

**SENATE FLOOR ACTION**

**Monday  
March 27, 2017**

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

**SB 16 (CS) Nichols/ Huffman/ et al.**  
Relating to decreasing the fee for the issuance of an original or renewed license to carry a handgun.  
**1 Floor Amendment**

**SB 594 Creighton**  
Relating to the procedure for the approval of rules adopted by the comptroller relating to the appraisal of qualified open-space land and qualified timber land for ad valorem tax purposes.

**SB 629 Schwertner/ Buckingham/ Burton/  
Campbell/ Creighton/ et al.**  
Relating to liability for interest if land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as agricultural or open-space land is sold or diverted to a different use.

**SB 717 (CS) Taylor, Van/ et al.**  
Relating to the reappraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of property damaged in a disaster.

**SB 730 Bettencourt/ et al.**  
Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of income-producing tangible personal property having a value of less than a certain amount.

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

**SB 20 (CS) Taylor, Larry/ et al.**  
Relating to health plan and health benefit plan coverage for abortions.

**The Senate suspended the regular order, read second time and passed to engrossment:**

**SB 5 (CS) Huffman/ Bettencourt/ Birdwell/  
Buckingham/ Burton/ et al.**  
Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification; providing a criminal penalty.  
**2 Floor Amendments**

**SB 23 (CS) Schwertner/ Bettencourt/  
Birdwell/ Burton/ Campbell/ et al.**  
Relating to requiring state contractors to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify.  
**1 Floor Amendment**

**The Senate adopted the following resolutions:**

**SR 296 Hall**  
Recognizing March 27, 2017, as Kaufman County Day.

**SR 509 Huffman**  
Recognizing the Greater Houston Pachyderm Club.

**Committee referral on the following:**

**SB 1926 Lucio**  
Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.  
**Higher Education**

**SB 1927 Kolkhorst**

Relating to requiring the Health and Human Services Commission to evaluate and implement changes to the Medicaid program to make the program more cost-effective, increase competition among providers, and improve health outcomes for recipients.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1928** **Kolkhorst**

Relating to the frequency and location of certain meetings required by a prescriptive authority agreement.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1929** **Kolkhorst**

Relating to a report on maternal mortality and the continuation of the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 1930** **West**

Relating to the adoption of cats and dogs previously used for research at public institutions of higher education.

**Higher Education**

**SB 1931** **West**

Relating to community land trusts.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 1932** **West**

Relating to eligibility requirements for registration as an interior designer.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 1933** **West**

Relating to the eligibility of certain criminal defendants for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 1934** **Garcia**

Relating to requiring the Teacher Retirement System of Texas to notify employees of an open-enrollment charter school of the revocation, nonrenewal, expiration, or surrender of a charter.

**State Affairs**

**SB 1935** **Hughes**

Relating to disclosure of certain health care costs and shared savings between certain health benefit plans and state employees.

**State Affairs**

**SB 1936** **Hughes**

Relating to the issuance of specially marked driver's licenses and personal identification certificates to disabled veterans.

**Veteran Affairs & Border Security**

**SB 1937** **Hughes**

Relating to the participation of certain counties in the collection improvement program.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 1938** **Hughes**

Relating to the method of calculating the salary of state judges.

**State Affairs**

**SB 1939** **Hughes**

Relating to the movement of vehicles transporting sealed ocean cargo shipping containers; authorizing a fee.

**Transportation**

**SB 1940** **Hughes**

Relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 271 as the Veterans Memorial Highway.

