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HB 3	<p>Relating to public school accountability, curriculum, and promotion requirements.</p> <p>[See detailed summary]</p>	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Board policies and procedures • Revise website information • Provide staff training 	Blaine
HB 8	<p>Enables the comptroller of public accounts to conduct the study of school district property values every other year, rather than every year. Requires a ratio study in each appraisal district every two years, rather than annually, and requires a review of each appraisal district at least once every two years. If a school district or appraisal district is out of compliance with state standards, an annual property value study will continue for that entity. Prohibits a request for an appraisal district performance audit by the comptroller during a year in which an appraisal district review is being conducted.</p>	1/1/2010	State level	Wilson
HB 55	<p>Prohibits the use of wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle within a school crossing zone unless the vehicle is stopped or the device is used with a hands free device. Requires municipalities that enforce this section to post signs at the entrance of the crossing zone indicating that the use of a wireless device is prohibited.</p>	9/1/09	Municipalities will post signs and enforce	Duffey
HB 136	<p>Relating to providing notification to parents of eligible children of the availability of prekindergarten classes.</p> <p>The agency shall develop joint strategies with other state agencies regarding methods to increase community awareness of prekindergarten programs through programs that provide information relating to public assistance programs. Each school district shall report annually to the agency the strategies implemented by the school district to increase community awareness of prekindergarten programs offered by the district. The district shall report the information on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The agency shall conduct a study to identify effective methods to communicate to the parent of an eligible child the availability of prekindergarten classes. The study must include research on providing information regarding prekindergarten classes through public, private, and nonprofit institutions that provide assistance and support to families with children eligible for prekindergarten classes. The agency shall make recommendations to school districts and report to the legislature based on the study regarding the most effective methods to increase communication regarding the availability of prekindergarten classes.</p>	9/1/09	Report strategies to increase community awareness to TEA	Blaine

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	The agency may develop outreach materials for use by school districts to increase community awareness of pre-k programs. Also creates a section regarding the notification of pre-kindergarten programs to the community.			
HB 171	Requires consideration of the following factors when making decisions concerning suspension, removal to a DAEP, or expulsion and placement in a juvenile justice alternative education program, regardless of whether the decision concerns a mandatory or discretionary action: self-defense, intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct, a student's disciplinary history, or a disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct.	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and revise Student Code of Conduct, if needed • Revise Board policies and procedures, if needed • Provide staff training 	Duffey
HB 192	Adds appearing at a governmental office to complete paperwork required in connection with the student's application for United States citizenship or taking part in a United States naturalization oath ceremony to list of excused absences. The bill also excuses absences for students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder when they must attend health care appointments related to the disorder.	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and revise campus procedures • Review and revise Board policies 	Duffey
HB 200 <i>TEC</i> <i>§21.054</i>	Repeals the following language: "Continuing education for principals must be based on an individual assessment of the knowledge, skills, and proficiencies necessary to perform successfully as a principal, as identified in Section 21.046. An individualized professional growth plan shall be developed as a result of the assessment and shall be used exclusively for professional growth purposes. The assessment results and the growth plan may only be released with the approval of the principal assessed. Except as provided by Section 21.059, each certified principal shall participate in the assessment process and professional growth activities at least once every five years."	9/1/09	Notify principals	Duffey
HB 281	<p>Relating to grants for school-based health centers and reports submitted by those centers.</p> <p>The commissioner of state health services, by rules adopted in accordance with this section, shall establish procedures for awarding grants. The rules must provide that: (1) grants are awarded an annual basis through a competitive process to: school districts; and local health departments, hospitals, health care systems, universities, or nonprofit organizations that have contracted with school districts to establish and operate school-based health centers; subject to the availability of federal or state appropriated</p>	Immediately	Determine whether or not SBISD will apply for a grant	Blaine

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	funds, each grant is for a term of five years. The Department of State health Services is required to issue a biennial report to the legislature about the services delivered by the centers during the preceding two years.			
HB 339 <i>TEC</i> §29.902; 1001.004; 1001.055; 1001.101; 1001.1015; 1001.110; 1001.257	Relating to driver education and driver's licensing requirements. This bill requires school districts to consider offering a driver education and traffic safety course each year. The bill allows districts to charge students for taking the course and sets out specific course requirements and instructor certification requirements.	Immediately	Consider offering the course	Blaine
HB 401 <i>TEC</i> §41.0052	Amends the Election Code to allow governing bodies of political subdivisions (other than counties) to change the date on which they hold general elections, if they currently do not hold them on the November uniform election date, may, not later than December 31, 2010, change the date on which it hold its general election for officers to the November uniform election date. The bill also specifies that the elections may be moved to the November uniform election date.	Immediately	Discuss with Trustees to determine action needed	Wilson
HB 461	Relating to the regulation of dyslexia practitioners and therapists. Establishes the Dyslexia Practitioners and Therapists Title Act, to be administered by the Department of State Health Services. This bill establishes what a person must do to meet the state dyslexia practitioner title recognition standards (including earning a bachelor's degree, completing language education and 60 hours of clinical experience). This bill also lays out what one must do to meet the state dyslexia therapist title recognition standards, establishes administrative processes, monitoring procedures and disciplinary actions.	Immediately	Determine if there are employment implications	Duffey
HB 469	Relating to the establishment of incentives by this state for the implementation of certain projects to capture and sequester carbon dioxide that would otherwise be emitted into the atmosphere. Establishes in the Government Code a franchise tax credit for clean energy projects and sets forth tax credit eligibility requirements. The bill also adds a chapter related to the verification, monitoring, and certification of clean energy projects.	9/1/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine if we are eligible for the incentives • Review certification information 	Reyes

