

**SENATE FLOOR ACTION**

**Tuesday  
March 21, 2017**

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

**SB 2 (CS) Bettencourt/ Creighton/ Hancock/  
Taylor, Van/ et al.**

Relating to ad valorem taxation.

**4 Floor Amendments**

**SB 17 (CS) Nelson/ et al.**

Relating to the decrease of the rates of the franchise tax under certain circumstances and the expiration of that tax.

**SB 312 Nichols/ Taylor, Van/ et al.**

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Department of Transportation; authorizing an increase in rates charged for the use of state aircraft to provide for the acquisition of replacement aircraft.

**3 Floor Amendments**

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

**SB 25 (CS) Creighton/ Bettencourt/ Birdwell/  
Burton/ Campbell/ et al.**

Relating to eliminating the wrongful birth cause of action.

**The Senate adopted the following resolutions:**

**SR 426 Estes**

Recognizing March 21, 2017, as Tarleton State University Day.

**SR 440 Estes**

Recognizing March 21, 2017, as Stephenville Day.

**SR 445 West**

Recognizing March 21, 2017, as Paul Quinn College Day.

**Committee referral on the following:**

**SJR 52 West**

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county of a portion of the value of the residence homestead of a physician who provides health care services for which the physician agrees not to seek payment from any source, including the Medicaid program or otherwise from this state or the federal government, to county residents who are indigent or who are Medicaid recipients.

**Finance**

**SJR 53 Huffines**

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to limiting the permissible uses of money appropriated from the economic stabilization fund.

**Finance**

**SJR 54 Taylor, Larry**

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a municipal charter amendment election to be held on certain election dates.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SJR 55 Hinojosa**

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the effect of a sale of property on the tax lien on the property to secure the payment of ad valorem taxes, penalties, and interest imposed on the property as a result of the addition to the appraisal roll of property or property value that was erroneously exempted in a prior year.

**Finance**

**SCR 34** **Kolkhorst**

Urging Congress to ensure the fair allocation of Medicare funding for graduate medical education to all states.

**Higher Education**

**SCR 35** **Estes**

Urging Congress to reimburse the State of Texas for bearing the financial burden of the federal government's responsibility to secure the Texas-Mexico international border.

**Veteran Affairs & Border Security**

**SCR 36** **Hinojosa**

Encouraging Congress to pass legislation allowing the State of Texas to manage the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery out to 200 nautical miles.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SCR 37** **Hinojosa**

Urging Congress to increase appropriations from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to properly maintain ship channels.

**Transportation**

**SB 1526** **Creighton**

Relating to the creation of the Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 158; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 1527** **Creighton**

Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.

**Higher Education**

**SB 1528** **Creighton**

Relating to the joint planning process for groundwater management.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 1529** **Creighton**

Relating to the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information regarding the availability and quality of the groundwater resources in this state by the Geo-Technology Research Institute.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 1530** **Estes**

Relating to the regulation of persons and business activities subject to regulation by certain finance agencies.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 1531** **Rodríguez**

Relating to the expansion of the College Credit for Heroes program to lower-division public institutions of higher education offering degrees in certain fields.

**Higher Education**

**SB 1532** **Rodríguez**

Relating to the supervision by a personal bond office of individuals granted an occupational driver's license; providing for an administrative fee.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 1533** **Rodríguez**

Relating to mental health first aid training for university employees.

