#### **SENATE FLOOR ACTION**

# Wednesday May 21, 2025

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

SB 719 (CS) Eckhardt/ et al.

Relating to the collection of information on available beds at inpatient mental health facilities providing acute psychiatric treatment.

1 Floor Amendment

HB 39 (CS) (LC) Lopez, Ray/ Hunter/ Hefner/ SP: Parker/ et al. et al.

Relating to information and data regarding the incidence of veteran deaths in this state.

1 Floor Amendment

HB 114 (CS) (LC) Cortez/ Plesa/ et al. SP: Zaffirini/ et al.

Relating to the transfer of functions relating to certain veteran mental health programs and plans to the Texas Veterans Commission.

1 Floor Amendment

HB 138 (CS) (LC) Dean/ Paul/ Gerdes/ Hull/ Leach/ SP: Bettencourt/ et al. et al.

Relating to the establishment of the Health Impact, Cost, and Coverage Analysis Program; authorizing a fee.

1 Floor Amendment

HB 247 Guillen/ et al. SP: Middleton/ et al.

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the appraised value of real property located in certain counties that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements and to the consideration of the price paid by certain governmental entities for a parcel of or easement in real property purchased for the purpose of installing or constructing such infrastructure when appraising other real property.

HB 300 (LC) Wilson/ et al. SP: Hancock/ et al.

Relating to the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program.

1 Floor Amendment

HB 762 (LC) Leach/ Cook/ Slawson/ Landgraf/ SP: Bettencourt/ et al.

Relating to severance pay for political subdivision employees and independent contractors.

1 Floor Amendment

HB 793 (LC) Thompson/ et al. SP: Zaffirini/ et al.

Relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information of an applicant for or a person protected by a protective order.

HB 1275 (LC) González, Mary SP: Blanco

Relating to the issuance of permits for bovine producer dairy farms in certain areas of this state.

HB 1584 (LC) Hull/ Metcalf/ Lalani/ Leo SP: Schwertner/ et al.

Wilson/ et al.

Relating to the creation of a list of priority facilities by electric utilities.

1 Floor Amendment

HB 1700 (LC) Fairly/ Shaheen/ Frank/ Howard/ SP: Sparks Morales, Eddie

Relating to certain records of a health professional providing a telemedicine medical service, teledentistry dental service, or telehealth service.

HB 1894 (LC) Metcalf SP: Parker/ et al.

Relating to designating November as Veterans Month.

HB 1965 (LC) Garcia, Josey/ Dorazio/ Lopez, SP: Menéndez

Janie/ Ward Johnson/ et al.

Relating to a study on mental health services provided to veterans through the Texas Veterans Commission.

HB 2254 (LC) Hull/ et al. SP: Sparks/ et al.

Relating to certain health care services contract arrangements entered into by insurers and health care providers.

HB 2340 (LC) Metcalf SP: Zaffirini/ et al.

Relating to the qualifications, communications, and recordkeeping of a child custody evaluator and the admissibility of a child custody evaluation under certain circumstances.

HB 2350 (LC) Dutton/ Rodríguez Ramos SP: Johnson

Relating to standing in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

HB 2760 (LC) Villalobos SP: Alvarado

Relating to judicial review of a Texas Workforce Commission decision in an unemployment compensation proceeding.

HB 2842 (LC) Zwiener/ Cole/ Flores/ Metcalf/ SP: Perry

Vasut

Relating to the control by lethal means of white-tailed deer in certain areas.

HB 3088 (LC) Orr/ Kerwin/ Flores/ DeAyala/ SP: Hancock/ et al.

Gervin-Hawkins/ et al.

Relating to the authority of the Parks and Wildlife Department to procure goods and services related to items for resale by the department.

HB 3104 (LC) McLaughlin SP: Zaffirini

Relating to the appointment and compensation of a bailiff appointed by the judges of certain district courts in Webb County.

HB 3260 Bell, Keith/Button/Longoria/ SP: Hancock

Wilson/ VanDeaver/ et al.

Relating to the Texas Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs Grant Program.

HB 3479 (LC) Morgan/ McLaughlin/ Hayes/ SP: Zaffirini/ et al.

Cain/ et al.

Relating to the Rio Grande vegetative management program.

HB 3575 (LC) Noble/ Metcalf/ Isaac SP: West

Relating to the filing of a campaign treasurer appointment and an application for a place on the ballot by a candidate for the board of directors of an appraisal district.