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HB 537	Creates an offense of allowing a person at least 15 years old to ride in a passenger vehicle without securing the person individually by a safety belt if the person is occupying a seat that is equipped with a safety belt. Creates as an offense allowing a child younger than 17 to ride in a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver, without securing the child individually by a safety belt if the child is occupying a seat that is equipped with a safety belt. The provisions of the bill would apply to third-party transport service providers when transporting clients pursuant to a contract to provide nonemergency Medicaid transportation (previously, these providers were exempt).	9/1/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review with principals and any affected staff members • Inform third party providers • Review and revise all related Board policies and procedures 	Duffey / Reyes
HB 709 <i>TEC §709</i>	Relating to the award of stipends to nationally certified classroom teachers under the educator excellence awards program. Allows teachers who hold advanced certification from an organization that certifies at least 2,500 teachers in the US each year based on the teachers' satisfaction, through study, expert evaluation, self-assessment, and peer review of high and rigorous standards for accomplished teaching, to receive the award of stipends under the educator excellence awards program.	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine if this stipend will be awarded • Develop procedures to implement 	Duffey
HB 752	Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to enter into an agreement with a school district to dedicate revenue from a tax increment fund to the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of an educational facility. Increases the number of municipalities that can enter into an agreement with a school district to dedicate revenue from a tax increment fund to the district for the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of an educational facility by increasing the population limit from 120,000 to 130,000 for the municipality.	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for applicability • Determine whether or not procedures are needed 	Wilson
HB 770	<u>Disaster-Damaged Homesteads</u> The bill allows property owners of disaster-damaged homesteads that have been rendered uninhabitable or unusable to continue to receive a residence homestead exemption on that property, for up to two years, provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the owner does not establish a different principal residence that receives the exemption; and • the owner begins active construction of a replacement property no later than the first anniversary of the date the owner ceases to occupy the formerly qualified residence. Should the owner sell the property prior to completion of a replacement residential structure, the owner must pay property taxes and interest, as if the	Immediately	Determine if revised procedures are needed	Wilson

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	<p>homestead exemption were not applied during the years that the construction of the replacement occurred.</p> <p>Moreover, this bill provides for a continuance of the limitation on property tax increases on the homesteads of the elderly or disabled by schools, counties, municipalities and hospital districts.</p> <p>The bill generally sets the value of a replacement structure as the value the property would have had in the preceding tax year if the casualty or damage had not occurred.</p> <p><u>Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Business Organizations</u> This bill exempts nonprofit community business organizations, such as Chambers of Commerce, from taxes on real and tangible personal property.</p>			
HB 986	<p>Relating to the appeal of ad valorem tax determinations.</p> <p>Establishes a timetable for the payment of a tax refund as a result of a successful appeal by a property owner, which is the earlier of (a) 21 days after the final determination of the appeal, or (b) the date the property owner files the form. The recipients may include the property owner, the business office of the property owner's attorney of record in the appeal, or any other individual and address designated by the property owner.</p>	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review procedures to ensure compliance • Adjust Board policies as needed 	Wilson
HB 987 <i>TEC §44.031; 44.0313</i>	<p>This bill increases the minimum amount of a school district purchasing contract from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for which the district must use specified methods for providing the best value for the district. These include competitive bidding, sealed proposals, RFPs, inter-local contracts, design/build contracts, contracts to construct, job order contracts, reverse auction procedures, and formation of political subdivisions. In turn, the bill repeals sections of the education code (44.031 (k) and 44.033) that lay out the restrictions on purchases of personal property valued between \$10,000 and \$25,000. The bill also adds to the education code procedures for school districts to receive electronic bids or proposals.</p>	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and revise Board policies • Update website and related documents 	Wilson
HB 1020 <i>TEC §37.007</i>	<p>Protects public school students from expulsion for the sole reason of the students' use, exhibition or possession of a firearm if it occurs: at an approved target range facility that is not located on a school campus; and while participating in or preparing for a school-sponsored shooting sports competition or a shooting sports educational activity that is sponsored or</p>	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify principals • Review & revise Board policies & procedures • Review & revise Student Code of Conduct and campus 	Duffey

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	supported by the Parks and Wildlife Department or a shooting sports sanctioning organization working with the department. A student is not authorized to bring a firearm on school property to participate in or prepare for a school-sponsored sports competition or a shooting sports educational activity.		practices, as needed	
HB 1030	An individual exempt from registering as a property tax consultant may receive all notices from the appraisal district, regarding protests, on behalf of the property owner. In the case of a hearing on a protest by the appraisal review board, the chairman or the chairman's representative may take action on a postponement without the necessity of action by the full board if the hearing for which the postponement is requested is scheduled to occur before the next regular meeting of the board. The granting by the appraisal review board, the chairman, or the chairman's representative of a postponement does not require the delivery of additional written notice to the property owner. Action on a request for postponement is final and may not be the subject of a protest under this chapter. A section was added to establish procedures for filing electronic protest forms. The bill also stipulates that members of an appraisal board for a county with a population of 3.3 million or more, or a county of 350,000 adjacent to a county with a population of 3.3 million or more, are appointed by the county commissioners court.	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and revise procedures as needed • May require notification to property owners 	Wilson
HB 1038	In determining property value, the chief appraiser may not exclude from consideration the value of other residential property that is in the same neighborhood as the residence homestead being appraised and would otherwise be considered in appraising the residence homestead because the other residential property: 1. was sold at a foreclosure sale conducted in any of the three years preceding the tax year in which the residence homestead is being appraised and was comparable at the time of sale based on relevant characteristics with other residence homesteads in the same neighborhood; or 2. has a market value that has declined because of a declining economy.	Immediately	May only require action by the chief appraiser	Wilson
HB 1041 <i>TEC</i> <i>§38.0041</i>	Relating to school district policies addressing sexual abuse of children and establishment of a state strategy to reduce child abuse and neglect and improve child welfare. Requires that public school districts implement policy to address the sexual abuse of children. The policy must address increasing teacher, student, and parent awareness regarding sexual abuse, the actions that a child victim should take to obtain assistance and available counseling options for	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review current staff and parent training & revise as needed • Review counseling options & revise as needed 	Duffey

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	students affected by sexual abuse.			
HB1205	The bill amends Chapter 31.11(a) of the Tax Code, relating to the approval process for refunds of overpayments or erroneous payments of ad valorem taxes.	1/1/2010	Review for applicability	Wilson
HB1257	<p>Requires the continuation of a homestead exemption when a residence is under repair following an event that renders the residence uninhabitable or unusable. The owner must begin repairs within one year, the exemption would be limited to two years, and the exemption would not be available if the owner obtains a homestead exemption on another residence. Provides for recapturing the difference between the amount that would have been taxed and the amount actually taxed with the exemption if the owner sells the property before the completion of a replacement qualified residential structure. Requires a lien to be attached to the property to secure payment of the additional tax and interest.</p> <p>Expands an installment payment option for ad valorem taxes to include certain property damaged by a disaster and owned or leased by a business entity with \$5 million or less in annual gross receipts. The expanded installment payment option would cover real and tangible personal property.</p>	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review for applicability • Adjust procedures, if needed 	Wilson
HB 1297 <i>TEC</i> <i>§29.0822</i>	<p>Relating to optional flexible school day program courses offered by school districts to enable students to earn course credit under certain circumstances.</p> <p>Extends the flexible school day definition to include students who are denied credits for a class due to attendance requirements.</p>	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review & revise current practices • Notify campus staff 	Blaine
HB 1322 <i>TEC</i> <i>§21.463</i>	<p>Relating to the establishment of an on-line resource for teachers of students with special health needs.</p> <p>Adds a section to the education code that requires TEA, in coordination with HHS, to establish and maintain an Internet website to provide resources for teachers who teach students with special health needs. The agency shall include on the website information about the treatment and management of chronic illnesses and how such illnesses impact a student's well-being or ability to succeed in school.</p>	Immediately	Inform staff of this new resource	Blaine / Duffey
HB 1332	Relating to responsibility for public school textbooks and technological equipment and to failure by students to return textbooks or technological	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify staff, parents & students of new provisions 	Blaine

