits of the fiscal accounts and records of emergency services districts.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1564

Kolkhorst

Relating to pharmacy benefit networks and pharmacy benefit managers.

Business & Commerce

SB 1565

Kolkhorst

Relating to the procedure for ordering medical or dental services for certain persons admitted to or committed to care at certain state facilities.

Health & Human Services

SB 1566

Kolkhorst

Relating to certain powers and duties of the board of trustees of an independent school district and the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school.

Education

SB 1567

Kolkhorst

Relating to the reimbursement of prescription drugs under Medicaid and the child health plan program.

Business & Commerce

SB 1568

Hinojosa

Relating to the filing of certain actions involving preauthorized medical care or health care services in the Medicaid program.

Health & Human Services

SB 1569

Huffman/ et al.

Relating to prostitution and the trafficking of persons, civil racketeering related to trafficking, the prosecution of and punishment for certain sexual offenses and offenses involving or related to trafficking, reimbursement of certain costs for criminal victims who are children, and the release and reporting of certain information relating to a child; increasing a criminal penalty; creating a criminal offense.

Criminal Justice

SB 1570

Huffman

Relating to the care and transportation provided to a sexual assault survivor by a health care facility.

Criminal Justice

SB 1571

Huffman

Relating to the release of a child taken into possession by a law enforcement or juvenile probation officer.

State Affairs

SB 1572

Watson

Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle dealership by certain manufacturers or distributors.

Business & Commerce

SB 1573

Kolkhorst

Relating to a study to identify and address inefficiencies in state health care regulations.

Health & Human Services

SB 1574

Kolkhorst

Relating to the electronic sharing of protected health information and certification of and enforcement actions against certain covered entities.

Health & Human Services

SB 1575

Perry

Relating to the prosecution of the offenses of assault and harassment by persons committed to certain facilities; increasing a criminal penalty.

Criminal Justice

SB 1576

Perry

Relating to the civil commitment of sexually violent predators, the operation of the Texas Civil Commitment Office, and certain related offenses; increasing a criminal penalty.

Criminal Justice

SB 1577

Perry

Relating to measures to prevent wrongful convictions.

Criminal Justice

SB 1578

Nichols

Relating to the creation and operations of health care provider participation programs in certain counties.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1579

Garcia

Relating to authorizing the secretary of state to terminate the existence of a domestic filing entity if a substantial owner or governing person of the entity has been convicted of human trafficking or compelling prostitution.

State Affairs

SB 1580

Garcia

Relating to the testing of drinking water from and the replacement and repair of drinking water outlets and water lines on publicly owned and operated property.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1581

Garcia

Relating to a public defender's investigation into a defendant's finances.

Criminal Justice

SB 1582

Garcia

Relating to community supervision in this state and the waiver or modification of certain fees, fines, and costs imposed on certain defendants; changing fees applicable to community supervision or a defendant's participation in certain programs.

Criminal Justice

SB 1583

Garcia

Relating to the commitment of a defendant who is found incompetent to stand trial and who is a person with an intellectual disability.

Criminal Justice

SB 1584

Garcia

Relating to the conditions of community supervision.

Criminal Justice

SB 1585

Uresti

Relating to the reimbursement of certain services provided by respiratory care practitioners under Medicaid.

Health & Human Services

SB 1586

**Uresti/ Garcia/ Hinojosa/
Rodríguez/ Watson**

Relating to the minimum wage, including authorizing certain counties and municipalities to establish a minimum wage.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1587

Garcia

Relating to lead in drinking water at schools and child care facilities.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1588

**Huffines/ Perry/ Uresti/
Whitmire/ et al.**

Relating to the elimination of regular mandatory vehicle safety inspections.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1589

Lucio

Relating to suspending the statute of limitations in the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act during a lawsuit.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1590 Lucio

Relating to allowing the Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) to cash a warrant with a restricted or conditional endorsement without settling the amount of money due to the Commission.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1591 Lucio

Relating to cooperation with federal agencies on a guest worker program in this state.

Veteran Affairs & Border Security

SB 1592 Schwertner

Relating to the amount of an administrative penalty assessed against freestanding emergency medical care facilities.

