BILLS REFERRED TODAY

Monday February 23, 2009

Committee referral on the following:

SB 551 Carona

Relating to civil liability for criminal street gang activity.

State Affairs

SB 552 Hegar

Relating to funding for the continuing education of certain peace officers.

Criminal Justice

SB 553 Lucio/ et al.

Relating to the disclosure of certain economic benefits provided by manufacturers or repackagers of prescription drugs; providing penalties.

Health & Human Services

SB 554 Whitmire

Relating to conduct constituting the offense of dog fighting and to the criminal and civil consequences of committing that offense.

Criminal Justice

SB 555 Duncan

Relating to indemnification provisions in construction contracts.

State Affairs

SB 556 Hinojosa

Relating to requirements for certain contracts with physicians and health care providers.

State Affairs

SB 557 Hinojosa

Relating to the hours of sale for liquor.

Business & Commerce

SB 558 Ogden

Relating to the designation of highway safety corridors; providing penalties.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 559 Hegar

Relating to inventories, appraisements, and lists of claims of a decedent's estate under independent administration.

Jurisprudence

SB 560 Jackson, Mike

Relating to the computation of taxable margin for purposes of the franchise tax by certain taxable entities.

Finance

SB 561 Jackson, Mike

Relating to the number of license plates to be issued for and displayed on a motor vehicle.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 562 Jackson, Mike

Relating to the inclusion on the exterior of an ad valorem tax bill of a statement directing the United States Postal Service to return the bill if it is not deliverable as addressed.

Finance

SB 563 Jackson, Mike

Relating to the designation of a candidate as an incumbent on a primary ballot.

State Affairs

SB 564 Jackson, Mike/ et al.

Relating to exempting from ad valorem taxation property used by certain nonprofit community business organizations to provide services to aid in the economic development of local communities.

Finance

SB 565 West

Relating to premium discounts for certain vehicles equipped with a tracking system.

Business & Commerce

SB 566 Hegar

Relating to information included in the judgment in a criminal case.

Criminal Justice

SB 567 Hegar

Relating to the course levels offered by the University of Houston-Victoria.

Higher Education

SB 568 Lucio

Relating to the employment of certified counselors by school districts.

Education

SB 569 Lucio

Relating to a school district policy concerning the use of school counselors' work time.

Education

SB 570 Lucio

Relating to the financing of school district facilities and tax relief for facilities debt.

Education

SB 571 Hinojosa

Relating to a crematory establishment's authority to accept for cremation unidentified human remains.

Health & Human Services

SB 572 Shapiro

Relating to transportation safety training requirements for certain child-care providers.

Health & Human Services

SB 573 Lucio/ Van de Putte

Relating to the adoption of an alternative base period for computation of unemployment compensation benefits.

Business & Commerce

SB 574 Jackson, Mike

Relating to an exception to the wealth per student limitation for school districts that, as a result of natural disasters, are suffering financial hardship.

Education

SB 575 Davis, Wendy

Relating to the time for dissolution of crime control prevention districts.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 576 Davis, Wendy

Relating to the implementation of a project plan or financing plan for a reinvestment zone under the Tax Increment Financing Act and the granting of exemptions from ad valorem taxes imposed on real property in a reinvestment zone under that Act.

Economic Development

SB 577 Shapleigh

Relating to the child health plan program.

Health & Human Services

SB 578 Wentworth

Relating to the authority of a county to regulate land development after a local option election.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 579 Wentworth

Relating to an exception to the purchase of a refrigerant or equipment containing a refrigerant.

Natural Resources

SB 580 Wentworth

Relating to the issuance of French Legion of Honor specialty license plates.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 581 Wentworth

Relating to intermunicipal commuter rail districts.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 582 Wentworth

Relating to prohibitions on the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 583 Wentworth

Relating to the penalty for failure to yield the right-of-way.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 584 Van de Putte

Relating to notification to a patient of a mental health facility or resident of a residential care facility of the exemption of certain trusts from liability to pay for support.

Health & Human Services

SB 585 Carona

Relating to standards of conduct and ethics policies for metropolitan planning organizations.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 586 Carona

Relating to the operation of certain managed care plans regarding out-of-network health care providers. **State Affairs**

SB 587 Shapiro

Relating to the eligibility of school districts for state assistance with payment of existing debt.

