

**Background:**

TCDD Public Policy Staff have compiled a list of bills filed in the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature that may be of interest to advocates. The attached list shows the status of each bill as of April 20, 2015, but progress changes on a daily basis. Bills are listed by the following subject areas:

- Education
- Employment and Higher Education
- Guardianship Reform and Supported Decision Making
- Healthcare
- Housing
- Long Term Services and Supports
- Mental Health
- Miscellaneous
- Sunset

**Public Policy Committee**

**Agenda Item 7.**

**Expected Action:**

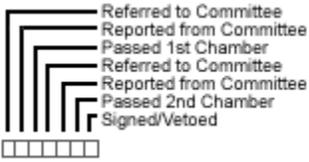
The Committee will receive updates on the pending legislation and may make recommendations for consideration by the Council.

**Council**

**Agenda Item 10. B.**

**Expected Action:**

The Council will receive reports from the Public Policy Committee and consider any recommendations offered from the Committee.



# Bill Status Report

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## EDUCATION

HB 43

Gonzalez, Mary(D)

Relating to the creation of a task force to evaluate state assessment instruments administered to public school students with significant cognitive disabilities.

**Remarks:** Would create a 40-member task force to evaluate state assessments for public school students with cognitive disabilities.

**Bill History:** 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 70

Gonzalez, Mary(D)

Relating to prevention of discrimination and harassment in public schools.

**Remarks:** Would prohibit a school employee or student from discriminating, harassing or retaliating at school, school event, while transporting based on actual or perceived ethnic, cultural, sexual orientation/identity or disability. Would require periodic training.

**Bill History:** 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 73

Gonzalez, Mary(D)

Relating to academic assessment of public school students with significant disabilities.

**Remarks:** Would require TEA to develop portfolio or other assessment for students with cognitive disabilities or who are medically fragile receiving special education services if standardized assessment is an inappropriate measure of achievement.

**Bill History:** 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 279

Simmons, Ron(R)

Relating to eligibility for a public education grant of certain students receiving special education services.

**Remarks:** Would add students participating in a special education program with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to those eligible to receive a grant to attend a different public school.

**Bill History:** 03-17-15 H Committee action pending House Public Education

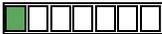
HB 356

Gonzalez, Mary(D)

Relating to a federal waiver to exempt public school students with significant cognitive disabilities from annual assessment requirements imposed by federal law.

**Remarks:** Would require TEA to apply to the US Department of Education for a waiver of the annual alternate assessment of students with significant cognitive disabilities required by the No Child Left Behind Act and IDEA.

**Bill History:** 02-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

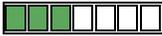
HB 435  


Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the instruction of American Sign Language in public high schools.

**Remarks:** Would allow the instruction of ASL in public high schools via teleconferencing.

**Bill History:** 02-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

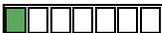
HB 440  


Gonzales, Larry(R)

Relating to adapting the public school physical education curriculum to accommodate the needs of students with mental disabilities.

**Remarks:** Would require accommodations in physical education classes for all student receiving special education services, including those with a mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and autism spectrum disorder.

**Bill History:** 04-13-15 S Received in the Senate

HB 567  


Allen, Alma(D)

Relating to corporal punishment in public schools.

**Remarks:** Would prohibit corporal punishment by school employees, volunteers, and contractors involving hitting, spanking, paddling, or infliction of pain. Permits the use of restraint.

**Bill History:** 02-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 568  


Allen, Alma(D)

Relating to a review by the commissioner of education of state law regarding student suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary action and the implementation of that law by school districts.

**Remarks:** Would require education commissioner to develop, post, and take public comment on plan and legislative recommendations to reduce the number of discretionary disciplinary actions taken by school districts.

**Bill History:** 02-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

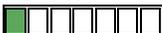
HB 842  


Naishtat, Elliott(D)

Relating to review of public school instructional materials for compliance with accessibility standards.

**Remarks:** Would require an additional level of review to ensure the accessibility of electronic instructional materials.

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

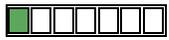
HB 868  


Flynn, Dan(R)

Relating to a defense to prosecution for and civil liability of an educator who uses force or deadly force to protect the educator's person, students of the school, or property of the school, and suspension of a student.

**Remarks:** Would provide teacher defense and immunity for shooting/killing a student at school, a school activity, or on bus, including for defense of school property. Would permit student to be suspended for "elements of" assault.

**Bill History:** 03-04-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

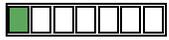
HB 919  


Flynn, Dan(R)

Relating to provisional special education funding for certain students in public schools.

**Remarks:** Would provide that a student in a residential facility, detention, substance abuse treatment (SA) facility, emergency shelter, psychiatric hospital, halfway house, foster group home, or in CPS conservatorship be funded at the rate of a student who receives special education services in a mainstream program until an IDEA eligibility determination is made. Funding would not to be subject to repayment if student is not IDEA eligible.

**Bill History:** 02-25-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 985  


Villalba, Jason(R)

Relating to mental health screening for public school students who may be a danger to self or others and to suspension or educational placement of those students.

**Remarks:** Would authorize public school to suspend student alleged to have made sexual or physical threats if student does not produce evidence of a mental health assessment that the student has a mental illness. Would require school to place student who does not obtain mental health examination in DAEP with potential disparate effect on students with disabilities who refuse mental health (MH) assessment.

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

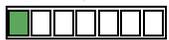
HB 1033  


Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to the placement of video cameras in self-contained classrooms providing special education services.

**Remarks:** Would require a school district to provide video camera for self-contained classrooms on request of parent or school trustee/staff, with camera removed on request of any parent.

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1404  


Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to the creation of a committee to evaluate special education services in public schools.

**Remarks:** Would require a committee to address special education services. Would include, among others, members of the legislature, three parents, a physician, a superintendent, and a special education teacher.

**Bill History:** 03-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1891  


Rodriguez, Eddie(D)

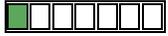
Relating to community schools.

**Companions:** SB 1483 Garcia, Sylvia (Identical)  
4- 7-15 S Committee action pending Senate Education

**Remarks:** Would create new designation "community school" and provide for continuation of failing school with 75% approval of parents and community partners. Represented in media as an alternative to school closings and vouchers.

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Committee action pending House Public Education

HB 2010



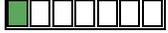
Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to public and private school searches of students with parental consent and certain disciplinary measures and other procedures that may arise from such a search.

**Remarks:** Would allow body/locker search of student (w/parent approval), suspected of harmful or illegal conduct. If substance found, student sent to boot camp, SA treatment or JAEP.

