



## State of Texas 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Report

This list of education-related bills was posted in a PDF on the TASSP Virtual Summer Workshop 2021 Schedule. These bills have passed out of one and/or both houses and have been or will be signed by the Governor. These bills were discussed during the State of Texas 87th Legislative Report at the TASSP Virtual Summer Workshop 2021.

### [87\(R\) HB 159](#)

**Author:** González, Mary | **Sponsor:** Lucio

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

### [87\(R\) HB 246](#)

**Author:** Murr | **Sponsor:** Bettencourt

**Caption:** Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of improper relationship between educator and student.

### [87\(R\) HB 547](#)

**Author:** Frank | **Sponsor:** Paxton

**Caption:** Relating to authorizing equal opportunity for access by non-enrolled students to University Interscholastic League sponsored activities; authorizing a fee.

### [87\(R\) HB 572](#)

**Author:** Dutton | **Sponsor:** Lucio

**Caption:** Relating to the inclusion of students enrolled in a dropout recovery school as students at risk of dropping out of school for purposes of compensatory, intensive, and accelerated instruction and to a study by the Texas Education Agency on competency-based educational programs.

### [87\(R\) HB 699](#)

**Author:** Rosenthal | **Sponsor:** Zaffirini

**Caption:** Relating to public school attendance requirements for students diagnosed with or undergoing related treatment for severe or life-threatening illnesses.

### [87\(R\) HB 773](#)

**Author:** VanDeaver | **Sponsor:** Powell

**Caption:** Relating to indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system.

**[87\(R\) HB 785](#)**

**Author:** Allen | **Sponsor:** Zaffirini

**Caption:** Relating to behavior improvement plans and behavioral intervention plans for certain public school students and notification and documentation requirements regarding certain behavior management techniques.

**[87\(R\) HB 999](#)**

**Author:** Bernal | **Sponsor:** Menéndez

**Caption:** Relating to the use of individual graduation committees for certain high school students.

**[87\(R\) HB 1080](#)**

**Author:** Patterson | **Sponsor:** Nelson

**Caption:** Relating to the eligibility for participation in University Interscholastic League activities of certain public school students who receive outpatient mental health services.

**[87\(R\) HB 1147](#)**

**Author:** Huberty | **Sponsor:** Taylor

**Caption:** Relating to military readiness for purposes of the indicators of achievement under the public school accountability

system and the college, career, or military readiness outcomes bonus under the Foundation School Program.

**[87\(R\) HB 1525](#)**

**Author:** Huberty | **Sponsor:** Taylor

**Caption:** Relating to the public school finance system and public education.

**[87\(R\) HB 1603](#)**

**Author:** Huberty | **Sponsor:** Seliger

**Caption:** Relating to the use of individual graduation committees and other alternative methods to satisfy certain public high school graduation requirements.

**[87\(R\) HB 2519](#)**

**Author:** Darby | **Sponsor:** Zaffirini

**Caption:** Relating to matters regarding educators, including the composition of the State Board for Educator Certification, the issuance of certain sanctions by the board, and requiring a school district to notify a teacher regarding the submission of certain complaints to the board.

**[87\(R\) HB 2681](#)**

**Author:** Wilson | **Sponsor:** Buckingham

**Caption:** Relating to public school elective courses providing academic study of the Bible offered to certain students.

**[87\(R\) HB 2721](#)**

**Author:** Lucio III | **Sponsor:** Lucio

**Caption:** Relating to prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official.

**[87\(R\) HB 3165](#)**

**Author:** Meyer | **Sponsor:** Whitmire

**Caption:** Relating to an affirmative defense to an allegation of truant conduct.

**[87\(R\) HB 3261](#)**

**Author:** Huberty | **Sponsor:** Taylor

**Caption:** Relating to the electronic administration of certain required assessment instruments, measures to support Internet connectivity for purposes of those assessment instruments, the adoption and administration of certain optional interim assessment instruments, the review and use of the instructional materials and technology allotment, and requests for production of instructional materials.

**[87\(R\) HB 3489](#)**

**Author:** Parker | **Sponsor:** Taylor

**Caption:** Relating to development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open-enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices.

**[87\(R\) HB 3597](#)**

**Author:** Metcalf | **Sponsor:** Paxton

**Caption:** Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety in public schools.

**[87\(R\) HB 3979](#)**

**Author:** Toth | **Sponsor:** Creighton

**Caption:** Relating to the social studies curriculum in public schools.

**[87\(R\) HB 4509](#)**

**Author:** Bonnen | **Sponsor:** Taylor

**Caption:** Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools.

### [87\(R\) HB 4545](#)

**Author:** Dutton | **Sponsor:** Taylor

**Caption:** Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments.

### [87\(R\) HCR 1](#)

**Author:** Stephenson | **Sponsor:** Kolkhorst

**Caption:** Supporting prayers, including the use of the word "God," at public gatherings and displays of the Ten Commandments in public educational institutions and other government buildings.