**Health & Human Services**

- SB 1534** **Rodríguez**  
 Relating to the entry of a plea by defendants charged with certain misdemeanors involving family violence.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 1535** **Rodríguez**  
 Relating to school districts of innovation.  
**Education**
- SB 1536** **Campbell/ Perry**  
 Relating to the ability of a child-placing agency to decline to provide services or accept a referral from the Department of Family and Protective Services on the basis of sincerely held religious beliefs.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1537** **Taylor, Larry**  
 Relating to dispute resolution for certain claims arising under insurance policies issued by the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan Association; authorizing fees.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 1538** **Watson**  
 Relating to the permissible uses of the floodplain management account.  
**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**
- SB 1539** **Watson**  
 Relating to the application of the sales and use tax to certain property and services.  
**Finance**
- SB 1540** **Watson**  
 Relating to the certification, training, and supervision of certified family partners and the provision of peer support services by certified family partners to the family or primary caregiver of certain children with serious emotional disturbance, including the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.  
**Health & Human Services**
- SB 1541** **Estes**  
 Relating to the treatment and recycling for beneficial use of drill cuttings.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**
- SB 1542** **Kolkhorst**  
 Relating to a requirement that a condominium receive prior approval from a county prior to its creation.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 1543** **West**  
 Relating to a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county of a portion of the value of the residence homestead of a physician who provides health care services for which the physician agrees not to seek payment from any source, including the Medicaid program or otherwise from this state or the federal government, to indigent residents of the county.  
**Finance**
- SB 1544** **Kolkhorst**  
 Relating to financial reporting requirements of regional planning commissions.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 1545** **Kolkhorst**  
 Relating to the definition of eligible central municipality for purposes of the municipal hotel occupancy tax.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**
- SB 1546** **Menéndez**  
 Relating to the implementation of student financial assistance programs for veterans and their families.  
**Veteran Affairs & Border Security**
- SB 1547** **Menéndez**  
 Relating to access to criminal history record information by the adjutant general.  
**Criminal Justice**

- SB 1548** **Menéndez**  
 Relating to post-discharge services offered by a juvenile board or juvenile probation department to a child after the child's probation period ends.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 1549** **Menéndez**  
 Relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety to provide notification of a failure to appear in federal court.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1550** **Menéndez**  
 Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation of the effects of restricting trucks from the use of one lane of a highway.  
**Transportation**
- SB 1551** **Menéndez**  
 Relating to the criteria for issuing a silver alert for a missing senior citizen.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 1552** **Menéndez**  
 Relating to an environmental service fee charged by an institution of higher education.  
**Higher Education**
- SB 1553** **Menéndez**  
 Relating to the refusal of entry to or ejection from school district property.  
**Education**
- SB 1554** **Kolkhorst**  
 Relating to establishing a Medicaid Block Grant Waiver Legislative Oversight Committee.  
**Health & Human Services**
- SB 1555** **Kolkhorst**  
 Relating to Texas Department of Transportation consideration of financially independent state highway toll projects.  
**Transportation**
- SB 1556** **Kolkhorst**  
 Relating to the management of commercial oyster boats in this state.  
**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**
- SB 1557** **Kolkhorst**  
 Relating to the administration of gasoline and diesel fuel motor fuels taxes and the fee on the delivery of certain petroleum products.  
**Finance**
- SB 1558** **Kolkhorst**  
 Relating to automatic admission to general academic teaching institutions for valedictorians of certain high school graduating classes.  
**Higher Education**
- SB 1559** **Taylor, Larry**  
 Relating to a fee exemption for guardianship proceedings of certain military servicemembers and certain law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1560** **Taylor, Larry**  
 Relating to the offense of operating certain vehicles without a license plate.  
**Transportation**
- SB 1561** **Taylor, Van**  
 Relating to a study by the State Board of Education on the instructional day and academic year requirements necessary to complete the required curriculum in public schools.  
**Education**

**SB 1562** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to enforcement for violations of duplicate state and federal regulations by long-term facilities.  
**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1563** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to audits of the fiscal accounts and records of emergency services districts.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 1564** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to pharmacy benefit networks and pharmacy benefit managers.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 1565** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to the procedure for ordering medical or dental services for certain persons admitted to or committed to care at certain state facilities.  
**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1566** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to certain powers and duties of the board of trustees of an independent school district and the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school.  
**Education**

