

TCA TRACKED LEGISLATION - JUNE 11, 2019

This report is organized by Issues. Legislation may appear under multiple issues. Included are some key bills that did not pass but merit mention. TCA will continue to update this report and provide more detail on the specifics of each enacted bill.

The Governor has until June 16, 2019 to sign or veto legislation. Any legislation not vetoed by June 16, 2019 automatically becomes law.

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[HB 19](#) [Price, Four\(R\)](#) [Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts.

Bill History: 05-29-19 G Sent to the Governor

[HB 80](#) [Ortega, Lina\(D\)](#) [Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#) Relating to a study and report regarding shortages in certain health professions.

Bill History: 06-02-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 125](#) [Martinez, Armando\(D\)](#) [Menendez, Jose\(D\)](#) Relating to the online publication of home addresses of certain occupational license holders.

Bill History: 09-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 253](#) [Farrar, Jessica\(D\)](#) [Kolkhorst, Lois\(R\)](#) Relating to a strategic plan to address postpartum depression.

General Remarks : Amends Health & Safety Code, Section 32.046 directing the Health & Human Services Commission to develop and implement a 5-year strategic plan to improve access to postpartum depression screening, referral, treatment and support. Plan must provide strategies to increase awareness among state-administered programs, establish a referral network of mental health providers and support services, increase referrals to formal and informal peer support services, raise awareness, reduce stigma and leverage funding sources in coordination with other agencies and boards.

Bill History: 05-16-19 G Sent to the Governor

[HB 517](#) [Israel, Celia\(D\)](#) Relating to unprofessional conduct by mental health providers who attempt to change the sexual orientation of a child.

Bill History: 05-01-19 H Committee action pending House Public Health

[HB 601](#) [Price, Four\(R\)](#) [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#) Relating to procedures and reporting requirements regarding criminal defendants who are or may be persons with a mental illness or an intellectual disability.

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[HB 621](#)

[Neave, Victoria\(D\)](#)
[Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#)

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[HB 1070](#)

[Price, Four\(R\)](#)
[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)

Relating to the mental health first aid training program reporting requirements.

Bill History: 12-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 1142](#)

[Lambert, Stan\(R\)](#)
[Buckingham, Dawn\(R\)](#)

Relating to the creation and operations of health care provider participation programs in certain counties.

Bill History: 05-31-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 1501](#)

[Nevarez, Poncho\(D\)](#)
[Nichols, Robert\(R\)](#)

Relating to the creation of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council and to the continuation and transfer of the regulation of psychologists, marriage and family therapists.

General Remarks :

HB 1501 reauthorizes until 2029, the regulatory boards for LPCs, LMFTs, Social Workers and Psychologists and creates the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council as their administrative agency. The new agency must be established by 2020. A couple of bills hitched rides, including HB 2838 (Darby) related to supervisor requirements and HB 125 (Martinez) to limit access to licensee's home addressed, but neither materially impacts BHEC or the licensing boards.

Bill History: 09-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 1899](#)

[Bonnen, Greg\(R\)](#)
[Kolkhorst, Lois\(R\)](#)

Relating to the revocation or denial of certain health care professional licenses and the reporting of the grounds for revocation or denial.

Bill History: 09-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 2514](#)

[Martinez, Armando\(D\)](#)
[Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#)

Relating to the appointment of an individual qualified to conduct a child custody evaluation.

Bill History: 05-26-19 G Sent to the Governor

[HB 2813](#)

[Price, Four\(R\)](#)
[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)

Relating to the statewide behavioral health coordinating council.

Bill History: 06-10-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 2838](#)

[Darby, Drew\(R\)](#)

Relating to the experience required for a licensed professional counselor to act as a supervisor.

Bill History: 04-16-19 H Committee action pending House Human Services
ADDED TO HB 1501

[HB 3345](#)

[Price, Four\(R\)](#)
[Hughes, Bryan\(R\)](#)

Relating to health benefit coverage provided by certain health benefit plans for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.