**Bill History:** 03-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

HB 2186



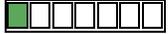
Cook, Byron(R)

Relating to suicide prevention training for certain educators and other employees of a school district.

**Remarks:** Would require annual rather than one time training in suicide prevention and removes requirement to keep record of those trained.

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Committee action pending House Public Education

HB 2218



Coleman, Garnet(D)

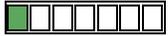
Relating to instruction regarding mental health, substance abuse, and youth suicide in educator training programs.

**Companions:** SB 674 Campbell, Donna (Identical)  
2-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

**Remarks:** Would change educator academic requirements from detection of to instruction in mental health, substance abuse and suicide from list of best practices.

**Bill History:** 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 2252



Turner, Sylvester(D)

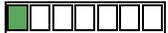
Relating to the use of the compensatory education allotment for a school district's school guidance and counseling program.

**Companions:** SB 1570 Lucio, Eddie (Identical)  
3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

**Remarks:** Would allow use of compensatory education funds to cover counseling program.

**Bill History:** 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 3282

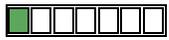


Simmons, Ron(R)

Relating to the establishment by the commissioner of education of an autism program to provide applied behavior analysis services to students with autism spectrum disorder and to the coordination of autism services in this state.

**Remarks:** Would require TEA to administer ISD-provider contracts and to assume HHSC/DARS responsibilities for autism services to children under 8 provided through Medicaid and child health plan program, with provider requirements, database, reporting, and rules.

**Bill History:** 03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

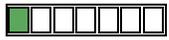
HB 3975  


Allen, Alma(D)

Relating to the timeline for a parent to request a special education impartial due process hearing.

**Remarks:** Would require that a request for special education due process occur within two years of the date that is the basis of the complaint.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

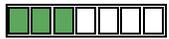
HJR 82  


Raymond, Richard(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the authorization or funding of an elementary or secondary education voucher program.

**Remarks:** Would prohibit state or local revenue paying for child to attend private school, unless it is a school for kids requiring special education services.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

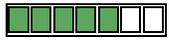
SB 108  


Whitmire, John(D)

Relating to criminal procedures for certain misdemeanor offenses committed by children.

**Remarks:** Would eliminate citations for a school offense by school resource officers, law enforcement and requires the record to be expunged if student receives GED or diploma.

**Bill History:** 04-01-15 H Received in the House

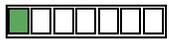
SB 149  


Seliger, Kel(R)  
Huberty, Dan(R)

Relating to the creation of individual graduation committees for certain high school students.

**Remarks:** Would allow graduation committees to assess whether a student who has not performed satisfactorily on end-of-course assessments can qualify for graduation based on other criteria.

**Bill History:** 04-21-15 H Set on the House Calendar

SB 176  


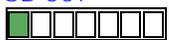
Seliger, Kel(R)

Relating to the Texas School Accountability Dashboard.

**Companions:** [HB 3992](#) Farney, Marsha (Identical)  
3-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

**Remarks:** Would add several data requirements to School Accountability Dashboard, including progress of students who receive special education services.

**Bill History:** 01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

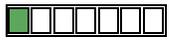
SB 507  


Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to the placement of video cameras in self-contained classrooms providing special education services.

**Remarks:** Would require a school district to provide video camera for self contained classrooms on request of a parent or a school trustee/staff, with camera removed on request of any parent. Not continuously monitored.

**Bill History:** 02-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

SB 518  


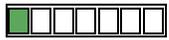
Uresti, Carlos(D)

Relating to inclusion of mental health concerns in existing school health efforts.

**Companions:** [HB 3289](#) Farney, Marsha (Identical)  
3-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

**Remarks:** Would add local mental health authorities and substance abuse (SA) providers to School Health Advisory Council and require education on signs, symptoms, SA, stress management and positive relationships, and recommendations to ISDs on social emotional learning.

**Bill History:** 02-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

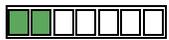
SB 811  


Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to providing a translated copy of a student's individualized education program to parents unable to speak English.

**Remarks:** Would require school districts to provide, on parental request, a translated audiotape of the student's individualized education program.

**Bill History:** 04-21-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.028 - Senate Education

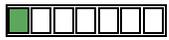
SB 836  


Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to management services for the physical facilities of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf.

**Remarks:** Would transfer responsibilities for physical maintenance of Texas School for the Blind and Texas School for the Deaf to the Texas Facilities Commission.

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Business and Commerce

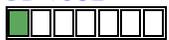
SB 1178  


Huffines, Donald (F)(R)

Relating to establishing an education savings account program.

**Remarks:** Would divert public funds into individual educational savings accounts for children whose parents opt-out of public education, to pay for private school or higher ed tuition, tutoring, online programs, testing and exams, college savings programs, and professional fees for educational therapies/services. One-half of one percent of school-age kids eligible.

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 S Removed from hearing 03/26/15 - Senate Education

SB 1382  


Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to regulation of prescribed pediatric extended care centers.

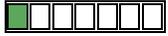
**Companions:** [HB 2340](#) Sheffield, J.D. (Identical)  
4-17-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Public Health

**Remarks:** Would require that, unlike all other facilities, a PPECC would not have to have a person admitted before inspection and licensure.

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

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SB 1584



Lucio, Eddie(D)

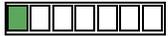
Relating to positive behavioral interventions and supports for students enrolled in public school who receive special education services.

**Remarks:** Would promote PBIS and give conditions under which restraint or timeout may be used as an emergency intervention, prohibiting use in a behavioral intervention plan; with documentation, parental and district notification requirements and ARD referral for consideration. Would add PBIS and bullying to training options; requires PBIS training of some general education teachers who work with students with disabilities.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

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SB 1871



Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners and the requirement to obtain a license to practice as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst.

**Companions:** [HB 2703](#) Simmons, Ron (Identical)  
4-21-15 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.012, House Public Health

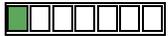
**Remarks:** Would establish a Texas Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners licensure and scope of practice. Would not add requirements in addition to the national certification requirements. Necessary for BCBAs to bill Medicaid for services provided by staff they supervise.

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

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## EMPLOYMENT & HIGHER ED

HB 174



Martinez Fischer, Trey(D)

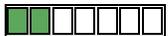
Relating to requiring a living wage for those that do business with the state.

**Remarks:** Would require state agencies, vendors, and contractors and political subdivisions to pay employees the greater of \$10.10/hour or the federal minimum wage. This could be particularly significant for persons with disabilities working at subminimum wage and associated with the Texas State Use Program.

