

Texas State Board of Pharmacy- 87th Texas Legislative Session Bill Update

Practice of Pharmacy

Bill #	Caption	Effective Date	Summary	Status
HB 456	Relating to the dispensing of certain drugs by physicians.	9/1/2021	Amends §158.001 of Occupations Code to allow physicians to dispense dangerous drugs to their patients and charge for the drugs.	Referred to House Public Health 2/25/21
HB 677	Relating to the administration of a medication, immunization, or vaccination by a pharmacist.	9/1/2021	Amends §554.004 of Pharmacy Act regarding administering medication to remove the requirements that an authorized health care provider not be available and that failure to administer might result in significant delay of therapy, changes notification requirement from 24 hours to 14 days, and allows pharmacists to immunize or vaccinate patients three years and older.	Referred to House Public Health 3/1/21
HB 678	Relating to the administration of a medication, immunization, or vaccination by a pharmacist	9/1/2021	Amends §554.004 of Pharmacy Act regarding administering medication to remove the requirements that an authorized health care provider not be available and that failure to administer might result in significant delay of therapy, changes notification requirement from 24 hours to 14 days, and allows pharmacists to immunize or vaccinate patients three years and older.	Referred to House Public Health 3/1/21
HB 847	Relating to warning labels for opioid prescription drugs.	9/1/2021 (rules must be adopted by January 1, 2022 and requirement 3/1/2022)	Amends the TCSA to prohibit a pharmacist from dispense a prescription opioid unless the bottle or container in which the opioid is dispensed is affixed with a label warning of the addictive nature of opioids and the risks of overdose. Requires TSBP to adopt rules requiring the label warning.	Referred to House Public Health 3/1/21

HB 848	Relating to distinctive packaging for opioid drugs.	9/1/2021 (rules must be adopted by January 1, 2022 and requirement 3/1/2022)	Amends the TCSA to prohibit a pharmacist from dispensing or delivering an opioid not in the distinctive packaging required by board rules and required TSBP to adopt by rule the acknowledgment form.	Referred to House Public Health 3/1/21
HB 849	Relating to an acknowledgment on receipt of an opioid prescription drug.	9/1/2021 (rules must be adopted by January 1, 2022 and requirement 3/1/2022)	Amends the TCSA to prohibit a pharmacist from dispensing or delivering an opioid without providing to the person taking possession of the opioid an acknowledgment form providing a warning about the risks of opioid addiction and overdose, receiving from that person the signed acknowledgment form, and maintaining the signed acknowledgment form in the pharmacist's records and requires TSBP to adopt rules.	Referred to House Public Health 3/1/21
HB 887	Relating to telemedicine medical service and telehealth services covered by certain health benefit plans or provided by a pharmacist.	9/1/2021	Amends §554.005 to prohibit the Board from requiring the in-person counseling of patients.	Referred to House Insurance 3/1/21
HB 1935	Relating to emergency refills of insulin and insulin-related equipment or supplies.	9/1/2021	Adds §562.0541 to the Texas Pharmacy Act allowing a pharmacist to provide an emergency refill of insulin or insulin-related equipment if the pharmacist completes an ACPE accredited training program adopted by TSBP (along with any necessary rule adoptions) and follows certain requirements.	Referred to House Public Health 3/15/21

HB 1982	Relating to the prescription and dispensing of medical cannabis.	9/1/2021	Adds Subchapter J Medical Cannabis Prescriptions to the Texas Controlled Substances Act allowing medical cannabis to be dispensed to a patient only by a licensed pharmacist at a licensed pharmacy under a valid prescription. Prohibits a person from cultivating, producing, manufacturing, or distributing medical cannabis without a license issued by the TSBP. Authorizes the TSBP to adopt rules to implement the subchapter.	Referred to House Public Health 3/15/21
HB 1990	Relating to the provision and delivery of certain health, mental health, and educational services in this state, including the delivery of those services using telecommunications or information technology.	9/1/2021	Prohibits TSBP from requiring the in-person counseling of patients.	Referred to House Public Health 3/15/21
HB 2049	Relating to the authority of pharmacists to furnish certain medications.	1/1/2022	Adds §157.102 to allow a pharmacist to furnish to a patient under a physician's written protocol a prescription drug to treat an acute condition that is identified through performance of certain rapid strep tests or rapid antigen detection tests or rapid influenza diagnostic tests. Adds §562.058 requiring a pharmacist to complete a TSBP-approved training program. Requires TSBP to adopt rules jointly with TMB to establish the required minimum content of the written protocol and the training program.	Referred to House Public Health 3/15/21
HB 2968	Relating to informed consent to immunizations for children.	9/1/2021	Requires that before administering an immunization to a child, a health care provider must obtain the informed consent of a person authorized to consent to immunization of the child and provide information regarding specified topics.	Referred to House Public Health

HB 3083	Relating to a pharmacy, pharmacist, or pharmacy technician decision to not dispense or sell a drug according to religious belief or moral conviction.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Replaces exclusive authority in the Pharmacy Act with a prohibition on TSBP from reducing, withholding, excluding, terminating, or otherwise denying any license, registration, or accreditation for, any grant to, or any contract or agreement with a pharmacy, pharmacist, or pharmacy technician for not dispensing or selling a specific drug or product in accordance with the person's sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction.	Referred to House Public Affairs 3/19/21
HB 3108	Relating to the patients to whom a pharmacist may administer an influenza vaccination.	9/1/2021	Decreases the age of a patient to whom a pharmacist may administer an influenza vaccination without an established physician-patient relationship to at least three years of age.	Referred to House Public Affairs 3/19/21

HB 4408	Relating to provision of an opioid antagonist to a person who is filling a prescription for an opioid medication.	9/1/2021	Amends the Dangerous Drug Act to allow a pharmacist to dispense an opioid antagonist without a prescription to a person to whom the pharmacist is dispensing an opioid medication under a prescription if the opioid is prescribed in conjunction with benzodiazepine medication; the prescription directs the patient to take 90 morphine milligram equivalents or more daily; in the pharmacist's professional opinion, the patient is at risk of accidental overdose or potential abuse or overuse; or the physician who issued the prescription has communicated to the pharmacist that in the physician's professional opinion, the patient is at risk of accidental overdose or potential abuse or overuse. Provides that a pharmacist who, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, dispenses or does not dispense an opioid antagonist on the pharmacist's own initiative is not subject to any criminal or civil liability or any professional disciplinary action.	Referred to House Public Health 3/29/21
SB 434	Relating to the provision and delivery of certain health, mental health, and educational services in this state, including the delivery of those services using telecommunications or information technology.	9/1/2021	Prohibits the board from requiring the in-person counseling of patients.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/9/21

SB 488	Relating to the practice of dentistry and the provision of teledentistry dental services.	9/1/2021 (rules must be adopted by March 1, 2022)	Requires TSBP and TSBDE to jointly adopt rules that establish the determination of a valid prescription for teledentistry dental services and jointly develop and publish on each respective board's Internet website responses to frequently asked questions relating to the determination of a valid prescription issued in the course of the provision of teledentistry dental services.	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services 3/9/21
SB 1310	Relating to informed consent to immunizations for children.	9/1/2021	Requires that before administering an immunization to a child, a health care provider must obtain the informed consent of a person authorized to consent to immunization of the child and provide information regarding specified topics.	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services 3/18/21
SB 1674	Relating to protection of individuals from participation in a health care service for reasons of conscience.	9/1/2021	Allows an individual may decline to participate in a health care service for reasons of conscience, with the exceptions of emergency care, life-sustaining treatment, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Defines a health care provider as including a pharmacist, pharmacy employee, and pharmacy student. Does not require a health care facility or health care provider to counsel a patient or refer the patient to another facility regarding a health care service that is contrary to the conscience of the health care provider. Provides that a health care facility or health care provider that holds a license issued by a licensing agency in this state is subject to review and disciplinary action by the licensing agency for a violation as if the facility or provider violated the applicable licensing law.	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services 3/24/21