Education

SB 588 Hegar

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 9; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 589 Carona

Relating to certain requirements for sunscreening devices that are placed on or attached to a motor vehicle; providing a penalty.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 590 Jackson, Mike

Relating to a requirement that the board of directors of an appraisal district develop a plan for reappraising property after a natural disaster.

Finance

SB 591 Van de Putte

Relating to the establishment of an evidence-based youth development competitive grant pilot program.

Health & Human Services

SB 592 Van de Putte

Relating to the capacity of certain minors to consent to examination or medical treatment related to contraception.

Health & Human Services

SB 593 Van de Putte

Relating to the expansion of services provided under the child health plan program for certain adolescents.

Health & Human Services

SB 594 Van de Putte

Relating to the Women's Health Program.

Health & Human Services

SB 595 Hegar

Relating to the sealing of and discovery procedures relating to evidence that constitutes child pornography in a criminal hearing or proceeding.

Criminal Justice

SB 596 Nichols

Relating to the name of Stephen F. Austin State University.

Higher Education

SB 597 Nichols

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a molecular science building at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Finance

SB 598 Van de Putte

Relating to a pilot revolving loan program for retrofitting public school buildings with photovoltaic solar panels and associated energy efficiency improvements.

Natural Resources

SB 599 Van de Putte

Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for certain renewable energy devices and manufacturing equipment.

Finance

SB 600 Van de Putte

Relating to a solar energy technology generation incentive program to be administered by electric utilities.

Business & Commerce

SB 601 Van de Putte

Relating to the state goal for energy efficiency.

Business & Commerce

SB 602 Ellis

Relating to prohibiting the investment of the permanent university fund in certain business entities doing business in Sudan.

Finance

SB 603 Deuell

Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district composed of Rockwall County.

Jurisprudence

SB 604 Deuell

Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district composed of Kaufman County.

Jurisprudence

SB 605 Deuell

Relating to incentives for the film, television, video, and digital interactive media production industries.

Economic Development

SB 606 Hegar

Relating to Gonzales Healthcare Systems.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 607 Uresti/ et al.

Relating to enrollment requirements for the operation of Texas A&M University--San Antonio as a general academic teaching institution and the issuance of bonds for that institution.

Finance

SB 608 Watson

Relating to the creation of the Texas Center for Sustainable Business.

Natural Resources

SB 609 Shapleigh

Relating to the foreclosure of a contract lien on certain residential real property.

Business & Commerce

SB 610 Shapleigh

Relating to lobbying by former members of the governor's executive staff; providing civil and criminal penalties.

State Affairs

SB 611 Shapleigh

Relating to notification to certain mobile service customers regarding minutes remaining on the customer's calling plan.

Business & Commerce

SB 612 Shapleigh

Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Department of Transportation related to rail facilities.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 613 Shapleigh

Relating to political contributions and expenditures; providing civil and criminal penalties.

State Affairs

SB 614 Shapleigh

Relating to preexisting condition provisions in individual accident and health insurance policies.

State Affairs

SB 615 Shapleigh

Relating to allowing a county to consider health insurance benefits provided by a bidder to its employees when awarding a purchasing contract.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 616 Shapleigh

Relating to examination requirements for certain applicants for a license to practice medicine.

Health & Human Services

SB 617 Shapleigh

Relating to requiring a retail seller of motor vehicle tires to render certain tires unusable; providing a civil penalty.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 618 Shapleigh

Relating to the use of net metering by certain electric utilities.

Business & Commerce

SB 619 Shapleigh

Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for certain solar energy devices.

Finance

SB 620 Shapleigh

Relating to the state's goal for non-wind renewable electric generating capacity.

Business & Commerce

SB 622 Hegar

Relating to access to the state highway system and damages for diminished access to the state highway system.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 623 West/ Deuell/ et al.

Relating to the hours worked during a week by fire fighters in certain municipalities.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 624 West

Relating to competitive procurement and change order requirements for local governments.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 625 Wentworth

Relating to the representation of indigent defendants in criminal cases.

Jurisprudence

SB 626 Carona

Relating to the creation, organization, governance, duties, and functions of the Texas Department of Vehicles; providing a penalty.

State Affairs

SB 627 Carona

Relating to a rebuttable presumption regarding liability of an in-home service company or residential delivery company for negligent hiring.