**Bill History:** 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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HB 873



Sanford, Scott(R)

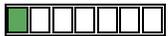
Relating to the publication of certain information regarding the vocational rehabilitation program on the Internet.

**Remarks:** Would require internet publication of vocational rehabilitation program success data on HHSC and DARS websites.

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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HB 1672

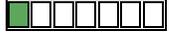


Gonzalez, Mary(D)

Relating to requiring public institutions of higher education to request student disciplinary records for certain applicants for admission to the institution.

**Remarks:** Would require higher education institution to request disciplinary records from other post-secondary institutions.

**Bill History:** 03-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

HB 3294  


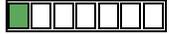
Burkett, Cindy(R)

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Workforce Commission.

**Companions:** SB 208 Campbell, Donna (Identical)  
4-16-15 S Returned to full committee as substituted Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

**Remarks:** Would continue the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and move disability determination services and Business Enterprises of Texas (BET) from DARS to TWC; includes sunset recommendations to combine vocational rehabilitation (VR) services and VR blind services, **separating VR blind services from DARS blind children's program.**

**Bill History:** 04-09-15 H Committee action pending House Economic and Small Business Development

HB 3685  


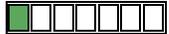
Anderson, Doc(R)

Relating to the employment status of certain individuals engaged in rehabilitative work-training programs.

**Companions:** SB 1671 Lucio, Eddie (Identical)  
3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

**Remarks:** Would require sheltered workshops and other employers of people with disabilities to report earnings or to follow transition plan with timeframes for employees to move from training into competitive employment.

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Committee action pending House Economic and Small Business Development

SB 36  


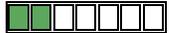
Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to maintain an inventory of postsecondary educational programs and services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Companions:** HB 1807 Naishtat, Elliott (Identical)  
4-22-15 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.014, House Higher Education

**Remarks:** Would require Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to keep, distribute, and update biennially an inventory of postsecondary educational programs and services provided by public colleges and universities to people with IDD. List would be shared on board's website and with TEA.

**Bill History:** 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education

SB 37  


Zaffirini, Judith(D)

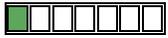
Relating to a study of the participation of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in public higher education.

**Companions:** HB 1811 Naishtat, Elliott (Identical)  
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

**Remarks:** Would require TEA to maintain data on participation of people with IDD in public higher education. Would require TEA and Comptroller to have MOU outlining how offices will work in conjunction.

**Bill History:** 04-15-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

SB 38



Zaffirini, Judith(D)

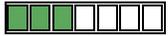
Relating to creation of an employment-first task force advisory committee.

**Companions:** [HB 1809](#) Naishtat, Elliott (Identical)  
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

**Remarks:** Would create advisory committee of 11 or fewer members to make recommendations to the Employment First Task Force on increasing post-secondary education and access for individuals with IDD. Advocates have recommended that the Higher Education Coordinating Board would be the more appropriate location for this committee.

**Bill History:** 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 212



Birdwell, Brian(R)

Relating to the abolishment of the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities and the transfer of its functions to the comptroller of public accounts.

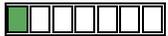
**Companions:** [HB 1989](#) Burkett, Cindy (Identical)  
3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

**Remarks:** Would abolish TCPPD and move functions to the Comptroller. Would expand the advisory council to include people with disabilities who are employed by contractors under the State Use Program.

Amendment to direct the administrating agency of the State Use Program to adopt policy requiring all CRPs to pay at least minimum wage was filed, but was not acceptable to the author.

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Received in the House

SB 1052



Zaffirini, Judith(D)

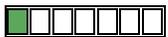
Relating to the consideration of ownership interests of certain persons with disabilities in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.

**Companions:** [HB 3010](#) Simmons, Ron (Identical)  
4-15-15 H Committee action pending House State Affairs

**Remarks:** Would provide HUB status for businesses owned by people with disabilities. EFTF recommendation.

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 1559



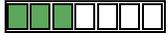
Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to an interagency plan to promote competitive and integrated employment for persons with disabilities.

**Remarks:** Would require comptroller, TEA, TWC, HHSC and TCPPD to create transition plan by 1/16 to move people with disabilities into competitive integrated employment, with implementation due dates.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 1664



Perry, Charles (F)(R)

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program.

**Companions:** HB 3766 Burkett, Cindy (Identical)  
3-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

**Remarks:** Would establish Texas ABLE Act accounts for persons who acquired their disability before age 26.

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Received in the House

## GUARDIANSHIP

HB 39



Smithee, John(R)

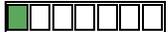
Relating to guardianships for incapacitated persons.

**Companions:** SB 1224 Schwertner, Charles (Identical)  
3-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** Would list less restrictive alternatives to guardianship; direct the court to determine whether alternatives could meet the needs of the person rather than guardianship; require the court to determine if formal and informal supports are in place or available that enable individuals to meet their needs and make decisions so that guardianship may be averted or limited; require additional information from the physician about the proposed incapacitated **person; add consideration of the proposed ward's capacity to make decisions about residence; and add training on alternatives to guardianship of the applicant's attorney.**

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 H Passed to third reading

HB 1333



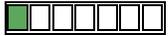
Naishtat, Elliott(D)

Relating to a request for a customer record of a financial institution for guardianship purposes.

**Remarks:** Would allow ad litem and investigators in court-initiated guardianship petitions to access private financial records of person proposed for guardianship.

**Bill History:** 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

HB 1337



Naishtat, Elliott(D)

Relating to requiring institutions and assisted living facilities to maintain guardianship orders of residents.

**Remarks:** Would require assisted living facility and institutions to maintain a copy of guardianship orders.

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

HB 2665



Moody, Joe(D)

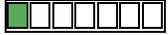
Relating to access to and receipt of certain information regarding a ward by certain relatives of the ward.

**Remarks:** Would allow a child with parent under guardianship to apply to court for visitation and communication and require guardian to inform relatives on changes in status of ward, such as hospitalization or change of residence.

**Bill History:** 04-21-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026 - House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 2998



Rodriguez, Justin(D)

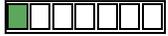
Relating to adoption of the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act.

**Remarks:** Would add UAGPPA to Estates Code that addresses issues relating to multiple jurisdiction, transfer, and out of state recognition; limiting the power of guardians and conservators; due process and fair proceedings. 42 states use UAGPPA.

**Bill History:** 04-21-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026 - House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 3424



Smithee, John(R)

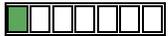
Relating to a central database containing information about certain individuals under guardianship.