**Transportation**

- SB 1941** **Hughes**  
Relating to the licensing and regulation of neurodiagnostic practitioners and neurodiagnostic technologists; requiring an occupational license; creating an offense; providing penalties and authorizing fees.  
**Health & Human Services**
- SB 1942** **Hughes**  
Relating to the transportation or storage of a handgun or other firearm or ammunition by a license holder in a motor vehicle in a parking area of a primary or secondary school.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1943** **Hughes**  
Relating to restrictive covenants regarding firearms or firearms ammunition.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1944** **Hughes**  
Relating to the issuance of specialty plates to honor recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross medal with Valor.  
**Transportation**
- SB 1945** **Hughes**  
Relating to the Texas Uniform Trade Secrets Act.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1946** **Hughes**  
Relating to an award of costs an attorney's fees in a motion to dismiss for certain actions that have no basis in law or fact.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1947** **Hughes**  
Relating to adjudication of claims arising from certain written contracts with state agencies.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1948** **Hughes**  
Relating to electronic reporting requirements for an abortion facility.  
**Health & Human Services**
- SB 1949** **Hughes**  
Relating to the regulation of certain sweepstakes in this state.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1950** **Hughes**  
Relating to damages in certain contract claims against the state.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1951** **Hughes**  
Relating to wage surveys for the determination of prevailing wage rates for certain contracts for public works.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 1952** **Hughes**  
Relating to off-site sales by a dealer for antique or special interest vehicles that have been subject to a retail sale.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 1953** **Hughes**  
Relating to indemnification and duties of engineers and architects under certain governmental contracts.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 1954** **Hughes**  
Relating to participation in and contributions to the optional retirement program for certain employees of institutions of higher education.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1955** **Hughes**

Relating to expunction of a notice of lis pendens.

**State Affairs**

**SB 1956 Lucio**

Relating to the expiration date of hunting and fishing licenses.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 1957 Lucio**

Relating to a pilot program to reduce the cost of hunting and fishing licenses for nonresidents.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 1958 Lucio**

Relating to the residency requirements for hunting and fishing licenses.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 1959 Lucio**

Relating to certain comprehensive development agreements of the Texas Department of Transportation or a regional mobility authority.

**Transportation**

**SB 1960 Lucio**

Relating to firearm safety awareness; decreasing the application and license fee for a license to carry a handgun.

**State Affairs**

**SB 1961 Lucio**

Relating to the relationship between public employers and fire and police employees.

**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 1962 Creighton**

Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for property used in master recordings and admissions to certain amusement services.

**Finance**

**SB 1963 Creighton**

Relating to requirements for educator preparation program support for certain candidates for certification.

**Education**

**SB 1964 Creighton**

Relating to the use of land in Jones State Forest for academic and economic purposes.

**Higher Education**

**SB 1965 Creighton**

Relating to enforcement of child support obligations.

**State Affairs**

**SB 1966 Creighton**

Relating to certain procedures for cases and orders relating to the Title IV-D agency.

**State Affairs**

**SB 1967 Creighton**

Relating to modification of certain prescription drug benefits and coverage offered by certain health benefit plans.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 1968 Zaffirini**

Relating to the state flag code.

**Veteran Affairs & Border Security**

**SB 1969 Kolkhorst**

Relating to the nonsubstantive revision of the Texas Racing Act, including conforming amendments.

**Administration**

**SB 1970 Kolkhorst**

Relating to fantasy sports contests.

**State Affairs**

**SB 1971** **Kolkhorst/ Buckingham**

Relating to the set aside, collection, and transfer of certain money for the Texas-bred program.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 1972** **Kolkhorst**

Relating to the deposit and distribution by the Texas Racing Commission of certain pari-mutuel wagering funds to benefit the Texas-bred program.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 1973** **Kolkhorst**

Relating to the set aside, collection, and transfer of certain money for the Texas Racing Commission.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 1974** **Whitmire**

Relating to certain alcoholic beverage auction and raffle permits.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 1975** **Whitmire**

Relating to establishing the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony Committee to recognize and honor peace officers who were killed in the line of duty.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 1976** **Whitmire**

Relating to the eligibility process for customer service benefits.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 1977** **Whitmire**

Relating to the authority of the independent ombudsman for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department to investigate and evaluate certain juvenile facilities.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 1978** **Schwertner**

Relating to the punishment for the offense of theft of cattle, horses, exotic livestock, exotic fowl, sheep, swine, or goats; increasing a criminal penalty; imposing a fee.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 1979** **Schwertner**

Relating to liability for the additional tax imposed on land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as agricultural land if the use of the land changes as a result of a condemnation.