HB 3687 (LC) Harless SP: Bettencourt/ et al.

Relating to certification requirements for a fire marshal and any related employee, officer, inspector, and investigator appointed by certain counties and emergency services districts.

HB 3788 (LC) Spiller/ Harless SP: Parker

Relating to the operations of municipal hospital authorities.

HB 4163 (LC) Guillen/ Cain SP: Perry/ et al.

Relating to the authority of a city to impose certain governmental requirements on an agricultural operation.

HB 4205 (LC) Harless SP: Bettencourt

Relating to compensation and employment benefits for law enforcement personnel in certain counties.

# HB 4370 (LC) Metcalf/ Bell, Cecil/ Cortez/ SP: Blanco Zwiener/ Rosenthal/ et al.

Relating to the projects undertaken by a public improvement district, municipal management district, water control and improvement district, fresh water supply district, or municipal utility district.

# HB 4655 (LC) Hull SP: West/ et al.

Relating to the Preparation for Adult Living Program and other services for foster children transitioning to independent living.

#### HB 4809 (LC) Meyer SP: West

Relating to the authority of an owner of property that qualifies for an exemption as a historic or archaeological site to protest the allocation of the appraised value of the property between the land and the improvements to the land.

### HB 5195 (LC) Capriglione SP: Alvarado/ et al.

Relating to modernization of state agency Internet websites and digital services.

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

# SB 1978 (CS) Hall/ et al.

Relating to the interconnection of a facility in the ERCOT power region to certain other facilities.

# The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

# SR 508 Menéndez/ Alvarado/ Blanco/

Cook/ Eckhardt/ et al.

Recognizing the members of the 13th class of the Senator Gregory Luna Legislative Scholars and Fellows Program.

#### HJR 34 Guillen SP: Middleton/ et al.

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property located in a county that borders the United Mexican States that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements.

# The Senate concurred in House amendments to the following:

# SB 963 (CS) (LC) Hughes/ et al.

Relating to allowing Medicaid managed care organizations to engage in marketing about the availability of certain private health benefit plan coverage.

**SP: Manuel** 

# SB 1383 (CS) Middleton/ Johnson/ et al. SP: King/ et al.

Relating to the regulation of referral agencies for senior living communities.

#### SB 1883 (CS) Bettencourt/ et al. SP: Buckley/ Dyson/ et al.

Relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees.

## SB 1968 (CS) (LC) Schwertner SP: Harless/ King/ et al.

Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain real estate professionals by the Texas Real Estate Commission.

# The Senate granted the request for the appointment of a Conference Committee on the following:

#### HB 2525 (CS) (LC) Darby/ Dean/ Hefner/ Craddick SP: Paxton/ et al.

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property owned by a charitable organization that is engaged in providing housing and related facilities and services to persons who are at least 62 years of age.

# The Senate confirmed all nominees as reported by the Committee on Nominations.

# **Committee referral on the following:**

# HB 112 Button/ Capriglione/ Hunter/

Bonnen/ Ordaz/ et al.

Relating to the creation and operation of a science park district in certain counties.

# **Economic Development**

#### HB 117 Schoolcraft

Relating to the establishment of the governor's task force on the governance of early childhood education and care.

# **Economic Development**

#### HB 557 Jones, Jolanda/ et al.

Relating to the enforcement of an order to pay child support by contempt and the accrual of interest on certain child support arrearages.

### Jurisprudence

#### HB 783 Lalani/ Darby

Relating to civil liability for online impersonation.

**State Affairs** 

#### HB 869 Lalani/ et al.

Relating to the review and revision by the state's classification officer of information in the position classification plan regarding state information technology positions.

#### **Business & Commerce**

# HB 876 Lalani

Relating to the establishment of certain information sharing and analysis organizations by the Department of Information Resources.

#### **Business & Commerce**

#### HB 1039 Morales, Eddie

Relating to the use of hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain municipalities and the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax; authorizing the imposition of a tax.

# **Economic Development**

#### HB 1201 Manuel/ Hull/ Walle/ Swanson/

Simmons/ et al.

Relating to a pilot program to provide Medicaid coverage of doula services.

# **Health & Human Services**

# HB 1347 Turner/ Rose/ Garcia, Josey

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of exploitation of a child, elderly individual, or disabled individual.

#### **Criminal Justice**

#### HB 1359 Hernandez/ Hunter/ Thompson/

Darby/ Moody/ et al.

Relating to a program to provide assistance for certain retail electric customers.