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TEC §31.1044	equipment. Adds electronic textbooks and technological equipment to the section of the Education Code that establishes responsibility requirements that students and parents have for textbooks. It also applies to students who return equipment but adds the language that it must be "in an acceptable condition."		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise procedures, handbooks & practices as needed 	
HB 1365 TEC §21.4031	A school district that previously employed a classroom teacher, librarian, counselor or nurse, shall provide a copy of the individual's service record to the school district employing the individual to determine proper placement of the individual on the district's salary schedule. The district must provide the copy no later than the 30th day after the later of the date the request is made or the date of the last day of the individual's service to the district. The senate substitute removed the provision that classroom teachers, librarians, counselors and nurses are entitled to back pay.	Immediately	Revise internal procedures, if needed	Duffey
HB 1407	Relating to the redemption of real property sold at an ad valorem tax sale. Allows an owner to redeem their property by paying the required amount to the assessor-collector at a tax sale.	Immediately	Revise internal procedures, if needed	Wilson
HB 1470 TEC §22.003(c-1)	Relating to notification regarding entitlement of school district employees to leave time in circumstances involving assault. Any informational handbook a district provides employees (in either electronic or paper format) must include notification of an employee's rights regarding entitlement to leave in circumstances involving assault.	Immediately	Review employee handbook for compliance	Duffey
HB 1720 / SB2085 TEC §255.003	An officer or employee of a political subdivision may not knowingly spend or authorize the spending of public funds for political advertising. The bill goes on to state that an officer or employee of a political subdivision may not spend or authorize the spending of public funds for a communication describing a measure if the communication contains information that: 1) the officer or employee knows is false; and 2) is sufficiently substantial and important as to be reasonably likely to influence a voter to vote for or against the measure. If an officer or employee of a political subdivision reasonably relied on a court order or an interpretation, then it may be used as an affirmative defense to prosecution or defense against a civil penalty.	9/1/09	Review internal procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review website or other notifications • Revise Board policies 	Buchman
HB1831	HB 1831 makes numerous changes to various statutes relating to disaster preparedness, response, and emergency planning. Of importance to school	9/1/09	Review Board policies and internal procedures to ensure	Duffey

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<p><i>TEC</i> §37.108; 37.202 – 37.203; 37.207; 37.209; 37.213; 37.216; 37.109; 37.2121; 37.2161; 51.219; 111.121 – 111.127; 37.210</p>	<p>districts, the bill establishes the confidentiality of information and documents collected, developed, or produced during a school district or public junior college security audit. With this law, that such documents and information are not subjected to disclosure under the state’s public information law. However, a document relating to a district’s multi-hazard emergency operation plan is subject to disclosure under certain circumstances.</p> <p>Although security audits and multi-hazard emergency operations plan are confidential, a school district or junior college must release a document that enables a person to verify, among other things, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the district has an appropriate plan to respond to emergencies, • the plan was reviewed within the last 12 months, • district employees have received training in responding to an emergency, • the district conducts school drills, • the district has completed a safety and security audit and addressed recommendations for improvement, and • if the entity is a school district, the district has established a visitor policy governing access to a district building or property. <p>Additionally, each school district must establish a school safety and security committee in accordance with guidelines established by the Texas School Safety Center (Center). The Center is required to establish a registry of persons providing school safety or security consulting in Texas, assists school districts in entering into mutual aid agreements with other local governments for emergency assistance, and shall provide periodic school safety progress reports to various state agencies.</p>		compliance	
<p>HB 2263</p> <p><i>TEC</i> §39.115</p>	<p>Extends the high school innovation grant for use by middle and junior high schools.</p>	Immediately	Review for applicability	Blaine
<p>HB 2291</p>	<p>Amends the Tax Code to change mandatory language when making a motion to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or order setting a rate that exceeds the effective rate for ad valorem tax, by a taxing unit. The language shall state: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate, which is effectively a (insert percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate) percent increase in the tax rate." Additional language must also be used in ordinance, resolution, and order documents</p>	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform trustees • Adjust Board policies, as needed 	Wilson

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	<p>stating the percentage by which the maintenance and operations rate will be raised.</p>			
<p>HB 2480</p>	<p>Relating to agreements with public junior colleges for courses for joint high school and junior college credit.</p> <p>A public junior college may enter into an agreement with a school district, organization, or other person that operates a high school to offer a dual credit course regardless of whether the high school is located within the service area of the junior college district.</p>	<p>Immediately</p>	<p>Review with HCC whether or not requested courses are provided to the satisfaction of the school district or if additional agreements are needed</p>	<p>Blaine</p>
<p>HB 2488</p> <p><i>TEC</i> §31.002(1-a); 31.004; 31.0241; 31.026(e); 31.0261; 31.027(d); 31.103(d) & (e); 31.104(g) & (h); 31.002(1); 31.104(b) & (c); 31.151(a)</p>	<p>The bill requires that the State Board of Education (SBOE) adopt open-source textbooks for secondary courses submitted by certain institutions of higher education or public technical institutes in Texas on a conforming or nonconforming list if the textbooks meet certain requirements. The requirements include faculty involvement, attribution of authorship, certifying the extent to which essential knowledge and skills (TEKS) are covered, and availability to a student for downloading from the Internet at no charge.</p> <p>The SBOE may contract with open-source textbook providers in order to provided printed copies to school districts. The commissioner is given authority to issue a request for proposal and to purchase state-developed open-source textbooks that may be revised, as necessary, by the SBOE or the commissioner. The bill provides that if a school district selects a state-developed open-source textbook, that district is entitled to 50 percent of the difference between the maximum cost for a traditional textbook and the cost of the open-source textbook.</p> <p>The bill provides that state-developed open-source textbooks are property of the state. To that extent, the commissioner shall provide licenses for school districts to use the textbooks, and the commissioner shall also provide for the printing, on behalf of a district, and the distribution of these textbooks. School districts must provide printed copies of these textbooks to students unable to access the book electronically unless the district provides electronic access at no cost to the student, or a printed copy of the portion of the textbook that will be used in the course.</p> <p>This bill requires school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to annually certify to the State Board of Education and the commissioner that, for each subject in the required curriculum and each grade level, the district</p>		<p>Review internal procedures and adjust if needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure licenses and distribute textbooks • Review procedures regarding printed copies and electronic versions <p>Annually certify to SBOE</p>	<p>Blaine / Wilson</p>

