
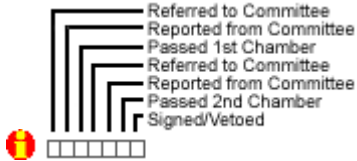




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HB 3 **Eissler** Relating to public school accountability, curriculum, and promotion requirements.

Companions: **SB 3** Shapiro (Identical)
3-17-09 S Committee action pending Senate Education

Remarks: This is a wide-ranging comprehensive bill looking at many aspects of accountability. As originally filed, it does not include any mention of accountability for gifted education.

Bill History: 03-17-09 H Committee action pending House Public Education

HB 41 **Corte** Relating to creation of a public education voucher pilot program for certain children.

Remarks: This bill sets up a voucher pilot program for disadvantaged students in the six largest districts in the state.

Bill History: 02-12-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 52 **Branch** Relating to limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.

Remarks: This bill would modify the top 10% rule on university admissions, by allowing a university to cap it as low as 40%, by university choice.

Bill History: 03-25-09 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Higher Education

HB 99 **Brown, Fred** Relating to a modified instructional calendar for public high schools providing an early college education program.

Remarks: This would allow a high school that has an early college program to modify its school calendar to fit the college calendar, as necessary.

Bill History: 02-26-09 H Meeting cancelled for 03/03/09 House Public

Education

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- HB 156** **Woolley** Relating to eliminating automatic admission to certain public institutions of higher education based on high school grade point average.
- Remarks:** This bill would abolish the top 10% rule to state universities.
- Bill History:** 03-11-09 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
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- HB 174** **King, Susan** Relating to adoption of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.
- Companions:** **SB 90** Van de Putte (Identical)
3-19-09 H Received in the House - Not referred
- Remarks:** Designed for children whose parents are in the military, this bill requires school districts to initially honor educational placements made by the previous school district, including placement in gifted programs.
- Bill History:** 02-23-09 H Rereferred to Committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs
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- HB 503** **Geren** Relating to adoption of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.
- Remarks:** Designed for children whose parents are in the military, this bill requires school districts to initially honor educational placements made by the previous school district, including placement in gifted programs.
- Bill History:** 03-11-09 H Committee action pending House Defense and Veteran's Affairs
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- HB 511** **Patrick, Diane** Relating to staff development requirements in public schools.
- Companions:** **SB 451** Van de Putte (Identical)
3-25-09 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Education
- Remarks:** Look at this language as a possible model if a similar bill for gifted education were ever to be developed.
- Bill History:** 02-18-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
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- HB 626** **Allen** Relating to an educational involvement agreement setting forth the respective responsibilities of students, parents, teachers, and principals in public schools.
- Remarks:** Could this be a vehicle for adding language supporting the specific learning needs of gifted students and/or those with learning differences?
- Bill History:** 02-18-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public

Education

HB 642 **Zerwas** Relating to requiring the Texas Education Agency to prepare a report regarding public education mandates.

Remarks: If this bill were to pass, gifted education is one of the state mandates that would be listed.

Bill History: 02-18-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 710 **Rose** Relating to placing the State Board of Education under periodic review by the Sunset Advisory Commission.

Companions: **SB 513** Ellis (Identical)
2-17-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: The descriptor clearly states this bill's purpose--it would place the State Board of Education under review by the Sunset Advisory Commission on a regular basis.

Bill History: 03-24-09 H Committee action pending House Public Education

HB 716 **Riddle** Relating to a school choice program for certain students with disabilities.

Companions: **SB 183** Williams (Identical)
2-10-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: This bill sets up a voucher (scholarship) program that permits open enrollment for students with specific disabilities.

Bill History: 02-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 850 **Eissler** Relating to repeal on a periodic basis of the provisions of Titles 1 and 2 of the Education Code to provide for legislative review of the primary state statutes governing public education.

