



## 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature

### Bills that Support or Relate to\* Austin ISD Priorities

| Priority   | Bill/Author   | Supports | Relates to   | Status |
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| <p><i>Support</i> parental and family involvement in their children's education in ways that honor parents as partners, respect parents as experts in their children, support teachers and school districts as experts in educational pedagogy and policy, and recognize the role of locally elected school boards who are closest to the community and accountable to voters.</p> | <p><a href="#">HB 631</a> Toth<br/>Relating to parental rights in education. <i>[No instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in K-5; required notification to parent of change in student's well-being; parent may decline healthcare service, etc.]</i></p> <p><a href="#">HB 1155</a> Patterson<br/>Relating to parental rights in public education and prohibiting instruction regarding sexual orientation or gender identity for certain public school students.</p> <p><a href="#">HJR 38</a> Vasut</p> |          | <p style="text-align: center;">†</p> <p style="text-align: center;">†</p> <p style="text-align: center;">†</p> |        |

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|  | <p>Proposing a constitutional amendment establishing the rights of parents to direct the upbringing of their children. <i>[Right to direct care, custody, control, education, moral and religious training and medical care of child is parent's fundamental right.]</i></p> <p><b><u>HJR 58</u></b> Frank<br/> Proposing a constitutional amendment establishing the rights of parents to raise their children. <i>[Right to direct care, custody, control, education, moral and religious training and medical care of child is parent's fundamental right.]</i></p> <p><b><u>SB 165</u></b> Campbell<br/> Relating to parental rights in public education and to audits of school district curricula by the Texas Education Agency. <i>[Written parental consent before child may receive instruction involving material that contains violence, sexual content, illegal substance abuse, nudity; parent may designate grievance and appeal as confidential; TEA to do curriculum audits.]</i></p> |  | <p>†</p> <p>†</p> |  |
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| <p><b>Support</b> the establishment of a comprehensive accountability system that looks beyond high stakes, multiple-choice exams to meaningful assessments that have value for students, parents, and teachers as well as flexible measures that local communities value.</p>  | <p><a href="#">HB 83</a> Zwiener<br/>Relating to authorizing the use of a writing portfolio assessment to assess writing performance for public school students.</p>   |   | †                   |  |
| <p><b>Support</b> bond and tax rate election ballot language that is clear, transparent, and understandable and revision of currently required language that misleads voters, such as "THIS IS A TAX INCREASE" if the proposed bond will not increase the property tax rate.</p>  | <p><a href="#">SB 628</a> Menendez<br/>Relating to the information that must be included in a school district bond election proposition<br/><i>[Repeals the statute, 45.003(b-1) which states "The ballot proposition under Subsection (b) must include the following statement: "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE."]</i></p>   | † |                     |  |
| <p><b>Oppose</b> vouchers, tax credits, taxpayer savings grants, tuition reimbursements or any other programs that divert public tax dollars to either privately run schools or charter school districts that are exempt from the state and federal accountability and admission requirements applicable to public schools.</p> | <p><a href="#">HB 557</a> Vasut<br/>Relating to the establishment of an educational expenses reimbursement program.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 619</a> Shaheen<br/>Relating to an insurance premium tax credit for contributions made to certain educational assistance organizations.</p> <p><a href="#">SB 176</a> Middleton<br/>Relating to the establishment of the Texas Parental Empowerment Program and an insurance premium tax credit for contributions made for purposes of that program.</p> |   | †<br><br>†<br><br>† | <p>AISD <b>OPPOSES</b> these bills</p> |

