

Agency Administration Bill Status Report

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HB 5  **Otto, John(R)** Relating to strategic fiscal reviews of state agencies.

Remarks: LBB to select agencies to undergo strategic fiscal review including justification for each agency activity, evaluation of effectiveness and efficiency of agency's policies, management, fiscal affairs and operations, adverse effects if activity was discontinued, itemized expenditures for minimum level of each activity, expenditures to maintain at current level, ranking of activities & recommendations to legislature re: funding of each activity.

Bill History: 04-21-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Finance

HB 9  **Flynn, Dan(R)** Relating to member contributions to the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

Remarks: Increases state and employee contribution to 9.5% vs. 7.2% in FY 16 & 7.5% in FY 17. HB 1 includes a 2.5% salary increase contingent on passage of HB 9 to offset those increases in retirement fund contributions.

Bill History: 04-23-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate State Affairs

HB 532  **McClendon, Ruth Jones(D)** Relating to the ability of a nonexempt employee to participate in certain academic, extracurricular, and developmental activities of the employee's child.

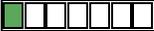
Remarks: Allows employees who work 30+ hrs/wk to use 8 - 20 hr/yr to participate in the child's school and developmental activities.

Bill History: 03-17-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

HB 631  **Bonnen, Greg(R)** Relating to the impersonation of a state agency website or an associated website.

Remarks: Creating or maintaining a website that represents a state agency would become a crime.

Bill History: 03-18-15 H Committee action pending House Government Transparency and Operation

HB 649  **McClendon, Ruth Jones(D)** Relating to the disclosure to a state agency of certain information used or considered in the performance of a contract or agreement with the agency.

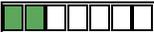
Remarks: Requires contract provision for contractor or subcontractor to disclose to agency information concerning any formula, material, method, work product, trade secret, process, or research used in performance of contract, regardless of whether information is confidential under law. Such information disclosed to a state agency is confidential and not subject to disclosure.

Bill History: 04-08-15 H Committee action pending House Government Transparency and Operation

HB 763  **King, Susan(R)** Relating to a petition to a state agency for adoption of rules.

Remarks: If agency requires signatures for a petition to adopt rules, at least 51% of those signatures must be of residents of the state.

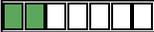
Bill History: 05-04-15 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 966  Crownover, Myra(R) Relating to the creation of an optional consumer-directed health plan for certain individuals eligible to participate in the group benefits program provided under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act and their qualified depend

Companions: SB 482 Hancock, Kelly (Identical)
2-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Sen State Affairs

Remarks: Requires ERS to establish voluntary self-directed high deductible health plan with HSA beginning 9-16. State share of health plan costs deposited in HSA.

Bill History: 05-04-15 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 1059  Turner, Chris(D) Relating to the contents of and public access to personal financial statements filed by public officials and candidates.

Remarks: Would require disclosing the dollar value of stock instead of the number of shares. Requires Ethics Commission to make disclosure statements available on its website.

Bill History: 04-07-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House General Investigating and Ethics

HB 1294  Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the disclosure on personal financial statements of certain contracts or subcontracts with governmental entities.

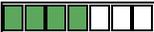
Remarks: Adds requirement to include information about contracts over \$10,000 and any potential conflicts of interest on Personal Financial Disclosures.

Bill History: 05-06-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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 Sen Health and Human Services

Bill History: 05-06-15 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - Senate Health and Human Services

HB 1771  Raney, John(R) Relating to the donation of sick leave by state employees.

Companions: SB 1599 Kolkhorst, Lois (F) (Identical)
3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: Allows state employees to donate sick leave hours to employee of same agency who has exhausted all available sick leave.

Bill History: 04-23-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce

HB 1839  Israel, Celia (F)(D) Relating to authority for certain state employees to work flexible hours and to work from home or other authorized alternative work sites.

Companions: SB 1032 Watson, Kirk (Identical)
4-23-15 H Referred to House Committee on House State Affairs

Remarks: Allows head of agency to adopt policy authorizing employees to work from an alternative work site, including the employee's residence.