**Remarks:** Would require courts to provide names of individuals under guardianship and guardian to TxDPS for a central database for "emergency service providers" including law enforcement, firefighters, and EMS.

**Bill History:** 03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 3914



Klick, Stephanie(R)

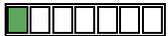
Relating to certain court-initiated guardianship proceedings involving individuals believed to be incapacitated persons including the appointment of a guardian ad litem or court investigator.

**Remarks:** Would allow persons subjected to court-initiated guardianship proceedings the right to due process, including right to petition to set aside, a copy of petition or order and an affidavit of facts by petitioner with a preliminary hearing where interested persons may speak to the circumstances.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 3930



Hughes, Bryan(R)

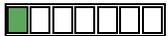
Relating to the provision of care and treatment to certain incapacitated persons.

**Remarks:** Would add protections for individuals committed to institutional settings by requiring the guardian to personally visit an institution before admission, make monthly visits, and provide timely response to communications from physicians, family members, attorneys, etc.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 4058



Naishtat, Elliott(D)

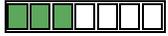
Relating to intervention in guardianship proceedings.

**Remarks:** Would allow interested person right to intervene in a guardianship proceeding giving court discretion to grant or deny.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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SB 512



Zaffirini, Judith(D)

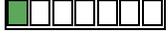
Relating to the promulgation of certain forms for use in probate matters.

**Remarks:** Would require Probate courts to provide free forms (including instructions) in plain English and Spanish for simple wills, small estates. Would include a statement that using the form is not a substitute for advice of attorney.

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 H Received in the House

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SB 1622



Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to payment and reimbursement of court costs in a guardianship proceeding.

**Companions:** [HB 2733](#) Thompson, Senfronia (Identical)  
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** Would require costs of guardianship to first be paid from guardianship estate and then by party to proceeding unless an affidavit of inability to pay costs per Rule 145, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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SB 1881



Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to authorizing supported decision-making agreements for certain adults with disabilities.

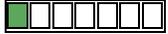
**Companions:** [HB 3624](#) Zedler, Bill (Identical)  
4-20-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services  
[SB 1912](#) Perry, Charles (F) (Identical)  
3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Remarks:** Would establish supported decision-making as an informal alternative to guardianship where individuals could choose people they trust to help them understand the decisions they need to make and to communicate their decisions to others.

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

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SB 1882



Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to a bill of rights for wards under guardianship.

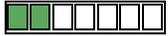
**Remarks:** Would list rights that individuals under guardianship get to keep, such as the right to live, work and play in the most integrated setting, visit with people of their choice, and appear before the court to express their preferences or concerns. Would include the right to petition the court and due process.

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

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## HEALTHCARE

HB 606



Davis, Sarah(R)

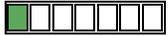
Relating to a study on the benefits of prenatal surgical procedures to treat birth defects.

**Remarks:** Would require the Health and Human Services Commission to conduct a study for cost benefit of specific surgeries on a child before they are born.

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Public Health

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HB 892



Klick, Stephanie(R)

Relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis and the regulation of related organizations and individuals.

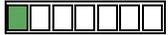
**Companions:** SB 339 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)  
2-18-15 S Rereferred to Committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Remarks:** Would create the Texas Compassionate-Use Act to provide access to low THC cannabis for persons with intractable seizures.

**Bill History:** 02-25-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

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HB 2004



Darby, Drew(R)

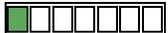
Relating to a pilot project to provide emergency telemedicine medical services in rural areas.

**Remarks:** Would create a pilot for telemedicine in rural trauma centers. Pilot would be funded by 911 equalization surcharge.

**Bill History:** 04-17-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Public Health

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HB 2082



Laubenberg, Jodie(R)

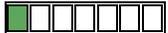
Relating to developing a pilot program to provide telemedicine medical services to certain children.

**Remarks:** Would pilot telemedical services in the home of child who is technology dependent and being treated by three or more specialists.

**Bill History:** 04-17-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Public Health

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HB 2157



Miller, Rick(R)

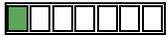
Relating to a requirement that a hospital allow a patient to designate a caregiver to receive aftercare instruction regarding the patient.

**Remarks:** Would require that person or their LAR may designate a person to receive instructions for aftercare and medical information if that person is going to provide the aftercare, but does not obligate the person to provide the care. The designated person can be changed at any time. Would require the designated person to be notified before discharge or transfer. Discharge plans include tasks, health care services, community resources, and the long-term services and supports necessary to successfully implement the discharge plan

**Bill History:** 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

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HB 2638



Raymond, Richard(D)

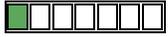
Relating to reimbursement for complex rehabilitation technology equipment providers under the medical assistance program.

**Remarks:** Would establish a separate provider type for providers of complex DME and enhanced reimbursement.

**Bill History:** 03-27-15 H Removed from hearing 03/30/15 - House Human Services

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HB 2703



Simmons, Ron(R)

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners and the requirement to obtain a license to practice as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst.

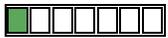
**Companions:** SB 1871 Lucio, Eddie (Identical)  
3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Remarks:** Would establish a Texas Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners licensure and scope of practice. Would not add requirements in addition to the national certification requirements. Necessary for BCBA's to bill Medicaid for services provided by staff they supervise.

**Bill History:** 04-21-15 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.012 - House Public Health

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HB 2835



King, Susan(R)

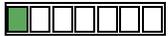
Relating to the name of the program serving certain persons with special health care needs and prioritizing services provided under the program.

**Remarks:** Would change name of Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) to Texas Special Health Care Needs Program to reflect the inclusion of persons with cystic fibrosis regardless of age and, to extent allowable, give priority to those with proof of citizenship or other documentation.

**Bill History:** 04-08-15 H Committee action pending House State Affairs

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HB 2924



Landgraf, Brooks (F)(R)

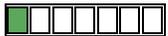
Relating to information regarding Down syndrome

**Remarks:** Would require that expectant parents whose test results indicate the probability that the unborn child has Down syndrome receive information about resources. May not promote termination.

**Bill History:** 04-15-15 H Committee action pending House State Affairs

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HB 2984



Hughes, Bryan(R)

Relating to advance directives or health care or treatment decisions made by or on behalf of patients.

**Remarks:** Would eliminate ability of physician who objects to continuing life-sustaining treatment from ending treatment until patient can find and be transferred to a facility willing to comply. Known as treatment pending transfer.

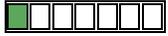
**Bill History:** 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

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HB 3374

Morrison, Geanie(R)

Relating to information regarding Down syndrome.