SB 2095	Relating to provision of an opioid antagonist to a person who is filling a prescription for an opioid medication.	9/1/2021	Amends the Dangerous Drug Act to allow a pharmacist to dispense an opioid antagonist without a prescription to a person to whom the pharmacist is dispensing an opioid medication under a prescription if the opioid is prescribed in conjunction with benzodiazepine medication; the prescription directs the patient to take 90 morphine milligram equivalents or more daily; in the pharmacist's professional opinion, the patient is at risk of accidental overdose or potential abuse or overuse; or the physician who issued the prescription has communicated to the pharmacist that in the physician's professional opinion, the patient is at risk of accidental overdose or potential abuse or overuse. Provides that a pharmacist who, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, dispenses or does not dispense an opioid antagonist on the pharmacist's own initiative is not subject to any criminal or civil liability or any professional disciplinary action.	Filed
SB 2136	Relating to the administration of a medication, immunization, or vaccination by a pharmacist	9/1/2021	Amends §554.004 of Pharmacy Act regarding administering medication to remove the requirements that an authorized health care provider not be available and that failure to administer might result in significant delay of therapy, changes notification requirement from 24 hours to 14 days, and allows pharmacists to immunize or vaccinate patients three years and older.	Referred to House Public Health 3/1/21
Agency Operations				
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HB 36	Relating to abolishing Confederate Heroes Day.	9/1/2021	Removes January 19th, Confederate Heroes Day, as a state holiday.	Referred to House State Affairs 2/25/21

HB 38	Relating to discrimination on the basis of hair texture or protective hairstyle associated with race.	9/1/2021	Makes an employer's adoption or enforcement of a dress or grooming policy that discriminates against a hair texture or protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race an unlawful employment practice.	Referred to House State Affairs 2/25/21
HB 48	Relating to the prohibition against sexual harassment in the workplace.	9/1/2021	Amends Labor Code to make it an unlawful employment practice if sexual harassment of an employee occurs and the employer or the employer's agents or supervisors know or should have known that the conduct constituting sexual harassment was occurring and fail to take immediate and appropriate corrective action.	Referred to House International Relations/Economic Develop 2/25/21; Voted favorably 4/14/21
HB 66	Relating to the designation of certain election days as state holidays.	9/1/2021	Adds every day on which an election, including a primary election, is held throughout the state as a state holiday.	Referred to House State Affairs 2/25/21
HB 188	Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.	9/1/2021	Prohibits employment discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression and requires a state agency contracting with a contractor to require the contractor to adopt and apply an employment policy under which the contractor and any subcontractor may not discriminate against an individual because of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.	Referred to House State Affairs 2/25/21
HB 219	Relating to abolishing Confederate Heroes Day.	9/1/2021	Removes January 19th, Confederate Heroes Day, as a state holiday.	Referred to House State Affairs 2/25/21

HB 247	Relating to employment leave for certain family or medical obligations.	9/1/2021	Entitles an employee who has been employed at for at least one year to not less than 30 days of leave to attend to own serious health condition, care for certain family members with a serious health condition, spend time with child due to birth or placement with employee, and attend certain activities if the employee or family member is the victim of certain crimes.	Referred to House International Relations/Economic Develop 2/25/21
HB 318	Relating to the prohibition of certain employment discrimination regarding an employee who is a volunteer emergency responder.	9/1/2021	Prohibits an employer from terminating, suspending, or in any other manner discriminate against, an employee who is a volunteer emergency responder and who is absent from or late to the employee's employment because the employee is responding to an emergency in the employee's capacity as a volunteer emergency responder.	Referred to House Business and Industry 2/25/21
HB 371	Relating to the designation of the day after the Super Bowl as a state holiday.	9/1/2021	Adds the day after the Super Bowl as a state holiday.	Referred to House State Affairs 2/25/21
HB 391	Relating to authority for certain state employees to work flexible hours and to work from home or other authorized alternative work sites.	9/1/2021	Allows a state agency to adopt an agency policy that authorizes the supervisor of an employee of the agency to permit the employee to work from an alternative work site, including the employee's personal residence, as the employee's regular or assigned temporary place of employment	Referred to House State Affairs 2/25/21; Voted favorably 4/15/21
HB 392	Relating to discrimination on the basis of hair texture or protective hairstyle associated with race.	9/1/2021	Makes an employer's adoption or enforcement of a dress or grooming policy that discriminates against a hair texture or protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race an unlawful employment practice.	Referred to House State Affairs 2/25/21
HB 455	Relating to inquiries about and the consideration of criminal history record information regarding applicants for employment.	9/1/2021	Prohibits an employer from including a question regarding an applicant's criminal history record information on an initial employment application form.	Referred to House Business and Industry 2/25/21; Reported favorably 3/18/21

HB 550	Relating to prohibited retaliation against state or local public employees for reporting certain violations of law.	9/1/2021	Requires a state governmental entity to develop and adopt an anti-retaliation policy, provide a copy of the policy to each employee on the first day of the employee's employment, and notify employees of any changes to the policy.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/1/21
HB 596	Relating to the designation of certain election days as state holidays.	9/1/2021	Adds the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years as a state holiday.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/1/21
HB 614	Relating to a cause of action for deprivation of certain rights, privileges, or immunities under color of law.	9/1/2021	Allows for a cause of action for deprivation of certain rights, privileges, or immunities under color of law.	Referred to House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence 3/1/21
HB 698	Relating to a prohibition of employment discrimination on the basis of reproductive decisions and certain employment agreements limiting reproductive decisions.	9/1/2021	Makes an unlawful employment practice if the employer discriminates because of or on the basis of a reproductive decision of the employee, the employee's spouse or partner, the employee's dependent, or any other member of the employee's family or household.	Referred to House International Relations/Economic Develop 3/1/21
HB 736	Relating to the closure of state agencies and institutions of higher education on Juneteenth.	9/1/2021	Adds June 19th to the list of state holidays that an agency is not required to have enough employees on duty during the holiday to conduct the business of the agency.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/1/21
HB 815	Relating to the monthly amount of longevity pay for state employees.	9/1/2021	Increases the monthly amount of longevity pay to \$50 for every two years of lifetime service credit.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/1/21
HB 904	Relating to the designation of certain election days as state holidays.	9/1/2021	Adds the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years as a state holiday.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/1/21
HB 1028	Relating to requiring the Employees Retirement System of Texas to establish a defined contribution plan to provide retirement benefits to certain employees.	9/1/2021	Requires the board of trustees to establish a defined contribution plan instead of a defined benefit plan for all newly hired employees.	Referred to House Pensions, Investments, Financial Services 3/4/21
HB 1231	Relating to the designation of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as optional holidays.	9/1/2021	Adds the days on which Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as optional holidays.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/4/21

HB 1251	Relating to protection for public employees who report violations of law by governmental entities or other public employees.	9/1/2021	Creates an offense for disclosing the identity of a public employee who in good faith reports a violation of law by the employing state governmental entity or another public employee to an appropriate law enforcement authority if the disclosure is made to a person who is not assisting in the investigation or prosecution of the violation.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/4/21
HB 1330	Relating to the consideration by employer of the consumer credit reports of employees and applicants for employment.	1/1/2022	Prohibits an employer from taking an adverse employment action against an employee or applicant based on the employee's or applicant's credit report unless certain conditions are met.	Referred to House Business and Industry 3/5/21
HB 1345	Relating to leave for state employees who are volunteers of certain disaster relief organizations.	9/1/2021	Allows a state employee who is a volunteer of an organization that is a member of the Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster to be granted leave to participate in disaster relief services without a deduction in salary or loss of vacation time, sick leave, earned overtime credit, or state compensatory time under certain conditions.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/5/21; Reported favorably 4/12/21
HB 1358	Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.	9/1/2021	Allows a person to recover attorney's fees from a state agency if the claim is for rendered services; performed labor; furnished material; freight or express overcharges; lost or damaged freight or express; killed or injured stock; a sworn account; or an oral or written contract.	Referred to House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence 3/5/21
HB 1589	Relating to paid leave for public officers and employees engaged in certain military service.	9/1/2021	Provides for a paid leave of absence for state employees called to state active duty by the governor or another appropriate authority in response to a disaster.	Referred to House Defense and Veterans Affairs 3/8/21; Voted favorably 3/22/21; Reported favorably 3/30/21; Passed House 4/9/21