Remarks: Very high priority to monitor. This act would repeal, with the avowed purpose of re-evaluation, many significant sections of the Texas Education Code, including the two which deal with gifted education. Chapter 42 (the funding mechanism) would be in 2013, and Chapter 29 (the definition) would be in 2017.

Bill History: 03-10-09 H Committee action pending House Public Education

HB 851 **Eissler** Relating to Legislative Budget Board review of and reports to certain state officials concerning the primary state statutes governing public education.

Remarks: Very important to monitor. This is a companion to HB 850, which repeals numerous portions of the Texas Education Code. This bill sets up a time frame to review these portions of the code prior to their repeal, including Chapter 42 (G/T funding mechanism) in

2012, and Chapter 29 (the definition of giftedness) in 2016.

Bill History: 03-10-09 H Committee action pending House Public Education

HB 1005 **McClendon** Relating to the ability of an employee to participate in certain school-related activities of the employee's child.

Companions: **SB 649** Van de Putte (Identical)
2-23-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: Description accurately describes the bill's purpose, permitting parents an opportunity to leave work to participate in specific functions and events involving their children.

Bill History: 03-09-09 H Sent to subcommittee House Business and Industry

HB 1051 **Farrar** Relating to public school accountability for bilingual education and English as a second language and other special language programs.

Companions: **SB 548** Zaffirini (Identical)
2-17-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: This bill has some similarities to what TAGT is seeking in regard to accountability and transparency, though its corrective actions are far different.

Bill History: 02-24-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1102 **Vo** Relating to the requirements for the recommended and advanced public high school programs.

Remarks: This bill creates a loophole for the 4 x 4 curriculum requirements.

Bill History: 02-24-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1192 **Hancock** Relating to a pilot project in certain school districts exempting those districts from state requirements, restriction, and prohibitions.

Remarks: Note that observance of only federal laws is required, thus providing program services for the gifted is a waived requirement.

Bill History: 02-26-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1216 **Brown, Fred** Relating to curriculum requirements for the recommended and advanced public high school programs.

Remarks: This bill offers options to the 4 by 4 plan in math and science.

Bill History: 02-26-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 1235](#) [Menendez](#) Relating to establishing the Legislative Education Board and transferring to the Legislative Education Board the statutorily assigned function of the State Board of Education and certain functions of the Legislative Budget Board.

Remarks: A very ambitious proposal to replace the State Board of Education. TAGT is noted in one place, where the President of TAGT appoints a member to an advisory panel.

Bill History: 02-26-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 1281](#) [McClendon](#) Relating to the inclusion in the foundation curriculum for public schools of instruction in certain skills development to prepare students for adult responsibility.

Remarks: The bill would require certain skills, such as problem solving and creative decision making, to be included in foundation curriculum.

Bill History: 02-26-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 1330](#) [Maldonado](#) Relating to a legislative outreach program requiring members of the legislature to visit public schools.

Remarks: Interesting idea.

Bill History: 03-02-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 1423](#) [Guillen](#) Relating to granting charters to public junior colleges for open-enrollment charter schools.

Remarks: As described, allows public junior colleges to open charter schools, under specific guidelines.

Bill History: 03-02-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 1503](#) [Veasey](#) Relating to the high school graduation requirements.

Remarks: This bill offers alternatives to the 4 x 4 plan

Bill History: 03-02-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 1512](#) [Herrero](#) Relating to use of weighted average daily attendance in computing the high school allotment under the Foundation School Program.

Remarks: This appears to increase the money that would go to districts for weighted students, including gifted.

Bill History: 03-02-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1520 Rose Relating to state educational mandates imposed on school districts.

Remarks: Permits school districts to "challenge" the state regarding the projected cost of a state mandate.

Bill History: 03-02-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1555 Patrick, Diane Relating to public school finance.

Companions: SB 982 Van de Putte (Identical)
3- 9-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: This raises the amount of money a district receives for students who are under weighted formulas; it seems as if gifted may be included.

Bill History: 03-02-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1563 Patrick, Diane Relating to the number of charters the State Board of Education may grant for open-enrollment charter schools.

