

Texas Legislative Update Summary of 88th Session

On a mobile device, you can sign in your support for some very important House Bills being considered this week (Senate bills do not have this option). You can sign in your support until the hearing has adjourned. It's quick, easy, and most of all, it's critical that we speak up!

If you can show up at the Capitol, or call/email your House Representative and Senator, you will find detailed instructions at the end of this update.

The bills, what they intend to do, and the links to sign are outlined below.

Bills For Monday, March 27, 2023:

Protecting Children From Gender Re-assignment Treatments And Procedures:

House Bill 1686 (Support) - Prohibits surgical and drug induced gender transitioning, gender reassignment, and gender dysphoria treatments/procedures on children under 18. (By Rep. Tom Oliverson)

The state Senate has already had their hearing on this issue with SB 14 by Sen. Donna Campbell, and it was passed out of committee. HB 1686 is the House companion bill.

*Hearing - House Public Health, E2.036 (Capitol), Monday, 3/27, 8am.

*Read HB 1686. <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/billtext/pdf/HB01686I.pdf#navpanes=0>

***Sign In Support Here for HB 1686.** <https://comments.house.texas.gov/home?c=c410>

Gambling:

Senate Bill 1820 (Support) - Prohibits the Texas Lottery Commission from the order, purchase, and sale of lottery tickets online. (By Sen. Bob Hall)

*Hearing - Senate Chamber, State Affairs, Monday, 3/27, 9am.

*Read SB 1820. <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/billtext/pdf/SB01820I.pdf#navpanes=0>

Watch 3 testimonies from last week's gambling hearings in the House State Affairs.

https://tlcsenate.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=53&clip_id=17469

Bills For Tuesday, March 28, 2023:

National Motto:

HB 2012 (Support) - Allows teachers or professors to display National Motto in classrooms. (By Rep. Tom Oliverson)

*Hearing - House Public Education, E2.036 (Capitol), Tuesday, 3/28, 8:00am.

*Read HB 2012. <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/billtext/pdf/HB02012I.pdf#navpanes=0>

***Sign In Support Here for HB 2012.** <https://comments.house.texas.gov/home?c=c400>

Bills For Wednesday, March 29, 2023:**Protecting Children From Gender Re-assignment Treatments And Procedures, Including Biological Sex On Birth Certificates:**

HB 888 (Support) - Extending the statute of limitations on a health care liability claim involving certain gender modification drugs provided to and procedures performed on a minor.
(By Rep. Slawson)

HB 1952 (Support) - Relating to the required inclusion of a person's sex on a birth certificate.
(Rep. Steve Toth)

*Hearing for both - House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence, E2.016 (Capitol), Wednesday 3/29, 8:00a.

*Read HB 1952. <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/billtext/pdf/HB00888I.pdf#navpanes=0>

***Sign In Support Here for HB 888.** <https://comments.house.texas.gov/home?c=c330>

***Sign In Support Here for HB 1952.** <https://comments.house.texas.gov/home?c=c330>

Last Week on Thursday, March 23, 2023:

SB12 (Support) - Relating to restricting certain sexually oriented performances on public property, on the premises of a commercial enterprise, or in the presence of a child; authorizing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense. (By Sen. Bryan Hughes)

SB 1601 (Support) - Relating to prohibiting municipal libraries that host certain events (such as drag shows/drag reading hour) from receiving state funding. (By Sen. Bryan Hughes)

*Analyses of SB 12. <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/872/analysis/html/SB00012H.htm>

*Analyses of SB 1601. <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/78R/analysis/html/SB01601S.htm>

These two bills were heard in Senate State Affairs, see video on the following link:

https://tlcsenate.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=53&clip_id=17469

*Please call and email the Senate State Affairs Committee and thank them for hearing these bills.
<https://www.senate.texas.gov/cmte.php?c=570>

Showing Up In Person:

*If you are able to show up at the Capitol for any of these bills to testify or hand-in a written testimony (bring 12 copies), please plan on arriving 30-45 minutes before the hearing time in order to find the room and register on the computer kiosk.

*Find directions for the Capitol Parking Garage at <https://www.texas.gov/plan/parking/parking.html>.

*Find directions for parking at the Bob Bullock History Museum at <https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/visit/plan-your-visit/parking-directions>.

*Testimony is limited to 2 minutes in the Senate and 3 minutes in the House—sometimes they will ask questions which extends your time.

*Please text or call Cindy Asmussen, our Public Policy Advisor, at 512-300-5322, if you need any help writing a testimony, or signing in.

Calling/Emailing:

*You can locate senator and representative emails and phone numbers at (<https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home>)

*You can contact your State Senator and State Representative, the Speaker of the House, Governor, and Lt. Governor's office to ask they support the above bills.

Speaker Dade Phelan – 512-463-1000 (dade.phelan@house.texas.gov)

Governor Greg Abbott – 512-463-2000 (texas.gov/contact)

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick – 512-463-0001 (ltgov.texas.gov)