

Legislative Committee

Chad Davis, Chair

Chuck Anastos

Chase Bearden

Bob Wetmore

**TEXAS BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS
Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda**

William P. Hobby, Jr. State Office Building
333 Guadalupe Street
Tower II, Conference Room 350-L
Austin, Texas

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of the December 1, 2016 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
5. Distribution and discussion of general legislative and procedural information for the 85th Legislative session
 - a. Interim reports
 - b. Committee assignments
 - c. Report on stakeholder meetings
6. Review of House Bills from the 85th Legislature related to TBAE:
 - a. HB 1120 – Author: Springer
Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to issue a building construction permit or final certificate of occupancy for a building or facility required to meet certain accessibility standards; providing an administrative penalty
 - b. HB 1121 – Author: Springer
Relating to instruction in accessible design in the curriculum for an architecture degree program offered by a public institution or higher education
 - c. HB 1123 – Author: Springer
Relating to continuing education requirements for architects regarding compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act
7. Potential legislative issues and the Board's instructions to staff regarding those issues
8. Chair's closing remarks
9. Adjournment

Committee meetings may include a quorum of the Board in attendance

TEXAS BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS
Minutes of December 1, 2016 Legislative Committee Meeting
William P. Hobby Jr. Building, 333 Guadalupe Street
Tower III, Conference Room 350-L
Austin, TX 78701
11:00 a.m. until completion of business

AGENDA ITEMS

DESCRIPTIONS

1. Call to Order

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Davis called the roll.

Present Committee Members

Michael (Chad) Davis	Chair – Landscape Architect Member
Chase Bearden	Public Member
Robert (Bob) Wetmore	Architect Member

Excused Absence

Charles (Chuck) Anastos	Architect Member
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3. Public Comment

None.

4. Approval of August 16, 2016 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED (Bearden/Wetmore) TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 16, 2016 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Distribution and discussion of general legislative and procedure information - Interim charges of oversight committees

Ms. Hildebrand presented the Committee with information on Interim Charges of Oversight Committees. The first was a hearing of the House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures on August 23rd. There were multiple questions from Legislators during this hearing.

The second hearing was in the Senate on October 5th of the Committee on Business and Commerce. The Board discussed the perspectives shared by Senator Don Huffines and Senator Charles Schwertner regarding regulation of professions.

The committee discussed issues relating to the North Carolina Dental case, immunity of regulatory Boards, and anti-competitive actions. Another topic of interest was the testimony of the Institute of Justice and their suggestion that a committee be created by the OAG to review any rule before it is voted on by a Board or Commission.

Ms. Hildebrand informed the Committee that Mr. Brenton was researching this issue and would report on his findings.

Ms. Dockery inquired as to whether the agency was subject to a lawsuit for anti-competitive action. Ms. Hildebrand stated that the agency's insurance policy does not cover antitrust actions.

Mr. Lancaster discussed the notion of “economic liberty” and stated that TDLR’s deregulation of six (6) occupational groups may be enough deregulation to stave off additional deregulation of professions in the upcoming session after the Legislature deals with emergency issues.

Mr. Lancaster informed the Committee that the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee Report has not been released yet. He noted that several of the members of the previous Committee will not be coming back, including Chairman Smith.

Ms. Hildebrand gave the Committee background on the Sunset Report that was just released regarding smaller healthcare agencies. They have recommended that a number of them be transferred to TDLR. She explained that this would be the first group of professionals with degrees ever to be regulated by TDLR. She stated that this will occur over the next three years, FY2018, FY2019 and FY2020.

Ms. Hildebrand stated that she and the Communications Manager attended the Biennial Legislative & Communications Conference. She informed the Committee that there was extensive discussion on hot topics and TBAE was not mentioned.

6. Potential legislative issues and the Board’s instructions to staff regarding those issues – TBAE Fact Sheet

The Committee discussed the issues regarding interior design deregulation and suggestions for Ms. Hildebrand testifying before the Legislature. Ms. Hildebrand informed the Committee that she will be creating a document for RID’s practice analysis. Ms. Vining stated that TAID will be filing a bill to repeal the examination requirement. The Committee decided to have the next meeting in conjunction with the next Board meeting.

7. Chair’s closing remarks

The Chair thanked the Committee members for their time and work.

8. Adjournment

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED (Bearden/Wetmore) TO ADJOURN AT 12:22 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE:

MICHAEL (CHAD) DAVIS, RLA
Chair, TEXAS BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS

INTERIM STUDY CHARGES BACKGROUND, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Review all occupations licensed under Texas law to determine the extent to which continued state regulation and licensure is required to protect public health and safety. Examine methods to ensure greater legislative oversight of new regulations, scope, and necessity of certain licenses and make recommendations for state licenses that should be repealed or transitioned to private-sector enforcement.**

BACKGROUND

Today the State of Texas has over 500 occupational license certifications for specific trades and professions that are administered and overseen by various boards and agencies within state government. In 2013, the House Committee on Government Efficiency and Reform issued a report that stated 1 in 3 Texans are subjected to licensing requirements before they are able to work in their desired professions.¹

The agency responsible for administering the most licensing programs within the state is the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), which oversees 32 license programs to include 168 individual license types. As of September 1, 2016, TDLR was responsible for licensing 679,280 license holders in occupations ranging from barbers and cosmetologists to speech language pathologists.² The core purpose of the agency is to protect the health and safety of Texans and ensure they are served by qualified professionals.³

Each licensure requirement has been specifically created by the Texas Legislature, and each requirement can only be eliminated if the Legislature decides it is appropriate to do so. The opportunity for the legislature to address existing licensure programs surfaces through the biennial appropriations process and the periodic Texas Sunset Commission (Sunset) reviews that examine the continued need for most state agencies. Sunset, however, lacks statutory direction to examine the continued need for specific licensure programs administered by state agencies under their review. Traditionally, Sunset simply reports and makes recommendations on whether the agency should be abolished, and if not, how it might operate more efficiently.

¹ Testimony from Arif Panju, Attorney, Institute for Justice, to Texas Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, October 5, 2016.

² Written testimony from Brian Francis, Executive Director, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, to Texas Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, October 5, 2016.

³ Ibid.

Since 2005, the Sunset Commission has recommended consolidating many smaller licensing boards and divisions under the overall regulatory umbrella of TDLR. As recently as the 85th Regular Session, the Legislature adopted SB 202, a Sunset Recommendation to consolidate thirteen health related licensure programs previously overseen by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and move them under TDLR. As an additional recommendation, the Legislature adopted HB 1786, which moved the Parent Taught Driver Education Program from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Driver and Traffic Safety Education Program from the Texas Education Agency (TEA), both to TDLR.⁴

Because the Legislature has continued to insist on more efficient government regulation of businesses and trades, the policy trend since 1999 has been toward the consolidation of licensure responsibilities under as few agencies as possible, while maintaining the overall mission of protecting the public's health and safety. During this 17-year period, TDLR's responsibilities have increased from regulating 17 programs in 1999 to the 32 programs previously mentioned and 168 license types. During that same period, TDLR's licensee population has increased from 116,000 to over 680,000.⁵

TDLR Scope of Responsibilities as of September 1, 2016:

Business & Occupations (12)	Health Professions (7)	Building & Mechanical (6)
Combative Sports Driver Education and Safety For-Profit Legal Services Licensed Breeders Polygraph Examiners Professional Employer Organization Service Contract Providers Temporary Common Worker Employers Towing Companies Used Automotive Parts Recyclers Vehicle Protection Product Warrantors Vehicle Storage Facilities	Athletic Trainers Dietitians Dyslexia Therapists & Practitioners Hearing Instrument Fitters & Dispensers Midwives Orthotists & Prosthetists Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Architectural Barriers Boiler Safety Electrical Safety Elevators, Escalators & Related Equipment Industrialized Housing and Buildings
	Professionals (5)	Natural Resources (2)
	Auctioneers Barbering Cosmetology Property Tax Consultants Property Tax Professionals	Water Well Drillers & Pump Installers Weather Modification

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As a regulator, TDLR's primary mandate is to determine licensure requirements that protect the health and safety of Texans. It is also charged with ensuring they are served by qualified individuals in each of the regulated programs. This in turn necessitates that the agency evaluate whether licensing requirements are still appropriate or needed. TDLR does this through formulation of the biennial Strategic Plan or "Strat Plan."

Since the "Strat Plan" encompasses a five-year period of review, TDLR asks regulated programs to give guidance on their forward outlook of how they see their regulated industries changing to indicate whether continued regulation would be needed to fulfill the agencies' core mission. This is manpower intensive, but provides a mechanism for the state's continual review

⁴ Written testimony from Brian Francis, Executive Director, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, to Texas Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, October 5, 2016.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

over a large segment of occupational licensure programs.

The Strat Plan Overview includes consideration of the following actions when assessing both the need for and effectiveness of existing licensure programs and license types.

- Deregulation of Programs
- Elimination of Licenses
- Transfer of Programs
- Elimination of License Impediments
- Elimination of Redundancies
- Elimination of Government Interference with Business Practices
- Removal of Inflexible, Rigid, and Excessive Requirements
- Removal of Criminal and Civil Penalties for Administrative Violations.⁷

As an example of this process, the agency has advocated for the repeal and deregulation of four programs and seven license types in its 2016 Strategic Plan.

Program		Recommended Statutory Change	Benefit of Change
1	Temporary Common Worker Employers	Programs have zero to little enforcement activity, and minimal risk of consumer harm. Repeal statewide licensing requirement; preserve municipal authority and retain consumer protection provisions.	Individuals and companies will no longer be required to submit initial license or renewal applications, pay the initial fees and renewal fees, and be subjected to potential disciplinary action in the form of administrative penalties and sanctions.
2	For-Profit Legal Service Contracts		
3	Vehicle Protection Product Warrantors		
4	Vehicle Towing and Booting, Sections relating to Booting	Repeal statewide requirement for booting company and operator licenses. Preserve the authority of municipalities, political subdivisions, and Institutions of higher education to regulate these activities.	Salons and barber shops will no longer be required to employ a licensed person to shampoo.
5	Threading (Barbers and Cosmetologists) (See House Bill 4069, 84R – 2015)	Repeal statewide licensing requirement for an individual engaging in threading to hold an operator license, esthetician license, Class A barber license, or a barber technician in the barbering and cosmetology statutes.	
6	Shampoo Apprentice Permit (Barbers and Cosmetologists) (See House Bill 2720, 84R – 2015)	Repeal the requirement that an individual must hold a cosmetology or barber student permit to shampoo.	

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TESTIMONY

Although Texas has a regulatory structure for licensure similar to many other states, reciprocity for license holders moving into Texas is still an obstacle for many new license applicants with comparable certifications from elsewhere in the United States. TDLR for one, has made several

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⁸ Ibid.

recommendations to enhance or increase reciprocity arrangements for several of its licensure programs.

TDLR Strat Plan Recommendations on Improving Reciprocity:

Program	Recommended Statutory Change	Benefit of Change
1 Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers	Repeal the subsection relating to out-of-state applicants and reexamination.	Aligns all TDLR licensing provisions which will result in greater efficiency and cost effectiveness.
	Repeal the subsections relating to a prohibition for a person failing an examination from reapplying for temporary training license.	
	Amend the subsection by removing the requirement for an out-of-state applicant to hold a license at least three years prior to application.	Allows for greater reciprocity and fairness, for qualified out-of-state applicants and remove a barrier to entry for new competition.
2 Orthotists and Prosthetists	Amend the subsection by removing the residency requirement for a license.	Allows for greater participation on advisory boards for qualified out-of-state licensees.
3 Athletic Trainers	Repeal/amend by removing the residency requirement that unnecessary restriction limits the number of qualified individuals eligible to serve on the advisory board.	Allows for greater participation on advisory boards for qualified out-of-state licensees.
4 Hearing Instruments Fitters and Dispensers		
5 Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists		
6 Dietitians	Eliminate the requirement that a person failing the exam three times must complete credit hours in the areas of weakness before reexamination.	Aligns all TDLR licensing provisions which will result in greater efficiency and cost effectiveness.

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As TDLR has incorporated more specialized and complex licensing duties, the agency's governing commission of seven commissioners and the Executive Director act as the final authority on proposed rules that subordinate advisory boards may recommend for specific licensing programs.¹⁰ This structure may in fact act as a benefit for the state given recent federal legal action. The United State Supreme Court recently ruled on what the appropriate industry representation should be on licensure boards in *North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission*.¹¹

Brian Francis, Executive Director of TDLR, summarized the findings of the case saying that "the ruling said that the Dental Board in North Carolina was composed primarily of dentists, and licensees, when passing rules that impacted their profession." He stated that "there wasn't enough market separation, and potential for conflicts of interest, and that this violated anti-trust and anti-competitive provisions in federal law to ensure that professions are not regulating themselves."¹²

By implication, licensure boards across the country will be assessed to see whether changes

⁹ Written testimony from Brian Francis, Executive Director, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, to Texas Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, October 5, 2016.

¹⁰ Testimony from Brian Francis, Executive Director, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, to Texas Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, October 5, 2016.

¹¹ *North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission*, The Supreme Court of the United States, https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/14pdf/13-534_19m2.pdf, February 25, 2015.

¹² Testimony from Brian Francis, Executive Director, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, to Texas Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, October 5, 2016.

need to be made to their board compositions to preserve "sovereign immunity" protections for regulators acting in their official capacity. When pressed by Senator Schwertner on the issue, asking whether TDLR's current structure preserves sovereign immunity, Brian Francis responded in the affirmative.¹³

Although TDLR has taken meaningful steps to enhance its ability to make recommendations that tear down barriers to entry, the Texas Supreme Court Case of *Patel v. Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation* exemplifies how difficult it can be for average people to fight overly burdensome regulations.¹⁴ As Arif Panju with the Institute for Justice testified, "This was a landmark ruling regarding eyebrow threaders." The case cited conditions for licensure that required people seeking a license to undergo a 750 hour program (that would take four and half months to complete at a rate of 40 hours per week) in order to certify as an "esthetician." As Mr. Panju stated, "It took 6 years of litigation to declare the case unconstitutional, but it represents the Texas Supreme Court departing from federal jurisprudence to affirm that economic liberty under the Texas Constitution is more meaningfully protected than under the U.S. Constitution."¹⁵

Mr. Panju cited recognition by the Obama Administration that licensing, nationally, has become a significant barrier to entry for lower income and minority Americans. The White House recently issued a study capturing its findings on licensure trends observed across the 50 states. The report reflects that "licensing requirements vary substantially by state, creating barriers to workers moving across state lines and inefficiencies for businesses and the economy as a whole."¹⁶

Recommendations incorporated into the federal report include the following:

- Limiting licensing requirements to those that address legitimate public health and safety concerns to ease the burden of licensing on workers.
- Applying the results of comprehensive cost-benefit assessments of licensing laws to reduce the number of unnecessary or overly-restrictive licenses.
- Within groups of States, harmonizing regulatory requirements as much as possible, and where appropriate entering into inter-State compacts that recognize licenses from other States to increase the mobility of skilled workers.
- Allowing practitioners to offer services to the full extent of their current competency, to ensure that all qualified workers are able to offer services.¹⁷

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ *Ashish Patel, Petitioners/Cross-Respondents v. Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation*, ET AL, The Supreme Court of Texas, <http://www.txcourts.gov/media/1008501/120657.pdf>, June 26, 2015.

¹⁵ Testimony from Arif Panju, Attorney with the Institute for Justice, to Texas Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, October 5, 2016.

¹⁶ "Occupational Licensing: A Framework for Policy Makers," The White House, https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/licensing_report_final_nonembargo.pdfm, July 2015.

¹⁷ "Occupational Licensing: A Framework for Policy Makers," The White House, https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/licensing_report_final_nonembargo.pdfm, July 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee, after deliberative discussion, finds that state licensure requirements have become so numerous, costly, and elaborate that an unintended consequence is the result: to the very nature of state certification for new professional entrants now acts as a deterrent for business formation and development. The Committee further recognizes that there is most certainly a need for professional licensure in certain critical areas and that the state's mission to preserve the health and safety of Texans through the regulation of trades is warranted. However, many occupational licensure requirements go well beyond this core mission, and on face, pose a barrier to entry for the same Texans seeking a better life.

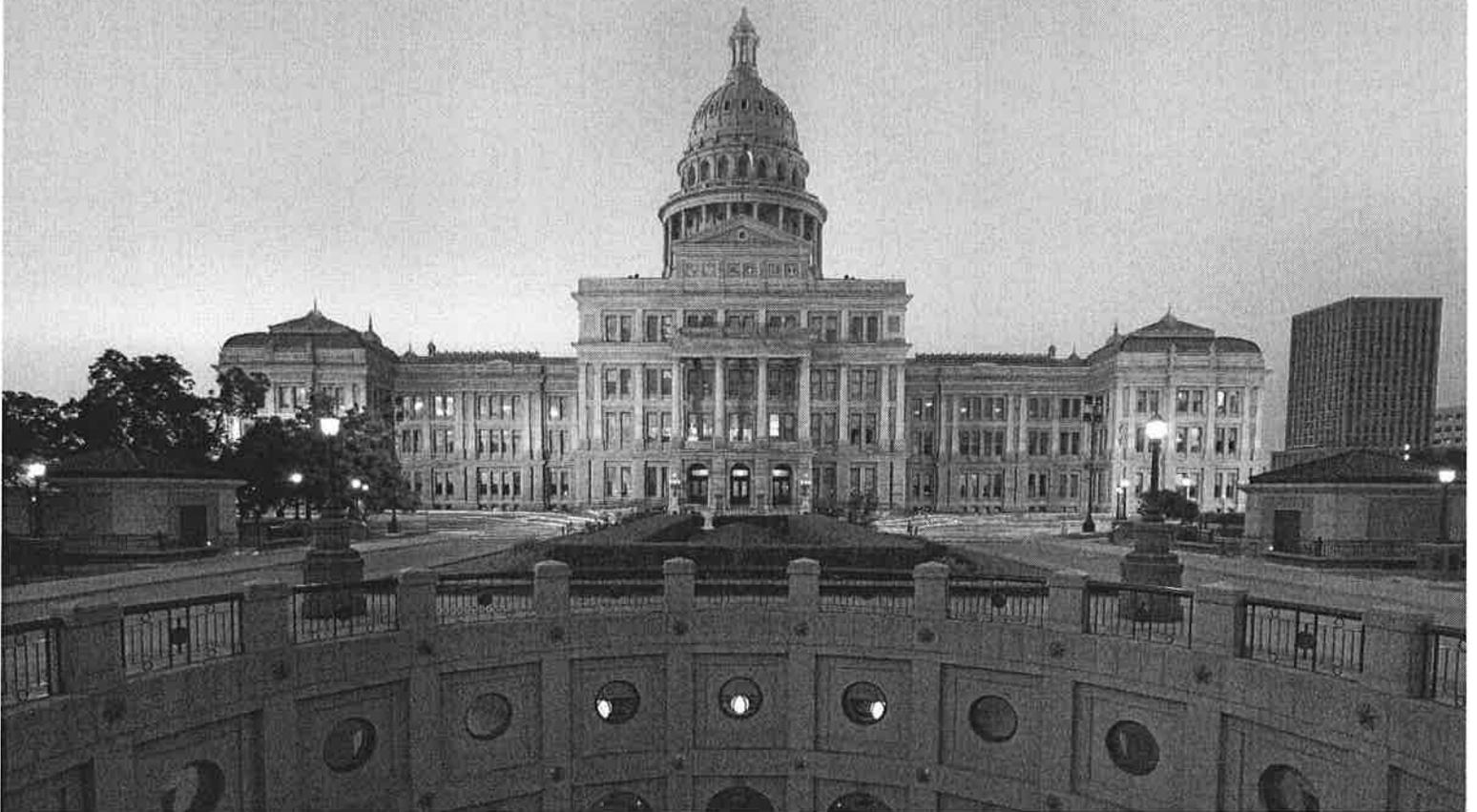
Therefore, the Committee recommends the following:

- The Legislature should continue the policy of consolidating minor boards and licensure programs under as few agencies as possible. This will enhance the Sunset Commission's ability to review the necessity of continued licensure requirements in specific areas as part of an enhanced evaluation of a major agency's functions. It will also highlight for the Legislature the need to examine licensure requirements as part of the discussion for a major agency's reauthorization and appropriations requests.
- Furthermore, when taking up Sunset Recommendations on agencies administering licensing programs, the Legislature should strongly consider enacting specific sunset dates for individual licensing programs. This would necessitate periodic legislative review and reauthorization as to affirm a continued need for professional certification and government involvement.



INTERIM REPORT

to the 85th Texas Legislature



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
DEFENSE AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS



DECEMBER 2016

providing opportunities to military students. President Serrata testified that in the past five years, foregone tuition due to Hazelwood exemptions has cost EPCC \$5,928,634; while EPCC has only been reimbursed \$160,865, less than 3%, of what was spent.

BRIGADIER GENERAL NORRIS with the TMD also touched upon Charge #6, providing information on utilization of the State Tuition Reimbursement Program (STRP), a state-funded tuition assistance program for active drilling members of the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, and the Texas State Guard. The benefit provides an award payment for up to 6 credit hours and associated mandatory fees with a maximum payout of \$2,250 per semester. This program requires all federal and state tuition benefits including grants, the GI Bill, and the Hazlewood exemption, to be used before the STRP. Since 2012, there has been a 63% growth in utilization of this program.

JON LARVICK, Sheppard Military Affairs Committee President, testified about the benefits of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, citing it as a very successful program. He implored the Committee to continue to explore ways in which military Service Members, Veterans, and their families can receive exemptions and waivers for trade certifications and occupational licensing in the State of Texas.

BOB GEAR, Director of the Texas Veterans Leadership Project (TVLP) with the Texas Workforce Commission, provided testimony on efforts regarding Charge #6, with a particular focus on initiatives that seek to translate military skills and MOS specialties into their corresponding civilian skills and education, which can then be utilized for resume writing and job matching services.

HISTORY OF HAZLEWOOD

As part of the State of Texas's long history of supporting military Veterans and their families, the Hazelwood Act has offered qualified military Veterans the opportunity to attend public colleges and universities within the state with an exemption of tuition and up to 150 credit hours of coursework. The origins of this program date back to 1923, when the state first began to offer exemptions for tuition and fees for returning Veterans and nurses who served during World War I. In 1943, the program was updated to include World War II Veterans, in an effort led by Texas Senator Grady Hazlewood, for whom the legislation was named. A history of the changes in the Hazlewood Act is delineated below⁸.

- **1923:** 38th Texas Legislature directs public Institutions of Higher Learning in Texas to exempt tuition and fees charged to WWI veterans and nurses who were citizens of Texas
- **1929:** Veterans and Nurses from the Spanish-American War added to the list of eligible recipients
- **1943:** SB 81 by Senator Grady Hazlewood and Senator George Moffett amends the Hazlewood Act to include members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency Service, and Veterans of World War II. Hazlewood was

Caption: Relating to continuing education requirements for architects regarding compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A

Companion: N/A

Texas Legislature Online Bill List Results

Legislature: 85(R) - 2017
 Bill List: Employment
 Description: Various Employment Laws
 Number of Bills: 18

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HB 88 **Author:** Martinez, "Mando" **Sponsor:**
Last Action: *11/14/2016 H Filed*
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to an unlawful employment practice by an employer whose leave policy does not permit an employee to use leave to care for the employee's foster child.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A
Don't need to track, but share with Christine if it becomes enrolled

HB 225 **Author:** Johnson, Eric **Sponsor:**
Last Action: *11/14/2016 H Filed*
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the prohibition of employment discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 290 **Author:** Johnson, Eric **Sponsor:**
Last Action: *11/14/2016 H Filed*
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to a prohibition on sex discrimination in compensation.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

SB 70 **Author:** Zaffirini **Sponsor:**
Last Action: *01/24/2017 S Referred to Natural Resources & Economic Development*
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the required earnings statement provided by employers.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: Natural Resources & Economic Development (In)
Companion: N/A

SB 73 **Author:** Nelson **Sponsor:**
Last Action: *01/30/2017 S Referred to Finance*
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to leave policy and procedures for state employees.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: Finance (In)

Companion: HB 360 by Geren, Identical, 11/15/2016 H Filed

SB 223

Author: Menéndez

Sponsor:

Last Action: 01/25/2017 S Referred to Natural Resources & Economic Development

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: Natural Resources & Economic Development (In)

Companion: HB 228 by Thompson, Senfronia, Similar, 11/14/2016 H Filed

HB 360

Author: Geren

Sponsor:

Last Action: 11/15/2016 H Filed

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to leave policy and procedures for state employees.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A

Companion: SB 73 by Nelson, Identical, 01/30/2017 S Referred to Finance

HB 398

Author: Allen

Sponsor:

Last Action: 11/17/2016 H Filed

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to certain benefits paid by the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A

Companion: N/A

HB 656

Author: Minjarez

Sponsor:

Last Action: 12/20/2016 H Filed

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to employment leave for certain family or medical obligations; imposing an assessment.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A

Companion: N/A

HB 718

Author: Wu

Sponsor:

Last Action: 12/21/2016 H Filed

Caption Version: Introduced

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

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A

Companion: N/A

HB 786

Author: VanDeaver

Sponsor:

Last Action: 01/02/2017 H Filed

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the prohibition of certain employment discrimination regarding an employee who is a volunteer emergency responder.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A

Companion: N/A

HB 830

Author: Blanco

Sponsor:

Last Action: 01/05/2017 H Filed

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to parental leave for certain state employees.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A

Companion: N/A

SB 285

Author: Watson

Sponsor:

Last Action: 01/30/2017 S Referred to State Affairs

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the right of an employee to time off from work to obtain an election identification certificate.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: State Affairs (In)

Companion: N/A

HB 568

Author: Israel

Sponsor:

Last Action: 12/12/2016 H Filed

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to authority for certain state employees to work flexible hours and to work from home or other authorized alternative work sites.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A

Companion: N/A

HB 578

Author: Turner, Chris

Sponsor:

Last Action: 12/13/2016 H Filed

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to certain leave policies for state employees.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A

Companion: N/A

SB 369

Author: Garcia

Sponsor:

Last Action: 12/20/2016 S Filed

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the right of a public employee to representation in certain internal investigatory interviews.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A

Companion: N/A

HB 876 **Author:** Turner, Chris **Sponsor:**
Last Action: *01/09/2017 H Filed*
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to a prohibition against certain forms of employment discrimination by state contractors; providing an administrative penalty.
House Committee: N/A
Senate
Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

SB 571 **Author:** Menéndez **Sponsor:**
Last Action: *01/23/2017 S Filed*
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to a salary career ladder for certain state employees.
House Committee: N/A
Senate
Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 578 **Author:** Turner, Chris
Last Action: 12/13/2016 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to certain leave policies for state employees.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

Sponsor:

HB 613 **Author:** Leach
Last Action: 12/16/2016 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to limitations on the rate of growth of appropriations for certain categories of spending.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

Sponsor:

HB 888 **Author:** Raymond
Last Action: 01/09/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to honesty in state taxation.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

Sponsor:

HB 892 **Author:** Raymond
Last Action: 01/09/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to an annual state budget and legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years and to political contributions made during a legislative session.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

Sponsor:

HB 936 **Author:** Schofield
Last Action: 01/11/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

Sponsor:

HB 1055 **Author:** Burkett
Last Action: 01/17/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced

Sponsor:

Caption: Relating to a limitation on the amount of certain licensing fees charged by state agencies.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to abolishing shampoo apprentice permits and shampoo specialty certificates.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

SB 210 **Author:** Kolkhorst | et al. **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/25/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the required repeal or amendment of two state agency rules before adoption of a new state agency rule that increases costs to regulated persons.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)
Companion: N/A

SB 237 **Author:** Menéndez **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/30/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain employees of fire protection sprinkler system contractors; providing a penalty; imposing a fee; requiring occupational licenses.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)
Companion: N/A

SB 246 **Author:** Hall **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/30/2017 S Referred to State Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the eligibility of applicants for the state bar examination.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: State Affairs (In)
Companion: N/A

HB 421 **Author:** Rinaldi | et al. **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 11/21/2016 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the exemption from application of the Private Security Act of certain persons who provide security services on a volunteer basis at a place of religious worship.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 442 **Author:** Martinez, "Mando" **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 11/22/2016 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the online publication of home addresses of certain occupational license holders.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: HB 1020 by Smithee, Identical, 01/12/2017 H Filed

HB 996 **Author:** Capriglione **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/12/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the regulation of business entities that provide assistance animals; providing a civil penalty.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 1020 **Author:** Smithee **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/12/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to volunteer practice by an inactive member of the State Bar of Texas.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: SB 435 by Rodríguez, Identical, 01/06/2017 S Filed

SB 65 **Author:** Zaffirini **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/24/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the regulation of funeral services, funeral homes, cemeteries, and crematories; imposing penalties.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)
Companion: N/A

SB 176 **Author:** Schwertner | et al. **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/25/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the regulation of transportation network companies; requiring an occupational permit; authorizing a fee.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)
Companion: N/A

HB 1009 **Author:** Alonzo **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/12/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the regulation of firefighters and fire departments by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 1131 **Author:** Miller, Rick **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/18/2017 H Filed

Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the requirement that a person obtain a dyslexia therapist license.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

SB 549 **Author:** Kolkhorst **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/19/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to refunds of certain bingo licensing and registration fees.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: HB 446 by Bell, Identical, 11/22/2016 H Filed

HB 1201 **Author:** Thompson, Senfronia **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/20/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the regulation of the practice of dental hygiene.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: SB 430 by Rodríguez, Identical, 01/06/2017 S Filed

SB 567 **Author:** Rodríguez **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/20/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: 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.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

SB 568 **Author:** Rodríguez **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/20/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the posting by the Railroad Commission of Texas on its Internet website of certain enforcement information.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: HB 247 by Anchia, Identical, 11/14/2016 H Filed

SB 569 **Author:** Rodríguez **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/20/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: 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.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A

Committee:**Companion:** N/A

HB 1222

Author: Rinaldi | et al.**Sponsor:****Last Action:** 01/23/2017 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the suspension of certain licenses held by private employers for the knowing employment of persons not lawfully present in this state; authorizing a fee.**House Committee:** N/A**Senate Committee:** N/A**Companion:** N/A

SB 589

Author: Lucio**Sponsor:****Last Action:** 01/24/2017 S Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** 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.**House Committee:** N/A**Senate Committee:** N/A**Companion:** N/A

HB 1260

Author: Phelan**Sponsor:****Last Action:** 01/25/2017 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the regulation of commercial shrimp unloading; requiring an occupational license; authorizing a fee.**House Committee:** N/A**Senate Committee:** N/A**Companion:** N/A

HB 1284

Author: Thompson, Senfronia**Sponsor:****Last Action:** 01/25/2017 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the licensing and regulation of a journeyman lineman.**House Committee:** N/A**Senate Committee:** N/A**Companion:** N/A

HB 1292

Author: Raymond**Sponsor:****Last Action:** 01/25/2017 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the Texas Funeral Service Commission; authorizing fees.**House Committee:** N/A**Senate Committee:** N/A**Companion:** N/A

HB 1293

Author: King, Tracy O.**Sponsor:****Last Action:** 01/25/2017 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced

Caption: Relating to bees, the chief apiary inspector, and the regulation of beekeepers; authorizing fees; requiring an occupational registration; providing a criminal penalty.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A

Companion: N/A

SB 651

Author: Perry | et al.

Sponsor:

Last Action: 01/27/2017 S Filed

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to discrimination by a state agency against an applicant for or holder of an occupational license.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A

Companion: N/A

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<p>HB 234 Last Action: 11/14/2016 H Filed Caption Version: Introduced Caption: Relating to wrongful exclusion of handgun license holders from property owned by or leased to a governmental entity and to certain offenses relating to the carrying of handguns on that property. House Committee: N/A Senate Committee: N/A Companion: N/A</p>	<p>Author: Anchia Sponsor:</p>
<p>HB 258 Last Action: 11/14/2016 H Filed Caption Version: Introduced Caption: Relating to a prohibition on the award of a state agency contract to a person in a state with laws allowing or requiring discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. House Committee: N/A Senate Committee: N/A Companion: N/A</p>	<p>Author: Anchia Sponsor:</p>
<p>HB 329 Last Action: 11/14/2016 H Filed Caption Version: Introduced Caption: Relating to breast-feeding policies of state agency worksites. House Committee: N/A Senate Committee: N/A Companion: N/A</p>	<p>Author: González, Mary Sponsor:</p>
<p>HB 370 Last Action: 11/15/2016 H Filed Caption Version: Introduced Caption: Relating to the availability on the Internet of personal financial statements filed by public officials. House Committee: N/A Senate Committee: N/A Companion: N/A</p>	<p>Author: Howard Sponsor:</p>
<p>HB 443 Last Action: 11/22/2016 H Filed Caption Version: Introduced</p>	<p>Author: Walle Sponsor:</p>

Caption: Relating to the places a public employer may provide for employees to express breast milk.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 462 **Author:** Dale **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 11/29/2016 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to a report on legislation that includes a grant of rulemaking authority and rules adopted under that authority.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 476 **Author:** Reynolds **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 11/30/2016 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the preference given by state agencies for certain goods and services produced or offered by small businesses.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 494 **Author:** Anchia **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 12/05/2016 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to a prohibition on state travel to a state with laws allowing or requiring discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 501 **Author:** Capriglione **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/25/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the disclosure of certain contracts, services, and compensation in personal financial statements filed by public officers and candidates.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: SB 501 by Taylor, Van, Identical, 02/01/2017 S Scheduled for public hearing on . . .

HB 526 **Author:** Schofield **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 12/07/2016 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to certain persons' entitlement to public information.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 769 **Author:** Davis, Yvonne | et al. **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 12/28/2016 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the preference given by state agencies to goods offered by bidders in this state or manufactured, produced, or grown in this state or in the United States.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 776 **Author:** Ashby **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/02/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the removal of home addresses from personal financial statements filed by certain persons.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 784 **Author:** Zedler **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/02/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to attorney general approval of a state agency action for a declaratory judgment against another state agency.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 791 **Author:** Lozano **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/02/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to allowing certain individuals appointed by the governor to state office to file required financial statements by certified mail.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

HB 792 **Author:** Capriglione | et al. **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/03/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the exception from disclosure under the public information law for information related to competition or bidding.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: SB 407 by Watson | et al., Identical, 01/03/2017 S Filed

HB 793 **Author:** Capriglione | et al. **Sponsor:**

Last Action: 01/03/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the definition of a governmental body for the purposes of the public information law.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: SB 408 by Watson | et al., Identical, 01/03/2017 S Filed

HB 839 **Author:** Ortega | et al. **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/05/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the availability under the public information law of information contained in a bid or proposal after a contract is executed or awarded.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: SB 425 by Rodríguez, Identical, 01/06/2017 S Filed

HB 1048 **Author:** Minjarez **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/13/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the acknowledgment by management of risks identified in state agency information security plans.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: SB 56 by Zaffirini, Identical, 01/24/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce

HB 1090 **Author:** Meyer **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/17/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the criminal penalties for insider trading and other misuse of official information by public servants.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: SB 140 by Taylor, Van, Identical, 01/25/2017 S Referred to State Affairs

HB 1116 **Author:** Kacal **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/18/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the repeal of certain state procurement advisory and approval procedures.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: SB 632 by Buckingham, Identical, 01/26/2017 S Filed

HB 1142 **Author:** Davis, Sarah **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/19/2017 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to prohibiting governmental contracts with a company doing business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization.
House Committee: N/A
Senate N/A

Committee:**Companion:** SB 252 by Taylor, Van, Identical, 01/30/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce

HB 1194

Author: Blanco**Sponsor:****Last Action:** 01/20/2017 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to long-term care insurance for state employees.**House Committee:** N/A**Senate Committee:** N/A**Companion:** N/A

HB 1281

Author: Reynolds**Sponsor:****Last Action:** 01/25/2017 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to historically underutilized businesses and to goods and services purchased by governmental entities; providing penalties.**House Committee:** N/A**Senate Committee:** N/A**Companion:** N/A

HB 1283

Author: Geren**Sponsor:****Last Action:** 01/25/2017 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the ethics of public officers and related requirements; creating criminal offenses.**House Committee:** N/A**Senate Committee:** N/A**Companion:** SB 14 by Taylor, Van | et al., Identical, 02/01/2017 S Scheduled for public hearing on . . .

HB 1290

Author: Roberts | et al.**Sponsor:****Last Action:** 01/25/2017 H Filed**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the required repeal of a state agency rule before adoption of a new state agency rule.**House Committee:** N/A**Senate Committee:** N/A**Companion:** N/A

SB 14

Author: Taylor, Van | et al.**Sponsor:****Last Action:** 02/01/2017 S Scheduled for public hearing on . . .**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to the ethics of public officers and related requirements; creating criminal offenses.**House Committee:** N/A**Senate Committee:** State Affairs (In)**Companion:** HB 1283 by Geren, Identical, 01/25/2017 H Filed

SB 23

Author: Schwertner | et al.**Sponsor:****Last Action:** 01/24/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce**Caption Version:** Introduced**Caption:** Relating to requiring state contractors to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)

Companion: SB 254 by Schwertner, Duplicate, 01/30/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce

SB 56

Author: Zaffirini

Sponsor:

Last Action: 01/24/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the acknowledgment by management of risks identified in state agency information security plans.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)

Companion: HB 1048 by Minjarez, Identical, 01/13/2017 H Filed

SB 57

Author: Zaffirini

Sponsor:

Last Action: 01/24/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the use of a wireless communication device by a state officer or employee while operating a motor vehicle.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)

Companion: N/A

SB 78

Author: Nelson

Sponsor:

Last Action: 01/24/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the disposition of certain state surplus or salvage data processing equipment.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)

Companion: N/A

SB 79

Author: Nelson

Sponsor:

Last Action: 01/24/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the production of public information available on a publicly accessible website.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)

Companion: N/A

SB 115

Author: Huffines

Sponsor:

Last Action: 01/25/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to the Internet broadcast of certain open meetings.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)

Companion: N/A

SB 137

Author: Taylor, Van

Sponsor:

Last Action: 01/25/2017 S Referred to State Affairs

Caption Version: Introduced

Caption: Relating to lobbying activities engaged in by state employees.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: State Affairs (In)
Companion: N/A

SB 140 **Author:** Taylor, Van **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/25/2017 S Referred to State Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the criminal penalties for insider trading and other misuse of official information by public servants.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: State Affairs (In)
Companion: HB 1090 by Meyer, Identical, 01/17/2017 H Filed

SB 210 **Author:** Kolkhorst | et al. **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/25/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the required repeal or amendment of two state agency rules before adoption of a new state agency rule that increases costs to regulated persons.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)
Companion: N/A

SB 252 **Author:** Taylor, Van **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/30/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to prohibiting governmental contracts with a company doing business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)
Companion: HB 1142 by Davis, Sarah, Identical, 01/19/2017 H Filed

SB 254 **Author:** Schwertner **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/30/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to requiring state contractors to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)
Companion: SB 23 by Schwertner | et al., Duplicate, 01/24/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce

SB 255 **Author:** Zaffirini **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/30/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to training for governmental entities and vendors, including purchasing and contract management training; authorizing fees.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: Business & Commerce (In)
Companion: N/A

Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

SB 407 **Author:** Watson | et al. **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/03/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the exception from disclosure under the public information law for information related to competition or bidding.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
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SB 408 **Author:** Watson | et al. **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/03/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the definition of a governmental body for the purposes of the public information law.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: HB 793 by Capriglione | et al., Identical, 01/03/2017 H Filed

SB 410 **Author:** Watson **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/03/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the use of light-emitting diode (LED) light bulbs in state buildings.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

SB 425 **Author:** Rodríguez **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/06/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the availability under the public information law of information contained in a bid or proposal after a contract is executed or awarded.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: HB 839 by Ortega | et al., Identical, 01/05/2017 H Filed

SB 456 **Author:** Taylor, Van **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/11/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the right of members of the legislature, the lieutenant governor, committees of the legislature, and legislative agencies to access certain governmental information for legislative purposes; creating a criminal offense.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

SB 500 **Author:** Taylor, Van **Sponsor:**

Last Action: 02/01/2017 S Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the effect of certain felony convictions of public elected officers.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: State Affairs (In)
Companion: HB 500 by Geren, Identical, 01/25/2017 H Filed
 HB 1273 by Geren, Identical, 01/25/2017 H Filed

SB 501 **Author:** Taylor, Van **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 02/01/2017 S Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the disclosure of certain contracts, services, and compensation in personal financial statements filed by public officers and candidates.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: State Affairs (In)
Companion: HB 501 by Capriglione, Identical, 01/25/2017 H Filed

SB 515 **Author:** Taylor, Van **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/18/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the right of certain public officers to access public information, documents, records, and property.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

SB 532 **Author:** Nelson **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/19/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to reports on and purchase of information technology by state agencies.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

SB 533 **Author:** Nelson **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/19/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to state agency contracting.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

SB 564 **Author:** Campbell **Sponsor:**
Last Action: 01/20/2017 S Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the applicability of open meetings requirements to certain meetings of a governing body relating to information technology security practices.
House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A

to accept on behalf of the state gifts of items of historical value and contributions to purchase such items.

House Committee: N/A

Senate Committee: Administration (Out)

Companion: N/A

House Committee: N/A
Senate Committee: N/A
Companion: N/A

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