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Senator Larry Taylor Announces Committee Appointments

January 18, 2019- (Austin, TX) Today, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick announced his list of Senate committee assignments for the 86th Legislative Session. Senator Larry Taylor (R, Friendswood) was reappointed as the Chairman of the Education Committee and as a member of the Finance Committee and Higher Education Committee. He will also serve as a member of the newly created Water and Rural Affairs Committee.

Senator Taylor was first appointed as the Education Committee Chairman in 2015 after serving on the committee in the 2013 legislative session. "The Legislature has made it clear that this session belongs to Texas children," Senator Taylor said. "Over the past four years our committee has laid the necessary groundwork for what will be a session of major change for public education. We will pass legislation to reform public school finance, and I look forward to working with the new and returning members of the committee to ensure an innovative, equitable and efficient system for all Texas kids." Senator Taylor has also stated that addressing school safety will be a top priority. "In the months since the shooting at Santa Fe High School, I led the Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security as we listened to stakeholders and compiled ideas of ways to ensure that our children are safe in school. The recommendations put forth by the committee will serve as a guide for comprehensive school safety legislation that I will be authoring."

Senator Taylor is also poised to continue his work on the construction of a coastal barrier system, Hurricane Harvey recovery and the Sunset process of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA). "My final top priorities for this session are issues that are particularly important to coastal districts like mine. We have shown tremendous resilience in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, but it took its toll and we are still recovering. We know that storms at least this destructive will happen again, and one of our greatest responsibilities is ensuring that Texans in the gulf region are prepared and protected. We must ensure that coastal property owners receive reasonable insurance rates through TWIA, and we must continue to work with coastal residents, state and federal partners to push forward on the creation of a storm surge suppression system that will mitigate the consequences of future disasters."

Senator Larry Taylor is a lifelong Texan and Baylor University graduate raised in Friendswood. He represents Senate District 11, comprised of portions of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties.

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