HB 1687	Relating to unlawful employment practices with respect to the COVID-19 vaccine.	9/1/2021	Makes an employer's failure to hire, discharging, or otherwise discriminating against an individual with respect to the compensation or the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because the individual has not received a COVID-19 vaccine an unlawful employment practice.	Referred to House International Relations/ Economic Dev 3/9/21
HB 1827	Relating to the minimum wage.	1/1/2022	Requires employers to pay each employee no less than the greater of \$10 per hour or the federal minimum wage in 2022, the greater of \$12.50 per hour or the federal minimum wage in 2023, the greater of \$14 per hour or the federal minimum wage in 2024, and the greater of \$15 per hour or the federal minimum wage after.	Referred to House International Relations/Economic Dev 3/12/21
HB 1915	Relating to the minimum wage and overtime pay for employees.	9/1/2021	Requires employers to pay each employee that is not exempt under the FLSA at least the federal minimum wage for each hour the employee works.	Referred to House International Relations/ Economic Dev 3/15/21
HB 1917	Relating to the minimum wage.	9/1/2021	Requires employers to pay each employee no less than the greater of \$15 per hour or the federal minimum wage.	Referred to House International Relations/ Economic Dev 3/15/21
HB 2046	Relating to the reimbursement of state employees for groceries consumed while traveling on official state business.	9/1/2021	Allows a state agency to reimburse a state employee for groceries purchased within the employee's designated headquarters in certain circumstances.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/15/21
HB 2063	Relating to the establishment of a state employee family leave pool.	9/1/2021	Establishes a program to allow an agency employee to voluntarily transfer sick or vacation leave to a family leave pool and an eligible employee to use time contributed to the employing agency's family leave pool if the employee has exhausted the employee's compensatory, discretionary, sick, and vacation leave because of certain circumstances.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/15/21

HB 2067	Relating to the creation and elimination of certain state holidays.	9/1/2021	Designates January 19th as COVID-19 Heroes Day instead of Confederate Heroes Day.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/15/21
HB 2157	Relating to the designation of Women's Equality Day as a state holiday.	9/1/2021	Adds August 26th, Women's Equality Day, as a state holiday.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/15/21
HB 2187	Relating to the service retirement eligibility and benefits of and contributions to the Employees Retirement System of Texas.	9/1/2021	Creates new retirement eligibility requirements for employees hired after September 1, 2021.	Referred to House Pensions, Investments, Financial Services 3/15/21
HB 2743	Relating to the salary of certain employees who transfer within a state agency.	9/1/2021	Allows a state employee's annual salary rate immediately after a transfer within the agency to be set at any rate in the appropriate salary group if certain conditions are met.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/17/21
HB 3149	Relating to drug testing and prescription drug policies and certain legal protections for employees and independent contractors of state agencies and political subdivisions and for other persons regarding the medical use of low-THC cannabis and hemp.	9/1/2021	Prohibits a state agency from establishing a drug testing policy or administering or requiring the administration of a drug test the intent of which is to screen for the presence of cannabinoids for an employee or independent contractor or from prohibiting an employee or contractor from prescribing or obtaining a prescription for low-THC cannabis or using low-THC cannabis or using a consumable hemp product.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/19/21
HB 3427	Relating to a salary career ladder for certain state employees.	9/1/2021 (Ladder must be adopted not later than 10/1/21. Increase begins first day of month following adoption.)	Requires the executive director of a state agency to adopt a salary career ladder for employees whose annual salary is less than \$75,000 entitling the employee to an annual salary increase during the first 10 years in a designated classification if the employee receives at least satisfactory on the annual evaluation.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/22/21

HB 3892	Relating to matters concerning governmental entities, including cybersecurity, governmental efficiencies, information resources, and emergency planning.	9/1/2021	Requires the agency head of a state agency to require training for agency employees, annually and on employment with the agency, regarding the records management program, including the agency's approved records retention schedule. Requires vendors for a major information resources project to provide to state agency contracting personnel certain written attestations and an initial summary of any costs associated with addressing or remediating the identified technology or personnel-related cybersecurity risks as identified following a risk assessment. Requires each state agency that maintains a publicly accessible website that requires the submission of sensitive personally identifiable information to use an encrypted secure communication protocol, including a secure hypertext transfer protocol.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/25/21
HB 3997	Relating to the transfer of certain functions relating to state employee leave from the state auditor to the comptroller.	9/1/2021	Requires a state agency to submit a copy of the written statement covering the policies and procedures for an extension of leave to the comptroller on request.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/29/21

HB 4100	Relating to family and medical leave.	1/1/2022	<p>Establishes Texas Family and Medical Leave. Requires an employer to pay a contribution on wages paid by that employer to a fund administered by the Texas Workforce Commission and allows an employer to deduct all or a portion of the cost of contributions from employee wages. Provides that an employee is entitled to not less than 12 weeks of leave for certain circumstances and that an employee who is eligible for benefits shall be paid from the fund an amount equal to 67 percent of the average amount the employee would have been paid if the employee had worked during that pay period. Makes it an unlawful employment practice if the employer makes an adverse employment decision as a result of the employee requesting or using this leave.</p>	<p>Referred to House International Relations/Economic Dev 3/29/21</p>
HB 4122	Relating to prohibiting certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.	9/1/2021	<p>Makes it an unlawful employment practice if because of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression the employer fails or refuses to hire an individual, discharges an individual, or discriminates in any other manner against an individual in connection with compensation or the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment; or limits, segregates, or classifies an employee or applicant for employment in a manner that would deprive or tend to deprive an individual of any employment opportunity or adversely affect in any other manner the status of an employee.</p>	<p>Referred to House State Affairs 3/29/21</p>

HB 4195	Relating to unlawful employment practices with respect to the exercise of the right of free speech, right to petition, and right of association.	9/1/2021	Makes it an unlawful employment practice if an employer retaliates or discriminates against a person who engages in lawful conduct involving the exercise of civil rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States or of this state during a period of time that is not during the person's assigned working hours; and in a location that is not the person's work site or on the premises of the employer.	Referred to House International Relations/Economic Dev 3/29/21
HB 4473	Relating to the places a public employer may provide for employees to express breast milk.	9/1/2021	Provides that a public employer shall provide a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from other employees and the public where the employee can express breast milk.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/29/21
SB 44	Relating to leave for state employees who are volunteers of certain disaster relief organizations.	9/1/2021	Allows a state employee who is a volunteer of an organization that is a member of the Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster to be granted leave to participate in disaster relief services without a deduction in salary or loss of vacation time, sick leave, earned overtime credit, or state compensatory time under certain conditions.	Referred to Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development 3/3/21; Reported favorably 3/26/21; Passed Senate 4/12/21; Referred to House State Affairs 4/14/21
SB 45	Relating to the prohibition against sexual harassment in the workplace.	9/1/2021	Makes an unlawful employment practice if sexual harassment of an employee occurs and the employer or the employer's agents or supervisors know or should have known that the conduct constituting sexual harassment was occurring; and fail to take immediate and appropriate corrective action.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/3/21; Reported favorably from committee and recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar 3/17/21; Passed by Senate 3/25/21; Referred to House International Relations/Economic Dev 4/6/21

SB 77	Relating to discrimination on the basis of hair texture or protective hair style associated with race.	9/1/2021	Makes an employer's adoption or enforcement of a dress or grooming policy that discriminates against a hair texture or protective hairstyle commonly or historically associated with race an unlawful employment practice.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/3/21
SB 128	Relating to the creation and elimination of certain state holidays.	9/1/2021	Removes January 19th, Confederate Heroes Day, as a state holiday, and adds June 28th, Celebration of Suffrage Day, as a state holiday.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/3/21
SB 132	Relating to prohibited retaliation against state or local public employees for reporting certain violations of law.	9/1/2021	Requires a state governmental entity to develop and adopt an anti-retaliation policy, provide a copy of the policy to each employee on the first day of the employee's employment, and notify employees of any changes to the policy.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/3/21
SB 233	Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; providing an administrative penalty.	9/1/2021	Makes certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression a discriminatory practice and allows for civil action. Requires a state agency contracting with a contractor under this subtitle to require the contractor to adopt and apply an employment policy under which the contractor and any subcontractor may not engage in certain practices because of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/3/21
SB 240	Relating to authority for certain state employees to work flexible hours and to work from home or other authorized alternative work sites.	9/1/2021	Allows a state agency to adopt an agency policy that authorizes the supervisor of an employee of the agency to permit the employee to work from an alternative work site, including the employee's personal residence, as the employee's regular or assigned temporary place of employment.	Referred to Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development 3/3/21