**Business & Commerce** 

# HB 1650 Canales

Relating to a special bill of review to reform a final judgment of forfeiture of a bail bond.

**Criminal Justice** 

# HB 1788 Hernandez/ Simmons/ Raymond/

**Howard** 

Relating to continuing education for barbers and cosmetologists on identifying and assisting victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking.

# **Business & Commerce**

# HB 1904 Canales/ Cain/ Landgraf/ Virdell/

Guerra

Relating to the release of a balloon and associated littering; creating a criminal offense.

#### **Criminal Justice**

#### **HB 1955**

#### Thompson/ Frank/ et al.

Relating to the establishment of an early childhood mental health home visiting grant program.

**Health & Human Services** 

**HB 2370** 

# Lopez, Janie/ Muñoz/ Guillen/

Raymond/Lujan

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use hotel occupancy tax revenue for certain venue projects.

**Economic Development** 

**HB 2849** 

Allen/ Simmons/ Jones, Jolanda/

et al.

Relating to policies on the recess period in public schools.

**Education K-16** 

HB 2853

Perez, Vincent/ Moody/ Morales,

Eddie/ Ordaz

Relating to student union building fees at The University of Texas at El Paso.

**Education K-16** 

**HB 3066** 

Leach

Relating to the entitlement of certain municipalities to certain tax revenue associated with hotel and convention center projects.

**Economic Development** 

#### **HB 3169**

**Bumgarner** 

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use certain tax revenue derived from a hotel and convention center project.

**Economic Development** 

#### **HB 3178**

Virdell

Relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax.

**Economic Development** 

#### **HB 3179**

Virdell

Relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax.

**Economic Development** 

HB 3196

Lopez, Janie/ Muñoz/ Guillen/

Raymond/Lujan

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to receive certain tax revenue derived from a hotel and convention center project and to pledge certain tax revenue for the payment of obligations related to the project.

**Economic Development** 

# **HB 3241**

Harris Davila

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use certain tax revenue for hotel and convention center projects.

**Economic Development** 

#### **HB 3567**

Frank

Relating to authorizing certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax.

**Economic Development** 

#### **HB 3672**

**Ashby** 

Relating to the creation of an extracurricular community education grant program.

**Finance** 

#### **HB 3715**

Guerra

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use certain tax revenue for hotel and convention center projects.

**Economic Development** 

#### HB 3720 Thompson

Relating to the construction of bridges in Harris County.

**Transportation** 

#### HB 3883 Flores/ Cole/ et al.

Relating to the eligibility of certain events for funding under the major events reimbursement program.

**Economic Development** 

#### **HB 3954** Cole

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use certain tax revenue derived from a hotel and convention center project.

**Economic Development** 

#### HB 3976 Button/ Smithee/ Plesa/ Bell,

Keith/Longoria

Relating to the waiver of license renewal fees for certain instructors in high-demand fields at public institutions of higher education.

**Business & Commerce** 

#### HB 4070 Johnson/ Ashby/ Darby/ Harless/

Villalobos/ et al.

Relating to the sale, design, and manufacture of orthodontic devices.

**Health & Human Services** 

# HB 4098 Harris Davila

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use certain tax revenue for hotel and convention center projects.

**Economic Development** 

#### HB 4222 Louderback

Relating to authorizing certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax, the applicability and rates of that tax in certain counties, and the use of revenue from that tax.

**Economic Development** 

#### HB 4327 Moody

Relating to wrongful death actions for the benefit of siblings of the decedent.

**State Affairs** 

#### HB 4359 Capriglione/ Lopez, Janie/

Tepper/ DeAyala

Relating to the review of school districts by the Sunset Advisory Commission.

**Education K-16** 

# HB 4412 Landgraf

Relating to the use of hotel occupancy tax revenue for certain public improvement projects by certain municipalities.

**Economic Development** 

#### HB 4683 Leach

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use certain tax revenue for hotel and convention center projects.

**Economic Development** 

# HB 4755 Lopez, Janie/ Muñoz/ Guillen/

Raymond/ Lujan/ et al.

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to use hotel occupancy tax revenue for certain venue projects.

**Economic Development** 

# HB 4894 Flore

Relating to the boundaries of, and validating certain acts and proceedings of, the Creedmoor Municipal Utility District.

**Local Government** 

#### HB 4926 Wharton

Relating to authorizing certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax and the use of revenue from that tax.