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| <b>Oppose</b> any <b>unfunded mandates</b> and infringements on local control, including measures that erode local discretionary money and measures that seek to limit school districts' ability to have representation before the Texas Legislature and the executive branch of government. | <p><a href="#">SB 70</a> Zaffrini<br/>Relating to the creation and duties of the unfunded mandates interagency work group.</p> <p><a href="#">SB 175</a> Middleton<br/>Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 170</a> Spiller<br/>Relating to certain requirements applicable to certain public entities that engage in lobbying.</p> |  | <p>†</p> <p>†</p> <p>†</p> | <p>AISD <b>OPPOSES</b> SB 175</p> <p>HB 170 restricts; does not outright prohibit.</p>  |
| <b>Oppose</b> legislation regarding bond elections that increases ballot language requirements, limits dates upon which elections may be held or creates additional requirements for voter-approved tax rate elections and bond elections, such as voter turnout thresholds.                 | <p><a href="#">SB 221</a> Bettencourt<br/>Relating to requirements for certain petitions requesting an election and ballot propositions and to related procedures and provisions.<br/><i>[Proposition must substantially submit the question with such definiteness, certainty, and facial neutrality that the voters are not misled.]</i></p>   |  | †                          | "Definiteness, certainty, and facial neutrality that the voters are not misled" is not defined and could require that each project proposed to be funded by the bond be included in the ballot. |
| Funding  |  |  |                            |   |

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| <p><b>Basic Allotment</b> - An increase in the basic allotment with the goal of matching the national average in per student funding by 2030.</p> | <p><a href="#">SB 88</a> Johnson (Companion <b>HB 882</b> by Howard)<br/>         Relating to an annual adjustment to the basic allotment under the Foundation School Program to reflect inflation. <i>[Increases BA from \$6,160 to \$7,075; adjusts annually to increase applying inflation rate]</i></p>   | <p>†</p>                   |  |  |
| <p><b>Basic Allotment</b> - Adjust the basic allotment each biennium based on the rate of inflation.</p>  | <p><a href="#">SB 88</a> Johnson (Companion <b>HB 882</b> by Howard)<br/>         Relating to an annual adjustment to the basic allotment under the Foundation School Program to reflect inflation. <i>[Increases BA from \$6,160 to \$7,075; adjusts annually to increase applying inflation rate]</i></p> <p><a href="#">HB 882</a> Howard (Companion <b>SB 88</b> by Johnson)<br/>         Relating to an annual adjustment to the basic allotment under the Foundation School Program to reflect inflation. <i>[Increases BA from \$6,160 to \$7,075; adjusts annually to increase applying inflation rate]</i></p> <p><a href="#">HB 1107</a> Goodwin<br/>         Relating to an annual adjustment to the basic allotment under the Foundation School Program to reflect inflation.</p> | <p>†</p> <p>†</p> <p>†</p> |  |  |

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|   | <a href="#">HB 1672</a> Jetton<br>Relating to the basic allotment and the guaranteed yield under the Foundation School Program.   | †                            |   |  |
| <i>Enrollment v. ADA</i> - Funding school districts on the basis of enrollment rather than attendance   | <a href="#">HB 31</a> Hinojosa [Identical to <a href="#">SB 263</a> by Johnson]<br>Relating to the use of average enrollment for purposes of the public school finance system.<br><br><a href="#">HB 135</a> Bernal<br>Relating to the use of average enrollment for purposes of the public school finance system.<br><br><a href="#">HB 348</a> Bucy<br>Relating to the use of average enrollment for purposes of the public school finance system.<br><br><a href="#">SB 263</a> Johnson<br>Relating to the use of average enrollment for purposes of the public school finance system. | †<br><br>†<br><br>†<br><br>† |   |  |
| <i>Mental Health</i> - Adequate funding to provide students greater access to mental health counseling by providing funding for more school based counselors and mental health professionals. | <a href="#">HB 98</a> Moody (Companion to <a href="#">SB 113</a> )<br><br>Relating to the provision of on-campus mental health services by a school district and reimbursement  |                              | † |  |