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	provides each student with textbooks, electronic textbooks, or instructional materials that cover all elements of the essential knowledge and skills.			
HB 2512 <i>TEC</i> §11.171	A school district grievance policy must permit that an employee who reports a grievance to make an audio recording of any meeting or proceeding at which the substance of a grievance that complies with the policy is investigated or discussed. The implementation of this may not result in a delay of any timeline provided by the grievance policy and does not require the district to provide equipment for the employee to make the recording.	Immediately	Review and revise Board policies and procedures	Duffey
HB 2542 <i>TEC</i> §25.087	<p>Relating to excused absences in public schools for students visiting institutions of higher education.</p> <p>A school district may excuse a student from attending school to visit an institution of higher education during the student's junior and senior years of high school for the purpose of determining the student's interest in attending the institution of higher education. The district may not excuse more than two days for this purpose.</p>	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review & revise practices, policies, handbook & website • Create verification procedure • Notify principals, students & parents if two visitation days will be allowed 	Duffey
HB 2555	Exempts certain corporations from property taxation for the following reasons: i.e. the corporation is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a); if the corporation holds title to the property for, collects income from the property for, and turns over the entire amount of that income to charitable organizations; and if the qualified charitable organization would qualify for an exemption from taxation if the charitable organization owned the property. The corporation must reapply after the fifth year of exemption in order to continue the exemption. Repeals section 11.184(b) of the Tax Code which grants property tax exemption if it is adopted by the governing body of the taxing unit or if it is voted on favorably by a majority of qualified voters from the taxing unit.	Immediately	Adjust procedures, if needed	Wilson
HB 2628	An organization that is organized exclusively to perform religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes and is engaged in providing housing and related services to individuals who are unaccompanied and homeless and have a disabling condition and have been continuously homeless for a year or more or have had at least four episodes of homelessness in the preceding three years can qualify for an exemption from taxation of buildings and property. Must be located in municipalities with populations between 600,000 and 700,000.	1/1/10	Review for applicability	Wilson

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TEC §32 (H); 32 (D); 32.151 – 32.154; 32.155(a), (c), (d), & (e); 32.156; 32.157	demonstration sites project to demonstrate the use of technology for improving teaching and learning, using digital tools and resources to extend learning opportunities from school to home, and exemplify instructional practices and lessons that support academic learning in the classroom and at home. The bill also includes the Computer Lending Pilot Program which relies on donated or salvaged technology for distribution to participating schools. Schools are eligible for the program if 50 percent or more of the students enrolled are educationally disadvantaged and if the school agrees to lend technology to students and includes options to help students and parents work towards owning a computer. This subchapter expires September 1, 2014.			
HB 2941	Allows a school district to obtain from an appraisal district any information, including confidential information, that relates to the appraisal of property in the comptroller's finding that is being protested. Confidential information may be disclosed to an employee or agent of a taxing unit or a school district that is engaged in preparation of a protest of the comptroller's property value study.	Immediately	Review and revise procedures, as necessary	Wilson
HB 3041 TEC §7.037	TEA shall develop and maintain a comprehensive schedule that addresses each reporting requirement generally applicable to a school district, including requirements imposed by an entity other than the agency, and that specifies the date by which a school district must comply with each requirement. The agency shall determine the appropriate format of the schedule and the manner in which the schedule is made readily accessible to school districts.	9/1/09	Notify principals when TEA provides schedule	Duffey / Blaine
HB 3076 TEC §28.002	Requires the SBOE to develop parenting and paternity awareness programs for middle and junior high schools in addition to high schools. If a student completes this course in middle or junior high, the district shall provide high school health credit. A student under 14 years of age may not participate in this program without the permission of the student's parent or guardian.	9/1/09	Review & revise practices if course is to be made available to middle school students	Blaine
HB 3613	The market value of a residence homestead shall be determined solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the residential use of the property by the owner is considered to be the "highest and best use" of the property. The bill also adds a section that entitles a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran (if disability is service-connected) to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Contingent on the passage of HJR 36.	1/1/09	Review and revise procedures, if needed	Wilson

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HB 3643 <i>TEC</i> <i>§29.153</i>	Clarifies that the term "child" includes a stepchild and "parent" includes a stepparent under Section 29.153 of the Education Code, which refers to free prekindergarten classes.	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform stepparents, as needed • Update admissions documents 	Duffey
HB 3646 <i>TEC §1, 7, 8, 11, 12, 19, 21, 28, 29, 30A, 33, 39, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46</i> <i>TX Elect. Code §3 & 4</i> <i>TX Govt. Code §403, 822 & 825</i> <i>TX Trans. Code §547</i>	<p>Relating to public school finance and programs.</p> <p>HB 3646 is the omnibus school finance bill that addresses a broad range of topics. Included in the bill are new formula elements that will increase SBISD revenue in 2009-10 by \$120 per student. This generates about \$4M, over half of which must be used for teacher salary increases.</p> <p>Effective in 2009-10, school districts will have more flexibility with respect to the timing of tax rate adoption. HB 3646 also creates a select committee to study weights, allotments, and adjustments during the interim between the 81st and 82nd Legislatures.</p> <p>A detailed summary is available.</p>		Review and revise Board policies and internal procedures, as needed	Wilson
HB 3676	This bill extends the expiration date of the Texas Economic Development Act (TEDA) from December 31, 2011, to December 31, 2014. The Legislative Budget Board is directed to conduct an effectiveness and efficiency review of TEDA and report the results to the legislature by January 1, 2011. Additionally, this bill makes a number of additional substantial changes to TEDA.	Immediately	Review and revise procedures, as needed	Wilson
HB 3918	<p>Relating to testing liquefied petroleum gas systems in certain school facilities.</p> <p>Requires each school district to perform leakage (formerly pressure) tests for leakage on the LP-gas piping system in each school district facility biennially. The test must be conducted in accordance with commission rules.</p>	Immediately	Notify affected staff of new procedures	Reyes
HB 4102 <i>TEC</i> <i>§41.0931;</i> <i>42.0051;</i>	Allows the state or a local government to receive disaster contingency funds if the entity participates in disaster preparation or disaster recovery efforts. If these entities receive federal reimbursements for their disaster recovery and preparation activities, then they must reimburse the state's disaster contingency fund. The bill lays out various uses of the disaster contingency	Immediately	Review procedures that effect disaster procedures, if necessary	Wilson Duffey Reyes

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	<p>The bill allows the state textbook fund to be used to purchase technological devices that support the use of electronic textbooks or instructional material.</p> <p>Finally, the bill establishes a computer lending pilot program (CLPP), whereby the commissioner shall create a pilot program to provide computers to participating public schools for use by students and their parents. State law regarding the disposition of agency surplus or salvage data processing equipment is changed to prioritize the CLPP as a recipient of this equipment. Schools will be eligible for the CLPP if fifty percent or more of the students enrolled in the school are educationally disadvantaged, and the school operates or agrees to operate a computer lending program to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allow students and parents the ability to borrow a computer; • include an option for the student and parents to work toward owning the borrowed computer; • provide computer training for students and parents; and • operate outside regular school hours including until at least 7 p.m. on at least three days each week. 			
HJR 14	<p>Proposes a constitutional amendment that would specify that the taking of private property is authorized only if it is necessary for: the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the state, a political subdivision of the state, the public at large, or an entity granted the power of eminent domain under the law; or the elimination of urban blight on a particular parcel of property.</p> <p>A section is added regarding the established national research university fund for the purpose of providing a dedicated, independent, and equitable source of funding to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence. This bill allows the legislature to dedicate state revenue to the credit of the fund and allows the legislature to provide for administration of the fund. Specific methods for administration of the fund are included as well as the allocation of funds, based on revenue, dedicated for this purpose. On January 1, 2010, any amount in or payable to the credit of the higher education fund established by Section 17(i), Article VII, Texas Constitution, shall be transferred to the credit of the national research university fund. The bill prohibits The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M from receiving money from this fund.</p>	Submit to voters on 11/3/09	Prepare for election	Wilson
HJR 36	Ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead; authorizing a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities.	Submit to voters on 11/3/09	Prepare for election	Wilson

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	<p>The resolution would propose a constitutional amendment to Article VIII of the Texas Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead, regardless of whether the residential use of the property is the highest and best use.</p> <p>Authorizes the Legislature to allow for a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations. The amendment also permits the state to set appraisal standards by general law.</p>			
SB 43 <i>TEC</i> §54.211	<p>Exempts students from paying tuition and fees, including those related to dual credit courses if the student was under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services on the child's 18th birthday, on or after the child's 14th birthday if the child was eligible for adoption on or after that day, on the day the student graduated from high school or received a GED, or during an academic term in which the student was enrolled in a dual credit course or other course for which a high school student may earn joint credit. Must enroll not later than their 25th birthday.</p>	Spring semester of 2010	Review & revise Board policies, practices and related documents	Duffey
SB 68	<p>This bill provides a definition for what constitutes a day care facility and details rules and regulation and lays out penalties for non-compliance. The bill adds a section to lay out rules regarding court orders and inspections of day care facilities. It also adds the definition for "school-age programs." It removes the section that describes child care excluded from this bill specific to care that occurs within a family home for sibling groups. Provides additional criteria and specificity regarding the types of programs that do not fall under the definition of day-care (before and after school programs offered by educational facilities accredited by TEA, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, or an accrediting body that is a member of the Texas Private School Association are listed as entities that are not regulated under this section).</p>	Immediately	Review & recommend adjustments	Blaine / Cantrell
SB 175 <i>TEC</i> §51.803; 28.026; 33.007; 51.8035;	<p>SB 175 establishes a 75 percent cap on Top Ten Percent admissions at University of Texas at Austin only. The bill provides that the 75 percent cap will not apply after 2015. It also addresses a current lawsuit challenging UT at Austin's use of race or ethnicity in its undergraduate admissions in that if UT at Austin loses that lawsuit or if the board of regents changes its policy regarding the use of race or ethnicity, the 75 percent cap will not apply any longer. The bill also prohibits UT at Austin from considering legacy status in</p>	Begins with 2011 high school graduates	Counselors will inform students	Blaine

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56.481;- 56.493; 61.07622	<p>its undergraduate admissions. SB 175 requires freshmen enrolled at UT at Austin to take at least 6 credit hours of night classes, provide notification to high school students about the Top Ten Percent law and their eligibility, and improve outreach efforts. The bill also requires any general academic teaching institution to allow automatic admission for transfer undergraduate students for students who would have qualified for automatic admission at the time of their high school graduation and meet other listed criteria.</p> <p>The bill requires each public high school that is substantially below the state average in the number of graduates who attend college to provide information about higher education and assist students in completing applications for admissions and financial aid.</p>			
SB 229	The bill lowers the population size, from 500,000 to 100,000, for governmental entities to comply with certain procurement methods for public projects.	Immediately	Review and revise procedures, as needed	Wilson / Reyes
SB 282 TEC §38.026	<p>Establishes a nutrition outreach program through the Department of Agriculture to promote better health and nutrition programs and prevent childhood obesity. Creates a grant program for best practices in nutrition education to be developed by the Department of Agriculture that will award grants to public schools to develop best practices in nutrition education. Grants will be awarded to programs to operate nutrition programs for children in early childhood programs. This Act takes effect immediately.</p> <p>Adds a change to the Agriculture Code that says the department of agriculture may develop an outreach program to promote better health and nutrition programs and prevent obesity among children. They may solicit and accepts gifts, grants and donations.</p> <p>States that the legislature shall not allot more than \$4 million for the implementation of this program for the biennium.</p>	Immediately	Department of Agriculture will create the grant program and notify districts	Reyes / Blaine
SB 283 TEC §28.004	<p>The board of trustees shall appoint at least five members to the local school health advisory council on which a majority of members must be persons who are parents of students enrolled in the district and are not employed by the district, one of whom shall serve as chair or co-chair of the council.</p> <p>Additional appointments can be made from the following groups: public schools teachers, public school administrators, district students, health care</p>	9/1/09	Recommend potential members to the board	Blaine

