

Senator Campbell Primary Author/Sponsor Bills Passed 84R

PRE-K:

HB 4 Huberty (Campbell)

Signed by the Governor

Establishes high quality standards for existing pre-k programs in which school districts may choose to participate and receive additional funding provided they meet the program's criteria. These standards include teacher certification, a curriculum that aligns with Texas pre-k guidelines, and a plan related to parental engagement. The TEA Commissioner would be responsible for establishing the program's funding and guideline components in rule.

VETERAN AFFAIRS & MILITARY INSTALLATIONS:

SB 805 Campbell (Raney | Guillen)

Signed by the Governor

Allows direct hiring of veterans by agencies through the Texas Workforce Commission's automated job matching system, requires agencies to interview veterans, and ensures agencies with more than 500 FTEs designate a Veterans Liaison. Also allows private sector employers to establish veteran hiring preferences (SB1713).

SB 806 Campbell (King, Susan)

Sent to Governor on 5/30

Codifies program to identify, develop, and support methods to maximize academic or workforce education credit awarded by institutions of higher education to veterans and military service members for military experience and training obtained during military service.

SB 807 Campbell (Sheets)

Signed by the Governor

Mentioned as a priority by Governor Abbott, this new law speeds employment of skilled veterans by waiving state-collected examination and license application fees for occupational licenses issued by state agencies.

SB 832 Campbell (King, Susan)

Signed by the Governor

Emphasizes mental health care of veterans by ensuring that the Texas Coordinating Council considers health and mental health as distinct issues with separate workgroups for each of these.

SB 833 Campbell (King, Susan)

Sent to Governor on 5/30

Provides a homestead exemption for Texas military families who are stationed outside of Texas, but not outside of the country. Texas property owners absent from the state because of military service inside the United States will now retain their homestead exemptions.

SB 1049 Campbell (Sheets | Bohac | Bonnen, Dennis)*Signed by the Governor*

Helps veterans' start-ups by exempting newly-created, veteran-owned businesses from the Franchise Tax and state business registration fees for the first five years of operation.

SB 1115 Campbell (White, James)*Signed by the Governor*

Allows active duty military who are overseas in combat zones to vote electronically.

SB 1358 Campbell (King, Susan)*Signed by the Governor*

Moves the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) under the administration of the Office of the Governor with a \$30 million appropriation included in the budget to protect Texas military bases from potential closure.

SB 1824 SDC (King, Susan)*Sent to Governor on 6/01*

Requires the Legislature to review the process for submitting a nomination for the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor with the goal of expanding the honor to more than one service member per legislative session. This is critically important in order to have time to honor living veterans who fought in World War 2 or the Korean War.

HB 19 Susan King (Campbell)*Signed by the Governor*

Requires the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) to appoint a program director to administer the mental health program, provide training and technical assistance, and provide facilities. It also requires the Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) to develop and implement a preventative services program to serve veterans and their families who have experienced or are at a high risk of family violence, abuse, and neglect.

HB 437 Raney (Campbell)*Signed by the Governor*

Restores health benefits for military services members immediately upon reemployment at a state agency after a leave for military service.

HB 577 Flynn (Campbell)*Signed by the Governor*

Streamlines processing of discrimination claims in the Texas Military Forces by keeping them under current military regulations rather than sending them to the Texas Workforce Commission.

HB 721 Farias (Campbell)*Signed by the Governor*

Lowers the eligibility requirement to waive fees for Hunting and Fishing licenses for veterans with disabilities.

HB 1640 Farias (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/29*

For safety and transparency purposes, requires defense communities to communicate with military installation authorities regarding proposed ordinances, structures, or rules that might affect operations and missions.

HB 2232 Kuempel (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/29*

Fosters compatible land use between military installations and adjacent communities through the support and creation of Regional Military Sustainability Commissions in counties and cities near Joint Base San Antonio.

HB 3547 Larson (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/29*

Allows private sector employers to establish an employment preference for veterans.

