

Legislative Review

1. SB 955 Allows a university to open a charter school anywhere.
2. SB 168 Non certified superintendent may not be hired until TEA issues a waiver.
3. HB 1783 New reporting requirements for student---teacher relationships.
4. HB 2205 The education bill – majority of changes were folded into this bill.
 - a. Sec. 1,2,14 Alt. Cert. non voting member to be added.
 - b. Sec. 3 – Dyslexia training must be completed by anyone seeking a teaching certificate regardless of route.
 - c. Sec. 4 – Cohort of candidates admitted --- 3.0 gpa, individual 2.5 admission
5. HB 1300 10% Rule for <2.5, candidate must pass content test
6. HB 2205
 - a. Sec. 5 – All programs must be approved every 5 years
 - b. Sec. 7 – If program sanctions – may request a hearing
 - c. Sec. 6 – Supervision of Clinical Teaching – Report Frequency, Duration, Quality – based on 1st year teacher’s satisfaction. Will change annual reporting.
 - d. Sec. 8 – Adds new items to public information about university program – page 16 of TEA report.
 - e. Sec. 15 – SBEC (TEA), THECB must develop criteria to evaluate programs on teacher retention and success – effective 1/2016.
 - f. Sec. 9 – TEA must develop risk factors to determine programs in “trouble.”
 - i. EPP compliance
 - ii. Complaints
 - iii. Accreditation from other groups as mitigating factor.
 - g. Sec. 10 – Commissioner determines satisfactory level of performance on TExES.
 - h. Sec. 11 – Retake of TExES no more than 4x.
 - i. Sec. 12 – ISD Teaching Permit – 20 hours of classroom management plus comply with continuing education requirements
 - j. Sec. 13 – Commissioner can issue subpoenas
7. SB. 1309 JROTC can receive a standard teaching certificate
8. HB 2186 All new faculty must receive suicide prevention training
9. SB 925 Will establish Literacy Achievement Academies – K-3, Teacher Stipend
10. SB 934 Mathematics Achievement Academies - K-3, Teacher Stipend
11. SB 935 Reading Excellence Teams-composed of reading instruction specialists
12. HB 505 No limit on dual credit, no grade level restrictions on taking dual credit
13. HB 1430 Health Science Careers must include information about the mental health profession
14. HB 1993 Web based performance and grades – parents can sign electronically
15. SB 453 Credit by exam for any course where a 6th grade student or above achieves a scaled score of 50 or greater
16. SB 972 Ready to Learn Academies – 4th or 5th grade Reading Comprehension
17. SB 206 Conservatorship – attend any school, exempt from tuition and fees for HE
18. HB 2610
 - a. Sec 1. School year equals 75,600 minutes of instruction. A day = 420 minutes
 - b. Sec. 2. Truancy no longer a crime several changes for schools – page 34.

19. HB 440 Address adaptive physical education
20. HB 1431 Communication in a language other than English -professional, business, and industry. Specific advanced language course to support career preparation.
21. SB 97 Less than 18 yrs no sale of e-cigarettes/inhalers. Prohibits possession, purchase, consumption, or acceptance. School Boards update policy to prohibit the use of at all school events, on or off campuses.
22. SB 3987 – Saving for College
23. HB 181 – Removes requirement to print endorsements and performances on diplomas
24. SB 149 – Individual graduation committees if fails EOC
25. HB 2025 – pilots 3yr graduation plan (Hutto & Dallas)
26. HB 2349 – Broadens criteria for student earning performance acknowledgement
27. HB 1259 – Process for regular education teacher to contribute to ARD
28. SB 507 – School may record student behavior when safety is an issue with out consent.
29. HB 218 – English portion of bilingual class may be taught by individual with ESL cert.
30. HB 1613 – TEA to provide table showing alignment of CCRS with TEKS
31. HB 4 – ESCs can offer teacher training to qualify individuals for the Child Development Associate credential.
32. HB 1559 ISD websites must list school and community services available to students and their families – examples charitable programs and services, assistance for homeless students.
33. SB 107 – Each campus identifies a person as the “behavior coordinator”
34. HB 743 – independent verification of reliability and validity of 3-8 assessments
35. HB 2349 – Out of state student transfers do not have to take EOC for which they were not in residence.
36. HB 1613 – College Preparatory Course – completion meets TSI requirements
37. SB 149 – Expanded rule on graduation requirements when EOC failed.
38. HB 2804 – New evaluation criteria for Public School Performance – established 5 weighted domains.
39. HB 3357 – Open meeting notice fulfilled by posting on ISD’s website.
40. HB 283 – ISD > 10K must post and archive audio and video of each open meeting
41. HB 679 – Definition of homeless youth
42. SB 807 – Waive license fees for veterans and spouses of veterans.
43. SB 1 – School Taxes Legislation – exemptions from ad valorem taxes
44. HB 1783 – ISD and Charter school employees may report a crime at school they have witnessed to a peace officer.
45. SB 1807 – THECB must maintain inventory of all postsecondary education programs and services for intellectual and developmental disabilities, post on website, submit to TEA to use in transitional planning.