**Remarks:** Would require that expectant parents whose test results indicate the probability that the unborn child has Down syndrome receive information about local resources. Does not prohibit information about termination.

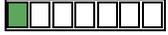
**Bill History:** 04-15-15 H Committee action pending House State Affairs

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HB 3473

Bonnen, Greg(R)

Relating to the provision of a cranial molding orthosis under the medical assistance and child health plan programs.



**Remarks:** Would require health coverage for orthosis for children three months to 18 months with cranial deformities.

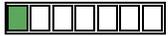
**Bill History:** 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

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HB 3954

Dukes, Dawwna(D)

Relating to fetal alcohol syndrome information provided to pregnant patients.



**Remarks:** Would require prenatal and birthing service providers to give pregnant women information about fetal alcohol syndrome disorders during the first visit.

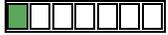
**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

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HB 3986

Simmons, Ron(R)

Relating to coverage by certain health benefit plans for certain services prescribed to treat autism spectrum disorder.



**Remarks:** Would add recreational therapy to the services covered by health plans to treat autism spectrum disorder.

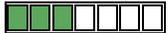
**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

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SB 694

Bettencourt, Paul (F)(R)

Relating to authorizing patients with certain terminal illnesses to access certain investigational drugs, biological products, and devices that are in clinical trials.



**Remarks:** Would allow patients with terminal illness access to investigational, biologics or devices not FDA approved.

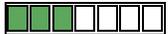
**Bill History:** 04-10-15 H Received in the House

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SB 760

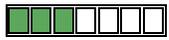
Schwertner, Charles(R)

Relating to provider access requirements for a Medicaid managed care organization.



**Remarks:** Would require more appropriate network adequacy standards that are directly monitored, requires expedited credentialing for some providers, and adds a \$10k penalty for failure to comply.

**Bill History:** 04-08-15 H Received in the House

SB 791  


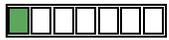
Kolkhorst, Lois (F)(R)

Relating to testing for and education about congenital cytomegalovirus in infants.

**Companions:** HB 2174 Zerwas, John (Identical)  
3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

**Remarks:** Would require that congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV) informational materials are provided to pregnant women. CMV causes developmental and/or hearing loss in 1 in 500 infants whose mother contracts the virus during pregnancy.

**Bill History:** 04-08-15 H Received in the House

SB 1884  


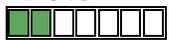
Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the provision of cognitive rehabilitation therapy under the Medicaid program.

**Remarks:** Would add cognitive rehabilitation therapy for brain injury as a covered benefit in Medicaid state plan.

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

## HOUSING

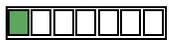
HB 843  


Naishtat, Elliott(D)

Relating to housing services provided through the transitional living services program to certain children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

**Remarks:** Would require housing transition plan for kids in conservatorship. Would identify any rental assistance, MH needs, education on rental agreements and other protective discussions about difficulties connected to youth housing choices.

**Bill History:** 04-10-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

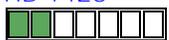
HB 1328  


Turner, Chris(D)

Relating to a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed on certain real property used to provide housing to certain persons with disabilities.

**Remarks:** Would provide tax credit for unregulated group homes and ICF-ID facilities. Language is not in line with Olmstead.

**Bill History:** 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1428  


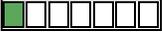
Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the administration of housing funds set aside for persons with disabilities through the homebuyer assistance program.

**Companions:** SB 1883 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)  
3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

**Remarks:** Would require a process to pre-approve persons with disabilities through the homebuyer assistance program.

**Bill History:** 04-17-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

HB 1556  


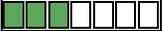
Miller, Rick(R)

Relating to prohibition of certain regulations by a county, municipality, or other political subdivision.

**Companions:** SB 1155 Hall, Bob (F) (Identical)  
3-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** Would prohibit ordinances disallowing rental discrimination based on tenant income.

**Bill History:** 03-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs

SB 1  


Nelson, Jane(R)

Relating to certain restrictions on the imposition of ad valorem taxes and to the duty of the state to reimburse certain political subdivisions for certain revenue loss.

**Remarks:** Would create exemption from school tax equal to 25 percent of median market value (MMV) for homesteads. LBB would determine MMV.

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 H Received in the House

SB 267  


Perry, Charles (F)(R)

Relating to the regulation by a municipality or county of the rental or leasing of housing accommodations.

**Companions:** HB 738 Larson, Lyle (Identical)  
2-26-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs  
HB 2909 Springer, Drew (Identical)  
4-14-15 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.028, House Urban Affairs

**Remarks:** Would allow owners and others to refuse to rent to individuals with housing choice vouchers or based on source of income. Legal cases have found income discrimination creates a disparate impact.

**Bill History:** 04-08-15 H Received in the House

SB 282  


Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to the period for which certain property acquired by a charitable organization to provide low-income housing may be exempted from ad valorem taxation.

**Companions:** HB 2872 King, Susan (Identical)  
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Remarks:** Would increase from 5 to 10 years exemption from ad valorem tax for non-profit, low income housing. Could act as incentive to increase housing options for people with disabilities.

**Bill History:** 01-28-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 327



Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

Relating to the authority of a county to adopt a fire code.

- Companions:**
- HB 684 Sheets, Kenneth (Identical)  
4-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House County Affairs
  - HB 924 Guillen, Ryan (Identical)  
2-25-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

**Remarks:** Would allow county of any size, not just large counties to enforce fire code. Exceptional Item approved this session to help HCS group homes meet sprinkler requirements.

**Bill History:** 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

SB 343



Huffines, Donald (F)(R)

Relating to the conformity of local law with state law.

**Remarks:** Would restrict local government from passing ordinances more stringent than state law unless expressly authorized by state statute. Example: Austin Housing Non-discrimination based on income.

**Bill History:** 02-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

## LONG TERM SERVICES & SUPPORTS

HB 504



Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to designating the second full week in September as Direct Support Professionals Week.

**Remarks:** Would designate the 2nd week in September as Direct Support Professionals Week.

**Bill History:** 04-13-15 S Received in the Senate

HB 607



Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to the creation of the State Supported Living Center Realignment Commission.

**Remarks:** Would require an SSLC realignment commission for closure and consolidation. Needs respectful language edit.

**Bill History:** 02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

HB 967

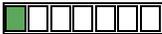


Crownover, Myra(R)

Relating to a pilot project to evaluate the use of radio frequency identification technology to transmit information regarding residents of certain group homes.

**Remarks:** Would establish pilot where a provider may use RFID device to identify and track resident of HCS group home w/resident or guardian's consent.