SB 578	Relating to a prohibition of employment discrimination on the basis of reproductive decisions and certain employment agreements limiting reproductive decisions.	9/1/2021	Makes an unlawful employment practice if the employer discriminates because of or on the basis of a reproductive decision of the employee, the employee's spouse or partner, the employee's dependent, or any other member of the employee's family or household.	Referred to Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development 3/11/21
SB 712	Relating to certain provisions applicable to state agencies subject to review by the Sunset Advisory Commission.	9/1/2021	Prohibits a person from being a member of the policymaking body of or an employee of a state agency if the person or the person's spouse is an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a Texas trade association in a field regulated by the state agency. Prohibits a person from being a member of or the general counsel to the policymaking body of a state agency if the person is required to register as a lobbyist. Requires a member of the policymaking body to receive specified training. Requires a state agency to maintain a complaint system make information available describing its procedures for complaint investigation and resolution.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/18/21
SB 1020	Relating to the reimbursement of state employees for groceries consumed while traveling on official state business.	9/1/2021	Allows a state agency to reimburse a state employee for groceries purchased within the employee's designated headquarters in certain circumstances.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/18/21
SB 1309	Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.	9/1/2021	Makes certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression a discriminatory practice and allows for civil action. Requires a state agency contracting with a contractor under this subtitle to require the contractor to adopt and apply an employment policy under which the contractor and any subcontractor may not engage in certain practices because of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/18/21

SB 2045	Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Provides that with respect to an allegation of discrimination in payment of compensation in violation of this chapter, an unlawful employment practice occurs each time a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice is adopted; an individual becomes subject to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice; or an individual is adversely affected by application of a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, including each time wages affected wholly or partly by the decision or other practice are paid.	Filed
SB 2056	Relating to a salary career ladder for certain state employees.	9/1/2021 (Ladder must be adopted not later than 10/1/21. Increase begins first day of month following adoption.)	Requires the executive director of a state agency to adopt a salary career ladder for employees whose annual salary is less than \$75,000 entitling the employee to an annual salary increase during the first 10 years in a designated classification if the employee receives at least satisfactory on the annual evaluation.	Filed

Budget/Legislature

Bill	Caption	Effective Date	Summary	Status
HB 1	General Appropriations Act	9/1/2021		Referred to House Appropriations 3/1/21
HB 2	Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.	9/1/2021	Appropriates \$7,050 to TSBP for capitol complex move expenses from the economic stabilization fund.	Referred to House Appropriations 3/1/21; Voted favorably as substituted 4/12/21; Reported as substituted 4/13/21

HB 641	Relating to an annual state budget and legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years and to political contributions made during a legislative session.	Sec. 10 & 17 on 1/1/2022, Rest on 9/1/2023 (contingent on const. amend.)	Requires the legislature to convene in even-numbered years for a budget session and the LBB and Leg Council to make recommendations on implementing an annual budget by November 1, 2022.	Referred to House Appropriations 3/1/21
HB 979	Relating to the time and place for the convening of the legislature for annual regular sessions.	12/1/2021 (contingent on const. amend.)	Requires the legislature to convene the first Monday in March each year instead of the second Tuesday in January each odd numbered year.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/1/21
HB 1488	Relating to state agency reports submitted to the legislature.	9/1/2021	Ends the requirement for a state agency to submit certain reports to the legislature after the 10th anniversary of the date the agency first submitted the report and requires the agency to include the date after which the agency is not required to submit the report in the report.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/5/21; Voted favorably as substituted 4/14/21
HB 1575	Relating to certain provisions applicable to state agencies subject to review by the Sunset Advisory Commission.	9/1/2021	Prohibits a person from being a member of the policymaking body of or an employee of a state agency if the person or the person's spouse is an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a Texas trade association in a field regulated by the state agency. Prohibits a person from being a member of or the general counsel to the policymaking body of a state agency if the person is required to register as a lobbyist. Requires a member of the policymaking body to receive specified training. Requires a state agency to maintain a complaint system make information available describing its procedures for complaint investigation and resolution.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/12/21; Reported favorably 4/7/21; 1 floor amendment 4/13/21; Passed House 4/14/21

SB 1	General Appropriations Bill.			Referred to Senate Finance 1/26/21; Reported from committee as substituted 3/30/21; Passed Senate 4/6/21; Referred to House Appropriations 4/6/21; Reported favorably as substituted 4/12/21
SB 61	Relating to the creation and duties of the unfunded mandates inter-agency work group.	9/1/2021	Creates an unfunded mandates interagency work group consisting of state auditor, LBB, CPA, a senator and a house representative and requires publication of a list of unfunded mandates following a regular session.	Referred to Senate Finance 3/3/21
SB 309	Relating to an annual state budget and legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years and to political contributions made during a legislative session.	9/1/2022, 9/1/2023 (if constitutional amendment approved)	Requires the legislature to convene in even-numbered years for a budget session and the LBB and Leg Council to make recommendations on implementing an annual budget by November 1, 2022.	Referred to Senate Finance 3/9/21
SB 535	Relating to the criteria for review by the Sunset Advisory Commission of a state agency.	9/1/2021	Adds as part of the sunset review a determination whether the agency is taking reasonable steps to assess the impact of climate change on the agency's activities and to mitigate those impacts during the next 12 years.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/11/21

SB 1420	Relating to zero-based budgeting for state agencies as part of the sunset review process.	9/1/2021	Requires a state agency, before November 1 of the odd-numbered year before the year in which a state agency subject to this chapter is to be abolished, to present to the Sunset Commission a zero-based budget for the state fiscal biennium that begins on the date the agency is scheduled to be abolished that contains certain required items. Requires the agency to submit the zero-based budget as part of the LAR for the biennium that begins on the date the agency is scheduled to be abolished.	Referred to Senate Finance 3/18/21
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Licensing

Bill	Caption	Effective Date	Summary	Status
HB 139	Relating to state occupational licensing of certain military veterans and military spouses.	9/1/2021	Amends the Occupations Code to provide that a state agency may adopt rules that would establish alternate methods for a military service member, military veteran, or military spouse to demonstrate competency to meet licensure requirements, including receiving appropriate credit for training, education, and clinical and professional experience.	Referred to House Defense and Veterans Affairs 2/25/21; Reported from committee as substituted 3/23/21; Passed House with floor amendment 4/1/21; Referred to Senate Veterans Affairs and Border Security 4/12/21
SB 145	Relating to state occupational licensing of certain military veterans and military spouses.	9/1/2021	Amends the Occupations Code to provide that a state agency shall ensure that a military veteran or military spouse receives appropriate credit for the individual's experience, including clinical and professional experience, in a licensed profession.	Referred to Senate Veterans Affairs and Border Security 3/3/21

Open Records/Open Meetings

Bill	Caption	Effective Date	Summary	Status
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HB 327	Relating to the Internet broadcast or audio recording of certain open meetings.	9/1/2021	Requires agencies with a fiscal year total appropriation greater than \$10 million and 100 or more FTEs to broadcast live video and audio of open meetings, maintain the recording on the website for two years, and post the open meetings notice on the website. Provides exceptions for catastrophes and technical breakdowns.	Referred to House State Affairs 2/25/21; Voted favorably 3/18/21
HB 1416	Relating to the definition of business day for purposes of the public information law.	9/1/2021	Defines "business day" as a day other than a Saturday or Sunday; national holiday; or state holiday.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/5/21; Voted favorably as substituted 4/14/21
HB 1810	Relating to maintenance and production of electronic public information under the public information law.	9/1/2021	Requires governmental bodies to produce electronic public information in certain formats for public information requests and use reasonable efforts to ensure that a contract for the creation and maintenance of electronic public information does not impair the public's ability to inspect or copy the information.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/11/21
HB 1833	Relating to restrictions on the sale by a state agency of information that identifies an individual.	9/1/2021	Prohibits a state agency from selling any information that alone or in conjunction with other information identifies an individual, with the exception of public information and in accordance with federal and other state law to a person only if the person certifies in writing that the person will not sell the information to another person. Waives sovereign immunity of a state agency to suit and from liability created by this chapter.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/12/21