**SB 1567** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to the reimbursement of prescription drugs under Medicaid and the child health plan program.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 1568** **Hinojosa**  
Relating to the filing of certain actions involving preauthorized medical care or health care services in the Medicaid program.  
**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1569** **Huffman/ et al.**  
Relating to prostitution and the trafficking of persons, civil racketeering related to trafficking, the prosecution of and punishment for certain sexual offenses and offenses involving or related to trafficking, reimbursement of certain costs for criminal victims who are children, and the release and reporting of certain information relating to a child; increasing a criminal penalty; creating a criminal offense.  
**Criminal Justice**

**SB 1570** **Huffman**  
Relating to the care and transportation provided to a sexual assault survivor by a health care facility.  
**Criminal Justice**

**SB 1571** **Huffman**  
Relating to the release of a child taken into possession by a law enforcement or juvenile probation officer.  
**State Affairs**

**SB 1572** **Watson**  
Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle dealership by certain manufacturers or distributors.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 1573** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to a study to identify and address inefficiencies in state health care regulations.  
**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1574** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to the electronic sharing of protected health information and certification of and enforcement actions against certain covered entities.  
**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1575** **Perry**  
Relating to the prosecution of the offenses of assault and harassment by persons committed to certain facilities; increasing a criminal penalty.  
**Criminal Justice**

- SB 1576** **Perry**  
 Relating to the civil commitment of sexually violent predators, the operation of the Texas Civil Commitment Office, and certain related offenses; increasing a criminal penalty.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 1577** **Perry**  
 Relating to measures to prevent wrongful convictions.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 1578** **Nichols**  
 Relating to the creation and operations of health care provider participation programs in certain counties.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 1579** **Garcia**  
 Relating to authorizing the secretary of state to terminate the existence of a domestic filing entity if a substantial owner or governing person of the entity has been convicted of human trafficking or compelling prostitution.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1580** **Garcia**  
 Relating to the testing of drinking water from and the replacement and repair of drinking water outlets and water lines on publicly owned and operated property.  
**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**
- SB 1581** **Garcia**  
 Relating to a public defender's investigation into a defendant's finances.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 1582** **Garcia**  
 Relating to community supervision in this state and the waiver or modification of certain fees, fines, and costs imposed on certain defendants; changing fees applicable to community supervision or a defendant's participation in certain programs.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 1583** **Garcia**  
 Relating to the commitment of a defendant who is found incompetent to stand trial and who is a person with an intellectual disability.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 1584** **Garcia**  
 Relating to the conditions of community supervision.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 1585** **Uresti**  
 Relating to the reimbursement of certain services provided by respiratory care practitioners under Medicaid.  
**Health & Human Services**
- SB 1586** **Uresti/ Garcia/ Hinojosa/  
 Rodríguez/ Watson**  
 Relating to the minimum wage, including authorizing certain counties and municipalities to establish a minimum wage.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**
- SB 1587** **Garcia**  
 Relating to lead in drinking water at schools and child care facilities.  
**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**
- SB 1588** **Huffines/ Perry/ Uresti/  
 Whitmire/ et al.**  
 Relating to the elimination of regular mandatory vehicle safety inspections.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**
- SB 1589** **Lucio**

Relating to suspending the statute of limitations in the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act during a lawsuit.

**Natural Resources & Economic Development**

**SB 1590 Lucio**

Relating to allowing the Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) to cash a warrant with a restricted or conditional endorsement without settling the amount of money due to the Commission.

**Natural Resources & Economic Development**

**SB 1591 Lucio**

Relating to cooperation with federal agencies on a guest worker program in this state.

**Veteran Affairs & Border Security**

**SB 1592 Schwertner**

Relating to the amount of an administrative penalty assessed against freestanding emergency medical care facilities.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1595 Hinojosa**

Relating to penalties imposed on a holder of an alcoholic beverage license or permit.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 1596 Rodríguez**

Relating to a study regarding the feasibility of creating a mechanism by which a governmental entity could acquire small parcels of real property in an area and convey them to a developer in order to ensure the property is developed in compliance with model subdivision rules.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 1597 Rodríguez**

Relating to a requirement that the General Land Office conduct an evaluation and submit a report regarding the use of wind and solar power to desalinate brackish groundwater on real property owned by the state.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 1598 Miles**

Relating to applications for permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain new or expanded facilities in certain low-income and minority communities.

