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Dear Friend,

Thank you for subscribing to my E-newsletter. In this edition you will find information about my 84th Legislative Session committee assignments, my support and co-authorship of the campus carry bill, my participation in the Texas Leadership Business Council's Panel on School Choice, and a link to the video of my address to Texas Community College supporters and students.

Please remember, your feedback on legislative issues is always welcome and helps me better represent Senate District 11.

Sincerely,

Larry Taylor State Senator

District 11

## 84th Legislative Session Committee Assignments

Lt. Governor Patrick announced Senate committee assignments on January 23rd. Senator Taylor was named the Chair of the Senate Education Committee, as well as a member of the Finance, Business and Commerce and Intergovernmental Relations Committees. He is honored to have been appointed to these important committees and is dedicated to representing his constituents of Senate District 11. The first Finance committee hearing was held on January 28th.

## **Campus Carry Legislation**

Senator Taylor is proud Co-Author of SB 11, the Campus Carry bill. The legislation allows for Concealed Handgun License holders to carry their handgun on the campus grounds of a higher institution. The legislation gives local flexibility to the institutions and affirms private property rights by ensuring that independent or private universities may establish rules concerning CHL-holders on their campuses. The Legislation also allows all colleges and universities to establish rules and regulations governing the storage of handguns in dorms. This legislation is Co-Authored by 19 other Senators.

## **Texas Business Leadership Council Education Summit**

Senator Taylor participated in the Education Summit as a panelist discussing School Choice on January 28th. The panel focused on the various forms of educational choice and how Texas can ensure that every child has access to the very best education. With over five million students in public schools across Texas, Senator Taylor believes in providing children and parents trapped in a low performing school with the opportunity to seek a better option.



Chairman Taylor sat with former Chairwoman of the Senate Education Florence Shapiro (right), on the Texas Business Leadership Council panel on school choice.

## **Community College Day at your Texas Capitol**

Hundreds of Community College students from all over Texas gathered at the Texas Capitol South Steps on Tuesday, February 3rd to show their support of the value of a community college education. Senator Taylor spoke to the crowd "Texas as a whole can only see its dreams for future prosperity be realized when Texans can turn their own individual dreams into a reality - the place where most Texans can do this is on a community college campus."

Please see the hyperlink below for the Senator's full speech: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzVWoRDGuzg



Chairman Taylor greeting leadership from the Community College representatives

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