Remarks: Limits state to approving 10 new charters per year.

Bill History: 03-02-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1692 Hochberg Relating to accountability for gifted and talented programs.

Remarks: This bill would require the TEA commissioner to develop standards for gifted education in order to evaluate such programs. In addition, it offers a method by which districts could be eligible for additional funding for G/T programs.

Bill History: 03-03-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1754 Leibowitz Relating to the Texas Education Agency's online clearinghouse of information concerning best practices for public schools.

Remarks: Adds charter schools to the list of those who may contribute to the clearinghouse of information concerning best practices for public schools; also asks for incentives for those who contribute.

Bill History: 03-03-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 1800 Bohac Relating to an agreement regarding the respective responsibilities of a parent, student, and classroom teacher in certain school districts.

Remarks: Very narrowly focused for specific urban areas, the bill allows agreements to be developed and signed by parents, teachers, and students.

Bill History: 03-04-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 2262](#) [Eissler](#) Relating to a requirement under the public school financial accountability rating system that a school district spend a specified percentage of district operating funds for instructional purposes.

Remarks: This bill eliminates the 65% rule.

Bill History: 03-24-09 H Committee action pending House Public Education

[HB 2327](#) [Veasey](#) Relating to approval by the State Board of Education of certain public school courses for use in satisfying mathematics or science course requirements under the recommended and advanced high school programs.

Remarks: Allows local districts to develop courses which meet the math and science requirements of the 4 by 4 curriculum.

Bill History: 03-10-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 2364](#) [Eissler](#) Relating to an exception to the wealth per student limitation for certain school districts.

Companions: [SB 2152](#) Patrick, Dan (Identical)
3-13-09 S Filed

Remarks: Creates exception for some urban Chapter 41 schools.

Bill History: 03-10-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 2480](#) [Hochberg](#) Relating to school district agreements with junior colleges for courses for joint high school and junior college credit.

Bill History: 03-11-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 2541](#) [Eiland](#) Relating to the funding and operation of open-enrollment charter schools.

Bill History: 03-11-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 2545](#) [Isett](#) Relating to an exemption from certain end-of-course assessment instruments for a high school student earning college credit.

Remarks: Allows students receiving college credit for a course to bypass the end-of-course exam.

Bill History: 03-11-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 2856](#) [Aycock](#) Relating to authority of the Texas Education Agency and the commissioner of education to monitor compliance with requirements applicable to state educational programs.

Remarks: Creates a mechanism to file complaints regarding compliance issues. Although primarily related to special education, it may include the funding for gifted.

Bill History: 03-17-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 3050](#) [Anchia](#) Relating to a pilot project to assess public school students by alternative methods.

Remarks: Pilot project to consider testing measures that are not multiple choice.

Bill History: 03-17-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 3382](#) [Coleman](#) Relating to transferring the statutorily assigned functions and activities of the State Board of Education to the Texas Education Agency.

Companions: [SB 440](#) Ellis (Identical)
2-17-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: Thsi bill strips many of the State Board of Education's powers and turns them over to TEA.

Bill History: 03-18-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 3420](#) [Eissler](#) Relating to computation of a public high school student's grade point average.

Remarks: This bill strips the authority of the Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop a standard method of calculating grade point average. It leaves the decision whether to do so to the commissioner of TEA, but does not require it.

Bill History: 03-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 3421](#) [Eissler](#) Relating to educator preparation programs and educator certification, performance, and recruitment.

Companions: [SB 1787](#) Shapiro (Identical)
3-20-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: Contains many aspects, but most significantly, it sets up an accountability system for educator preparation programs.

Bill History: 03-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 3523](#) [Maldonado](#) Relating to a legislative outreach program requiring members of the State Board of Education to visit public schools.

Remarks: Requires State Board of Education members to visit at least three public schools in their district yearly.

Bill History: 03-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 3569](#) [Olivo](#) Relating to plans and procedures encouraging parental involvement in public schools.