#### **Economic Development**

# HB 5115 Shaheen/ Patterson/ McQueeney/ SP: Hughes Fairly/ Leo Wilson/ et al.

Relating to the penalty for the crime of election fraud; increasing a criminal penalty.

**State Affairs** 

#### HB 5165 Landgraf

Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue in certain municipalities.

**Economic Development** 

#### HB 5320 Guillen

Relating to the powers, duties, and governance of the Starr County Drainage District, the change of the name of the Starr County Drainage District to the Starr County Drainage and Groundwater Conservation District, the dissolution of the Starr County Groundwater Conservation District, and the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Starr County Groundwater Conservation District to the Starr County Drainage and Groundwater Conservation District; authorizing the imposition of a tax.

**Local Government** 

## HB 5437 Kitzman

Relating to the validation of the creation of and certain acts of the Austin County Municipal Utility District No. 1.

#### **Local Government**

# HB 5499 LaHood

Relating to towing fee studies and the amount of nonconsent towing fees in certain political subdivisions; authorizing an increase in existing fees; authorizing a fee.

**Transportation** 

#### HB 5596 Leo Wilson SP: Middleton

Relating to the calculation of the voter-approval tax rate for certain municipalities that receive municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue.

# **Economic Development**

# HB 5650 Flores

Relating to the creation of the Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 40; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

# **Local Government**

# HB 5651 Metcalf

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Water Control and Improvement District No. 7; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

## **Local Government**

# HB 5654 Metcalf

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 263; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

# **Local Government**

#### HB 5656 Lalani

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 263; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

# **Local Government**

#### HB 5658 Patterson

Relating to the creation of the Craver Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments and fees; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5659 Dean/ VanDeaver/ Hefner

Relating to the procedural requirements applicable to certain water-related transactions involving the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District.

#### Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

#### **HB 5661** Gates

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 286; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5662 Gates

Relating to the powers, duties, and authority to issue bonds of the Fort Bend County Water Control and Improvement District No. 12 related to roads.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5665 Kitzman

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 70; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5666 Oliverson

Relating to the creation of the Fenske Road Municipal Utility District of Harris County; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5670 Holt

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 259; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5671 Kerwin

Relating to the election of directors for and the authority to issue bonds of the Johnson County Special Utility District.

# **Local Government**

# HB 5672 Zwiener

Relating to the boundaries of, and validating certain acts and proceedings of, the Driftwood Conservation District.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5674 Wilson

Relating to the creation of the River Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5676 Wilson

Relating to the eminent domain authority of the Williamson County Municipal Utility District No. 40. **Local Government** 

#### **HB 5677** Cole

Relating to the creation of the Pura Vida Municipal Management District No. 1; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5678 Gerdes

Relating to the creation of the Rivers Market Place Municipal Management District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5679 Geren

Relating to the creation of the Hills of Walnut Creek Municipal Utility District of Parker County; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5680 Holt

Relating to the creation of the Bayou Belle Municipal Management District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

#### **Local Government**

# HB 5681 Bell, Cecil

Relating to the powers of the Westwood Magnolia Parkway Improvement District.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5682 Richardson

Relating to the creation of the Colmena Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments and fees.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5688 Lopez, Janie

Relating to the creation of the San Benito Municipal Utility District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5694 Luther

Relating to the creation of the Fannin County Improvement District No. 1; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

## Local Government

#### HB 5695 Gerdes

Relating to the creation of the Sayers Ranch Municipal Utility District; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

# **Local Government**

# HB 5696 Cook

Relating to the creation of The Reserve Municipal Management District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

#### **Local Government**

#### HB 5699 Schofield

Relating to the authority of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 405 to exclude territory; validating and confirming all previous acts of the district.

# **Local Government**

#### HCR 46 Bumgarner

Designating January 12 as Nathan Gage Ingram Day for a 10-year period ending in 2035.

# Administration

# HCR 59 Isaac/ et al.

Designating April as Promise Month for a 10-year period ending in 2035.

# Administration

#### HCR 81 Shofner

Designating Milam as the official Gateway Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2035. **Administration** 

# HCR 83 Shofner

Designating Rusk County as the official Syrup Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2035. **Administration** 

# HCR 84 Shofner

Designating Pineland as the official Lumber Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2035. **Administration** 

# HCR 111 Lopez, Janie

Designating Combes as the official Bee Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2035. **Administration** 

# HCR 142 Geren

Designating Fort Worth as the official Aviation and Defense Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2035.

#### Administration

- (CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
- (LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR