



STATE LEGISLATION UPDATE

February 10, 2023

**Items added since last Update denoted in red*

Workforce Development

SB 592 – Rep. Alvarado (companion **HB 1755**, Rep. Button)

Relating to the creation of the Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund. Would require TWC to establish and administer the Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund grant program to provide grants to eligible public junior colleges, public technical institutes, and nonprofit organizations that apply to the advisory board in the manner prescribed by an advisory board.

Status: Filed

HB 865 – Rep. Gervin-Hawkins

Relating to the application for funding for certain workforce development programs. Would require TWC to adopt a plan to allow nonprofit service providers to apply for funding directly from the commission if the local workforce development board is nonresponsive as defined by criteria included in the bill.

Status: Filed

HB 1338 – Rep. Raney

Relating to the participation of community-based organizations in workforce training programs funded by the Skills Development Fund. Would allow a community-based organization to apply for money to participate in a training program if the organization applies in partnership with a community and technical college or the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service

Status: Filed

HB 1602 – Rep. Guillen

Relating to performance criteria for the award of adult education and literacy funds. Would establish annual performance requirements that each entity that receives appropriated money must satisfy to qualify for a continuing award of funds, including, achievement of enrollment targets and performance benchmarks; and a process for giving priority in awarding funds to entities that consistently satisfy the annual performance requirements.

Status: Filed

HB 2058 – Rep. Gamez

Relating to the establishment of a skilled labor task force by certain local workforce development boards. Applies only to a board established in a county with a population of 400,000 or more that borders the Gulf of Mexico. The task force shall study and develop recommendations for the legislature and board regarding strategies for improving the delivery of workforce education and workforce training and services in the board's local workforce development area.

Status: Filed

Business Operations

[HB 1476](#) - Rep. Harrison

Relating to a limitation on the salary paid to officers and employees of this state and political subdivisions of this state.

Status: Filed

Career and Technical Education

[SB 697](#) – Sen. Alvarado (companion [HB 1812](#), Rep. Thierry)

Relating to authorizing school districts to provide funding using money received under the Foundation School Program to community-based organizations for purposes of reimbursing private employers for paid internships provided to certain students in career and technology education programs in the district. Would allow a school district to contract with a community-based organization to match students in grade 11 or 12 who are participating in a career and technology education program in the district with paid internships or similar programs provided by private employers.

Status: Received by the Secretary of the Senate

[HB 2046](#) – Rep. Muñoz, Jr.

Relating to eligibility to receive certain federal funding for postsecondary career and technology education distributed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Status Filed

Child Care

[SB 353](#) – Sen. Zaffirini

Relating to reimbursement rates for child-care providers participating in the Texas Rising Star Program. Would require each board to reimburse a Texas Rising Star Program provider in the board's area at the board's maximum rate of reimbursement for the provider's Texas Rising Star Program rating level regardless of the provider's published rate.

Status: Received by the Secretary of the Senate

[HB 342](#) - Rep. Bucy (companion [SB 38](#), Sen. Zaffirini)

Relating to providing free full-day prekindergarten for certain children.

Status: Filed

[HB 940](#) - Rep. Dutton

Relating to the establishment of the private child care task force. The private child care task force is established to study private child care providers in this state and methods to reduce the amounts charged for and increase the availability of child care provided by private child care providers.

Status: Filed

[HB 1614](#) – Rep. Dutton

Relating to the eligibility for free prekindergarten programs in public schools of certain children who are eligible for the subsidized child-care program administered by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Status: Filed

[HB 1801](#) – Rep. Talarico

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of real property used to operate a child-care facility.

Status: Filed

[HB 1979](#) – Rep. Raney

Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Workforce Commission and local workforce development boards regarding the provision of child care. Would add to required workforce board membership representatives of the child-care workforce who constitute not less than 25 percent of the membership of the board.

Status: Filed

[HJR 96](#) – Rep. Talarico

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation real property used to operate a child-care facility.

Status: Filed

Certifications, Credentials

[HB 535](#) – Rep. Bailes

Relating to indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system. Would add to indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system various CTE programs and certifications approved by the State Board of Education based on feedback from their district, such as Workforce Boards.

Status: Filed

Primary & Secondary Education

[SB 68](#) – Sen. Zaffirini (Companion [HB 131](#), Rep. Murr)

Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to visit a professional's workplace for a career investigation day.

Status: Received by the Secretary of the Senate

[SB 657](#) – Sen. Menéndez

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Teacher Recruitment Scholarship Program and the Texas Teacher Retention Incentive Program.

Status: Filed

[SB 789](#) – Sen. Johnson

Relating to indicators of achievement, assignment of campus performance ratings, and academic distinction designations under the public school accountability system. Would add as an additional indicator of achievement students who successfully completed a Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program.

Status: Received by the Secretary of the Senate

[HB 1548](#) – Rep. Talarico

Relating to the salary and wages paid to public school employees. Would provide a teacher pay raise for Texas teachers and other school personnel.

Status: Filed

TANF/SNAP

[SB 557](#) – Sen. West (companion [HB 1501](#), Rep. Walle)

Relating to the eligibility of certain students enrolled in a postsecondary educational institution for the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

Status: Filed

Texas Workforce Commission

[HB 1703](#) – Rep. Ordaz Perez

Relating to the workforce development evaluation system administered by the Texas Workforce Commission. Would add to evaluation data to include the attainment of employment paying a self-sufficient wage, following completion of a career education and training program.

Status: Filed

[HB 1755](#) – Rep. Button (companion [SB 592](#), Sen. Alvarado)

Relating to the creation of the Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund. Would establish a new fund to be administered by TWC to provide grants to eligible public junior colleges, public technical institutes, and nonprofit organizations. Would establish a 6-member advisory board chaired by TWC Chair.

Status: Filed

Veterans

[HJR 67](#) – Rep. Ray Lopez

Proposing a constitutional amendment to require the legislature to appropriate funds to state institutions of higher education to fund certain education programs for veterans.

Status: Filed