



# TEXAS LEGISLATIVE STUDY GROUP

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## **Items Eligible for Consideration HB 1525**

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It is the recommendation of the LSG to **vote NO if there is a motion to concur with Senate Amendments for HB 1525.**

HB 1525 is a clean-up bill for HB 3 from the 86th Legislative Session and was passed out of the house on April 22, 2021. The Senate version of HB 1525 has been significantly amended causing major concerns by stakeholders.

- The House unanimously adopted an amendment that ensured that educators' pay raises from HB 3 was permanent and educators would continue to receive them. The Senate version removed that provision.
- In regard to the training for the Literacy Achievement Academy, the mandate to complete the training in the House version of the bill was 2023-24. The Senate amendments shortened it to be completed by the end of the 2022-23 school year.
- The Senate amended version also adds outcome-based funding rewards to schools in multiple ways where schools that already have access to resources will gain access to funds based on student performance ratings, leaving the most vulnerable schools lacking much needed resources. The Senate also added a formula for distributing federal funds that does not focus on students most in need.
- Additionally, the Senate added language that would allow for federal relief funds to supplant existing state funds.

The Senate amended version of HB 1525 changed the House bill in ways that change the original intent and substance of the legislation carefully developed by the House.