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	<p>professionals, the business community, law enforcement, senior citizens, the clergy, and nonprofit health organizations. Additionally, the advisory council shall meet at least four times annually and submit an annual written report to the board of trustees that includes recommendations for district health curriculum and an explanation of the council's activities. Reporting requirements must be fulfilled by April 1, 2010. The school district must notify parents if human sexuality will be offered and the notice must include a summary of the state's instructional requirements, information about the parent's right to review curriculum, and the parent's right to remove the student from the course.</p>		<p>Notify parents if human sexuality courses will be offered.</p> <p>Submit annual report to Board that includes recommendations and explanations by April, 2010.</p>	
<p>SB 300 <i>TEC</i> §11.1513; 25.112; 34.0021; 44.902; 44.901(b)</p>	<p>Allows the commissioner of education to grant class size waivers yearly in lieu of having to grant them each semester. Requires TEA to report to the legislature the number of waiver applications received and granted or denied.</p> <p>Provides that bus evacuation training is no longer mandatory but permissive.</p> <p>Requires each school board to establish a long-range energy plan to reduce electrical consumption by 5% beginning with the 2008 fiscal year and requires districts to consume electricity in subsequent years in accordance with the plan.</p>	<p>9/1/2009</p>	<p>Notify principals</p>	<p>Duffey / Reyes</p>
<p>SB 418</p>	<p>SB 418 requires a criminal justice agency, including a school district law enforcement agency, to compile information into an intelligence database to investigate and prosecute criminal street gangs. The agency may release the information on request to another criminal justice agency, a court, or a defendant who is entitled to the information under Chapter 39 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. The agency may also release the information to an attorney representing a child in a juvenile court proceeding in certain circumstances.</p> <p>This bill requires law enforcement agencies, including district law enforcement agencies, in municipalities with a population of at least 50,000 or in counties with a population of at least 100,000 to compile similar information in a local or regional intelligence database. The law enforcement agencies must send the information to DPS for inclusion in the Texas Gang Database.</p>		<p>SBISD Police Department will review and revise procedures, as necessary</p>	<p>Duffey</p>

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	In the past, criminal justice and law enforcement agencies were permitted, not required, to compile the information. The bill requires DPS to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the United States Department of Justice or another appropriate federal department or agency to train individuals who enter information into or otherwise use an intelligence database described above. Each individual will be required to complete the training once every two years.			
SB 451 <i>TEC</i> §21.451(e), (f) and (g); 21.451(d)	As part of existing staff development requirements, mandates research-based training in the instruction of students with disabilities for educators who work primarily outside the area of special education. A school district is required to provide the training to an educator who works primarily outside the area of special education and who does not possess the knowledge and skills necessary to implement the IEP of the students.	Immediately	Staff will review training currently offered and enhance, as needed	Blaine
SB 522 <i>TEC</i> §22.003(f); 22.003(a)	This bill states that the state minimum personal leave program may not restrict the order in which an employee may use state minimum personal leave and personal leave provided by the district. Also, employees who retain sick leave may use this sick leave in any order as long as it is appropriate to the purpose of the leave.	Immediately	No change for SBISD	Duffey
SB 562	If the tax assessor wants the United States Postal Service to return the tax bill if it is not deliverable as addressed, the exterior of the tax bill may contain, in all capital letters, the words "RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED" or another appropriate statement.	9/1/09	Review internal procedures for possible revisions	Wilson
SB 572	The department of family and protective services by rule shall require an owner, operator, or employee of a day-care center, group day-care home, family home, child-care institution, foster group home, or agency foster group home who transports a child under the care of the facility whose chronological or developmental age is younger than nine years of age to complete at least two hours of annual training on transportation safety.	9/1/09	Review current practices for possible revisions	Reyes / Blaine
SB 576	Relating to the implementation of a project plan for a reinvestment zone under the Tax Increment Financing Act and the granting of exemptions from ad valorem taxes imposed on real property in a reinvestment zone. Adds the construction of a road, sidewalk, or other public infrastructure in or out of the zone, including the cost of acquiring the real property necessary for the construction of the road, sidewalk, or other public infrastructure to	Immediately	Review procedures for possible adjustments	Wilson / Reyes

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	reinvestment zone projects.			
SB 759 <i>TEC</i> §39.032(c)	<p>Relating to certain standards for group-administered achievement tests used by school districts.</p> <p>The bill extends the length of time that districts may use the same form of norm-referenced test to eight years, and lifts the time limit if no alternate form of the test exists. The bill also states that the eight-year limitation on data to compute norms under this section does not apply if only data older than eight years is available for an assessment instrument. The commissioner by rule may limit the exception created by this subsection based on the type of assessment instrument.</p> <p>The bill repeals subsections (a), (b), and (d) of Section 39.032. These sections relate to: forbidding a company or organization to distribute, sell to, or grade for the same school district the same form of an assessment instrument for more than three school years; reporting requirements placed on companies or organizations that grade assessment instruments; and the section related to damages that must be paid by companies or organizations that fail to comply with this section.</p>	Immediately	Practices and procedures will be reviewed for possible revisions	Blaine
SB 771	<p><u>Appraisal Restrictions</u></p> <p>The bill requires that property be appraised using all available evidence that is specific to the value of the property. Increases in the appraised value of a property are prohibited in the tax year after the value has been determined by an appeal to the appraisal review board, binding arbitration or court decision is prohibited unless the increase is reasonably supported by substantial, reliable and probative evidence. The bill limits comparable sales to those that occur within two years of the date on which the market value of the subject property is to be determined, unless there are too few comparable sales to constitute a representative sample. A comparable sales price must be adjusted for market changes during the intervening time period, as well as for specific characteristic, such as amenities, property age, and lot square footage. Chief appraisers are prohibited from separately appraising personal property that is valued as a portion of the income of the real property when appraising property based on rental income. The market value of the real property must include the combined value of the real and personal property.</p>	1/1/2010	Review procedures for possible revisions	Wilson