Remarks: Sets up very structured requirements for parental involvement in schools.

Bill History: 03-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 3586](#) [Gallego](#) Relating to the Texas Academy of Fine Arts, Culture, and Sciences at Sul Ross State University.

Remarks: Sets up a statewide magnet high school, similar to TAMS and TALH, at Sul Ross State University.

Bill History: 03-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

[HB 3639](#) [Dutton](#) Relating to the composition of the State Board of Education.

Remarks: Would make the State Board of Education all appointed positions.

Bill History: 03-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 3703](#) [Jackson, Jim](#) Relating to the establishment, operation, and funding of open-enrollment charter schools.

Companions: [SB 1830](#) Patrick, Dan (Identical)
3-20-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: This bill does away with the current limit on the number of charters that can be granted, allows for charters to receive additional funds, and sets guidelines for cooperative ventures between school districts and charters.

Bill History: 03-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 3740](#) [Hochberg](#) Relating to a statewide education data management system.

Remarks: This bill restructures the database system used across the state.

Bill History: 03-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 3865 Naishtat Relating to governance of the State Board of Education.

Remarks: This bill would allow the State Board of Education to elect its own chair, instead of allowing the Governor to choose the chair.

Bill History: 03-23-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 4013 Weber Relating to exempting certain school districts from certain laws and rules.

Remarks: This bill allows exemplary and recognized school districts to be exempted from restrictions regarding the use of G/T funds.

Bill History: 03-23-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 4224 Christian Relating to the teaching of science in public schools.

Remarks: This bill supports the majority of the State Board of Education in the manner they wish to have science taught.

Bill History: 03-24-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

HB 4238 Branch Relating to establishing a state master plan for closing academic achievement gaps in public primary and secondary education.

Remarks: Bill caption is self-explanatory. Will want to monitor to ensure ceiling is not lowered in order to close the achievement gap.

Bill History: 03-24-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

SB 1 Ogden General Appropriations Bill for the 2010-2011 biennium.

Remarks: Includes funding for education, continues funding Performance Standards, Mathcounts and other enrichment programs at the same levels as before.

Bill History: 03-30-09 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., e1.036 Senate Finance

SB 3 Shapiro Relating to public school accountability, curriculum, and promotion requirements.

Companions: HB 3 Eissler (Identical)
3-17-09 H Committee action pending House Public Education

Remarks: This is a wide-ranging comprehensive bill looking at many aspects of accountability. As originally filed, it does not include any mention of accountability for gifted education.

Bill History: 03-17-09 S Committee action pending Senate Education

Bill History: 02-17-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 451](#) [Van de Putte](#) Relating to staff development requirements in public schools.

Companions: [HB 511](#) Patrick, Diane (Identical)
2-18-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

Remarks: Look at this language as a possible model if a similar bill for gifted education were ever to be developed.

Bill History: 03-25-09 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Education

[SB 513](#) [Ellis](#) Relating to placing the State Board of Education under periodic review by the Sunset Advisory Commission.

Companions: [HB 710](#) Rose (Identical)
3-24-09 H Committee action pending House Public Education

Remarks: The descriptor clearly states this bill's purpose--it would place the State Board of Education under review by the Sunset Advisory Commission on a regular basis.

Bill History: 02-17-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 548](#) [Zaffirini](#) Relating to public school accountability for bilingual education and English as a second language and other special language programs.

Companions: [HB 1051](#) Farrar (Identical)
2-24-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

Remarks: This bill has some similarities to what TAGT is seeking in regard to accountability and transparency, though its corrective actions are far different.

Bill History: 02-17-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 649](#) [Van de Putte](#) Relating to the ability of an employee to participate in certain school-related activities of the employee's child.

Companions: [HB 1005](#) McClendon (Identical)
3- 9-09 H Sent to subcommittee House Business and Industry

Remarks: Description accurately describes the bill's purpose, permitting parents an opportunity to leave work to participate in specific functions and events involving their children.