HEALTHCARE:**SB 200** Nelson, Schwertner, Campbell, et al.*Sent to Governor on 5/30*

Eliminates redundancy in state health services by consolidating the five health and human services agencies into one agency, the Health and Human Service Commission, providing for a more efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

SB 1279 Campbell (Morrison)*Signed by the Governor*

Protects abandoned newborns by adding licensed freestanding emergency rooms to the list of Safe Havens where parents can relinquish a child knowing the child will be placed with an emergency provider and receive emergency care.

SB 1753 Campbell (Davis, Sarah)*Effective 9/01/15*

Ensures clarity of care for hospital patients by requiring hospital ID badges to state the position and type of license held by the health care provider.

SB 1899 Campbell (Martinez, "Mando")*Sent to Governor on 5/30*

Enables licensed EMS personnel who work in healthcare facilities as techs to provide advanced life support in emergency situations under the supervision of a physician. Also includes other Sunset recommendations to improve the health care industry.

HB 574 Bonnen, Greg (Campbell)*Signed by the Governor*

Ensures that health care decisions remain between a patient and their doctor by discouraging insurance companies from penalizing physicians for referring patients to an out-of-network provider and protects patients from being intimidated for utilizing their out-of-network benefits.

HB 966 Crownover (Hancock | Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/30*

Empowers retirement health plans to more effectively respond to consumer needs by allowing the Texas Employees Retirement System to create a consumer-directed health plan for eligible individuals.

HB 2020 Martinez, "Mando" (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/30*

Increases the quality of care and response times of health care facilities by allowing paramedics to be available as an emergency resource for health care facilities.

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE:**HB 1077** Kuempel (Campbell)*Signed by the Governor*

Currently the Electrical Licensing and Safety Board makes policy recommendations for the on-premises sign industry in Texas. This bill changes the membership of the Electrical Licensing and Safety Board to include a designated seat for a Master Sign Electrician.

HB 2162 Simmons (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 6/01*

Updates the outdated regulation of alarm systems in urban areas by defining false alarms and increasing the transparency of fees and regulations for consumers.

HB 2558 Isaac (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/29*

Provides consumer protection by strictly defining what a billing month is for purposes of propane gas billing so that a customer is not charged for more than a month each monthly billing cycle.

HB 3230 Rodriguez, Justin (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/27*

Promotes the protection of Texas history by enabling nonprofits to qualify for and sell franchise tax exemptions for rehabilitating historic structures.

TRANSPORTATION:**SB 1934** Campbell (Miller, Rick)*Sent to Governor on 6/01*

Decreases the potential for identity theft by aligning the requirements for issuing a personal identification certificate with those of a driver's license and prevents a person from holding both a state-issued identification card and a Texas driver's license at the same time.

HB 122 Pickett (Nichols | Campbell)*Signed by the Governor*

Promotes a common-sense approach to highway funding by prohibiting the Texas Mobility Fund from issuing more debt to build toll roads and allowing the state to pay down existing bond debt to return to traditional "pay-as-you-go" funding for roads.

HB 168 Larson (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/29*

Honors our decorated veterans by providing Distinguished Flying Cross recipients with a specialty license plate and exempting distinguished veterans from paying parking meter fees.

HB 830 Larson (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/28*

The cry of "Remember the Alamo" is familiar to all Texans. This bill remembers the sacrifice of the brave Texans who stared down the Mexican army during our war for independence by authorizing the issuance of Alamo specialty plates with revenue going to preserve the Alamo.

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION:**HB 2407** Miller, Doug (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/29*

Creates the Comal Trinity Groundwater district to develop water policies that serve both state and regional interests and safeguard water as a precious natural resource.

HB 3405 Isaac (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 6/01*

Preserves the groundwater rights of property owners in Hays County by extending the territory of the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation district to cover so-called unprotected "white areas" where there were previously no groundwater drilling regulations.

TAX RELIEF/FINANCE:**SB 1** Nelson, Bettencourt, Campbell, et al.*Signed by the Governor.*

Enabling legislation for SJR 1.

SJR 1 Nelson, Bettencourt, Campbell, et al.