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|  | <p>under Medicaid for certain services provided to eligible students.</p> <p><a href="#">SB 113</a> Menendez (Companion to HB 98)<br/>Relating to the provision of on-campus mental health services by a school district and reimbursement under Medicaid for certain services provided to eligible students.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1211</a> Guillen<br/>Relating to repayment of certain mental health professional education loans.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1551</a> Anchia<br/>[Companion, <a href="#">SB 532</a>, West]<br/>Relating to repayment of certain mental health professional education loans</p> <p><a href="#">SB 113</a> Menendez<br/>Relating to the provision of on-campus mental health services by a school district and reimbursement under Medicaid for certain services provided to eligible students.</p> <p><a href="#">SB 532</a> West [Companion, <a href="#">HB 1551</a>, Anchia]</p> |  | <p>†</p> <p>†</p> |  |
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|   | Relating to repayment of certain mental health professional education loans.   |  |                     |                                 |
| <b>Vouchers</b> - Oppose any effort to divert local school property tax revenues for non-public education purposes.           | <p><a href="#">HB 557</a> Vasut<br/>Relating to the establishment of an educational expenses reimbursement program.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 619</a> Shaheen<br/>Relating to an insurance premium tax credit for contributions made to certain educational assistance organizations.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1892</a> Cain<br/>Relating to improved educational efficiency by empowering parents through a program administered by the comptroller</p> <p><a href="#">SB 176</a> Middleton<br/>Relating to the establishment of the Texas Parental Empowerment Program and an insurance premium tax credit for contributions made for purposes of that program.</p> |  | †<br><br>†<br><br>† | AISD <b>OPPOSES</b> these bills |
| <b>Pre-K</b> - Full funding for state-wide, universal, high-quality, full-day prekindergarten programs to include facilities. | <p><a href="#">SB 38</a> Zaffirini<br/>Relating to providing free full-day prekindergarten for certain children.<br/><i>[Does not include funding provision]</i></p>   |  | †                   |                                 |



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|   | <a href="#">HB 342</a> Bucy<br>Relating to providing free full-day pre-kindergarten for certain children.<br><i>[Does not include funding provision]</i>  |   | †          |  |
| <b>Accountability and Assessment</b>  |   |   |            |  |
| Create a statewide workgroup to develop a new accountability system that appropriately measures all factors of an effective education and makes use of the options and flexibility offered by ESSA. | <a href="#">HB 37</a> Gonzalez, Mary<br>Relating to the creation of the Texas Commission on Assessment and Accountability<br><br><a href="#">HB 977</a> VanDeaver<br>Relating to the creation of the Texas Commission on Assessment and Accountability.                   |   | †<br><br>† |  |
| Reduce the number of required state STAAR and EOC tests to those required under federal law.  | <a href="#">HB 337</a> Bucy<br>Relating to eliminating certain state-required end-of-course assessment instruments not required by federal law and eliminating graduation requirements based on satisfactory performance on certain end-of-course assessment instruments. | † |            |  |
| <b>Academics and Student Support</b>  |   |   |            |  |

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| Reduce the use of exclusionary discipline and keep students in school whenever possible instead of disciplinary placements in alternative programs or juvenile justice facilities.   | <a href="#">HB 655</a> Allison<br>Relating to the placement by a school district of a student who engages in habitually violent behavior.   |   | †          |   |
| Support an equitable education environment that values diversity of race, culture, gender, learning ability and socioeconomic background in an environment that welcomes all students and provides a physically and mentally safe environment. | <a href="#">HB 23</a> Swanson<br>Relating to participation in athletic activities based on biological sex; providing a civil right to action for K-12 athletes and college athletes.<br><br><a href="#">SB 649</a> Middleton<br>Relating to participation in athletic activities based on biological sex; providing a civil right to action for K-12 athletes and college athlete |   | †<br><br>† | AISD opposes treating transgender students differently from other students. |
| <b>Parent and Family Involvement</b>   |   |   |            |   |
| Support the right of families to opt out as the preferred method of supporting a family that objects to materials, lessons, programs, events or other services provided by a local public school or district.                                  | <a href="#">HB 917</a> Dutton<br>Relating to access to certain public school library materials. <i>[District to create procedure to create list of restricted library materials; parents may not allow student access unless parent gives written consent]</i>  | † |            | AISD has concerns regarding the provision in the bill that requires opt in  |
| <b>Charter Schools</b>   |   |   |            |   |

