



87TH STATE LEGISLATURE

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87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION: **RECAP**



- 7,148 bills and joint resolutions filed and reviewed by IGRO
- 15% of filed bills & joint resolutions ultimately passed
 - This is a reduced passage rate of 5% from previous sessions
 - 67% of passed bills filed by Republicans & 33% filed by Democrats
- 21 vetoes by the governor.
- IGRO tracked 2,254 bills and joint resolutions

87TH SPECIAL SESSIONS: **STATISTICS**



1st Called Session

- July 8 – Aug. 6
- **405** bills & joint resolutions filed & reviewed IGRO
- No bills passed

2nd Called Session

- Aug. 7 – Sept. 2
- **380** bills & joint resolutions filed & reviewed IGRO
- **15** bills & joint resolutions passed

3rd Called Session

- Sept. 20 – Oct 19
- **249** bills & joint resolutions filed & reviewed IGRO
- **11** bills & joint resolutions passed

87TH PASSED BILLS: **NEGATIVE FOR CITY**



City Police Funding

HB 1900 (Goldman)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

Camping Ban

HB 1925 (Capriglione)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

Gas Preemption

HB 17 (Deshotel)

Effective May 18, 2021

No Contracts : Firearm Boycott

SB 19 (Schwertner)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

Permitless Carry

HB 1927 (Schaefer)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

87TH PASSED BILLS: POSITIVE FOR THE CITY



APRS Pensions

HB 4368 (Rodriguez)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

Cloud Computing

SB 58 (Zaffirini)

Effective June 3, 2021

Local Health Department Medicaid

SB 73 (Miles)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

87TH BILLS **FAILED** TO PASS: **POSITIVE FOR CITY**



Community Advocacy

SB 10 (Hall)

AE Rates

SB 566 (Buckingham)

HB 2775 (Cain)

Super Preemption

HB 610 (Swanson)

HB 3909 (Harris)

Lake Austin Disannexation

SB 659 (Buckingham)

HB 1653 (Craddick)

West Rim Disannexation

HB 2776 (Deshotel)

Lost Creek Disannexation

SB 1499 (Buckingham)

HB 3827 (Wilson)

Noise Ordinance Preemption

HB 3813 (Harris)

Homeless Housing

SB 646 & SB 796
(Schwertner)

HB 1803 (Wilson)

Employment Preemption

SB 14 (Creighton)

87TH BILLS: **EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL**



PASSED

**Rising Star Program
& Pre-K Partnerships**

HB 2607 (Talarico)

**Medicaid for
Mothers**

HB 133 (Rose)

**Child Care Workforce
Strategic Plan**

HB 619 (Senfronia
Thompson)

FAILED

**Office of Early
Childhood**

HB 51 (Talarico)

**Child Care Cost
Study**

HB 1964 (Lopez)

**Office for Health
Equity**

HB 4139 (Coleman)

88TH SESSION: CHANGES



- Changes in Senate membership & leadership
- Potentially 40 new members in House
- Austin delegation changes and committee assignments



INTERIM CHARGES: **EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL**

Child Abuse Prevention

House Human Services

Child Care Legislation

*House International Relations &
Economic Development*

Foster Care

*Senate Health & Human Services
House Human Services*

Full charge language can be found in the appendix on slides 11 and 12.

QUESTIONS?



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Agenda:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=347683>

87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS: **APPENDIX**



- 2022 Full Interim Charges
- 87th Bills Impacting the Homeless
- 87th Police Funding

87TH INTERIM CHARGES: EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL



- **Child Abuse Prevention:** Evaluate current prevention and early intervention programs and make recommendations for improving the effectiveness of these programs in reducing child abuse and neglect.
(House Committee on Human Services)
- **Child Care Legislation:** Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:
 - HB 619, relating to developing a strategic plan to support the child-care workforce;
 - HB 1792, relating to the evaluation of child-care providers participating in the Texas Rising Star Program;
 - HB 2607, relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Workforce Commission and local workforce development boards regarding the provision of childcare and the subsidized childcare program;
 - SB 1555, relating to establishing reimbursement rates for certain child-care providers participating in the subsidized childcare program*(House Committee on International Relations & Economic Development)*

87TH INTERIM CHARGES: EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL



- **Foster Care System:** Foster Care: Evaluate state investments in the child welfare system. Examine reasons for delayed implementation of past legislative reforms and any deficient agency performance metrics. Identify ways to continue to improve the child welfare system in Texas and consider other state models to ensure the health and well-being for children in state care.

(Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

- **Foster Care System:** Evaluate further action needed to improve the safety and quality of the foster care system, including preventing children in foster care from being without a placement and increasing recruitment of foster families. Identify methods to strengthen Child Protective Services processes and services, focusing on efforts for family preservation and eliminating fatalities within the foster care system. This evaluation should:

- Study the causes for children without placement;
- Assess the safety concerns for children without placement, including the use of out-of-state and temporary emergency placement for children without placement; injuries while in the care of Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) employees; and exposure to child sex trafficking; and
- Study how and why children without placement frequently enter the juvenile justice and adult criminal justice systems and the steps DFPS is taking to identify and prevent these instances.

(House Committee on Human Services)

87TH **BILLS IMPACTING THE HOMELESS**



Camping Ban

HB 1925 (Capriglione)

Effective September 1, 2021

- City must submit a plan for approval by TDHCA to designate a property for encampment. Designation of public parks is prohibited.
- Offense is a Class C misdemeanor. Officers must make reasonable effort to connect persons to designated encampment and services.
- Local entities cannot have policies that prohibit or discourage enforcement of the ban nor can they discourage peace officers or prosecuting attorneys from enforcing the ban.
- Policies that encourage diversion or provision of services in lieu of citation or arrest are allowed.
- *HB 1925 Contingency Rider NOT included in the final appropriations act.*
- *City submitted comments on TDHCA rules for encampment for public comment*

Purchase / Conversion: County Approval

- **SB 646 (Schwertner)**
- *Vote failed in House Committee*

- **HB 1803 (Wilson)**
- *Procedurally Dead: House Calendar Deadline*

Purchase / Conversion: Notice

- **SB 796 (Schwertner)**
- *Vote failed in House Committee*

87TH POLICE FUNDING



City Police Funding

HB 1900 (Goldman)

Effective September 1, 2021

- Applies only to municipalities over 250,000
- “Defunding municipality” reduces appropriation to police department compared to previous budget. [lower than the larger of previous two years’ budgets until 2023]
- Determined by Office of Governor’s Criminal Justice Division (“CJD”). Some exceptions allowed at discretion of CJD
- **Penalties:**
 - Dis-annexation elections and prohibition on annexations.
 - Must use lowest property tax rate (generally no-new-revenue rate) for upcoming year
 - Annual sales tax distribution decreased by amount determined by CJD that State spent to provide law enforcement services to City.
 - Increase contributions to APRS such that the combined City and member contributions are no less than the combined City and member contributions in FY2021.
 - AE & AWU rates capped at January 2021 levels unless utilities stop providing any funding to the City through transfers.

County Funding

SB 23 (Huffman)

Applies only to counties
over 1 million

Effective January 1, 2022

9 other
“defunding”
bills did not pass

Thank you