**Bill History:** 03-30-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

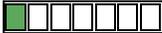
HB 1260  


King, Susan(R)

Relating to creation by rule of the Department of Aging and Disability Services of a schedule of support services a state supported living center may provide and the applicable fee for those services.

**Remarks:** Would allow SSLCs to be paid to provide services to persons using community based long term services and supports.

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Human Services

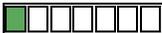
HB 1328  


Turner, Chris(D)

Relating to a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed on certain real property used to provide housing to certain persons with disabilities.

**Remarks:** Would provide tax credit for unregulated group homes and ICF-ID facilities. Language is not in line with Olmstead.

**Bill History:** 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1623  


Laubenberg, Jodie(R)

Relating to the reimbursement of providers for the provision of certain home telemonitoring services under the Medicaid program.

**Remarks:** Would allow telemonitoring for children with complex or chronic medical needs.

**Bill History:** 04-17-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Public Health

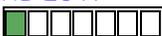
HB 1739  


Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the personal needs allowance for certain Medicaid recipients who are residents of long-term care facilities.

**Remarks:** Would increase personal needs allowance to \$75 per month. Does not include persons in HCS group homes.

**Bill History:** 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

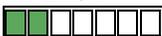
HB 2649  


Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to requiring video recording in certain home and community-based services provider facilities.

**Remarks:** Requires video monitoring in facilities with 8 or more people. Does not include a provision to require individuals' consent. Author indicates that the bill will not move forward.

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

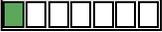
HB 2789  


Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to trauma-informed care training for certain employees of state supported living centers and intermediate care facilities.

**Remarks:** Would require initial pre-work and annual training on trauma-informed care for SSLC and ICF employees. Permits internet training.

**Bill History:** 04-23-15 H Set on the Local Calendar

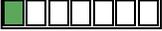
HB 3523  


Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to improving the delivery and quality of Medicaid acute care services and long-term care services and supports.

**Remarks:** SB7 (2013) follow up that would update implementation dates and would re-authorize and provide more direction to oversight committees.

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Human Services

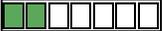
HB 3971  


King, Susan(R)

Relating to the provision of notice by the Department of Aging and Disability Services to neighborhoods in which certain group homes are located to protect the safety of the residents of those group homes.

**Remarks:** Would require DADS to develop a process to notify neighbors of the presence of a group home or ICF if law enforcement has had to respond to multiple emergencies, crises or elopements.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

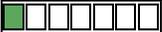
HB 4001  


Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the provision of habilitation and certain health care services by a home and community support services agency.

**Remarks:** Would add habilitation to the HCSSA licensure (some HCSSAs already provide hab). Does not include corresponding requirements for training to develop the capacity to provide services to persons with IDD.

**Bill History:** 04-22-15 H Set on the House Calendar

SB 30  


Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to financial eligibility for the Texas home living (TxHmL) waiver program.

**Companions:** HB 526 Riddle, Debbie (Identical)  
2-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

**Remarks:** Would expand eligibility for the TxHmL Waiver program from 100% SSI to 300% SSI. Substitute expected to include deeming parental income.

**Bill History:** 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 169  

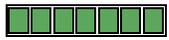

Uresti, Carlos(D)

Relating to ensuring that certain military members who reside out of state and their dependents maintain their positions on waiting lists for certain assistance programs provided by health and human services agencies.

**Companions:** HB 765 King, Susan (Identical)  
3-11-15 H Committee action pending House Defense and Veteran's Affairs

**Remarks:** Would ensure that military families stationed outside of Texas maintain their interest list position in their absence. Limit to one year maintenance on wait list after duty ends, killed or dies in service.

**Bill History:** 04-15-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs

SB 219  


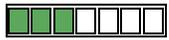
Schwertner, Charles(R)  
Price, Four(R)

Relating to the provision of health and human services in this state, including the powers and duties of the Health and Human Services Commission and other state agencies, and the licensing of certain health professionals.

**Companions:** [HB 550](#) Price, Four (Identical)  
3-26-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 219

**Remarks:** Would clean up health and human services codes in advance of Sunset legislation. Passage of SB 219 marks the full implementation of the respectful language legislation from 2011. 2,276 pages.

**Bill History:** 04-02-15 G Earliest effective date

SB 304  


Schwertner, Charles(R)

Relating to the abuse and neglect of residents of certain facilities.

**Remarks:** Would require licensure revocation for nursing facilities with 3 violations that constitute an immediate threat to the health and safety of a person. Some have suggested that this provision should apply to additional settings.

**Bill History:** 03-31-15 H Received in the House

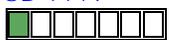
SB 1068  


Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to the creation of the State Supported Living Center Realignment Commission.

**Companions:** [HB 2951](#) Klick, Stephanie (Identical)  
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

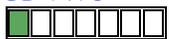
SB 1119  


Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to a pilot project to evaluate the use of telepractice to provide certain services to children and adults with an autism spectrum disorder.

**Remarks:** Would require a 6-year pilot to provide service to children with autism via telemedicine from a listed university.

**Bill History:** 03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 1475  


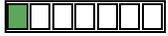
Garcia, Sylvia(D)

Relating to establishing an enhanced Medicaid managed care consumer support system.

**Remarks:** Would require an ombuds system for all persons receiving services under any managed care product in order to reduce the need for internal appeals at the managed care organization and fair hearing levels.

**Bill History:** 04-15-15 S Committee action pending Senate Health and Human Services

SB 1585



Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to a study on the feasibility of establishing a prepaid investment plan or other product to help citizens of this state finance and access residential care.

**Remarks:** Would require HHSC to study Texas and other residential care models and feasibility of a tax-sheltered contributions/dividends program similar to education savings accounts.

**Bill History:** 04-21-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 a.m., e1.016 - Senate Business and Commerce

SB 1664



Perry, Charles (F)(R)

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program.

**Companions:** [HB 3766](#) Burkett, Cindy (Identical)  
3-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

**Remarks:** Would establish Texas ABLE Act accounts for persons who acquired their disability before age 26.

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Received in the House

SB 1887



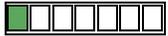
Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the period for which a defendant with an intellectual disability who is found incompetent to stand trial may be civilly committed before the court holds a hearing.

**Remarks:** Would require annual recommitment hearings for persons under forensic commitment to an SSLC.

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

SB 1890



Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the electronic monitoring of residents at state supported living centers.

**Remarks:** Would allow a resident of an SSLC to object and opt out of video monitoring in the residents private quarters.