Bill History: 05-28-19 G Sent to the Governor

[HB 4455](#)

[Miller, Rick\(R\)](#)
[Campbell, Donna\(R\)](#)

Relating to the provision of mental health services through a telemedicine medical service or telehealth service.

Bill History: 05-29-19 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 10](#)

[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)
[Zerwas, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.

Bill History: 05-21-19 H Point of order sustained under Rule 4, Section 32(c)(2) regarding an incomplete bill analysis
ADDED TO SB 11

[SB 17](#)

[Perry, Charles\(R\)](#)

Relating to discrimination by a state agency against an applicant for or holder of an occupational license.

Bill History: 04-04-19 H Referred to House Committee on House State Affairs

[SB 37](#)

[Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#)
[Krause, Matt\(R\)](#)

Relating to the abolition of student loan default or breach of a student loan repayment or scholarship contract as a ground for nonrenewal of professional license.

Bill History: 06-07-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 500](#)

[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)
[Zerwas, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and prescribing limitations regarding appropriations.

Bill History: 06-06-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 586](#)

[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)
[Neave, Victoria\(D\)](#)

Relating to the training of peace officers for family violence and sexual assault assignments.

Bill History: 09-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 633](#)

[Kolkhorst, Lois\(R\)](#)
[Lambert, Stan\(R\)](#)

Relating to an initiative to increase the capacity of local mental health authorities to provide access to mental health services in certain counties.

Bill History: 05-25-19 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 670](#)

[Buckingham, Dawn\(R\)](#)
[Price, Four\(R\)](#)

Relating to Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services.

Bill History: 05-25-19 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 821](#)

[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)
[Price, Four\(R\)](#)

Relating to children's advocacy centers.

Bill History: 09-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 822](#)

[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)
[Flynn, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the administration of a grant program to support community mental health programs for veterans and their families.

Bill History: 05-31-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 1636](#)

[Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#)
[Price, Four\(R\)](#)

Relating to an annual report prepared by the Health Professions Council.

Bill History: 05-25-19 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 1995](#)

[Birdwell, Brian\(R\)](#)
[Paddie, Chris\(R\)](#)

Relating to the review of certain occupational licensing rules by the office of the governor.

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Criminal Justice

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[HB 111](#) [Gonzalez, Mary\(D\)](#)
[Fallon, Pat \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Relating to training for employees of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools on the prevention of sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and other maltreatment of certain children.

General Remarks : Amends TEC, Sections 38.0041 to require school districts' policies, manuals and training on sexual abuse, trafficking and maltreatment of students be expanded to include training specific for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

Bill History: 05-31-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 114](#) [White, James\(R\)](#)
[Birdwell, Brian\(R\)](#)

Relating to providing public high school students information regarding the availability of college credit awarded for military experience, education, and training obtained during military service.

General Remarks : Amends TEC Chapter 33.007 to require school counselors to provide high school students information on the availability of college credit for those in the military and veterans. Directs the Texas Workforce Commission, in cooperation with the Coordinating Board to develop and distribute to school districts information on the availability of college credit for military experience, education and training and distributed by the Coordinating Board.

Bill History: 05-16-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 165](#) [Bernal, Diego\(D\)](#)
[Powell, Beverly \(F\)\(D\)](#)

Relating to providing for endorsements for public high school students enrolled in special education programs.

General Remarks : Amends TEC Section 28.025 to allow students in special education programs to earn endorsements, with or without modifications, based on determination of the ARD Committee.

Bill History: 06-10-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 277](#) [Oliverson, Tom\(R\)](#)
[Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#) Relating to a requirement that online admission application forms for public institutions of higher education include a link to certain comparative gainful employment data.

Bill History: 06-10-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 330](#) [VanDeaver, Gary\(R\)](#)
[Hughes, Bryan\(R\)](#) Relating to excluding certain students from the computation of dropout and completion rates for purposes of public school accountability.

Bill History: 06-10-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 391](#) [Blanco, Cesar\(D\)](#)
[Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#) Relating to student access to public school instructional materials and technology.