HB 1888	Relating to the authority of all governmental bodies to hold open and closed meetings by telephone or videoconference call.	9/1/2021	Updates the Open Meetings Act to allow a governmental body to hold an open or closed meeting by conference call (telephone and/or video) with certain requirements including making a recording of the meeting available to the public.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/12/21
HB 2396	Relating to the use of personal driver's license information disclosed by a state agency or political subdivision.	9/1/2021	Limits access to motor vehicle information obtained by an agency and prohibits authorized recipients from using driver's license information for bulk distribution for surveys, marketing, or solicitations.	Referred to House Business and Industry 3/15/21
HB 2560	Relating to remote meetings under the open meetings law.	9/1/2021	Updates the Open Meetings Act requirements for videoconference meetings, including requiring the location where the member of the governmental body presiding over the meeting is physically present shall be open to the public during the open portions of the meeting.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/17/21
HB 2662	Relating to the elimination of certain regulations waived during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Updates the Open Meetings Act to allow a governmental body to hold an open or closed meeting by conference call (telephone and/or video) with certain requirements including making a recording of the meeting available to the public. Requires TSBP to authorize a pharmacist to provide any required patient counseling by telephone.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/17/21

HB 2671	Relating to the operations, communications, and notice procedures of state agencies and political subdivisions.	9/1/2021	Requires state agencies to provide with TSLAC with information regarding statutorily required reporting by the agency. Requires a state agency that transmits and receives state documents using the Internet or another electronic medium to by rule develop electronic communication procedures for the agency. Requires a state agency to include in the agency's LAR for the biennium of 2023-24 a report on any cost savings or achievements in efficiency recognized from implementing a change in the agency's procedures for the transmission and receipt of state documents.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/17/21
HB 2683	Relating to requirements for open meetings that are broadcast over the Internet or held by telephone conference or videoconference call.	9/1/2021	Adds requirements for open meetings held by teleconference or videoconference or broadcast over the Internet, including that a recording of the meeting be made available to the public within 24 hours of the meeting.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/17/21; Voted favorably 4/8/21; Reported as substituted 4/12/21
HB 2740	Relating to the posting of certain business and occupational licensing information on state agency websites and the Texas Veterans Portal.	9/1/2021	Requires a state agency that issues licenses to post, on the agency's home page or a single page of the website, a list of licenses issued by the agency a list of the licenses issued by the agency with a description of the type of business or occupation covered by each license and a description of the provisions that are available to military service members, military veterans, and military spouses. Requires the agency to provide a link to this information to the Texas Veterans Commission.	Referred to House Defense and Veterans' Affairs 3/17/21
HB 2789	Relating to charges imposed by a governmental body for providing copies of public information under the public information law.	9/1/2021	Prohibits a governmental body from charging for a copy of public information in certain circumstances.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/17/21

HB 2969	Relating to the ability of a person in attendance at an open meeting of a governmental body to stream live video and audio of the meeting on the Internet.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Allows a person attending an open meeting to stream live video and audio of all or part of the meeting on the Internet.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/18/21
HB 3015	Relating to a governmental body's response to a request for public information.	9/1/2021	Requires a governmental body to notify the requestor in writing not later than the 10th business day after the date the request is received if the governmental body determines it has no information responsive to the request or if the requested information is subject to a previous determination.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/19/21
HB 3073	Relating to a requirement that state agencies make agency guidance documents accessible to the public.	9/1/2021	Requires a state agency to include on the agency's publicly accessible Internet website a prominently displayed link to the guidance documents issued by the agency.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/19/21; Reported favorably 4/12/21
HB 3139	Relating to the authority of all governmental bodies to hold open and closed meetings by telephone or videoconference call.	9/1/2021	Updates the Open Meetings Act to allow a governmental body to hold an open or closed meeting by conference call (telephone and/or video) with certain requirements including making a recording of the meeting available to the public.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/19/21
HB 3330	Relating to remote meetings under the open meetings law.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Allows a member of a governmental body to participate remotely in a meeting by videoconference under certain conditions, including a public health disaster. Allows employees of a governmental body to participate remotely in a meeting by videoconference.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/22/21

HB 3345	Relating to public access to the audit records of certain governmental entities.	9/1/2021 (applies to an audit performed before, on, or after the effective date)	Requires a governmental entity to make the records relating to any audit of the governmental entity available to the public on request and not later than the fifth business day after the date the audit is completed, post the final report for the audit on the governmental entity's website. Allows redaction of confidential information from the report. Provides that a governmental entity that, without good cause, fails to comply is liable to a person for any reasonable expenses the person incurs trying to access the audit records, including reasonable attorney's fees.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/22/21
HB 3435	Relating to an expedited response by a governmental body to a request for public information.	9/1/2021	Allows a governmental body to withhold from a public information request certain confidential information without requesting an attorney general ruling if the public information officer or their designee has received specified training and creates an appeals process for the requestor.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/22/21
HB 3535	Relating to the availability of dates of birth under the public information law.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Provides that a governmental body is not authorized to withhold dates of birth under the Public Information Act except as permitted by HIPAA or otherwise provided by constitutional or statutory law.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/22/21
HB 3759	Relating to requiring each state agency to post on the agency's Internet website information on suicide prevention.	9/1/2021	Requires a state agency to prominently post on the agency's Internet website the phone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and a link to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Internet website or any successor website; and the Veterans Crisis Line and a link to the Veterans Crisis Line Internet website or any successor website.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/22/21

HB 3793	Relating to remote meetings under the open meetings law.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Updates the Open Meetings Act to allow a governmental body to hold an open or closed meeting by video conference call with certain requirements including making a recording of the meeting available to the public.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/22/21
HB 4493	Relating to the requirement that a state agency provide information to another state agency on request.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Requires a state agency that receives a written request for information, other than information that is confidential under law, from another state agency to provide the information to the requesting agency not later than the 10th day following the date the request is received and without cost.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/29/21
SB 16	Relating to prohibitions on the dissemination by a state agency of an individual's personal data.	9/1/2021	Prohibits a state agency from disseminating to any person any personal data of an individual without the individual's written consent and requires the state agency to retain the written consent of an individual until the agreement under which the personal data is disseminated expires or is otherwise terminated.	Referred to Senate Finance 3/3/21
SB 341	Relating to the Internet broadcast or audio recording of certain open meetings.	9/1/2021	Requires agencies with a fiscal year total appropriation greater than \$10 million and 100 or more FTEs to broadcast live video and audio of open meetings, maintain the recording on the website for two years, and post the open meetings notice on the website. Provides exceptions for catastrophes and technical breakdowns.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/9/21
SB 729	Relating to maintenance and production of electronic public information under the public information law.	9/1/2021	Requires governmental bodies to produce electronic public information in certain formats for public information requests and use reasonable efforts to ensure that a contract for the creation and maintenance of electronic public information does not impair the public's ability to inspect or copy the information.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/11/21

SB 861	Relating to remote meetings under the open meetings law.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Updates the Open Meetings Act to allow a governmental body to hold an open or closed meeting by video conference call with certain requirements including making a recording of the meeting available to the public.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/11/21; Reported as substituted 4/9/21
SB 923	Relating to open government.	9/1/2021 (contract posting requirement 9/1/2022)	Adds requirements for open meetings held by teleconference or videoconference or broadcast over the Internet, including that a recording of the meeting be made available to the public within 24 hours of the meeting. Adds data dictionaries and other indicia of the type or category of information held in each field of a database as public information in 552.002(a-2). Narrows the definition of business day to a day other than a Saturday, Sunday, national holiday, or state holiday. Narrows a governmental body's ability to withhold a date of birth. Adds requirements for electronic public information. Adds requirements for posting all contracts on website.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/11/21
SB 924	Relating to requirements for open meetings that are broadcast over the Internet or held by telephone conference or videoconference call.	9/1/2021	Adds requirements for open meetings held by teleconference or videoconference or broadcast over the Internet, including that the public has access to audio and audiovisual feeds of the meeting, if applicable that the public has an opportunity to address the governmental body, that notice of the open meeting provides location and access information, and that a recording of the meeting be made available to the public within 24 hours of the meeting.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/11/21
SB 925	Relating to the definition of business day for purposes of the public information law.	9/1/2021	Defines "business day" as a day other than a Saturday or Sunday; national holiday; or state holiday.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/11/21

