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Enter search terms into search box OR Find the bill you are interested in from a list of bills that have been filed.

To set up e-mail alerts, click on 'Receive Bill and Meeting Alerts'

Texas Legislature Online (<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>) is an excellent website to use to follow the Texas Legislative session.

It allows you to track bills from Texas Legislative Sessions – either by setting up alerts or by manually looking up bills.

If you want to set up alerts, use the link for **Receive Bill and Meeting Alerts**. Keep in mind that you will likely get a great deal of e-mail traffic as your bill moves through the legislative process.

To track a bill manually, you'll need to find the bill number.

You can find the bill number by **searching for it by a keyword** that describes what the bill is about or by **browsing through a list of bills** that have been filed.

Make sure to write the bill number down. It will begin either with HB or SB and a number.

Let's say that we want to find out about a bill that will work to exempt books that universities or students purchase from sales tax for a limited time.

We search for: **Tax AND Students AND book** in the search box then click **Go**.

We find out that it is **HB 455**

Now that we know the number, **click on the link for Bill Lookup**.

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Next click on 'Bill Lookup'

Next, you'll get this screen.

Enter the bill number into the search box.

Then click **Submit**.

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Bill Lookup

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Enter a bill number. Examples are HB 4, SJR 56, HR 143.
Bill Number: Legislature:
Information Type:

Bill Status Hotline
877-824-7038 (in Texas only, toll-free)
512-463-3333 (outside of Texas)

Hotline hours and availability

Session:
Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., or until the Legislature adjourns.

Enter the bill number
Make sure to include
HB or SB

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History

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Bill: HB 455 Legislative Session: 82(R) Council Document: 82R 614 JE-D [Add to Bill List](#) [Add to Alert List](#)

Last Action: 12/20/2010 H Filed

Caption Version: Introduced
Caption Text: Relating to exempting books purchased by university and college students from the sales tax for a limited period.

Author: Lucio III

Cosponsor:

Subjects: Education--Higher--Textbooks (10258)
Taxation--Sales (10800)

Actions: (descending date order)

Description	Comment	Date	Time	Journal
H	Filed	12/20/2010		

You can click on the blue and gray tabs to find out more information about the bill

Next, the screen to the left will appear.

It has basic information about the bill.

The blue and grey tabs across the top will give you specific information about different aspects of the bill.

Next, you will see the screen to the right if you click on **Bill Stages** tab—the tab the furthest to the right.

It gives a bare-bones idea of the bill's place in the legislative process.

The helpful links area will give you detailed information about the legislative process and highly detailed diagrams of a bill's path through the House or the Senate.

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Bill Stages

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Stage	Description
Stage 1	Filed 12/20/2010
Stage 2	Out of House Committee
Stage 3	Voted on by House
Stage 4	Out of Senate Committee
Stage 5	Voted on by Senate
Stage 6	Sent to Governor
Stage 7	Bill Becomes Law

Legend
■ Indicates bill passed stage
■ Indicates bill has not reached stage
■ Indicates bill failed to complete stage

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Stage 1 Bill filed by Lucio III on 12/20/2010.
Stage 2 Not reached.
Stage 3 Not reached.
Stage 4 Not reached.
Stage 5 Not reached.
Stage 6 Not reached.
Stage 7 Not reached.

Click on the Bill Stages tab to see where the bill is in the legislative process.