Filed with Secretary of State

This bill proposes a constitutional amendment that reduces the property tax burden on homeowners by increasing the homestead exemption for school district taxes from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

HB 114 Flynn (Campbell)

Sent to Governor on 5/30

Limits local debt that a political subdivision can issue in the form of high-interest capital appreciation bonds to no more than 25 percent of the subdivision's total bond indebtedness at the time of issuance.

AGENCY REFORM/SUNSET:

SB 202 Nelson, Campbell, et al. (Price)

Sent to Governor on 6/01

Reduces government bureaucracy by decreasing the Department of State Health Services role in administering occupational licensing.

SB 206 Schwertner, Campbell, et al. (Burkett)

Sent to Governor on 6/01

Removes bureaucratic burdens on Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers, to allow them to spend more time with children, improve performance and morale, and reduce retention.

SB 207 Hinojosa, Campbell, et al. (Gonzales, Larry)

Sent to Governor on 6/01

The state is called to be a responsible steward of tax dollars and ensure they are spent in a way that promotes efficiency in government agencies. These Sunset recommendations focused on making the OIG more effective in how it pursues fraud and will cause the Health and Human Services Commission Office of the Inspector General to undergo sunset review in 6 years.

SB 208 Campbell (Burkett)

Sent to Governor on 6/01

Improves the function of the Texas Workforce Commission and transfers the vocational rehabilitation program from DARS to TWC to improve employment outcomes for people with disabilities.

SB 212 Birdwell, Campbell, et al. (Burkett)

Sent to Governor on 5/27

Reduces government bureaucracy by abolishing the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities and transferring its functions to the Texas Workforce Commission.

HB 1786 Dutton (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/30*

Seeks to more efficiently utilize taxpayer dollars by transferring the licensing and curriculum of driver and traffic safety education programs from the Texas Education Agency to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

HB 2463 Raymond (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/27*

Improves government services by transferring the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services to the Health and Human Services Commission.

SUICIDE PREVENTION:**SB 674** Campbell (Coleman)*Sent to Governor on 5/30*

As professionals interacting with students every day, teachers are in a unique position to notice sudden behavioral changes among students. This bill requires suicide prevention, substance abuse, and mental health awareness training as part of the teacher certification requirements.

HB 2186 Cook (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 6/01*

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people ages 10-24, claiming one young life every day. Known in many states as the Jason Flatt Act, this bill requires newly employed teachers (and all educators on a timeline to be determined by the TEA) to undergo suicide prevention training to identify warning signs in students as part of their orientation.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING:**HB 416** Riddle (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/30*

Requires employees at abortion facilities to undergo training to spot human trafficking, as they are in a unique position to identify victims who often repeatedly visit facilities.

HB 1217 Thompson, Senfronia (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/28*

Requires the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to determine if a child reported missing was a possible victim of trafficking. Additionally, requires DFPS to collect certain information on each child and prepare a report to be made available on DFPS's website.

SECOND AMENDMENT:**SB 11** Birdwell, Bettencourt, Campbell, et al.*Signed by the Governor*

Strengthens and furthers our constitutional second amendment rights by allowing the carrying of concealed handguns by holders of a CHL on college campuses.

SB 273 Campbell (Guillen)*Signed by the Governor*

Protects CHL holders' right to carry by stopping governmental entities from improperly posting 30.06 signs banning handguns in places where it is legal to carry and imposing fines for failure to remove unlawful signs.

LOCAL DISTRICT ISSUES:**SB 631** Campbell (Larson)*Sent to Governor on 5/30*

Eases the strain on law enforcement resources in the San Antonio metropolitan area by allowing the City of San Antonio to enter into an agreement with its contiguous municipalities to share municipal court jurisdiction for fines-only offenses.

SB 1278 Campbell (rolled into SB 1139 by Huffman)*Sent to Governor on 6/01*

Addresses local concerns about a responsive judiciary by abolishing the Kendall County Court at Law and establishing a state District Court for Kendall County to more efficiently process cases from Kendall County and uphold citizen's rights to a responsible and speedy judiciary.

HB 1738 Isaac (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/30*

Promotes responsible development by allowing the City of Dripping Springs to transfer existing right-of-way along a certain highway to private landowners in exchange for other right-of-way along planned roads. This positive cooperation between state and private entities will allow a safer highway intersection to be built that benefits the entire community.