SB 926	Relating to the availability of dates of birth under the public information law.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Provides that a governmental body is not authorized to withhold dates of birth under the Public Information Act except as permitted by HIPAA or otherwise provided by constitutional or statutory law.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/11/21
SB 927	Relating to a governmental body's response to a request for public information.	9/1/2021	Requires a governmental body to notify the requestor in writing not later than the 10th business day after the date the request is received if the governmental body determines it has no information responsive to the request or if the requested information is subject to a previous determination.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/11/21
SB 928	Relating to maintenance and production of electronic public information under the public information law.	9/1/2021	Requires governmental bodies to produce electronic public information in certain formats for public information requests and use reasonable efforts to ensure that a contract for the creation and maintenance of electronic public information does not impair the public's ability to inspect or copy the information.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/11/21
SB 1491	Relating to the electronic submission of requests for attorney general decisions under the public information law; authorizing a fee.	9/1/2021	Requires a governmental body to submit a request for an attorney general decision through the attorney general's designated electronic filing system, with an exception for when the amount or format of responsive information makes use of the attorney general's electronic filing system impractical or impossible and authorizing a fee for requests not submitted electronically.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/24/21

SB 1492	Relating to an expedited response by a governmental body to a request for public information.	9/1/2021	Allows a governmental body to withhold from a public information request certain confidential information without requesting an attorney general ruling if the public information officer or their designee has received specified training and creates an appeals process for the requestor.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/24/21
SB 1515	Relating to the authority of all governmental bodies to hold open and closed meetings by telephone or videoconference call.	9/1/2021	Updates the Open Meetings Act to allow a governmental body to hold an open or closed meeting by conference call (telephone and/or video) with certain requirements including making a recording of the meeting available to the public.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/24/21
SB 1885	Relating to open meetings of governmental bodies.	9/1/2021	Requires a governmental body that holds a meeting to which public access is limited or restricted to broadcast audio and video of all open portions of the meeting live over the Internet and provide a link to the broadcast in the notice of the meeting; or allow members of the public to listen to live audio of all open portions of the meeting by telephone, provide a toll-free telephone number for that purpose, and include the toll-free telephone number in the notice of the meeting. Requires a governmental body holding a meeting at which members of the public are allowed to address the body to allow members of the public to address the body by telephone and provide in the notice of the meeting a toll-free telephone number. Allows the governmental body to allow members of the public to address the body over the Internet, but must provide in the notice of the meeting an Internet link.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/26/21

Rule Making

Bill	Caption	Effective Date	Summary	Status
HB 70	Relating to legislative review and approval of certain state agency rules.	1/1/2022 (contingent on const. amend.)	Requires rules with an anticipated economic impact of \$20 million or more to be reviewed by a standing committee and, if the rule is not approved by unanimous vote of the committee's full membership, requires a vote by the members of the appropriate legislative house.	Referred to House State Affairs 2/25/21
HB 1322	Relating to a summary of a rule proposed by a state agency.	9/1/2021	Requires a state agency to include in the notice of a proposed rule a brief plain-language summary and to publish the summary on the agency's website.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/4/21; 3 floor amendments adopted 4/13/21; Passed House 4/14/21
HB 2956	Relating to the provision of notice of proposed rules by state agencies.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Requires notice of a proposed rule to include the bill number if applicable. For rules proposed under statutory authority that specifically authorized the agency to adopt the rule and became law in the preceding 4 years, requires the state agency to provide, not later than the third day after the date on which the agency files notice with the secretary of state, notice by email of a proposed rule to each person who was a primary author or sponsor of the legislation that enacted the statutory authority under which the proposed rule is to be adopted, if that person is a current member of the legislature. Failure to provide notice does not invalidate the rule.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/18/21

HB 3046	Relating to the identification of and prohibited cooperation by state and local entities with certain federal acts that violate the United States Constitution.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Provides that notwithstanding any other law, a state agency may not cooperate with a federal government agency in implementing an agency rule that a required monthly report by the attorney general indicates has been found by a court to violate the rights guaranteed to the citizens of the United States by the United States Constitution.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/19/21
SB 150	Relating to the procedure for adoption by a state agency of rules that may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities.	9/1/2021	Requires a state agency that is made aware that a proposed a rule may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, or rural communities to publish the economic impact statement and regulatory flexibility analysis in the Texas Register and provide a copy of the statement and analysis to the standing committee of each house of the legislature charged with reviewing the proposed rule.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/3/21
Cybersecurity/IT				
Bill	Caption	Effective Date	Summary	Status
HB 1118	Relating to state agency and local government compliance with cybersecurity training requirements.	9/1/2021	Requires state agencies to submit as part of the strategic plan written certification of the agency's compliance with the cybersecurity training required under §§2054.5191 and 2054.5192.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/4/21; Voted favorably 3/18/21; Passed House 4/8/21; Referred to Senate Finance 4/12/21
HB 4395	Relating to state and local governments requirements to report security incidents to the Department of Information Resources.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Defines "security incident" and requires a state agency to comply with all rules relating to security incidents adopted by the Department of Information Resources.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/29/21; Voted favorably 4/14/21
SB 345	Relating to state agency and local government compliance with cybersecurity training requirements.	9/1/2021	Requires state agencies to submit as part of the strategic plan written certification of the agency's compliance with the cybersecurity training required under §§2054.5191 and 2054.5192.	Referred to Senate Finance 3/9/21

SB 800	Relating to certain required reports or information received or prepared by state agencies and other governmental entities.	9/1/2021	Updates state agency reporting requirements, including the vulnerability report by the information security officer of a state agency under §2054.077 of Texas Gov't Code, security assessment report under §2054.515, and data security plan under §2054.516.	Referred to Senate Finance 3/11/21; Reported from committee as substituted 4/1/21; Passed Senate 4/10/21; Referred to House State Affairs 4/15/21
SB 1197	Relating to state agency information technology and data services modernization plans.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote) (report due 10/1/22)	Requires each state agency to prepare and submit a 5-year agencywide plan outlining the manner in which the agency intends to transition its information technology and data-related services and capabilities into a more modern, integrated, secure, and effective technological environment. Details requirements for the plan and requires coordination with DIR.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/18/21

Contracts/Purchasing/HUBs

Bill	Caption	Effective Date	Summary	Status
HB 257	Relating to the definition of economically disadvantaged person for the purposes of determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business.	9/1/2021	Adds Subcontinent Asian Americans to the list of economically disadvantaged groups.	Referred to House State Affairs 2/25/21
HB 676	Relating to the consideration of ownership interests of certain persons with a disability in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.	9/1/2021	Adds persons with a disability as defined by 42 USC Section 12102 to the list of economically disadvantaged groups and requires submission of an affidavit to CPA verifying the disability.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/1/21
HB 923	Relating to historically underutilized businesses and to goods and services purchased by governmental entities.	9/1/2021	Requires state agencies making purchases of goods to give preference to Texas bidders that are historically underutilized businesses.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/1/21

