



86th Legislative Session **PASSED BILLS**



This page provides a list of the bills that were passed during Texas' 86th Legislative Session.

House Bill 1: The state's two-year budget plan calls for spending roughly \$250 billion on priorities including public school funding, teacher salaries and early childhood intervention programs.

Senate Bill 2: This bill, a top priority of Texas' three main political leaders, will require voter approval when local governments want to increase their property tax revenues by more than 3.5%.

House Bill 3: HB 3 is a complete overhaul of Texas public school finance. It aims to increase per-student funding, expand pre-K offerings and lessen the state's reliance on "Robin Hood" payments from wealthier schools. The measure also includes pay raises for veteran teachers and other school employees.

Senate Bill 7: This bill would create special flood infrastructure funds to help communities harmed by natural disasters like Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

Senate Bill 11: In the first session since 10 people were fatally shot at Santa Fe High School, lawmakers wrote this school safety measure that will strengthen mental health initiatives in schools, require classrooms to have access to a telephone or other electronic communication, and create teams that identify potentially dangerous students. The bill was amended in the House to include the creation of a Texas Mental Health Consortium — originally part of SB 10, which died hours earlier on a technicality.

Senate Bill 12: This bill will shore up the teacher pension fund in Texas. It will increase state contributions and give retirees a one-time additional check.

House Bill 16: This proposal would require doctors to treat a baby born alive in the rare instance of a failed abortion attempt.

Senate Bill 21: This measure will raise the legal age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21, except for military personnel.

Senate Bill 22: This measure will prohibit state and local governments from partnering with agencies that perform abortions, even if they contract for services not related to the procedure.

House Bill 1545: This bill is part of the state's regular sunset process, which requires agencies to undergo regular efficiency reviews or face closure. Lawmakers in the Senate amended the bill to allow breweries to sell beer to go and allow individuals to hold up to 250 liquor store permits.

House Bill 1631: The days of red-light cameras monitoring Texas drivers are numbered as Gov. Greg Abbott signed this bill into law. Though the ban goes into effect immediately, the devices could still linger in some communities for a few more years, as the bill only prevents cities from renewing their current contracts with vendors.

Senate Bill 1978: Known by supporters as the "Save Chick-fil-A Bill," this proposal will prevent government entities from taking adverse action against people or businesses based on their religion. But some members of the LGBTQ community fear it would be a license to discriminate.

House Bill 2048: HB 2048 would eliminate this much-maligned program, which critics say traps low-income Texans in a cycle of debt. It has survived past attempts to kill it because money from fines helps fund the state's emergency trauma care system. The bill offers alternative funding sources for trauma care.

House Bill 3809: This bill doubles the amount of time that victims of certain types of sexual abuse have to sue abusers or entities, from 15 years to 30 years after a victim turns 18.