Bill History: 04-17-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House State Affairs

HB 2134  Burkett, Cindy(R) Relating to allowing a governmental body to request clarification of a request for public information by electronic mail.

Remarks: Allows agency to ask for clarification electronically if original request was made electronically.

Bill History: 04-27-15 S Received in the Senate

HB 2839


Capriglione,
Giovanni(R)

Relating to the production of public information under the public information law.

Remarks: Allows agencies to respond by referring requestors to information on the agency's website.

Bill History: 05-05-15 H Set on the Local Calendar

HB 3337


Clardy, Travis(R)

Relating to training and education for state agency administrators and employees.

Companions: SB 1277 Nelson, Jane (Identical)
3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Remarks: Agencies may only reimburse after completion of courses.

Bill History: 05-04-15 H Set on the House Calendar

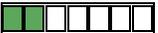
HB 3736


Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to conflicts of interest by members of state agency governing boards.

Remarks: Requires members of state agency boards to disclose any conflicts of interest that could result in a pecuniary gain, to not participate in decisions related to that interest, and for the agency to report such to the Ethics Commission.

Bill History: 04-21-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House General Investigating and Ethics

HB 3789


Geren, Charlie(R)

Relating to the disclosure on personal financial statements of certain contracts and paid relationships with governmental entities.

Remarks: Requires disclosure of any contracts or subcontracts with a public entity of the filer or spouse.

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House General Investigating and Ethics

SB 20


Nelson, Jane(R)

Relating to state agency contracting.

Companions: HB 3241 Price, Four (Identical)
5- 4-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Remarks: Agencies to retain records re: contract solicitations for 4 yr after contract period ends; agency purchasing staff to participate in TBPC training; agencies to report vendor performance on Comptroller tracking system; revised agency bid procedures; prohibits state agencies from contracting with former employees for similar duties for two years after employment; requires agency employees and officials involved in procurement and contract management to disclose potential conflicts of interest; prohibits agency from contracting with entities if a conflict exists; requires agencies to post on agency website a list of all contracts and RFPs; requires enhanced reporting for all contracts over \$1 million, requires agencies to conduct contract risk analysis; establishes Contract Advisory Team in Comptroller's Office to review and approve contracts over \$10 million with quarterly reports to LBB.

Bill History: 04-15-15 H Referred to House Committee on House State Affairs

SB 53


Nelson, Jane(R)

Relating to strategic fiscal reviews for state agencies and programs.

Remarks: Requires LBB to perform a strategic fiscal review of each agency undergoing sunset review and prescribes the format for such reviews.

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Received in the House

SB 210


Birdwell, Brian(R)

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

Companions: HB 1679 Raymond, Richard (Identical)
5- 6-15 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate Health & Hum Serv

Bill History: 02-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 273  Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to certain offenses relating to carrying concealed handguns on property owned or leased by a governmental entity.

Companions: HB 226 Guillen, Ryan (Identical)
3-20-15 H Reported as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

Remarks: Authorizes open carry of handguns on state owned or leased property except during meetings required to be posted as Open Meetings.

Bill History: 05-01-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

SB 543  Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to certain requirements applicable to contracts entered into by, and the contract management process of, state agencies.

Companions: HB 1426 Elkins, Gary (Identical)
4-17-15 H Voted favorably as substituted House Gov Transparency and Operation

Remarks: When considering contracting for agency functions, agency can include costs for transition to private contractor in cost comparison. Modifies statute to clarify that "contract" includes agreements, renewals, modifications, and extensions; requires agencies to maintain list of all contracts, and specifies information to be included; requires agencies to have guidelines for contracting, monitoring and closeout of contracts; defines "best value standard"; specifies elements of a standard contract; provides that payments should be linked to clear, measurable achievements; allows agencies to exclude contractor with poor performance from solicitation process; requires agencies to report all contracts to Comptroller and Comptroller to report to Legislature; requires training for agency contract managers and board members.

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