**Finance**

**SB 1980** **Schwertner**

Relating to performance bonds for certain public improvements in certain municipalities.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 1981** **Schwertner**

Relating to selection of statewide competition locations by the University Interscholastic League.

**Education**

**SB 1982** **Schwertner**

Relating to the establishment of a university system center located in Brazos County as part of The Texas A&M University System.

**Higher Education**

**SB 1983** **Miles**

Relating to the creation of the Texas Urban Agricultural Innovation Authority.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 1984** **Miles**

Relating to the creation and funding of the urban farming pilot program and the creation of the Select Committee on Urban Farming.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

- SB 1985** **Miles**  
 Relating to the revocation or amendment of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for water utilities in a service area.  
**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**
- SB 1986** **Lucio**  
 Relating to the creation of an advisory committee on mental health issues affecting veterans within the Texas Veterans Commission.  
**Veteran Affairs & Border Security**
- SB 1987** **Lucio**  
 Relating to the notice requirements for bills proposing the creation of or annexation of land to certain special purpose districts.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 1988** **Lucio**  
 Relating to the nonsubstantive revision of certain local laws concerning water and wastewater special districts, including conforming amendments.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 1989** **Campbell**  
 Relating to the elimination of straight-party voting for judicial offices.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 1990** **Watson**  
 Relating to low income housing tax credits awarded for certain developments.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 1991** **Watson**  
 Relating to the administration of federal funds under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 1992** **Watson**  
 Relating to the allocation of housing tax credits to developments within proximate geographical areas.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 1993** **Rodríguez/ Watson/ Zaffirini**  
 Relating to the licensing and other regulation of wrap lenders.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 1994** **Zaffirini/ Rodríguez/ Watson**  
 Relating to the financing of residential real estate purchases by means of a wrap mortgage loan; creating an offense.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 1995** **Watson/ Rodríguez/ Zaffirini**  
 Relating to disclosures in connection with certain wrap mortgage loan transactions; providing a criminal penalty.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 1996** **Watson**  
 Relating to the creation of the Rio de Vida Municipal Utility District No. 1; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 1997** **Watson**  
 Relating to establishing a pilot program for professional support service provider services for persons who are deaf-blind.  
**Health & Human Services**
- SB 1998** **Watson**

Relating to the formal recognition of the Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin and the School of Medicine at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and the participation of those schools in the Joint Admission Medical Program.

**Higher Education**

**SB 1999** **Watson**

Relating to energy resources planning for electric generation in ERCOT.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 2000** **Watson**

Relating to the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

**Natural Resources & Economic Development**

**SB 2001** **Watson**

Relating to defining the practice of psychology.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 2002** **Watson**

Relating to regional or local health care programs for eligible individuals and employees of small employers.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 2003** **Watson**

Relating to the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program and local initiative air quality projects.

**Natural Resources & Economic Development**

**SB 2004** **Watson**

Relating to the operation of a public transit motor bus by certain mass transit entities on an improved shoulder.

**Transportation**

**SB 2005** **Watson**

Relating to the transfer of jurisdiction over and management of the property known as the French Legation to the Texas Historical Commission and to certain historic sites under the commission's jurisdiction.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 2006** **Watson**

Relating to erecting or maintaining certain outdoor signs regulated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Transportation**

**SB 2007** **Taylor, Van**

Relating to the reimbursement of certain dentists under the Medicaid program.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 2008** **Taylor, Van**

Relating to claiming an exemption from required immunizations for public school students.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 2009** **Taylor, Van**

Relating to requiring a supplemental actuarial analysis by certain public retirement systems.

**State Affairs**

**SB 2010** **Taylor, Van**

Relating to procedures for the determination of the validity of certain petitions filed in connection with an election.

**State Affairs**

**SB 2011** **Taylor, Van**

Relating to the location and hours for early voting by personal appearance.

