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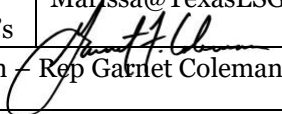
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LSG Floor Report For General State Calendar – Wednesday, March 20, 2019

<p>HB 540 By: Leach Button Ramos Canales</p> <p>SP: SB 690, Paxton</p>	<p>Relating to the designation of U.S. Highway 75 in Richardson as the Officer David Sherrard Memorial Highway.</p>	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Vote: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 PNV, 3 Absent</p>	<p>HB 540 names a portion of the US Highway 75 in Richardson after David Sherrard Memorial highway and puts up the appropriate indicators and signage. David Sherrard was a 13-year SWAT veteran who was killed on a domestic violence call on February 7, 2018. Sherrard was at the front of the line going into the apartment and was shot to death upon entry. He was the first Richardson officer killed in the line of duty in the police department's 63-year history.</p>	<p>Favorable Evaluated by: Sophia Creede (832) 865-4774 Sophia@TexasLSG.org</p>
<p>HB 81 By: Canales, Capriglione Burrows Phelan Nevarez</p> <p>SP: SB 402, Hinojosa</p>	<p>Relating to the disclosure under the public information law of certain information related to parades, concerts, or other entertainment events open to the general public that are paid for with public funds.</p>	<p>State Affairs</p> <p>Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 PNV, 0 Absent</p>	<p>In 2015, the city of McAllen lost nearly \$583,000 on a concert where Enrique Iglesias performed as well as nearly \$188,000 on a holiday parade that was hosted at the same time. After the profit from these events became publicly known, residents pressed the city to find out how much of their tax dollars went to pay for Enrique Iglesias. The city of McAllen said it would not release the contract and payment records because it would potentially place the city at a competitive disadvantage when negotiating with other artists.</p> <p>HB 81 would increase transparency in state contracting by requiring the availability of costs for any public parade, concert, or entertainment event that is funded, wholly or partially, by public funds.</p>	<p>Favorable Evaluated by: Merci Mohagheghi (713) 382-7007 Merci@TexasLSG.org</p>
<p>HB 422 By: Allen Bowers</p>	<p>Relating to annual reporting regarding the establishment of certain school district planning and decision-making committees.</p>	<p>Public Education</p> <p>Vote: 12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 PNV, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Transparency and organization are important for a school board to ensure that involvement of the district members, such as staff and parents, in the reviewing of educational plans, goals performance objectives, and instructional programs. In the Education Code, school boards are required to create district-level and campus-level planning, and decision-making committees, but currently there is not a way to ensure that the school district Board of Trustees is complying with this requirement. HB 422 seeks to address this issue by requiring a certification to the TEA annually.</p> <p>HB 422 requires that school board trustees of an independent school district confirm to the TEA that their school district Board of Trustees has created a district-level and campus-level planning, and decision-making committees that complies with the requirements in the Education Code.</p>	<p>Favorable Evaluated by: Marissa Gorena (956) 867-7232 Marissa@TexasLSG.org</p>
<p>HB 637 By: M. Gonzalez, VanDeaver</p>	<p>Relating to the salaries of the superintendent of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the superintendent of the Texas School for the Deaf.</p>	<p>Public Education</p> <p>Vote: 12 Ayes, 0 Nays,</p>	<p>The superintendents of the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) and the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI) are in positions that encompass much more than they typical scope of a superintendent; they are heads of agencies that oversee more than 360 employees each.</p> <p>Even with their multitude of responsibilities, their salaries are currently capped to an outdated percentage from the 74th legislative session that limits their salaries to no more than 120% of the highest paid instructional administrator's</p>	<p>Favorable Evaluated by: Marissa Gorena (956) 867-7232 Marissa@TexasLSG.org</p>

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HB 396 By: VanDeaver	Relating to acceptable uses of the instructional materials and technology fund and the instructional materials and technology allotment.	Public Education Vote: 12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 PNV, 1 Absent	<p>The expense of out-of-state software, technology, or instructional materials are not currently covered by the Technology and Instructional Material Allotment (TIMA) in the Education Code. The TIMA allows for certain expenses to be paid for when purchasing software, technology, or instructional materials so long as they are in-state purchases.</p> <p>HB 336 clarifies language to allow various freight types, shipping related expenses, and related insurance expenses for the out-of-state software or technology purchases to be paid for by the TIMA in the Education Code by removing the limitation of intrastate purchases funding. This bill also adds inventory software or systems for storing and accessing instructional materials as eligible items that can be funded by the TIMA.</p>	Favorable Evaluated by: Marissa Gorena (956) 867-7232 Marissa@TexasLSG.org
HB 125 By: Martinez	Relating to the online publication of home addresses of certain occupational license holders.	State Affairs Vote: 12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 PNV, 1 Absent	<p>HB 125 would prohibit the online publication of private home addresses in registries, rosters or databases of licensing agencies for licensed professional counselors, dyslexia practitioners and therapists, chemical dependency counselors, and licensed social workers. These mental health professionals work in a variety of situations and settings where it is important to protect their private residency information that could place licensees in unnecessary and preventable danger.</p> <p>If practitioners would like their home address to be made public they may do so through written request to their applicable agency. HB 125 will also make clear that home addresses are not exempt from any required disclosure under state public information law.</p>	Favorable Evaluated by: Merci Mohagheghi (713) 382-7007 Merci@TexasLSG.org
HB 305 By: Paul Phelan Holland	Relating to the requirement that a political subdivision with authority to impose a tax post certain information on an Internet website.	State Affairs Vote: 13 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 PNV, 0 Absent	<p>There has been constituent concern that certain political subdivisions that are able to levy taxes do not make their contact information easily accessible to the public; as well as information regarding their elections. HB 305 would require political subdivisions that had a website on/after January 1, 2019 to make the following information accessible through their website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the political subdivision's contact information • each elected officer of the political subdivision • each candidate for an elected office of the political subdivision • the date and location of the next election for officers of the political subdivision • the requirements and deadline for filing candidacy of each elected office of the political subdivision, which shall be posted continuously for at least one year before the election day for the office • each meeting notice and meeting record required under state open meetings law for a meeting held on or after the bill's effective date 	Favorable Evaluated by: Merci Mohagheghi (713) 382-7007 Merci@TexasLSG.org

<p>HB 339 By: Murr Oliverson Landgraf Guillen Nevárez</p>	<p>Relating to the placement of speed limit signs at the end of construction or maintenance work zones.</p>	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Vote: 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 PNV, 3 Absent</p>	<p>Currently, it is required for speed limits to be posted at the beginning of construction and maintenance work zones.</p> <p>HB 339 requires the additional placement of speed limit signs at the end of construction and maintenance work zones so that drivers know when to resume normal speed after work zones. In many rural areas, there are only two-lane roads (one in each direction). There are often cautious drivers who slow down during work zones and never speed up again, causing unnecessary congestion. Putting signage at the end of construction and maintenance zones is already a policy with TxDOT, but it is not always enforced.</p> <p>HB 339 has no fiscal note, but there is concern this could end up affecting smaller municipalities with smaller budgets as they would end up absorbing the cost. The author of HB 339 testified in committee that it would be up to independent contractors to absorb the cost of putting up these speed limit signs, even though the bill language specifies that it is up to any “entity that sets a lower speed limit” to put up speed limit signage.</p>	<p>Favorable Evaluated by: Sophia Creede (832) 865-4774 Sophia@TexasLSG.org</p>
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