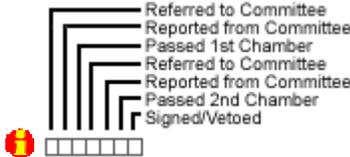




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### Agency Administration

HB 98      Perry, Charles(R)      Relating to zero-based budgeting for certain entities funded by this state.

**Remarks:** 1/3 of agencies would be required to submit a zero-based budget before each regular legislative session including discrete activities the entity is charged with conducting, an estimate of any adverse effect if the activity were discontinued, expenditures needed to maintain the activity at the minimum level required; expenditures needed to maintain each activity at current service level, and a ranking of relative importance of each activity to overall goals and purposes of entity.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 11-12-12 H Filed

HB 119      Larson, Lyle(R)      Relating to citizenship information reported by persons who receive local or state money to provide services to individuals in this state.

**Remarks:** Entities receiving appropriated money from the state to provide health care, educational, welfare, correctional, or other services shall identify each recipient's country of origin, determine the cost of providing the service if the individual is a citizen of a foreign country & submit that information to the comptroller. The comptroller shall submit a report to state leadership, and to each foreign country identified requesting reimbursement.

**Track Name(s):** (Master List Only), LTSS, Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 11-12-12 H Filed

HB 136      Raymond, Richard(D)      Relating to an annual state budget and legislative

budget sessions in even-numbered years and to political contributions made during a legislative session.

**Remarks:** Requires Legislature to meet annually beginning on second Tuesday of January during odd-numbered years and on the 3rd Tuesday of April during even-numbered years; requires study of impact of annual budgets; limits political contributions during new sessions.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 11-12-12 H Filed

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HB 185 Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to liability of a governmental unit for personal injury and death caused by the governmental unit's negligence.

**Remarks:** A governmental unit would be liable for personal injury or death caused by negligence in instances where the governmental unit would be liable were it a private person.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 11-14-12 H Filed

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HB 204 Krause, Matt(R)

Relating to zero-based budgeting for certain entities funded by this state and requiring a state agency that is undergoing review by the Sunset Advisory Commission to undergo a financial audit.

**Remarks:** Similar to HB 98 but adds requirement for agencies to submit zero-based budget in year before the agency is abolished by Sunset review.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 11-19-12 H Filed

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HB 231 Isaac, Jason(R)

Relating to suspending Employees Retirement System of Texas annuity payments for employees who return to work for the state.

**Remarks:** State pension would be suspended for state employees returning to state employment after retiring.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 11-30-12 H Filed

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HB 291 King, Phil(R)

Relating to a hiring freeze of nonessential personnel employed by a state agency.

**Remarks:** State agencies could not fill positions that become vacant on or after 9-1-13 unless first determining the position is critical to agency's ability to perform core functions and notifying governor and LBB. Funds saved from vacant positions credited to fund or account from which money was appropriated.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 12-17-12 H Filed

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HB 318      Giddings, Helen(D)      Relating to prohibiting an employer from requiring or requesting access to the personal accounts of employees and job applicants through electronic communication devices.

**Remarks:** Prohibits employers from requiring employee or applicant to disclose user name, password, or other means of accessing personal accounts including email or social networking accounts accessed through an electronic communication device.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 12-21-12 H Filed

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HB 348      Canales, Terry(D)      Relating to ethics training for legislators and certain other state officers and employees.

**Remarks:** Requires training provided by Ethics Commission every two years for legislators, CEO's of agencies and paid staff or the legislature. Any person required to complete training is not eligible to receive salary until training is completed.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration, EDUCATION

**Bill History:** 01-07-13 H Filed

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HB 463      Johnson, Eric(D)      Relating to the designation of certain election days as state holidays.

**Companions:** SB 80      Ellis, Rodney      (Identical)  
1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** Adds days on which statewide elections are held as a state holiday, including statewide primary elections.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 01-10-13 H Filed

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HB 480 Alvarado, Carol(D) Relating to leave for certain state employees who are attending educational activities of their children.

**Remarks:** Provides up to 8 hours of paid leave yearly for a parent to attend educational activities of their children through 12th grade.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 01-14-13 H Filed

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HB 526 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the confidentiality of information held by a public retirement system.

**Remarks:** Removes provision that records and information held by ERS are exempt from disclosure under Public Information Act.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 01-15-13 H Filed

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HB 739 Crownover, Myra(R) Relating to the creation of a voluntary consumer-directed health plan for certain individuals eligible to participate in the group benefits program provided under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act and their qualified depend

**Companions:** SB 255 Deuell, Bob (Identical)  
1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** Directs ERS to create optional consumer-directed health plan including health savings accounts and make available to state employees and retirees. State contributions would be not greater than state contributions for employee / retiree and dependents for basic coverage. Participants would contribute additional amounts for dependents. Amounts in account may be used for cost of high deductible health plan not paid by the state, and for cafeteria plan established by ERS for participants with flexible spending accounts.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration, HEALTHCARE

**Bill History:** 01-28-13 H Filed

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HB 741 Walle, Amando(D) Relating to the right of a public employee to breast-feed, or to express breast milk for, the employee's child in the workplace.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 01-28-13 H Filed

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HB 769      Howard, Donna(D)      Relating to legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years and to reports of political contributions accepted during a budget session.

**Remarks:** Provides for the Legislature to convene during evening numbered years on the 3rd Tuesday in April.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 01-28-13 H Filed

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HB 810      Cook, Byron(R)      Relating to distribution of state agency reports to legislators.

**Remarks:** Provides that agency reports be made available to legislators only in an electronic format.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 01-30-13 H Filed

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HJR 26      Raymond, Richard(D)      Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for an annual state budget and annual legislative sessions for budget purposes.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 11-12-12 H Filed

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HJR 67      Howard, Donna(D)      Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years.

**Remarks:** Provides for the Legislature to meet during even-numbered years for a "budget session" lasting not more than 30 days.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 01-28-13 H Filed

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SB 80      Ellis, Rodney(D)      Relating to the designation of certain election days as state holidays.

**Companions:** HB 463      Johnson, Eric      (Identical)  
1-10-13 H Filed

**Remarks:** Adds days on which statewide elections are held as a state holiday, including statewide primary elections.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 01-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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SB 142 West, Royce(D) Relating to zero-based budgeting for state agencies as a part of the sunset review process.

**Remarks:** Requires zero-based budgets to be prepared for agencies undergoing sunset review.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 01-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

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SB 178 Davis, Wendy(D) Relating to the disclosure on personal financial statements of certain contracts with governmental entities.

**Companions:** HB 524 Capriglione, Giovanni (Identical)  
1-15-13 H Filed

**Remarks:** Adds requirement to disclose contracts with government entities on personal financial statements.

**Track Name(s):** Agency Administration

**Bill History:** 01-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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SB 255 Deuell, Bob(R) Relating to the creation of a voluntary consumer-directed health plan for certain individuals eligible to participate in the group benefits program provided under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act and their qualified depend

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