**State Affairs**

**SB 2012** **Taylor, Van**

Relating to the study of an economic impact zone by the Texas Department of Transportation.  
**Transportation**

**SB 2013** **Taylor, Van**  
Relating to the disclosure of certain public information by a public school district.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 2014** **Creighton**  
Relating to consent of municipalities in the creation of municipal utility districts.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

**SB 2015** **Creighton**  
Relating to the Texas Sovereignty Act.  
**State Affairs**

**SB 2016** **Creighton**  
Relating to parental administrations for certain adults with intellectual disabilities and the prosecution of a related criminal offense.  
**State Affairs**

**SB 2017** **Creighton/ et al.**  
Relating to the regulation of commercial shrimp unloading; requiring an occupational license and authorizing a fee for certain nonresident persons.  
**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 2018** **Creighton**  
Relating to the donation of sick leave by state employees.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 2019** **Creighton**  
Relating to the punishment for the offense of tampering with a governmental record; increasing a criminal penalty.  
**Criminal Justice**

**SB 2020** **Creighton**  
Relating to voter information used for juror selections.  
**State Affairs**

**SB 2021** **Zaffirini**  
Relating to wage requirements for community rehabilitation programs participating in the purchasing from people with disabilities program.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**

**SB 2022** **Zaffirini**  
Relating to competitive and integrated employment of persons with disabilities.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**

**SB 2023** **Zaffirini**  
Relating to the implementation of the community living options information process for residents of certain facilities.  
**Health & Human Services**

**SB 2024** **Zaffirini**  
Relating to the personal needs allowance for participants in home and community-based waiver programs.  
**Health & Human Services**

**SB 2025** **Zaffirini**  
Relating to the establishment of a peer support program for residents of state supported living centers.  
**Health & Human Services**

**SB 2026** **Rodríguez**  
Relating to a study and report by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on the use of green stormwater infrastructure in this state.  
**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**



- SB 2027** **Rodríguez**  
 Relating to a study to evaluate by region training and employment opportunities in this state for individuals with an intellectual disability.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**
- SB 2028** **Rodríguez**  
 Relating to the procedure for qualifying for the exemption from ad valorem taxation of pollution control property.  
**Finance**
- SB 2029** **Rodríguez**  
 Relating to funding for new and existing migrant labor housing facilities; establishing an interagency task force to provide support for migrant agricultural workers.  
**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**
- SB 2030** **Buckingham**  
 Relating to the performance and appeal of utilization review by and under the direction of physicians.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 2031** **Buckingham**  
 Relating to the inclusion of a student loan repayment benefit in a cafeteria plan administered for state employees.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 2032** **Bettencourt**  
 Relating to the authority of the Texas State Technical College System to offer technical-vocational courses or programs.  
**Higher Education**
- SB 2033** **Bettencourt**  
 Relating to the fixed tuition price plan offered by certain general academic teaching institutions.  
**Higher Education**
- SB 2034** **Miles**  
 Relating to creation of a task force to study the health effects of concrete and rock crushing.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**
- SB 2035** **Zaffirini**  
 Relating to the regulation of athlete agents.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 2036** **Zaffirini**  
 Relating to liability insurance or other proof of financial responsibility for persons holding certain alcoholic beverage permits; authorizing a fee.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 2037** **Zaffirini**  
 Relating to a request for 9-1-1 services by text message.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 2038** **Zaffirini**  
 Relating to the composition of the Contract Advisory Team.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 2039** **Zaffirini**  
 Relating to the development of a program and training for public schools on the prevention of sexual abuse and sex trafficking and participation by the human trafficking prevention task force in that development.  
**Education**
- SB 2040** **Zaffirini**  
 Relating to the content of an application for Medicaid.  
**Health & Human Services**

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

**SB 298**

**Hinojosa**

Relating to the creation and funding of the Texas Forensic Science Commission operating account.

**Re-referred from Criminal Justice to Finance**

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