**Natural Resources & Economic Development**

**SB 1599 Miles**

Relating to maternal mortality reporting and investigation information.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1600 Miles**

Relating to the issuance of standard permits for certain concrete plants.

**Natural Resources & Economic Development**

**SB 1601 Miles**

Relating to the establishment by certain counties and municipalities of disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain infectious and communicable diseases; authorizing fees.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1602 Campbell/ Perry**

Relating to reporting requirements by health care practitioners and certain health care facilities for abortion complications and to an annual report by the Department of State Health Services; providing a civil penalty.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1603 Estes**

Relating to state agency investigations.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 1604 Creighton**

Relating to the establishment of a junior college by certain independent school districts.

**Higher Education**

- SB 1605** **Creighton**  
 Relating to the availability of certain school district financial information on certain districts' Internet websites.  
**Education**
- SB 1606** **Creighton**  
 Relating to the dispensing of aesthetic pharmaceuticals by physicians; authorizing fees.  
**Health & Human Services**
- SB 1607** **Creighton**  
 Relating to the operation of vehicles transporting precast prestressed concrete products.  
**Transportation**
- SB 1608** **Creighton**  
 Relating to the operation of vehicles transporting mobile cranes.  
**Transportation**
- SB 1609** **Bettencourt/ Kolkhorst**  
 Relating to regulation by a property owners' association of certain religious displays.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 1610** **Taylor, Van**  
 Relating to open-enrollment charter schools.  
**Education**
- SB 1611** **Taylor, Van**  
 Relating to requiring an election for the issuance of certain certificates of obligation by a municipality or county.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 1612** **Taylor, Van**  
 Relating to the solicitation of pen pals by certain inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 1613** **Campbell**  
 Relating to the assignment of health insurance benefits to a physician or health care provider.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 1614** **Campbell**  
 Relating to a misleading representation or misrepresentation in an explanation of benefits provided by a health benefit plan issuer or administrator.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 1615** **Campbell**  
 Relating to what constitutes balance billing of a health benefit plan enrollee by a physician or health care provider for purposes of certain disclosure and medication requirements.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 1616** **Lucio**  
 Relating to certain sentencing procedures in a capital case.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 1617** **West**  
 Relating to the reporting requirements for certain injuries or deaths caused by peace officers.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 1618** **West**  
 Relating to billing and reimbursement for certain emergency and health care services provided to a sexual assault survivor.  
**Health & Human Services**
- SB 1619** **West**  
 Relating to the creation of the offense of electronic access interference.  
**Criminal Justice**



**SB 1620** **Taylor, Van**  
Relating to the regulation of raising or keeping six or fewer chickens by a political subdivision.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 1621** **Uresti**  
Relating to Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and county tax assessor-collector vehicle titling and registration duties and fees associated with those duties.  
**Transportation**

**SB 1622** **Uresti**  
Relating to the creation of a statewide alert system for missing military members.  
**Veteran Affairs & Border Security**

**SB 1623** **Uresti**  
Relating to certain persons who are acquitted by reason of insanity in a criminal case and who are dangerous to the person's self.  
**Criminal Justice**

**SB 1624** **Uresti**  
Relating to the definition of "non-physician mental health professional" for purposes of the Texas Mental Health Code.  
**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1625** **Uresti**  
Relating to protection for physician assistants who refuse to engage in certain conduct.  
**Health & Human Services**

**Committee re-referral on the following:**

**SB 1090** **Lucio**  
Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog; creating an offense.  
**Re-referred from Criminal Justice to Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 1421** **Estes**  
Relating to access to criminal history record information by the Railroad Commission of Texas.  
**Re-referred from Criminal Justice to Natural Resources & Economic Development**

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