Bill History: 02-23-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 674](#) [Shapleigh](#) Relating to the student academic performance information provided through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS).

Remarks: PEIMS data for the gifted could be added to this bill.

Bill History: 02-23-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 939](#) [Watson](#) Relating to the capability of the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) to provide information regarding public school students placed in foster care.

Remarks: This is similar language, perhaps, to what is needed for gifted education in relation to PEIMS and AEIS.

Bill History: 03-26-09 S Meeting set for 8:30 a.m., E1.028 Senate Education

[SB 982](#) [Van de Putte](#) Relating to public school finance.

Companions: [HB 1555](#) Patrick, Diane (Identical)
3- 2-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

Remarks: This raises the amount of money a district receives for students who are under weighted formulas; it seems as if gifted may be included.

Bill History: 03-09-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 1313](#) [Shapiro](#) Relating to the quality and accessibility of public school career and technical education programs.

Remarks: The language on the best practices clearinghouse would be useful for gifted.

Bill History: 03-26-09 S Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E1.028 Senate Education

[SB 1549](#) [Van de Putte](#) Relating to the calculation by a school district of a high school student's grade point average.

Remarks: The bill leaves the decision of whether to develop a standard method of calculating grade point average to the commissioner of TEA, but does not require it.

Bill History: 03-17-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

[SB 1787](#) [Shapiro](#) Relating to educator preparation programs and educator certification, performance, and recruitment.

Companions: [HB 3421](#) Eissler (Identical)
3-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

Remarks: Contains many aspects, but most significantly, it sets up an

accountability system for educator preparation programs.

Bill History: 03-20-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

SB 1830 **Patrick, Dan** Relating to the establishment, operation, and funding of open-enrollment charter schools.

Companions: **HB 3703** Jackson, Jim (Identical)
3-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

Remarks: This bill does away with the current limit on the number of charters that can be granted, allows for charters to receive additional funds, and sets guidelines for cooperative ventures between school districts and charters.

Bill History: 03-20-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

SB 1831 **Patrick, Dan** Relating to participation by private school students in University Interscholastic League sponsored activities.

Companions: **HB 1829** Corte (Identical)
3- 4-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

Remarks: Bill permits private schools to join the UIL.

Bill History: 03-26-09 S Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E1.028 Senate Education

SB 1969 **West** Relating to nonsubstantive additions to and correction in enacted codes, to the nonsubstantive codification or disposition of various laws omitted from enacted codes, to conforming codifications, and repeal of unconstitutional laws.

Companions: **HB 3545** Leibowitz (Identical)
3-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

Remarks: Monitor. A site where items could easily be added.

Bill History: 03-24-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Committee on Administration

SB 1998 **Shapiro** Relating to the evaluation of and funding for school district programs for gifted and talented students.

Remarks: A bill that supports gifted education by requiring accountability for it; also allows a way for districts to receive additional money for quality gifted programs. Very similar to HB 1692, but has different pplaces it would be entered into the Education Code.

Bill History: 03-24-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

SB 2086 **Davis, Wendy** Relating to the essential high school program and to the curriculum

requirements for the recommended and advanced public high school programs.

Remarks: Sets up a second track to modify the 4 x 4 requirement.

Bill History: 03-13-09 S Filed

[SB 2275](#) [Seliger](#) Relating to the adoption of the public school curriculum and textbooks; transferring authority from the State Board of Education to the commissioner of education.

Remarks: Transfers much authority from the State Board to the TEA Commissioner, including oversight of credit by exam.

Bill History: 03-13-09 S Filed

[SB 2392](#) [Shapiro](#) Relating to public school finance.

Remarks: Review meaning of citation to 42.156 before further comments.

Bill History: 03-13-09 S Filed

[SB 2431](#) [Davis, Wendy](#) Relating to excellence exemptions available to school districts.

Remarks: Review citations before further comments.

Bill History: 03-13-09 S Filed

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