Bill History: 05-29-19 G Sent to the Governor

[HB 403](#) [Thompson, Senfronia\(D\)](#)
[Huffman, Joan\(R\)](#) Relating to training requirements for a member of the board of trustees and the superintendent of an independent school district regarding sexual abuse, human trafficking, and other maltreatment of children.

General Remarks : Amends TEC, Chapter 11 to expand training requirements for 1) school board trustees to include one hour of training on identifying and reporting potential victims of sexual abuse, human trafficking and other maltreatment of children every two years; and 2) superintendents to include 2-1/2 hours of training on these topics every five years.

Bill History: 09-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 452](#) [Shine, Hugh\(R\)](#)
[Buckingham, Dawn\(R\)](#) Relating to the creation of truancy masters for Bell County.

Bill History: 09-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 455](#) [Allen, Alma\(D\)](#)
[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) Relating to policies on the recess period in public schools.

Bill History: 05-24-19 G Sent to the Governor

[HB 539](#) [Leman, Ben\(R\)](#)
[Kolkhorst, Lois\(R\)](#) Relating to the automatic admission to general academic teaching institutions and eligibility for certain scholarships of a student who is the valedictorian of the student's high school graduating class.

Bill History: 06-10-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 548](#) [Canales, Terry\(D\)](#)
[Lucio, Eddie\(D\)](#) Relating to reporting certain truancy information through the Public Education Information Management System.

Bill History: 05-29-19 G Sent to the Governor

[HB 678](#) [Guillen, Ryan\(D\)](#)
[Powell, Beverly \(F\)\(D\)](#) Relating to the public high school graduation credit requirements for a language other than English.

Bill History: 06-10-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 692](#) [White, James\(R\)](#)
[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) Relating to the suspension of a student who is homeless from public school.

Bill History: 06-07-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 811](#) [White, James\(R\)](#)
[West, Royce\(D\)](#) Relating to determining appropriate disciplinary action to be taken against a public school student who is in foster care or who is homeless.

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[HB 906](#) [Thompson, Senfronia\(D\)](#)
[Powell, Beverly \(F\)\(D\)](#) Relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to study certain public school mental health services.

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[HB 1026](#) [Bohac, Dwayne\(R\)](#)
[Hughes, Bryan\(R\)](#) Relating to instruction in positive character traits in public schools.

Bill History: 05-29-19 G Sent to the Governor

[HB 1051](#) [VanDeaver, Gary\(R\)](#)
[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) Relating to an adult education program provided under an adult high school diploma and industry certification charter school program, eligibility of certain students for Foundation School Program benefits.

Bill History: 05-29-19 G Sent to the Governor

[HB 1070](#) [Price, Four\(R\)](#)
[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) Relating to the mental health first aid training program reporting requirements.

Bill History: 12-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 1387](#) [Hefner, Cole\(R\)](#)
[Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#) Relating to the number of school marshals that may be appointed to serve on a public school campus or at a private school.

Bill History: 09-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 2184](#) [Allen, Alma\(D\)](#)
[Huffman, Joan\(R\)](#) Relating to a public school student's transition from an alternative education program to a regular classroom.

Bill History: 06-10-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 2424](#) [Ashby, Trent\(R\)](#)
[Fallon, Pat \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the creation of a micro-credential certification program for public school educator continuing education.

Bill History: 05-29-19 G Sent to the Governor

[HB 3630](#) [Meyer, Morgan\(R\)](#)
[Lucio, Eddie\(D\)](#) Relating to prohibiting the use of certain behavioral interventions on students enrolled in public school who receive special education services.

Bill History: 05-29-19 G Sent to the Governor

[HB 4310](#) [Dutton, Harold\(D\)](#)
[Hughes, Bryan\(R\)](#) Relating to teacher instructional time.

Bill History: 05-29-19 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 11](#) [Taylor, Larry\(R\)](#)
[Bonnen, Greg\(R\)](#) Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety and mental health promotion in public schools.

Bill History: 06-06-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 38](#) [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#)
[Lozano, Jose\(R\)](#) Relating to the offense of hazing.

