

TACUSPA 2009 Student Affairs Legislative Report

Priority legislation affecting higher education

- HB 20—(Leibowitz)—Relating to exempting textbooks from university and college courses from the sales tax.
- HB 103—(Brown, Fred)—Relating to the operation of a student health center.
- HB 325—(Raymond)—Relating to exempting books purchased by university and college students from the sales tax for a limited period. (**Companion: SB 22, Zaffirini**)
- HB 808—(Gallego)—Relating to the availability of automated external defibrillators at certain athletic clubs.
- HB 1096—(Vo)—Relating to the provision of notice regarding the availability of higher education textbooks through multiple retailers.
- HB 1099—(Vo)—Relating to measures to increase the affordability of textbooks used for courses at public institutions of higher education.
- SB 145—(Ellis)—Relating to the sale by textbook publishers of bundled instructional material for use by students at public institutions of higher education.
- SB 215—(Van de Putte)—Relating to the sale of instructional materials to students of public institutions of higher education.
- SB 454—(Shapiro)—Relating to measures to increase the affordability of textbooks used for courses at public institutions of higher education.
- SB 676—(Shapleigh)—Relating to credit card marketing at postsecondary educational institutions.
- SB 819—(Davis, Wendy)—Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of certain first-time students at public institutions of higher education.

Other legislation affecting student affairs

- HB 38—(Corte)—Relating to providing resident tuition at public institutions of higher education for certain military veterans and their dependents.
- HB 50—(Riddle)—Relating to information required to establish resident status in connection with tuition and fees charged by public intuitions of higher education.
- HB 51—(Branch)—Relating to funding and other measures to support emerging public research universities in developing and maintaining programs of the highest tier.

- HB 52—(Branch)—Relating to limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.
- HB 61—(Aycock)—Relating to the statutory limitation imposed on certain university systems to issue revenue bonds to fund facilities at certain institutions of higher education. **(Companion: SB 655, Fraser)**
- HB 100—(Brown, Fred)—Relating to curriculum requirements in political science and American history at institutions of higher education.
- HB 101—(Brown, Fred)—Relating to the formula funding for public institutions of higher education for certain credit hours that do not count toward a degree.
- HB 215—(Guillen)—Relating to limitations on increases in fees and designated tuition charged by public institutions of higher education. **(Companion: SB 105, Hinojosa)**
- HB 333—(Aycock)—Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for the spouses of certain military personnel.
- HB 335—(Aycock)—Relating to stabilizing the amount of tuition charged to certain residents of this state by general academic teaching institutions.
- HB 431—(Lucio III)—Relating to design and construction standards for newly constructed or renovated state buildings.
- HB 481—(Veasey)—Relating to an open document format for electronic state documents.
- HB 712—(Rose)—Relating to student members of the board of regents of a state university system or state university. **(Companion: SB 226, West)**
- HB 746—(Brown, Fred)—Relating to making underused classrooms of public institutions of higher education available for use by other public colleges and universities.
- HB 801—(Guillen)—Relating to prohibiting the investment of the permanent university fund in certain business entities doing business in Sudan. **(Companion: SB 602, Ellis)**
- HB 861—(Naishtat)—Relating to the authority of certain university systems to provide benefits to certain qualified individuals.
- HB 933—(Dutton)—Relating to liability of a governmental unit for personal injury and death caused by the governmental unit's negligence.
- HB 993—(Farais)—Relating to enrollment requirements for the operation of Texas A&M University—San Antonio as a general academic teaching institution and the issuance of bonds for that institution.
- HB 997—(Lewis)—Relating to retirement and health insurance benefits of school district peace officers under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
- HB 1156—(Farabee)—Relating to providing a discounted rate for electricity provided to school districts.
- HB 1262—(Villarreal)—Relating to increasing the number of undergraduate transfer students at general academic teaching institutions.

- HB 1383—(Davis, Yvonne)—Relating to access to certain information under the public information law concerning public officers and employees. (**Companion: SB 331, Carona**)
- SB 31—(Zaffirini)—Relating to tuition rebates for students who complete certain coursework at two-year public institutions of higher education.
- SB 42—(Zaffirini)—Relating to the eligibility of certain postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to participate in health benefit programs at public institutions of higher education.
- SB 67—(Nelson)—Relating to the imposition of background and criminal history check requirements for operators and employees of certain facilities and agencies serving children, the elderly, or persons who are disabled.
- SB 93—(Van de Putte)—Relating to residency requirements for tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their dependents.
- SB 104—(Ellis)—Relating to a limitation on the amount of tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.
- SB 113—(Ellis)—Relating to resident tuition rates at public institutions of higher education for certain veterans and their dependents.
- SB 114—(Ellis)—Relating to the payment of higher education tuition and fees for certain military personnel and their dependents.
- SB 127—(Ellis)—Relating to design, construction, and renovation standards for state buildings and facilities. (**Companion: SB 267, Hinojosa**)
- SB 154—(Ellis)—Relating to the portion of designated tuition required to be set aside to provide student financial assistance at institutions of higher education.
- SB 172—(Shapiro)—Relating to financial incentives and other assistance to develop and maintain excellence in specific programs and fields of study at public institutions of higher education.
- SB 174—(Shapiro)—Relating to online performance reports for public institutions of higher education.
- SB 175—(Shapiro)—Relating to limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.
- SB 214—(Van de Putte)—Relating to limitations on increases in the total amount of tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.
- SB 266—(Hinojosa)—Relating to an open format for electronic state documents and the sharing of information electronically among state agencies.
- SB 291—(Nelson)—Relating to hepatitis B vaccination for student enrolled in certain health-related courses of study at an institution of higher education.
- SB 295—(West)—Relating to a project that may be undertaken by a development corporation to promote higher education opportunities.
- SB 297—(Van de Putte)—Relating to resident tuition rates at public institutions of higher education for certain veterans and their spouses and children.
- SB 326—(Shapiro)—Relating to stabilizing the amount of tuition charged to certain residents of this state by general academic teaching institutions.

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- SB 430—(West)—Relating to higher education facilities as authorized projects in a public improvement district.
- HB 495—(Zerwas)—Relating to the distribution of state agency publications and reports to members of the legislature, the governor, and other state officials.
- SB 504—(Ogden)—Relating to the use of land on the main campus of Texas A&M University in College Station.
- SB 509—(Carona)—Relating to the reporting of proposed publicity expenditures by state agencies to certain legislative committees.
- SB 607—(Uresti)—Relating to enrollment requirements for the operation of Texas A&M University—San Antonio as a general academic teaching institution and the issuance of bonds for that institution.
- SB 845—(Van de Putte)—Relating to the tuition and fee exemption available to certain military personnel and to permitting those personnel to transfer the exemption to a child.
- SB 888—(Nelson)—Relating to establishing a pill splitting program to reduce health plan costs for certain public employees.
- SB 905—(Davis, Wendy)—Relating to the date on which eligibility for benefits begins under certain programs for governmental employees and retirees.
(Companion: HB 436, Lucio III)
- SJR 12—(West)—Relating to authorizing a student member of the board of regents of a state institution of higher education or state university system to serve a term that differs from the terms of all other members.

You will find the text of these bills at <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>. Use the “Search Legislation” option. Enter the bill number (example “HB 103” or “SB 215”), and click “Go.” On the following page, select the “Text” tab. Bills are available in .pdf, Word, and .htm versions.