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	<p><u>Arbitration Process</u> This bill expands the arbitration process to allow for appeals based on equity, and for personal property appeals. The bill creates an expedited arbitration process, which allows for no more than one hour of argument from each party involved in the protest. The deposit for an expedited arbitration is \$250. Each party must pay its own costs for retaining a person to represent them at the arbitration.</p> <p><u>Other provisions</u> The bill allows for land to remain qualified for agricultural appraisal even if the land is not currently used for this purpose, provided that the Governor has declared a drought and the land owner intends to return the land to agricultural use to the prior degree of intensity once the declared drought ceases.</p>			
SB 798	In the case of an overpayment or erroneous payment of taxes submitted by a taxpayer to a collector who collects taxes for one or more taxing units one of which is a county with a population of two million or more, a taxpayer is not required to apply to the collector for the refund to be entitled to receive the refund if the amount of the refund is at least \$5 but does not exceed \$5,000, and the collector is not required to do this unless the amount of the payment exceeds by more than \$5,000 the amount of taxes owed for a tax year to a taxing unit for which the collector collects taxes.	1/1/2010	Review internal procedures for possible adjustments	Wilson
SB 858	A driver education school may teach all or part of the classroom portion of an approved driver education course by an alternative method of instruction that does not require students to be present in a classroom if the commissioner approves the alternative method.	Immediately	Consider alternative methods	Blaine
SB 891 <i>TEC</i> <i>§28.002;</i> <i>25.114</i>	<p>Requires physical education curriculum to be sequential, developmentally appropriate, and designed, implemented, and evaluated to enable students to develop the motor, self-management, and other skills, knowledge, attitudes, and confidence necessary to participate in physical activity throughout life. Each school district shall establish objectives and goals to accomplish through the physical education curriculum. The bill lists a variety of measures that must be incorporated into SBOE developed physical education curriculum.</p> <p>To the extent practicable, a district shall require a student enrolled in prekindergarten on less than a full-day basis to participate in the same type</p>	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review & revise practices and Board policies, as needed • Inform principals of changes, if needed 	Blaine

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	<p>and amount of physical activity as a student enrolled in full-day prekindergarten.</p> <p>A section is also added regarding student/teacher ratios in physical education classes. It stipulates that if a district establishes a student to teacher ratio greater than 45 to 1 in a physical education class, the district shall specifically identify the manner in which the safety of the students will be maintained.</p>		Notify staff about new requirements	
SB 892 TEC §11.253	The bill expands the required components of campus improvement plans to include setting goals and objectives for the coordinated health program using fitness assessment data, academic performance data, attendance, economic status, and use/success of methods to ensure student participation in moderate to vigorous physical activity each week, and any other indicator recommended by the school's health advisory council.	Immediately	Review & notify principals of any revisions needed in their Campus Improvement Plans	Blaine
SB 1024	Relating to authority of a school district to mail a tax bill with an adopted rate that is higher than the district's rollback tax rate before the date of a rollback election.	9/1/09	Review & revise internal procedures if needed	Wilson
SB 1027	This bill establishes an interagency farm-to-school coordination task force composed of representatives of the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Education Agency, the Department of State Health Services, farm organizations, school food service organizations, food distribution businesses, child nutrition and advocacy organizations, parent organizations, educational institutions, and health nutrition educators who serve school districts. The bill expands and coordinates current systems and creates mechanisms to facilitate local food purchases by school districts, expand food-focused experiential education, and assist farms and schools in overcoming barriers to increase the use of minimally processed, fresh, and locally grown foods in school meals.	9/1/09	Department of Agriculture will establish Task Force	Reyes
SB 1068	Allows a governmental body to redact an employee's address, phone number, and social security number at the employee's request without the necessity of requesting an attorney general's opinion. The requestor of the information may seek an AG opinion if the information is redacted or withheld. Governmental bodies that withhold this information must provide a description of the redacted information, a citation to this section of the law, and instructions regarding how the requestor may seek an AG opinion regarding whether the redacted or withheld information is excepted from	Immediately	Revise current procedures regarding requesting an attorney general opinion	Buchman

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	required disclosure.			
SB 1134 <i>TEC</i> §32.051; 32.0511; 25.087; 33.092	<p>Adds a new section to the election code that lays out special eligibility requirements for student election clerks. A student is eligible to serve as a clerk of an election precinct if the student at the time of appointment is a student at a public or private secondary school or attends home school and has the consent of the principal or the home-school adult who is responsible of the student's education. The student must also be 16 or older, be a US citizen and have completed the required training course. A student election clerk is entitled to compensation and may communicate in another language if necessary. No more than two student election clerks may serve at a polling place unless it is a countywide polling place.</p> <p>The bill also amends the education code to allow for a student to be excused from school for serving as an election clerk. A student appointed to serve as an election clerk may use the time served in this position toward a requirement for a school project or a service requirement.</p>	9/1/09	Notify principals	Wilson / Blaine / Duffey
SB 1219 <i>TEC</i> §28.002	<p>Relating to a parenting and paternity awareness component of the health curriculum used in public high schools.</p> <p>This bill allows a teacher to modify the suggested sequence and pace of the SBOE's parenting and paternity awareness program at the discretion of the district.</p>	9/1/09	Notify affected staff	Blaine
SB 1290 <i>TEC</i> §21.458(a)	A mentor teacher can be assigned to a classroom teacher with less than two years experience in the subject or grade level to which the mentor teacher is assigned.	Immediately	Notify Principals	Duffey
SB 1344 <i>TEC</i> §28.002	The SBOE shall adopt essential knowledge and skills that address the dangers, causes, consequences, signs, symptoms, and treatment of binge drinking and alcohol poisoning. The agency shall compile a list of alcohol awareness evidence-based programs from which a school district shall choose for use in the district's health curriculum.	Immediately	Notify staff when list of related programs is available	Blaine
SB 1359	<p>Relating to forfeiture of remedy for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes.</p> <p>Not later than the 45th day before the date of a hearing to review and determine compliance, the movant must mail notice of the hearing by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the collector for each taxing unit</p>	Immediately	Review and revise procedures, as needed	Wilson