HB 924	Relating to the preference given by state agencies for certain goods and services produced or offered by small businesses.	9/1/2021	Requires the comptroller and state agencies that enters into certain contracts for the purchase of goods or services with a value of less than \$500,000 to give preference to goods or services produced or offered by a small business.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/1/21
HB 1660	Relating to requiring state contractors and political subdivisions of this state to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify.	9/1/2021 (state agencies must develop procedures by 10/1/2021)	Prohibits a state agency from awarding a contract for goods or services to a contractor unless the contractor and any subcontractor register with and participate in the E-verify program to verify employee information and requires a specific statement in each contract with the agency.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/9/21
HB 2122	Relating to purchasing standards for state agencies and institutions of higher education, including standards for contracting with historically underutilized businesses.	9/1/2021	Modifies the factors a state agency may consider in the purchase of goods or services to add any effort beyond the minimally required good faith effort to include historically underutilized businesses in the contract.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/15/21
HB 2558	Relating to prohibited state contracts with companies that discriminate against the firearm or ammunition industries.	9/1/2021	Prohibits a governmental entity from entering into a contract with a company for the purchase of goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it does not have a written or unwritten internal practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/17/21; Voted favorably 4/8/21

HB 2823	Relating to requiring state contractors and political subdivisions of this state to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify, and authorizing the suspension of certain licenses held by private employers for the knowing employment of persons not lawfully present in this state; authorizing a fee.	9/1/2021	Prohibits a state agency from awarding a contract for goods or services within this state to a contractor unless the contractor and any subcontractor register with and participate in the E-verify program to verify employee information. Requires the state agency to include a specific statement in the contract.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/18/21
HB 2913	Relating to the posting of certain contracts to the Internet websites of governmental bodies.	9/1/2021	Requires a governmental body to post on its website each contract entered into for the purchase of goods or services from a private vendor, along with the statutory or other authority that exempts the contract from competitive bidding procedures or the request for bids or proposals related to the contract by 14th day after the date the contract is signed or otherwise adopted by the parties to the contract; or if the contract is valued at less than \$15,000, by the 30th day. Requires the posting to be maintained until the fourth anniversary of the date the contract is completed or expires.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/18/21
HB 2938	Relating to state agency audits of a contractor's compliance with a historically underutilized business subcontracting plan.	9/1/2021	Adds specific factors for an agency to consider in determining whether a contractor made the required good faith effort to find and subcontract with another historically underutilized business and requires the agency to include in the agency's report any report the agency received from the contractor regarding this.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/18/21

HB 3329	Relating to the procurement process of state agencies, including the evaluation of and communication with vendors.	9/1/2021	Provides that state agency personnel, contractors, and vendors may share information and knowledge to achieve best value in procurements for the state.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/22/21
HB 3561	Relating to the elimination of the state's historically underutilized business program.	9/1/2021	Repeals Chapter 2161, Government Code regarding historically underutilized businesses.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/22/21
HB 3658	Relating to state agency contracting and state employees, officers, contractors, and other persons involved with the contracting.	9/1/2021	Requires a state agency to include in a contract a provision referencing the prohibition on a person who for more than 30 days performed full-time or part-time work for a regulatory agency under a contract or subcontract from representing any person or receiving compensation for services rendered regarding a particular matter in which the contractor or subcontractor participated during the period of contract and regarding any procurement that began at the regulatory agency while the contractor or subcontractor performed work for the agency. Requires a state agency to establish a procedure and requirements for determining the eligibility for a salary increase of an agency employee who acts as an evaluator of an agency procurement through a decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, advice, investigation, or similar action from the issuance of a solicitation through the award of the contract. Updates the factors to be considered for procurement. Requires specific training for contract managers who participate in the procurement of a contract with a value of \$20 or more.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/22/21

HB 4071	Relating to the requirements for the purchase of endpoint devices by a state agency.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Provides that a state agency may purchase or lease an endpoint device (defined as personal computing goods and multi-functional devices) only if the device meets the certain requirements. Directs DIR to compile a list of endpoint devices that are approved for purchase by a state agency.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/29/21
HB 4101	Relating to the authority of a governmental entity to limit bidding on certain public contracts to bidders that are small businesses.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Allows the governing body of a governmental entity to establish a program to limit bidding on certain contracts to bidders that are small businesses.	Referred to House County Affairs 3/29/21
SB 19	Relating to prohibited contracts with companies that discriminate against the firearm or ammunition industries.	9/1/2021	Prohibits a governmental entity from entering into a contract with a company for the purchase of goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it does not have a written or unwritten internal practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/9/21; Voted favorably 4/8/21; Passed Senate 4/15/21
SB 344	Relating to the use of electronic signatures that employ blockchain or distributed ledger technology in certain business or governmental transactions.	9/1/2021	Requires state agencies to accept electronic signatures that employ blockchain or distributed ledger technology for contracts entered into by the agency.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/9/21

SB 475	Relating to state agency and local government information security, including establishment of the state risk and authorization management program and the Texas volunteer incident response team; authorizing fees.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote) Contract deadline 1/1/2022	Requires a state agency to require each vendor contracting with the agency to provide cloud computing services to comply with the requirements of the state risk and authorization management program and requires state agencies entering into or renewing a contract with a vendor authorized to access, transmit, use, or store data for the agency shall include a provision in the contract requiring the vendor to meet certain security controls. Establishes a Texas Volunteer Incident Response Team for cybersecurity events and authorizes the department to establish a fee schedule for agencies receiving incident response team assistance.	Referred to Senate Finance 3/9/21; Reported favorably as substituted 4/12/21
SB 799	Relating to contracting procedures and requirements for governmental entities.	9/1/2021	Increases a state agency's delegated purchase authority for goods and services from \$15,000 to \$50,000 and updates contracting requirements and procedures for major information resources projects.	Referred to Senate Finance 3/11/21; Reported from committee as substituted 4/6/21
SB 929	Relating to the posting of certain contracts to the Internet websites of governmental bodies.	9/1/2021	Requires a governmental body to post on its website each contract entered into for the purchase of goods or services from a private vendor, along with the statutory or other authority that exempts the contract from competitive bidding procedures or the request for bids or proposals related to the contract by 14th day after the date the contract is signed or otherwise adopted by the parties to the contract; or if the contract is valued at less than \$15,000, by the 30th day. Requires the posting to be maintained until the fourth anniversary of the date the contract is completed or expires.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/11/21

SB 1026	Relating to purchasing standards for state agencies and institutions of higher education, including standards for contracting with historically underutilized businesses.	9/1/2021	Modifies the factors a state agency may consider in the purchase of goods or services to add any effort beyond the minimally required good faith effort to include historically underutilized businesses in the contract.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/18/21
SB 1916	Relating to the state purchasing preference for recycled, remanufactured, or environmentally sensitive products.	9/1/2021	Requires the comptroller to regularly review and revise its procurement procedures and specifications for the purchase of goods to a require that any information regarding the recycled, remanufactured, or environmentally sensitive nature of a product that is used as the basis for receiving a preference be certified as accurate by an entity approved by the comptroller. Requires a state agency to provide notice of the preference in all solicitation documents for purchases of goods by the agency, including the method the agency will use to evaluate, apply, and award the preference.	Filed
SB 1928	Relating to requiring state contractors and political subdivisions of this state to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify.	9/1/2021 (state agencies must develop procedures by 10/1/2021)	Prohibits a state agency from awarding a contract for goods or services to a contractor unless the contractor and any subcontractor register with and participate in the E-verify program to verify employee information and requires a specific statement in each contract with the agency.	Filed
SB 2002	Relating to the state historically underutilized business program.	9/1/2021	Requires each state agency to include in its strategic plan a written plan for increasing the agency's use of historically underutilized businesses in purchasing and public works contracting and for monitoring the agency's use of historically underutilized businesses based on amounts that could be counted toward a disadvantaged business enterprise participation goal.	Filed

SB 2119	Relating to state contracts with certain companies that censor their users' speech.	9/1/2021	Prohibits a state agency from entering into a contract with an interactive computer services company unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that, during the term of the contract, the company will not block, censor, remove, or otherwise restrict a user's speech.	Filed
Other Health Professions				
Bill	Caption	Effective Date	Summary	Status
HB 1462	Relating to the prescriptive authority of certain psychologists.	9/1/2021	Authorizes psychologists with a prescriptive authority certificate issued by TSBPE to issue a prescription drug order and administer or dispense a prescription drug, with the exception of an opioid.	Referred to House Public Health 3/5/21
HB 1524	Relating to the prescribing and ordering of Schedule II controlled substances by certain advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants.	9/1/2021	Expands the ability of a physician to delegate the prescribing or ordering of a Schedule II controlled substance to advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants.	Referred to House Public Health 3/8/21
HB 1742	Relating to the practice of dentistry and the provision of teledentistry dental services.	9/1/2021 (rules must be adopted by March 1, 2022)	Requires TSBP and TSBDE to jointly adopt rules that establish the determination of a valid prescription for teledentistry dental services and jointly develop and publish on each respective board's Internet website responses to frequently asked questions relating to the determination of a valid prescription issued in the course of the provision of teledentistry dental services.	Referred to House Public Health 3/10/21