Health & Human Services

SB 1595 Hinojosa

Relating to penalties imposed on a holder of an alcoholic beverage license or permit.

Business & Commerce

SB 1596 Rodríguez

Relating to a study regarding the feasibility of creating a mechanism by which a governmental entity could acquire small parcels of real property in an area and convey them to a developer in order to ensure the property is developed in compliance with model subdivision rules.

Business & Commerce

SB 1597 Rodríguez

Relating to a requirement that the General Land Office conduct an evaluation and submit a report regarding the use of wind and solar power to desalinate brackish groundwater on real property owned by the state.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1598 Miles

Relating to applications for permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain new or expanded facilities in certain low-income and minority communities.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1599 Miles

Relating to maternal mortality reporting and investigation information.

Health & Human Services

SB 1600 Miles

Relating to the issuance of standard permits for certain concrete plants.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1601 Miles

Relating to the establishment by certain counties and municipalities of disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain infectious and communicable diseases; authorizing fees.

Health & Human Services

SB 1602 Campbell/ Perry

Relating to reporting requirements by health care practitioners and certain health care facilities for abortion complications and to an annual report by the Department of State Health Services; providing a civil penalty.

Health & Human Services

SB 1603 Estes

Relating to state agency investigations.

Business & Commerce

SB 1604 Creighton

Relating to the establishment of a junior college by certain independent school districts.

Higher Education

SB 1605

Creighton

Relating to the availability of certain school district financial information on certain districts' Internet websites.

Education

SB 1606

Creighton

Relating to the dispensing of aesthetic pharmaceuticals by physicians; authorizing fees.

Health & Human Services

SB 1607

Creighton

Relating to the operation of vehicles transporting precast prestressed concrete products.

Transportation

SB 1608

Creighton

Relating to the operation of vehicles transporting mobile cranes.

Transportation

SB 1609

Bettencourt/ Kolkhorst

Relating to regulation by a property owners' association of certain religious displays.

Business & Commerce

SB 1610

Taylor, Van

Relating to open-enrollment charter schools.

Education

SB 1611

Taylor, Van

Relating to requiring an election for the issuance of certain certificates of obligation by a municipality or county.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1612

Taylor, Van

Relating to the solicitation of pen pals by certain inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Criminal Justice

SB 1613

Campbell

Relating to the assignment of health insurance benefits to a physician or health care provider.

Business & Commerce

SB 1614

Campbell

Relating to a misleading representation or misrepresentation in an explanation of benefits provided by a health benefit plan issuer or administrator.

Business & Commerce

SB 1615

Campbell

Relating to what constitutes balance billing of a health benefit plan enrollee by a physician or health care provider for purposes of certain disclosure and medication requirements.

Business & Commerce

SB 1616

Lucio

Relating to certain sentencing procedures in a capital case.

Criminal Justice

SB 1617

West

Relating to the reporting requirements for certain injuries or deaths caused by peace officers.

Criminal Justice

SB 1618

West

Relating to billing and reimbursement for certain emergency and health care services provided to a sexual assault survivor.

Health & Human Services

SB 1619

West

Relating to the creation of the offense of electronic access interference.

Criminal Justice

SB 1620

Taylor, Van

Relating to the regulation of raising or keeping six or fewer chickens by a political subdivision.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1621

Uresti

Relating to Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and county tax assessor-collector vehicle titling and registration duties and fees associated with those duties.

Transportation

SB 1622

Uresti

Relating to the creation of a statewide alert system for missing military members.

Veteran Affairs & Border Security

SB 1623

Uresti

Relating to certain persons who are acquitted by reason of insanity in a criminal case and who are dangerous to the person's self.

Criminal Justice

SB 1624

Uresti

Relating to the definition of "non-physician mental health professional" for purposes of the Texas Mental Health Code.

Health & Human Services

SB 1625

Uresti

Relating to protection for physician assistants who refuse to engage in certain conduct.

Health & Human Services

Committee re-referral on the following:

SB 1090

Lucio

Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog; creating an offense.

Re-referred from Criminal Justice to Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1421

Estes

Relating to access to criminal history record information by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Re-referred from Criminal Justice to Natural Resources & Economic Development

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