

**BILLS REFERRED TODAY**

**Wednesday  
February 8, 2017**

**Committee referral on the following:**

**SB 526 Birdwell**

Relating to the abolishment of certain advisory committees and other entities created to assist or advise state agencies or officers.

**Business & Commerce**

**SB 527 Birdwell**

Relating to a defendant's payment of costs associated with a court-appointed counsel.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 528 Birdwell**

Relating to the term of a chief administrative law judge.

**State Affairs**

**SB 529 Lucio**

Relating to improving training and staff development for primary and secondary educators to enable them to more effectively serve all students.

**Education**

**SB 530 West**

Relating to the authorization of monetary assistance and support services for caregivers of children in parental child safety placements.

**Health & Human Services**

**SB 531 Lucio**

Relating to the use of individual graduation committee determinations for certain public school accountability and high school graduation purposes and to the use of other alternative methods for certain high school graduation purposes.

**Education**

**SB 532 Nelson**

Relating to reports on and purchase of information technology by state agencies.

**Finance**

**SB 533 Nelson**

Relating to state agency contracting.

**Finance**

**SB 534 West**

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

**Higher Education**

**SB 536 Hinojosa**

Relating to the punishment for burglary and theft of controlled substances.

**Criminal Justice**

**SB 537 Hinojosa**

Relating to requiring the disclosure of special course fees at public institutions of higher education.

**Higher Education**

**SB 538 Hinojosa**

Relating to state and local planning for and responses to drought.

**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 539** **Hinojosa**  
Relating to the qualifications for an impartial third party in certain civil disputes.  
**State Affairs**

**SB 541** **Hinojosa**  
Relating to the eligibility for release on parole of certain inmates convicted of the offense of continuous trafficking of persons.  
**Criminal Justice**

**SB 542** **Bettencourt**  
Relating to an insurance premium tax credit for contributions made to certain educational assistance organizations.  
**Education**

**SB 543** **Seliger**  
Relating to performance-based tuition limitations for certain public institutions of higher education and a temporary tuition limitation for those institutions.  
**Higher Education**

**SB 544** **Lucio**  
Relating to required training for veterans county service officers and assistant veterans county service officers.  
**Veteran Affairs & Border Security**

**SB 545** **Lucio**  
Relating to information regarding autism spectrum disorders.  
**Health & Human Services**

**SB 546** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to the quality of water provided by public drinking water supply systems to state supported living centers.  
**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**

**SB 547** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to creation of a schedule of support services a state supported living center may provide and procedures for establishing applicable fees for those services.  
**Health & Human Services**

**SB 548** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to liability of certain electric utilities that allow certain uses of land that the electric utility owns, occupies, or leases.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 549** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to refunds of certain bingo licensing and registration fees.  
**State Affairs**

**SB 550** **Campbell**  
Relating to the sale or assignment of tax credits for the certified rehabilitation of certified historic structures.  
**Finance**

**SB 551** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to inaccurate or incomplete permit applications for solid waste facilities.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**

**SB 552** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to health benefit plan coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants for certain individuals.  
**Business & Commerce**

**SB 553** **Kolkhorst**  
Relating to the notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**

- SB 554** **Kolkhorst**  
 Relating to notice requirements for certain special districts that hold board meetings outside the district.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- SB 555** **Kolkhorst**  
 Relating to the entry of real property under a claim of eminent domain authority; providing a criminal penalty.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 556** **Rodríguez**  
 Relating to the release on parole of certain inmates convicted of an offense committed when younger than 18 years of age; changing parole eligibility.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 557** **Rodríguez**  
 Relating to the period for filing a claim for reimbursement for certain ancillary services under the Medicaid program.  
**Health & Human Services**
- SB 558** **Hancock**  
 Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 360 in Ellis and Tarrant Counties as the Senator Chris Harris Memorial Highway.  
**Transportation**
- SB 559** **Hancock**  
 Relating to the application of the miscellaneous gross receipts tax on utility companies.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 560** **Hancock**  
 Relating to surcharges imposed for the use of a credit card; providing a civil penalty.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 561** **Hancock**  
 Relating to the identification and handling of unclaimed life insurance and annuity contract proceeds.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 562** **Hancock**  
 Relating to the provision of surplus lines insurance to certain commercial insureds.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 563** **Hancock**  
 Relating to the definition of commercial property insurance for purposes of certain provisions governing insurance rates and policy forms.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 564** **Campbell**  
 Relating to the applicability of open meetings requirements to certain meetings of a governing body relating to information technology security practices.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 565** **Perry**  
 Relating to the creation of records of the DNA of certain defendants for inclusion in the DNA database system.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 566** **Perry**  
 Relating to the qualifications for a person conducting an adoption evaluation.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 567** **Rodríguez/ et al.**  
 Relating to the imposition of administrative, civil, and criminal penalties for violating certain statutes under the jurisdiction of, rules or orders adopted by, or licenses, permits, or certificates issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas; increasing criminal penalties.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**