### [87\(R\) SB 89](#)

**Author:** Menéndez | **Sponsor:** González, Mary

**Caption:** Relating to supplemental information required for inclusion with a written statement of an individualized education program developed for certain public school students who received special education services during the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year.

### [87\(R\) SB 123](#)

**Author:** Johnson | **Sponsor:** Turner, John

**Caption:** Relating to instruction in positive character traits and personal skills in public schools.

**87(R) SB 168**

**Author:** Blanco | **Sponsor:** Ordaz Perez

**Caption:** Relating to emergency school drills and exercises conducted by public schools.

**87(R) SB 179**

**Author:** Lucio | **Sponsor:** Huberty

**Caption:** Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time.

**87(R) SB 199**

**Author:** Nelson | **Sponsor:** Price

**Caption:** Relating to automated external defibrillators.

**87(R) SB 226**

**Author:** Paxton | **Sponsor:** Lozano

**Caption:** Relating to instruction in educator training programs regarding digital learning, virtual learning, and virtual instruction.



### [87\(R\) SB 279](#)

**Author:** Hinojosa | **Sponsor:** Bucy

**Caption:** Relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on certain student identification cards issued by a public school or public institution of higher education.

### [87\(R\) SB 289](#)

**Author:** Seliger | **Sponsor:** VanDeaver

**Caption:** Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to obtain a driver's license or learner license.

### [87\(R\) SB 348](#)

**Author:** Kolkhorst | **Sponsor:** Jetton

**Caption:** Relating to parental access to public school virtual instruction and instructional materials for virtual and remote learning.

### [87\(R\) SB 369](#)

**Author:** Kolkhorst | **Sponsor:** Allison

**Caption:** Relating to the requirement to submit a financial aid application as a condition of high school graduation for public school students.

**87(R) SB 481**

**Author:** Kolkhorst | **Sponsor:** Schofield

**Caption:** Relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a school district offering in-person instruction.

**87(R) SB 746**

**Author:** Miles | **Sponsor:** Dutton

**Caption:** Relating to requiring the parent of a student enrolled in a school district to provide and update a parent's contact information.

**87(R) SB 776**

**Author:** Lucio | **Sponsor:** Dominguez

**Caption:** Relating to the creation of an inclusive sports program by the University Interscholastic League to provide students with intellectual disabilities access to team sports.

**87(R) SB 797**

**Author:** Hughes | **Sponsor:** Oliverson

**Caption:** Relating to the display of the national motto in public schools and institutions of higher education.

### [87\(R\) SB 1063](#)

**Author:** Alvarado | **Sponsor:** King, Ken

**Caption:** Relating to courses in personal financial literacy & economics for high school students in public schools.

### [87\(R\) SB 1095](#)

**Author:** Creighton | **Sponsor:** Dutton

**Caption:** Relating to notice regarding the availability to public school students of college credit and work-based education programs and subsidies for fees paid to take certain advanced placement tests.

### [87\(R\) SB 1109](#)

**Author:** West | **Sponsor:** Anchia

**Caption:** Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence.

### [87\(R\) SB 1267](#)

**Author:** West | **Sponsor:** Lozano

**Caption:** Relating to continuing education and training requirements for educators and other school district personnel.

### [87\(R\) SB 1277](#)

**Author:** West | **Sponsor:** Turner, John

**Caption:** Relating to an agreement between a school district and public institution of higher education to provide a dual credit program to high school students enrolled in the district.

### [87\(R\) SB 1365](#)

**Author:** Bettencourt | **Sponsor:** Huberty

**Caption:** Relating to public school organization, accountability, and fiscal management.

### [87\(R\) SB 1677](#)

**Author:** Buckingham | **Sponsor:** Frullo

**Caption:** Relating to eliminating certain reporting and posting requirements for public institutions of higher education and other state agencies and the requirement for a plan by certain school districts to increase enrollment in public institutions of higher education.

### [87\(R\) SB 1697](#)

**Author:** Paxton | **Sponsor:** King, Ken

**Caption:** Relating to allowing parents and guardians to elect

for a student to repeat or retake a course or grade.

### **87(R) SB 1716**

**Author:** Taylor | **Sponsor:** Bonnen

**Caption:** Relating to a supplemental special education services and instructional materials program for certain public school students receiving special education services.

### **87(R) SB 1888**

**Author:** Creighton | **Sponsor:** Parker

**Caption:** Relating to the establishment of certain programs to facilitate early high school graduation and enrollment at public institutions of higher education and to the repeal of the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program.

### **87(R) SB 2050**

**Author:** Menéndez | **Sponsor:** Allison

**Caption:** Relating to bullying and cyberbullying in public schools.

### **87(R) SB 2066**

**Author:** Menéndez | **Sponsor:** Dutton

**Caption:** Relating to emergent bilingual students in public schools.