**Bill History:** 03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

## MENTAL HEALTH

HB 197

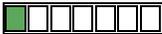


Price, Four(R)

Relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to post information regarding mental health resources on the institution's Internet website.

**Remarks:** Would require each public college website to show mental health resources including the address of the nearest Local Mental Health Authority.

**Bill History:** 04-13-15 S Received in the Senate

HB 838  


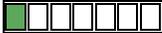
Naishtat, Elliott(D)

Relating to the definition of serious mental illness for purposes of certain group health benefit plans.

**Companions:** SB 1774 Menendez, Jose (F) (Identical)  
4-14-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** Would update Insurance Code's definition of serious mental illness to include post traumatic stress disorder as defined by Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5).

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 H Committee action pending House Insurance

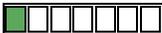
HB 1393  


Turner, Sylvester(D)

Relating to the establishment of a home and community-based services program under the Medicaid program for certain persons with severe and persistent mental illness.

**Remarks:** Would establish a home and community-based services Medicaid waiver for people with severe and persistent mental illness - including those at greatest risk of institutionalization; incompetent to stand trial; court ordered to receive mental health treatment and children with only one experience of psychosis. Would define severe and persistent mental illness for purposes of the waiver.

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

HB 1541  


Burkett, Cindy(R)

Relating to peer specialists, peer services, and the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.

**Remarks:** Would require rules for scope of services, certification and supervision and separate provider types for peer support specialists (mental health and substance abuse).

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Human Services

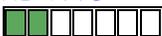
HB 1873  


Naishtat, Elliott(D)

Relating to a pilot project to evaluate the use of self-directed mental health services in the integrated Medicaid managed care system.

**Remarks:** Would establish a four year pilot for voluntary self-directed mental health services in integrated Medicaid managed care for those receiving rehabilitative services from a local mental health authority. The pilot would include a life coach providing supports similar to supported decision-making.

**Bill History:** 04-13-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

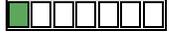
HB 1998  


Coleman, Garnet(D)

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

**Remarks:** Would add occupational therapists to the list of non-medical mental health professionals.

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Human Services

HB 2039  


Burkett, Cindy(R)

Relating to the disclosure and use of certain information in the Department of Family and Protective Services central registry of child abuse or neglect cases and the report of certain information.

**Companions:** SB 1889 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)  
4- 8-15 S Committee action pending Senate Health and Human Services

**Remarks:** Would prohibit adding a parent to a state child abuse registry if the parent relinquished custody of a child solely for purposes of obtaining mental health care for the child.

**Bill History:** 04-13-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

HB 2048  

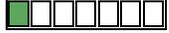

Naishtat, Elliott(D)

Relating to the delivery of mental health services and supports under a system of care framework to minors who have or are at risk of developing a serious emotional disturbance or who are at risk.

**Companions:** SB 1891 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)  
3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Remarks:** Would replace System of Care workgroup with a framework for systems of care and supports for minors with/at risk of serious mental illness through MOUs with relevant agencies. Sunset bill would abolish SOC workgroup.

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

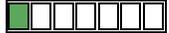
HB 2101  


Murr, Andrew (F)(R)

Relating to the effect and disregard of declarations for mental health treatment.

**Remarks:** Would effectively raise the standard to disregard a judicial declaration of incompetency. Puts into statute what is current practice of arrest and prosecution nullifying an existing declaration of incompetency. Repeals 137.0098(c).

**Bill History:** 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 2102  


Murr, Andrew (F)(R)

Relating to the appeal of an order authorizing the administration of medication to a patient receiving court-ordered inpatient mental health services.

**Remarks:** Would prevent a medication order from being enforced while an appeal of the order is pending. Strong opposition from physicians and facilities is anticipated.

**Bill History:** 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 2130  


Klick, Stephanie(R)

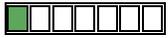
Relating to access to a deceased person's mental health information.

**Remarks:** Would add access to deceased person's mental health records for executor, spouse or close blood relative. Mental health advocates have concerns about the release of confidential medical records to family members who were not given this access while they were living.

**Bill History:** 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

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HB 3990



Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to the study of the fiscal impact on local governments in Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties of restructuring the NorthSTAR behavioral health system and the effective implementation.

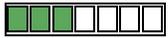
**Companions:** SB 1979 Hall, Bob (F) (Identical)  
3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Remarks:** Would require a study of impact on local governments and continuity of care if North Star is dismantled as proposed by Sunset Commission.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

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SB 125



West, Royce(D)

Relating to certain assessments for children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

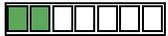
**Companions:** HB 1852 Naishtat, Elliott (Identical)  
4-20-15 H Postponed on second reading until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2015

**Remarks:** Would require developmental psycho-social & trauma assessment of child who enters conservatorship.

**Bill History:** 04-10-15 H Received in the House

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SB 239



Schwertner, Charles(R)

Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain mental health professionals.

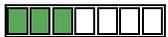
**Companions:** HB 1241 Lozano, Jose (Identical)  
3- 4-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health  
HB 2434 Coleman, Garnet (Identical)  
3-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

**Remarks:** Would establish a loan repayment assistance for physician, advanced practice nurse and clinical social work students who complete up to five years practice with Texas Department of State Health Services.

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Higher Education

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SB 359



West, Royce(D)

Relating to the authority of a peace officer to apprehend a person for emergency detention and the authority of certain facilities to temporarily detain a person with mental illness.

**Companions:** HB 3677 Workman, Paul (Identical)  
4-21-15 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.012, House Public Health

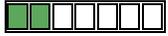
**Remarks:** Would allow freestanding emergency room to detain a person (for up to four hours) who asked for help if they believe they have mental illness and are a threat to themselves or others; would allow peace officer to take them into custody without judge or magistrate's order.

**Bill History:** 04-10-15 H Received in the House

SB 1129

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the transportation of a person with a mental illness.



**Remarks:** Would limit restraint during transport, detention and apprehension to only those that allow a person to sit upright, unless in an ambulance.

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

## MISCELLANEOUS

HB 659

Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the waiver of state park, museum, and other state-operated facility entrance fees for persons with certain disabilities.



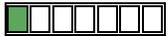
**Remarks:** Would allow people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their paid attendant to have free admission t state parks, museums or other state operated facilities.

**Bill History:** 04-09-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Culture, Recreation and Tourism

HB 1317

Bohac, Dwayne(R)

Relating to the designation of van-only parking spaces for use by persons with disabilities.



**Companions:** SB 1023 Seliger, Kel (Identical)  
3-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

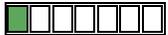
**Remarks:** Would require a van only accessible parking space for Title III ADA public accommodations. Would not apply to Title II, i.e. government offices, public health clinics/hospitals.