HB 2232 Kuempel (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/29*

Fosters compatible land use between military installations and adjacent communities through the support and creation of Regional Military Sustainability Commissions in counties and cities near Joint Base San Antonio.

HB 3175 Simpson (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/30*

Enables Hays County to create a Limited Provider Participation Fund and draw down federal Medicaid dollars for its hospitals to increase quality care without additional taxes or fees.

HB 3618 Isaac (Campbell)*Sent to Governor on 5/28*

Bans camping and building fires in sections of dry riverbed to protect the ecology of Texas.

CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS:**SJR 52** Campbell (Otto)*Filed with the Secretary of State*

Recognizing the impact that advances in communications and travel technology have made over the last century, this resolution gives voters the opportunity to repeal the requirement that statewide officeholders (other than the Governor) must permanently reside in Austin.

TOTAL BILLS ENROLLED (including 5 MUD bills): 60**BILLS THAT PASSED THE SENATE, BUT NOT THE HOUSE:****SB 4** Taylor, Bettencourt, Campbell*Passed the Senate 18-12 on 4/21**Referred to House Ways and Means*

Promotes school choice and allows businesses to invest in the future workforce by making a donation to an educational scholarship organization that provides scholarships for qualifying students to attend a private school with a tax credit offered in return.

SB 309 Campbell (Murphy)*Passed the Senate 30-0 on 5/12**House Committee Report sent to Calendars*

Taxpayers Right to Know Act provides transparency and accountability of all tax dollars by requiring the Comptroller to create an online database of the political boundaries, debt, tax rate, and other financial information of all governmental entities in the state.

SB 310 Campbell (Goldman)*Passed the Senate 21-9 on 5/12**House Committee Report Sent to Calendars*

Addresses local government debt by reforming the process of nonvoter-approved debt issued in the form of certificates of obligation. Seeks to make COs more transparent by requiring basic financial information to be released when political subdivisions issue certificates of obligation and by making it easier for voters to petition such debt through a public vote.

SB 531 Campbell (Leach)*Passed the Senate 19-12 on 5/22**Considered in Calendars*

Amends the Texas Family Code governing marriage and parent-child relationships to ensure that family court rulings may not apply foreign laws that violate the fundamental rights guaranteed by the U.S. and Texas Constitutions. Also known as the American Law for American Courts Act.

SB 1086 Campbell (White, James)*Passed the Senate 30-1 on 5/08**House Committee Report Sent to Calendars*

The bond between a parent and child is special and sacred, and the government should not be allowed to violate that bond unless they can demonstrate a compelling interest. SB 1086 provides protection for parents to view and say goodbye to their deceased child.

SB 1330 Campbell (Miller, Rick)*Passed the Senate 31-0 on 5/08**Placed on General State Calendar*

Allows officers in the Law Enforcement Division of the Attorney General's office to qualify for injury leave the same as other state employed peace officers.

SB 1639 Campbell (Huberty)*Passed the Senate 16-14 on 5/23**Referred to House Land and Resource Management*

Reforms the process of municipal annexation in Texas by protecting the property rights of residents in unincorporated areas and reducing the bureaucratic burden on cities looking to grow responsibly. Supports the rights of people to have a say in where and how they live.

SB 1821 Campbell (Sheets)*Passed the Senate 28-3 on 4/29**Referred to House Ways and Means*

Enabling legislation for SJR 60.

SJR 60 Campbell (Sheets)*Passed the Senate 27-4 on 4/29**Referred to House Ways and Means*

Many barriers exist for veterans attempting to thrive in Texas' economic climate by starting their own businesses or transitioning back into the civilian workforce. This bill honors our veterans by proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a commercial property tax exemption for businesses that hire and retain a veteran in the business for at least 12 consecutive months.

SCR 44 Campbell*Passed the Senate 31-0 on 5/22**Referred to House Defense and Veterans Affairs*

Would honor the World War II military service of Master Sergeant Cleto Rodriguez by posthumously awarding him the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.