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Senator Larry Taylor Named Chair of Select Committee to Study School Violence

Austin, Texas (June 1, 2018) - On Wednesday, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick named Senator Larry Taylor (R-Friendswood) as Chairman of a nine member Senate select committee to address school violence and school security.

The appointment comes in the weeks following the shooting at Santa Fe High School in which eight students and two teachers were killed. Senator Taylor represents the City of Santa Fe in Galveston County.

"This has been a difficult and heartbreaking time for our community," said Senator Taylor. "While the healing process is just beginning, now is the time to unite to explore solutions that will prevent more devastating attacks from happening in the future. I appreciate the Lieutenant Governor's leadership and commitment to finding solutions for violence in schools and I am ready to get to work with my fellow senators."

Other members of the committee are Senator Joan Huffman (R-Houston), who will serve as Vice Chair, and senators Don Huffines, Charles Schwertner, Kelly Hancock, Royce West, Eddie Lucio Jr., Brandon Creighton, and John Whitmire. The committee will hold its first meeting in June and will complete its work by the beginning of August.

Senator Larry Taylor is a lifelong Texan and Baylor University graduate raised in Friendswood. He and his wife Kerri have three adult children and two grandchildren. Senator Taylor owns Truman Taylor Insurance Agency in Friendswood, an independent agency started by his father 55 years ago. Prior to his election to the Texas Senate in 2012, he served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Senator Taylor represents Senate District 11, comprised of portions of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties.

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