Bill History: 05-25-19 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 54](#) [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#)
[Gonzalez, Mary\(D\)](#) Relating to the consideration for public school accountability purposes of certain students participating in regional day school programs for the deaf.

Bill History: 06-07-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 139](#) [Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)
[Moody, Joe\(D\)](#) Relating to a notice of educational rights and recovery by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools of costs for certain student evaluations.

Bill History: 05-25-19 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 213](#)

[Seliger, Kel\(R\)](#)
[Huberty, Dan\(R\)](#)

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

Bill History: 05-07-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 232](#)

[Menendez, Jose\(D\)](#)
[Bernal, Diego\(D\)](#)

Relating to parental notification by a school district regarding high school graduation requirements.

Bill History: 05-25-19 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 502](#)

[Seliger, Kel\(R\)](#)
[Howard, Donna\(D\)](#)

Relating to requiring certain institutions of higher education to issue reports on the transferability of credit.

Bill History: 05-25-19 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 504](#)

[Seliger, Kel\(R\)](#)
[Beckley, Michelle \(F\)\(D\)](#)

Relating to the inclusion of certain information in postsecondary education and career counseling academies developed for certain school counselors and other postsecondary advisors employed by a school district.

Bill History: 05-25-19 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 1746](#)

[Miles, Borris\(D\)](#)
[White, James\(R\)](#)

Relating to the inclusion of certain students as students at risk of dropping out of school.

Bill History: 06-02-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 2432](#)

[Taylor, Larry\(R\)](#)
[Sanford, Scott\(R\)](#)

Relating to the mandatory removal of a public school student from the classroom following certain conduct.

Bill History: 05-28-19 G Sent to the Governor

Higher Education Issues

[HB 277](#)

[Oliverson, Tom\(R\)](#)
[Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#)

Relating to a requirement that online admission application forms for public institutions of higher education include a link to certain comparative gainful employment data.

Bill History: 06-10-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 449](#)

[Turner, Chris\(D\)](#)
[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)

Relating to a requirement that a public or private institution of higher education include a disciplinary notation on a student's transcript under certain circumstances.

Bill History: 06-10-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 1702](#)

[Howard, Donna\(D\)](#)
[Hancock, Kelly\(R\)](#)

Relating to services provided for students at public institutions of higher education who were formerly in foster care.

Bill History: 05-29-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 1735](#)

[Howard, Donna\(D\)](#)
[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)

Relating to sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking at public and private postsecondary educational institutions.

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[SB 212](#)

[Huffman, Joan\(R\)](#)
[Morrison, Geanie\(R\)](#)

Relating to reporting requirement for certain incidents of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking at certain public and private institutions of higher education.

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[HB 65](#)

[Johnson, Eric\(D\)](#)
[West, Royce\(D\)](#)

Relating to reporting information regarding public school disciplinary actions.

General Remarks :

Amends TEC Chapter 37 to expand district reports on suspensions, expulsions, and DAE placements to include "out of school suspensions." Reports must include number of out of school suspensions that are inconsistent with the guidelines in the student code of conduct under Section 37.001(a)(3).

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[HB 123](#)

[White, James\(R\)](#)
[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)

Relating to the issuance of personal identification documents for foster children, homeless children or youth, and unaccompanied youth.

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[HB 165](#)

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[HB 1070](#) [Price, Four\(R\)](#)
[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) Relating to the mental health first aid training program reporting requirements.

Bill History: 12-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 1640](#) [Martinez, Armando\(D\)](#) Relating to establishing a pilot program to employ a life skills counselor at public high school campuses in certain counties.

Bill History: 05-07-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Education

[HB 1679](#) [Price, Four\(R\)](#) Relating to student loan repayment assistance for school counselors employed by a school district.

Bill History: 03-19-19 H Not heard in committee House Public Education

[HB 2074](#) [Wu, Gene\(D\)](#) Relating to prohibiting a public school counselor from being required to act in a disciplinary capacity in certain circumstances.