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Committee action pending House Transportation

HB 1338

Naishtat, Elliott(D)

Relating to training for peace officers and first responders on acquired and traumatic brain injuries.



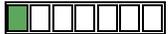
**Remarks:** Would require, in collaboration with TBIAC, to establish and maintain a training program for peace officers and first responders.

**Bill History:** 03-19-15 H Committee action pending House Select on Emerging Issues in Law Enforc

HB 1768

Naishtat, Elliott(D)

Relating to the use of the universal service fund to provide Internet service to certain persons with an impairment of hearing.



**Bill History:** 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

HB 3317

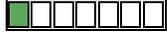
Sanford, Scott(R)

Relating to continuing education requirements regarding autism awareness for peace officers.



**Remarks:** Would require a peace officer to take an autism awareness class every two years.

**Bill History:** 03-26-15 H Meeting set for On adj., E2.030 - House Select on Emerging Issues in Law Enforc

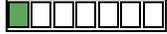
HB 3794  


Allen, Alma(D)

Relating to the availability of information regarding the eligibility of persons with disabilities to use certain public transportation services.

**Remarks:** Would require a database of all persons eligible to use transportation services so that transportation providers may confirm eligibility. It would also require notice about how to use transportation services when the person travels outside of the home area.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

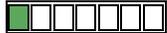
HB 3796  


Allen, Alma(D)

Relating to notice provided to persons with disabilities regarding the eligibility of persons with disabilities to use certain public transportation services.

**Remarks:** Would require that transportation providers notify eligible people with disabilities who use the provider's services that the person is entitled to use another provider's service for not more than 21 days without an additional application.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

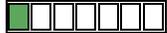
HB 4031  


Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to the creation of a statewide alert system for missing adults and to a study of the alert system.

**Remarks:** Would create a Kelley Alert system for missing adults.

**Bill History:** 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

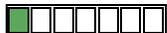
SB 1641  


West, Royce(D)

Relating to developing and maintaining risk assessment criteria for use in determining whether an elderly or disabled person is in imminent risk of abuse.

**Remarks:** Would pilot the provision of protective services to those determined to be at risk of future harm. Would not require a substantiated allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

**Bill History:** 04-15-15 S Committee action pending Senate Health and Human Services

SB 1745  


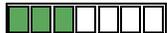
Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

Relating to the liability of the state for a violation of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Remarks:** Would replace sovereign immunity with limited liability re ADA violations.

**Bill History:** 03-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

## SUNSET

HB 1606  


Burkett, Cindy(R)

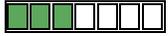
Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Workforce Investment Council, including assumption of the duties of the Texas Skill Standards Board.

**Companions:** SB 209 Hinojosa, Chuy (Identical)  
3-18-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

**Bill History:** 04-13-15 S Received in the Senate

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HB 1678



Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities.

**Companions:** SB 211 Schwertner, Charles (Identical)  
2-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 688 Schwertner, Charles (Identical)  
2-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Bill History:** 04-13-15 S Received in the Senate

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HB 1679



Raymond, Richard(D)

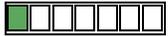
Relating to the continuation of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities.

**Companions:** SB 210 Birdwell, Brian (Identical)  
2-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 S Received in the Senate

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HB 1763



Dutton, Harold(D)

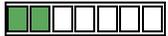
Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Education Agency and to the abolition of the State Board for Educator Certification and the transfer of its functions to the Texas Education Agency.

**Companions:** SB 214 Campbell, Donna (Identical)  
3- 4-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

**Bill History:** 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

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HB 2154



Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to the functions and operation of the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

**Companions:** SB 216 Birdwell, Brian (Identical)  
3-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 04-17-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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HB 2463



Raymond, Richard(D)

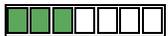
Relating to the functions of the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

**Companions:** SB 205 Campbell, Donna (Identical)  
3-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Bill History:** 04-13-15 S Received in the Senate

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SB 200



Nelson, Jane(R)

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Health and Human Services Commission and the provision of health and human services in this state.

**Companions:** HB 2304 Price, Four (Identical)  
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Received in the House

SB 203

Nelson, Jane(R)



Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the continuations and functions of the Texas Health Services Authority as a quasi-governmental entity and the electronic exchange of health care information.

**Companions:** [HB 1680](#) Raymond, Richard (Identical)  
4-17-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 203

**Bill History:** 04-20-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:144/N: 1)

SB 204

Hinojosa, Chuy(D)



Relating to the functions of the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

**Companions:** [HB 2699](#) Raymond, Richard (Identical)  
3-23-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

**Bill History:** 04-14-15 H Received in the House

SB 206

Schwertner, Charles(R)



Relating to the functions of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

**Companions:** [HB 2433](#) Burkett, Cindy (Identical)  
4-20-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

**Bill History:** 04-15-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Human Services

SB 207

Hinojosa, Chuy(D)



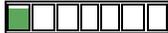
Relating to the authority and duties of the office of inspector general of the Health and Human Services Commission.

**Companions:** [HB 3279](#) Gonzales, Larry (Identical)  
4-15-15 H Postponed on second reading until 9:00 a.m.,  
Wednesday,  
April 22, 2015

**Bill History:** 04-21-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

SB 208

Campbell, Donna(R)



Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Workforce Commission.

**Companions:** [HB 3294](#) Burkett, Cindy (Identical)  
4- 9-15 H Committee action pending House Economic and Small Business Development

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 S Returned to full committee as substituted Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 212

Birdwell, Brian(R)



Relating to the abolishment of the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities and the transfer of its functions to the comptroller of public accounts.

**Companions:** [HB 1989](#) Burkett, Cindy (Identical)  
3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

**Remarks:** Would abolish TCPPD and move functions to the Comptroller. Would expand the advisory council to include people with disabilities who are employed by contractors under the State Use Program.

Amendment to direct the administrating agency of the State Use Program to adopt policy requiring all CRPs to pay at least minimum wage was filed, but was not acceptable to the author.

**Bill History:** 04-16-15 H Received in the House

SB 219

Schwertner, Charles(R)



Price, Four(R)

Relating to the provision of health and human services in this state, including the powers and duties of the Health and Human Services Commission and other state agencies, and the licensing of certain health professionals.

**Companions:** [HB 550](#) Price, Four (Identical)  
3-26-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 219

**Remarks:** Would clean up health and human services codes in advance of Sunset legislation. Passage of SB 219 marks the full implementation of the respectful language legislation from 2011. 2,276 pages.

**Bill History:** 04-02-15 G Earliest effective date

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