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| <p>Provide taxpayers more detailed information about prospective charter schools and their expansions, including the planned location, cost to the state and local school district, the academic and financial record of the school, and a meaningful process for taxpayers to provide their support or opposition to said charter in their community</p> | <p><a href="#">SB 90</a> Johnson<br/>Relating to an application for the establishment of a new open-enrollment charter school campus or site.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 345</a> Goodwin<br/>Relating to the requirements for a request for the revision of a charter for an open-enrollment charter school.</p> | <p>†</p> <p>†</p> |                   |  |
| <p>Improve transparency, notice, input, and consideration of the state and local district impact before a charter can be approved or expanded.</p>  | <p><a href="#">SB 90</a> Johnson<br/>Relating to an application for the establishment of a new open-enrollment charter school campus or site.</p>   | <p>†</p>          |                   |  |
| <p>Require the Commissioner of Education, before granting an expansion, to consider, at a minimum, whether a charter holder has achieved the representations and goals included in its initial charter application.</p>   | <p><a href="#">HB 263</a> Bernal<br/>Relating to the requirements for the revision of a charter for an open-enrollment charter school.</p>  |                   | <p>†</p>          |  |
| <p>Require charter school to accept all students who wish to enroll, including students with a documented history of discipline problems.</p>   | <p><a href="#">HB 263</a> Bernal<br/>Relating to the requirements for the revision of a charter for an open-enrollment charter school.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 345</a> Goodwin<br/>Relating to the requirements for a request for the revision of a charter for an open-enrollment charter school.</p>        |                   | <p>†</p> <p>†</p> |  |

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|   | <a href="#">HB 1098</a> Hinojosa<br>Relating to the admission policy of an open-enrollment charter school.  | † |   |                            |
| Tie the charter school “small and midsize allotment” to the same 5,000-student cap as the district small and midsize allotment.   | <a href="#">HB 341</a> Goodwin<br>Relating to funding for small and mid-sized open-enrollment charter schools   | † |   |                            |
| Authorize the State Board of Education to exercise veto authority over charter expansions approved by the Commissioner of Education.  | <a href="#">HB 345</a> Goodwin<br>Relating to the requirements for a request for the revision of a charter for an open-enrollment charter school.   | † |   |                            |
| <b>Governance</b>   |   |   |   |                            |
| Support local control of school finances and oppose measures that erode local discretion.   | <a href="#">HB 777</a> Vasut<br>Relating to prohibiting face covering mandates for public school students, prohibiting public schools from requiring students to provide documentation regarding certain vaccinations, and allowing public schools to screen students regarding certain infections. |   | † | AISD opposes               |
| Oppose legislation or measures that seek to limit school districts’ or administrators’ ability to have representation before the Texas Legislature, state agencies, and the executive branch. | <a href="#">SB 175</a> Middleton<br>Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.   |   | † | AISD <i>OPPOSES</i> SB 175 |

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|   | <a href="#">HB 170</a> Spiller<br>Relating to certain requirements applicable to certain public entities that engage in lobbying. |  | † | HB 170 restricts; does not outright prohibit. |
| <b>Teacher Retirement System</b>  |   |  |   |   |
| <a href="#">SB 109</a> Menendez<br>Relating to a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.   |   |  |   |   |
| <a href="#">HB 160</a> Bucy<br>Relating to a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and a biennial study on providing additional cost-of-living adjustments based on the effects of increased inflation. |   |  |   |   |
| <a href="#">HB 301</a> Rogers<br>Relating to a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.   |   |  |   |   |
| <a href="#">HB 332</a> Canales<br>Relating to a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas   |   |  |   |   |
| <a href="#">HB 377</a> Bucy<br>Relating to establishing a joint select committee to study the feasibility and sustainability of providing a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.                      |   |  |   |   |

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| <a href="#">HB 429</a> Scofield<br>Relating to annual cost-of-living increases applicable to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas                                    |  |  |  |  |
| <a href="#">HB 1115</a> Hernandez<br>Relating to cost-of-living increases applicable to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.  |  |  |  |  |
| <a href="#">HB 1116</a> Munoz, Jr.<br>Relating to a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, including a related study. |  |  |  |  |
| <a href="#">HB 1137</a> Martinez<br>Relating to cost-of-living increases applicable to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.   |  |  |  |  |
| <a href="#">HB 1201</a> Dean<br>Relating to a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.                                  |  |  |  |  |
| <a href="#">HB 1218</a> Lozano<br>Relating to a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.                                |  |  |  |  |