Bill History: 03-27-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Education

[HB 2184](#) [Allen, Alma\(D\)](#)
[Huffman, Joan\(R\)](#) Relating to a public school student's transition from an alternative education program to a regular classroom.

Bill History: 06-10-19 G Earliest effective date

[HB 2424](#) [Ashby, Trent\(R\)](#)
[Fallon, Pat \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the creation of a micro-credential certification program for public school educator continuing education.

Bill History: 05-29-19 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 3](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#) Relating to additional funding to school districts for classroom teacher salaries.

Bill History: 03-28-19 H Referred to House Committee on House Public Education

[SB 11](#) [Taylor, Larry\(R\)](#)
[Bonnen, Greg\(R\)](#) Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety and mental health promotion in public schools.

Bill History: 06-06-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 17](#) [Perry, Charles\(R\)](#) Relating to discrimination by a state agency against an applicant for or holder of an occupational license.

Bill History: 04-04-19 H Referred to House Committee on House State Affairs

[SB 37](#) [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#)
[Krause, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to the abolition of student loan default or breach of a student loan repayment or scholarship contract as a ground for nonrenewal of professional license.

Bill History: 06-07-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 426](#) [Lucio, Eddie\(D\)](#)
[Gonzalez, Mary\(D\)](#) Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time.

Bill History: 05-17-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Education

[SB 435](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)
[Price, Four\(R\)](#) Relating to recommendations by local school health advisory councils regarding opioid addiction and abuse education in public schools.

Bill History: 05-31-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 500](#)

[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)
[Zerwas, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and prescribing limitations regarding appropriations.

Track Name(s): Clinicians Issues, Medicaid Issues, School Counselor Issues

Bill History: 06-06-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 504](#)

[Seliger, Kel\(R\)](#)
[Beckley, Michelle \(F\)\(D\)](#)

Relating to the inclusion of certain information in postsecondary education and career counseling academies developed for certain school counselors and other postsecondary advisors employed by a school district.

Bill History: 05-25-19 G Sent to the Governor

[SB 1306](#)

[Kolkhorst, Lois\(R\)](#)
[Burns, DeWayne\(R\)](#)

Relating to requiring a school district to post on the district's Internet website the name and contact information of each school administrator primarily responsible for student discipline at a district campus.

Bill History: 05-28-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 1390](#)

[Menendez, Jose\(D\)](#)
[Allison, Steve \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Relating to suicide prevention in public school curriculum and certain educational programs concerning suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention.

Bill History: 05-21-19 H Set on the House Calendar

[SB 1892](#)

[Taylor, Larry\(R\)](#)

Relating to student loan repayment assistance for school counselors employed by a school district.

Bill History: 03-18-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education

[SB 2432](#)

[Taylor, Larry\(R\)](#)
[Sanford, Scott\(R\)](#)

Relating to the mandatory removal of a public school student from the classroom following certain conduct.

Bill History: 05-28-19 G Sent to the Governor

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Social Justice

[HB 123](#)

[White, James\(R\)](#)
[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)

Relating to the issuance of personal identification documents for foster children, homeless children or youth, and unaccompanied youth.

Bill History: 05-29-19 G Sent to the Governor

[HCR 35](#)

[Miller, Rick\(R\)](#)
[Huffman, Joan\(R\)](#)

Recognizing human trafficking as a public health issue.

Bill History: 06-07-19 G Signed by the Governor

[SB 71](#)

[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)
[Thompson, Senfronia\(D\)](#)

Relating to the establishment of a statewide telehealth center for sexual assault forensic medical examination.

Bill History: 09-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 72](#)

[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)
[Guillen, Ryan\(D\)](#)

Relating to the establishment and duties of the human trafficking prevention coordinating council.

Bill History: 09-01-19 G Earliest effective date

[SB 1978](#)

[Hughes, Bryan\(R\)](#)
[Krause, Matt\(R\)](#)

Relating to the protection of religious beliefs and moral convictions, including beliefs and convictions regarding marriage.

Bill History: 05-25-19 G Sent to the Governor
SB 1978 was significantly revised as it moved through the process.

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