- SB 568** **Rodríguez**  
 Relating to the posting by the Railroad Commission of Texas on its Internet website of certain enforcement information.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**
- SB 569** **Rodríguez**  
 Relating to a review and report by the Railroad Commission of Texas regarding the oversight and enforcement of unpermitted discharges of oil and gas waste or of other substances or materials associated with certain operations or activities regulated by the commission.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**
- SB 570** **Rodríguez**  
 Relating to the regulation of the retention, storage, transportation, and disposal of used or scrap tires; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**
- SB 571** **Menéndez**  
 Relating to a salary career ladder for certain state employees.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 572** **Menéndez**  
 Relating to a feasibility study and report by the Texas Division of Emergency Management regarding the use of United States Postal Service employees, resources, and assets during a declared disaster.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**
- SB 573** **Estes**  
 Relating to the disposition of proceeds from the sale of freshwater fishing stamps issued by the Parks and Wildlife Department.  
**Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs**
- SB 574** **Miles**  
 Relating to the expansion of applied workforce learning opportunities in this state, including through the establishment of the Texas Industry Internship Challenge.  
**Education**
- SB 575** **Schwertner/ Birdwell/  
 Buckingham/ Burton/ Campbell/  
 et al.**  
 Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.  
**Finance**
- SB 576** **Huffman**  
 Relating to a reporting requirement for certain incidents of sexual harassment, sexual assault, family violence, or stalking at public institutions of higher education; creating a criminal offense.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 577** **Nichols**  
 Relating to the offense involving the carrying of handguns by license holders on the premises of state hospitals.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 578** **Lucio**  
 Relating to the creation by the Texas Veterans Commission of a veteran suicide prevention action plan.  
**Veteran Affairs & Border Security**
- SB 579** **Taylor, Van**  
 Relating to the use of epinephrine auto-injectors on private school campuses and at or in transit to or from off-campus school events.  
**Education**
- SB 580** **Estes**  
 Relating to the licensure or certification of volunteer firefighters and members of industrial emergency response teams.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**

- SB 581** **Whitmire**  
 Relating to the requirements for a change of name for a person with a final felony conviction or a person required to register as a sex offender.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 582** **Whitmire**  
 Relating to the discharge of a prisoner from a county jail.  
**Criminal Justice**
- SB 583** **Campbell**  
 Relating to the punishment for the offense of unlawfully carrying a handgun by a license holder.  
**State Affairs**
- SB 584** **West**  
 Relating to guidelines for prescribing opioid antagonists.  
**Health & Human Services**
- SB 585** **West**  
 Relating to the opportunity of certain patriotic societies to present information regarding the society to public school students during regular school hours.  
**Education**
- SB 586** **Perry/ et al.**  
 Relating to the distribution of universal service funds to certain small and rural incumbent local exchange companies.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 587** **Campbell**  
 Relating to the ability of certain students to enroll full-time in courses provided through the state virtual school network.  
**Veteran Affairs & Border Security**
- SB 588** **Lucio/ Campbell**  
 Relating to information regarding private employers who have veteran's employment preference policies.  
**Veteran Affairs & Border Security**
- SB 589** **Lucio/ et al.**  
 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; imposing fees; providing an administrative penalty.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 590** **Campbell**  
 Relating to the authority of certain holders of a wine and beer retailer's permit to manufacture and sell wine and engage in certain related activities.  
**Business & Commerce**
- SB 591** **Lucio**  
 Relating to a community outreach campaign to increase awareness of veterans benefits and services.  
**Veteran Affairs & Border Security**
- SB 592** **Lucio**  
 Relating to the classification of workers for purposes of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act; providing a penalty.  
**Natural Resources & Economic Development**
- SB 593** **Rodríguez**  
 Relating to the governance of certain housing authorities.  
**Intergovernmental Relations**
- 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.  
**Finance**

**SB 595****Lucio**

Relating to the eligibility of individuals from low-income households to pay the ad valorem taxes imposed on the individual's residence homestead in installments.

**Finance****SB 596****Lucio**

Relating to imposing a tax on certain sweetened beverages and ingredients used to make certain sweetened beverages; providing a penalty.

**Finance****SB 597****Lucio**

Relating to abolishing the death penalty.

**Criminal Justice****SB 598****Bettencourt**

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

**Higher Education****SB 599****Burton**

Relating to the deferral and reduction or waiver of certain surcharges assessed under the driver responsibility program.

**Transportation****SB 600****Burton**

Relating to the repeal of the Texas Economic Development Act.

**Natural Resources & Economic Development**