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	that imposes taxes on the property. Regardless of whether the collector for the taxing unit receives a notice, a taxing unit that imposes taxes on the property may intervene in an appeal under this chapter and participate in the proceedings for the limited purpose of determining whether the property owner has complied with this requirement. The taxing unit is entitled to process for witnesses and evidence and to be heard by the court.			
SB 1402 <i>TEC</i> <i>§31.0925</i>	Requires the governing body of a political subdivision located entirely in a county with a population of more than 500,000 that is served by a county elections administrator and that does not contain a municipality with a population of more than 150,000 and that is not an irrigation district to request an election services contract with the county elections administrator to perform all duties and functions of the political subdivision in relation to an election if the political subdivision receives a petition requesting the contract signed by a number of registered voters residing in the political subdivision that is equal to or exceeds one percent of all votes cast in the most recent general election held by the political subdivision.	Immediately	May not be applicable	Wilson
SB 1598	<p>SB 1598 amends current law relating to an agreement authorizing a nonparent relative of a child to make certain decisions regarding the child and provides a penalty. The bill authorizes the execution of an authorization agreement (similar to a power of attorney) to enable certain relatives of a child to consent to decisions that are regularly made by parents and authorize certain relatives to consent to limited decisions for children in their care, without obtaining a proper court order.</p> <p>The parent of the child and the child's grandparent, adult sibling, or adult aunt or uncle may enter into an authorization agreement for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • medical, dental, psychological, surgical treatment, and immunization of the child; • consenting to or authorizing the release of information for treatments or immunizations related to the child; • obtaining and maintaining health and auto insurance coverage for the child; • enrolling the child in daycare, preschool, or a public or private primary or secondary school; • participating in extracurricular, civic, social or recreational activities, including athletic activities; • obtaining a learner's permit, driver's license, or state identification card for the child; 	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and revise procedures, as needed • Revise Board policies 	Duffey

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • authorizing employment of the child; and • applying for and receiving public benefits on behalf of the child. <p>The bill prescribes extensive procedures for executing such an agreement and provides that a person who knowingly presents an authorization agreement that is invalid, makes a false statement regarding the agreement, or obtains an agreement by fraud, duress or misrepresentation commits a Class B misdemeanor.</p> <p>The Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) must develop the appropriate forms by January 10, 2010, and the DFPS and Texas Education Agency must post the forms on their websites.</p>		Use forms when available	
SB 1629	The bill would amend the Government Code to add newspapers of general circulation that are published on the Internet and magazines that are either published at least once a week or are on the Internet to the list of entities that may not be charged for public information requests that require large amounts of employee or personnel time. Requestors of the information would have to be individuals for whom a substantial portion of their livelihood or financial gain comes from gathering news or information and who seeks the information for a radio or television station, newspaper, magazine, or other accepted form of information dispensation.		Review charges for public information requests	Buchman
SB 1970	<p>Makes a number of changes to the election code. Some of these changes include: requiring the Secretary of State to prescribe any additional procedures necessary to accommodate a particular voting system or ballot style; establishing procedures related to a cancellation of an election; modifying provisions related to canceling a voter's registration; and modifying provisions regarding requirements for the use of emergency paper ballots. Requires the Secretary of State to prescribe procedures; allows the presiding officer to make a clerical correction to the officially canvassed returns; modifies provisions regarding requirements of an early voting clerk; allows having a voting system technician present at a polling place, a meeting of the early voting ballot board, or a central counting station; and requires posting notice of filing deadlines.</p> <p>Amends time frame in which the Secretary of State must deliver the certification to the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared in each county.</p> <p>Changes the amount of deposit required for a recount to \$60 for each</p>	9/1/09	Review and revise procedures and Board policies, as needed	Wilson

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	precinct in which regular paper ballots were used and \$100 for each precinct in which an electronic voting system was used.			
SB 2033 <i>TEC</i> §28.0216	A school district shall adopt a grading policy, including provisions for the assignment of grades on class assignments and examinations, before each school year. A district grading policy must require a classroom teacher to assign a grade that reflects the student's relative mastery of an assignment, may not require a classroom teacher to assign a minimum grade for an assignment without regard to the student's quality of work, and may allow a student a reasonable opportunity to make up or redo a class assignment or examination for which the student received a failing grade.	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review & revise local Board policy, procedures and guidelines, as needed • Notify staff, students, parents 	Blaine
SB 2178 <i>TEC</i> §32.351 – 32.355	Establishes the computer lending pilot program to provide computers to participating public schools that make computers available for use by members of the local community. A public school is eligible to participate in the pilot program if 50 percent or more of the students enrolled in the school are educationally disadvantaged and the school operates or agrees to operate a computer lending program that allows students, parents and other area residents to borrow a computer, includes an option for students, parents and residents to work toward owning a computer initially borrowed under the lending program, provides computer training, and operates outside of regular school hours until at least 7pm.	9/1/09	Monitor pilot program guidelines to determine eligibility	Rao
SB 2248 <i>TEC</i> §25.07; 30A.002	TEA shall assist the transition of substitute care students from one school to another by: 1. Ensuring that school records for a student in substitute care are transferred to the student's new school not later than the 14th day after the date the student begins enrollment at the school; 2. Developing systems to ease transition of a student in substitute care during the first two weeks of enrollment at a new school; 3. Developing procedures for awarding credit for course work, including electives, completed by a student in foster care while enrolled at another school; 4. Promoting practices that facilitate access by a student in substitute care to extracurricular programs, summer programs, credit transfer services, electronic courses, and after-school tutoring programs at minimum or no cost; 5. Establishing procedures to lessen the adverse impact of the movement of a student in substitute care; 6. Establishing a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Family and Protective Services to exchange information as appropriate to facilitate student transition; 7. Encouraging school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to provide services for a student in substitute care in transition when applying for admission to postsecondary study and when	Immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review & revise procedures, as needed • Notify staff as needed 	Duffey

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	seeking sources of funding for postsecondary study; 8. Requiring school districts, campuses, and open-enrollment charter schools to accept a referral for special education services made for a student in foster care by a school previously attended by the student; and 9. Providing other assistance as identified by the agency.			
SB 2258 <i>TEC</i> §29.098; 39.363; 61.0762	Removes the classification of intensive summer programs as a pilot program. Places the responsibility of awarding grants for this purpose solely in the hands of the Commissioner of Education (no longer shared with commissioner of higher education). Grants for these programs may no longer be used to fund a program administered by an institution of higher education to provide intensive academic instruction in English language arts, math, and science to facilitate the student's transition from high school to a postsecondary institution.	Immediately	Review summer programs to determine compliance	Blaine
SB 2274	If for the preceding tax year the district adopted a maintenance and operations tax rate that was less than the district's effective maintenance and operations tax rate for that preceding tax year, the rollback tax rate of the district for the current tax year is calculated as if the district adopted a maintenance and operations tax rate for the preceding tax year that was equal to the district's effective maintenance and operations tax rate for that preceding tax year.	Immediately	Review and revise calculations, if needed	Wilson