State Affairs

SB 628 Ogden

Relating to immunity of the state and state agencies and employees of the state and state agencies from suit by certain public entities.

State Affairs

SB 629 West

Relating to the statutory limitation imposed on the University of North Texas System to issue revenue bonds to fund facilities at the University of North Texas Dallas Campus.

Finance

SB 630 Davis, Wendy

Relating to utility bill payment protection for elderly or disabled persons.

Business & Commerce

SB 631 Davis, Wendy

Relating to the establishment of a loan incentive program to promote energy efficiency in apartment buildings.

Business & Commerce

SB 632 Seliger

Relating to the authority of the governing body of a municipality to create a municipal court equal justice and education fund and to require certain defendants to pay court costs for deposit in the fund.

Criminal Justice

SB 633 Seliger

Relating to the number of counties or municipalities necessary to establish a regional drug court program.

Jurisprudence

SB 634 Seliger

Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog.

Criminal Justice

SB 635 Seliger

Relating to certain requirements for school bus emergency evacuation training.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 636 Seliger

Relating to the authority of a county to receive local sales tax information.

Economic Development

SB 637 Hegar

Relating to the creation of the Wharton County Drainage District.

Natural Resources

SB 638 Nichols

Relating to the collateralization of certain public funds; providing administrative penalties.

Finance

SB 639 Lucio/ et al.

Relating to the rights of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities residing in state residential care facilities.

Health & Human Services

SB 640 Ellis

Relating to electronic technology infrastructure.

Business & Commerce

SB 641 Ellis

Relating to prohibiting human cloning; providing a penalty.

Health & Human Services

SB 642 Carona

Relating to payments by bidders associated with a toll project contract.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 644 Shapiro/ et al.

Relating to modifications, adjustments, and reimbursements under the public school finance system for a school district located in a disaster area.

Education

SB 645 Hegar

Relating to the production and taxation of renewable diesel fuel.

Finance

SB 646 Van de Putte

Relating to a study regarding the confidentiality of prescription information; providing a civil penalty.

Health & Human Services

SB 647 Van de Putte

Relating to blind and disabled pedestrians and failure of the operator of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way.

Criminal Justice

SB 648 Van de Putte

Relating to the right of an employee who is a parent of a child enrolled in a special education program to time off from work to meet with certain persons affecting the education of the child.

Business & Commerce

SB 649 Van de Putte

Relating to the ability of an employee to participate in certain school-related activities of the employee's child.

Business & Commerce

SB 650 Van de Putte

Relating to certain peace officers commissioned by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

Criminal Justice

SB 651 Van de Putte

Relating to restrictions on the use of a stun gun; providing certain criminal penalties and defenses to prosecution.

Criminal Justice

SB 652 Zaffirini

Relating to the maintenance of emergency contact and medical information databases by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 653 Zaffirini

Relating to the accountability of emergency services district board members to a county commissioners court.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 654 Zaffirini

Relating to continued health coverage for employees of certain political subdivisions.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 655 Fraser/ Uresti/ West

Relating to the statutory limitation imposed on certain university systems to issue revenue bonds to fund facilities at certain institutions of higher education.

Finance

SB 656 Fraser

Relating to notice of an application for a permit to dispose of oil and gas waste in a commercial disposal well; creating an offense.

Natural Resources

SB 657 Fraser

Relating to the selection of the local administrative district judge for Blanco, Burnet, Llano, and San Saba Counties.

Jurisprudence

SB 658 Eltife

Relating to the creation of an appellate judicial system for the Sixth Court of Appeals District.

Jurisprudence

SB 659 Eltife

Relating to the creation of an appellate judicial system for the Twelfth Court of Appeals District.

Jurisprudence

SB 660 Hegar

Relating to the creation of the Caldwell County Municipal Utility District No. 1; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 661 Carona/ et al.

Relating to discovery in a criminal case and the consequences of a failure to disclose certain discoverable evidence in a timely manner.

Criminal Justice

SB 662 Lucio/ Hinojosa/ Nelson/ Ogden/

Seliger/ et al.

Relating to the establishment and use of a mausoleum beneath certain religious buildings.

Health & Human Services

SB 663 Averitt

Relating to the dissolution of the Tablerock Groundwater Conservation District.

Natural Resources

SB 664 Gallegos

Relating to the establishment and operation of a public building mapping information system by the Texas Facilities Commission.

Government Organization

SB 665 Gallegos

Relating to the establishment of a windstorm preparedness assistance program that provides financial assistance for certain homeowners in certain counties.

Business & Commerce

SB 666 Shapleigh

Relating to the administration of charitable trusts.

Jurisprudence

SB 668 Shapleigh

Relating to the establishment of a student mentorship pilot program at certain institutions of higher education.

Higher Education

SB 669 Shapleigh

Relating to the availability of online testing for high school equivalency examinations.

Education

SB 670 Shapleigh

Relating to design and construction standards for newly constructed state buildings, public school facilities, and higher education facilities.

Natural Resources

SB 671 Shapleigh

Relating to information requested by a member, committee, or agency of the legislature under the public information law.

State Affairs

SB 672 Shapleigh

Relating to considering ownership interests of certain disabled veterans in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.

State Affairs

SB 673 Hegar

Relating to plans by local governments in coastal areas for reducing public expenditures for erosion and storm damage losses to public and private property.

Natural Resources

SB 674 Shapleigh

Relating to the student academic performance information provided through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS).

Education

SB 675 Shapleigh

Relating to exemptions from the sales tax for certain limited periods.

Finance

SB 676 Shapleigh

Relating to credit card marketing activities at postsecondary educational institutions.

Business & Commerce

SB 677 Shapleigh

Relating to requiring solar panels to be offered by certain builders of new homes.

Business & Commerce

SB 678 Shapleigh

Relating to the additional tax imposed on land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as open-space land if a change of use of the land occurs.

Finance

SB 679 Lucio

Relating to the administration of certain housing funds by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Finance

SB 680 Hegar

Relating to a physician's authority to delegate prescribing acts to advanced practice nurses or physician assistants.

Health & Human Services

SB 681 Ogden

Relating to the ability of electric utilities to provide electric service during a major power outage.

Business & Commerce

SB 682 Eltife

Relating to participation in an animal identification system.

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

SB 683 Wentworth

Relating to the recusal or disqualification of a statutory probate court judge and subsequent assignment of another judge.

Jurisprudence

SB 684 Lucio

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Rural Development Fund and to the establishment, operation, and funding of certain programs for rural economic development.

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

SB 685 Lucio

Relating to authorizing the commissioner of insurance to further regulate the financial security and operations of certain insurance companies through local districts or chapters.

Business & Commerce

SB 686 Davis, Wendy

Relating to the installation of natural gas pipelines in controlled access highway rights-of-way.

Transportation & Homeland Security

SB 687 Hegar

Relating to injury leave and related benefits for certain state peace officers injured in the course of performance of duty.

State Affairs

SB 688 Wentworth

Relating to the mitigation of the impact of residential development in public school districts.

Education

SB 689 Shapiro/ et al.

Relating to restrictions on the use of the Internet by sex offenders and to the collection and exchange of information regarding those offenders.

Criminal Justice

SB 690 Wentworth

Relating to the requirements for a petition proposing an amendment to the charter of a home-rule municipality.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 691 Hegar

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

SB 692 Van de Putte

Relating to family care leave for certain employees; providing a civil penalty.

Business & Commerce

SB 693 Van de Putte

Relating to the sale of an alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Business & Commerce

SB 694 Ellis

Relating to certain reimbursements and discounts provided for collecting sales and use taxes.

Finance

SB 695 Ellis

Relating to public access to personal financial statements filed by candidates for and holders of state office and state chairs of political parties.

State Affairs

SB 696 Ellis

Relating to the lease of certain state parking facilities to other persons.

Finance

SB 697 Ellis

Relating to coverage under certain residential property insurance policies for losses incurred because of storm surges.

Business & Commerce

SB 698 Ellis

Relating to the establishment of a registry at the Texas Department of Insurance of certain legal entities determined to have sold race-based insurance coverage.

State Affairs

SB 699 Ellis

Relating to higher education student loan repayment assistance for peace officers.

Higher Education

SB 700 Patrick, Dan

Relating to ad valorem tax relief.

Finance

SB 956 West

Relating to the establishment of a law school in the city of Dallas by the University of North Texas System.

Education