HB 1778	Relating to the authority of a physician to provide and dispense and to delegate authority to provide and dispense certain drugs.	9/1/2021	Amends the Medical Practices Act to add §158.004 allowing a physician to dispense dangerous drugs at cost and requiring the physician to notify TSBP on a form to be created by TSBP and TMB. Also allows the physician to delegate the act of dispensing to any qualified and properly trained person acting under the physician's supervision.	Referred to House Public Health 3/10/21
HB 2029	Relating to the licensing and authority of advanced practice registered nurses.	9/1/2021	Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to prescribe drugs.	Referred to House Public Health 3/15/21
HB 2056	Relating to the practice of dentistry and the provision of teledentistry dental services.	9/1/2021 (rules must be adopted by March 1, 2022)	Requires TSBP and TSBDE to jointly adopt rules that establish the determination of a valid prescription for teledentistry dental services and jointly develop and publish on each respective board's Internet website responses to frequently asked questions relating to the determination of a valid prescription issued in the course of the provision of teledentistry dental services.	Referred to House Public Health 3/15/21
HB 2185	Relating to the promotion of off-label uses of certain drugs, biological products, and devices.	9/1/2021	Prohibits the state regulatory authority of a physician or health care provider from revoking or refusing to renew the license or otherwise impose a disciplinary action against a physician or health care provider who communicates or otherwise promotes an off-label use of a drug, biological product, or device.	Referred to House Public Health 3/15/21
HB 2340	Relating to the practice of therapeutic optometry.	9/1/2021	Expands a therapeutic optometrist's ability to prescribe to not more than one three-day supply of any medication classified as a controlled substance under Schedule III, IV, or V and one three-day supply of hydrocodone or a hydrocodone combination medication classified as a controlled substance under Schedule II.	Referred to House Public Health 3/15/21

HB 4362	Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain health professions.	9/1/2021	Allows the Medical Board to authorize an advanced practice registered nurse to prescribe and order drugs and devices, including controlled substances listed in Schedules III, IV, and V and dangerous drugs, and in certain circumstances controlled substances listed in Schedule II.	Referred to House Public Health 3/29/21
SB 915	Relating to the licensing and authority of advanced practice registered nurses.	9/1/2021	Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to prescribe drugs.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/11/21
SB 993	Relating to the practice of therapeutic optometry.	9/1/2021	Expands a therapeutic optometrist's ability to prescribe to not more than one three-day supply of any medication classified as a controlled substance under Schedule III, IV, or V and one three-day supply of hydrocodone or a hydrocodone combination medication classified as a controlled substance under Schedule II.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/18/21
Disasters				
Bill	Caption	Effective Date	Summary	Status
HB 311	Relating to the declaration and length of state of disaster or public health disaster.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Limits a public health disaster declaration to 30 days unless renewed by the legislature by law and prohibits the governor from declaring a state of disaster based on the same finding for which a disaster was declared within the preceding 12 months.	Referred to House State Affairs 2/25/21
HB 665	Relating to an emergency rule adopted by a state agency during certain periods of disaster.	9/1/2021	Limits an emergency rule adopted during a period in which at least 75% of the counties in the state are in a state of disaster or emergency to be effective for not longer than 30 days and to be renewed for not longer than 60 days. Renewal requires majority approval of joint hearing of standing committees.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/1/21

HB 899	Relating to prohibiting a licensing authority from taking disciplinary action against certain license holders for violating an emergency management plan or a rule, order, or ordinance issued under the plan.	9/1/2021	Amends the Texas Disaster Act to prohibit licensing agencies from imposing discipline on licensees for failure to comply with emergency management plan or rules, orders, or ordinances adopted under the plan.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/1/21
HB 1137	Relating to limiting the assessment of certain fees and taxes during a declared state of disaster.	9/1/2021	Prohibits the assessment of any tax or fee, including a licensing fee, during the time a business is restricted by a disaster order, proclamation, or regulation.	Referred to House Ways and Means 3/4/21
HB 1978	Relating to a state of disaster declared by the governor because of COVID-19.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Prohibits the governor from declaring a state of disaster because of COVID-19.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/15/21
HB 3627	Relating to the authority of a governmental body impacted by a catastrophe to temporarily suspend the requirements of the public information law.	9/1/2021	Allows a governmental body to temporarily suspend the requirements of the Public Information Act if it is currently significantly impacted by a catastrophe such that the catastrophe directly causes the inability of a governmental body to comply with the requirements, but does not apply a period when staff is required to work remotely and can access information responsive to a request for information electronically, but the physical office of the governmental body is closed.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/22/21; Voted favorably 4/14/21
HB 3785	Relating to the governor's authority to suspend regulatory statutes, orders, and rules during a declared state of disaster.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Limits the governor's ability to suspend a provision of a state statute or a state agency order or rule. Defines regulatory order or rule and regulatory statute.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/22/21

HB 3838	Relating to the display of emergency and other notices by a governmental entity on the entity's Internet website.	9/1/2021	Requires a governmental entity to post in a prominent location on the home page of the entity's website each emergency notification issued by the entity and any other official notice issued by the entity, including notices regarding the entity's ability or inability to provide services the entity normally provides to the public.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/23/21
HB 4125	Relating to state and local government responses to disasters.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Provides that if the governor issues an executive order, proclamation, or regulation during a declared state of disaster that restricts the operation of a business or a category of businesses, a business whose operation is restricted may not be assessed any fee, including a licensing fee, by this state during the time the operation is restricted and if a business paid an annual fee or other fee in advance for the business's operations, the business is entitled to a pro rata refund of the fee for the period of time its operations were restricted. Removes the governor's ability to suspend statutes by limiting the suspension power to state agency orders and rules.	Referred to House State Affairs 3/29/21
SB 525	Relating to an emergency rule adopted by a state agency during certain periods of disaster.	9/1/2021	Limits an emergency rule adopted during a period in which at least 75% of the counties in the state are in a state of disaster or emergency to be effective for not longer than 30 days and to be renewed for not longer than 60 days.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/9/21

SB 966	Relating to legislative oversight during a public health disaster, including the establishment of a legislative public health oversight board.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Establishes a legislative public health oversight board to provide oversight for declarations of public health disasters issued by the commissioner. Provides that a public health disaster may be renewed, following the initial 30-day renewal, by the commissioner for an additional 30 days only if each subsequent renewal is approved by the legislative public health oversight board.	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services 3/11/21; Reported as substituted 4/7/21
SB 1225	Relating to the authority of a governmental body impacted by a catastrophe to temporarily suspend the requirements of the public information law.	9/1/2021	Allows a governmental body to temporarily suspend the requirements of the Public Information Act if it is currently significantly impacted by a catastrophe such that the catastrophe directly causes the inability of a governmental body to comply with the requirements, but does not apply a period when staff is required to work remotely and can access information responsive to a request for information electronically, but the physical office of the governmental body is closed.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/18/21
Controlled Substances/Cannabis/Criminal Penalties				
Bill	Caption	Effective Date	Summary	Status

HB 43	Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use by patients with certain eligible medical conditions and the licensing of dispensing	9/1/2021	Modifies §551.004 to clarify that subtitle does not apply to a dispensing organization that cultivates, processes, and dispenses medical cannabis to a patient listed in the compassionate-use registry. Authorizes a physician to prescribe medical cannabis to a patient if the patient is a permanent resident of the state, the physician complies with registration requirements, and the physician certifies to the department that the patient is diagnosed with an eligible medical condition and the physician determines the risk of medical use by the patient is reasonable in light of the potential benefit for the patient.	Referred to House Public Education 2/25/21
HB 94	Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use by qualifying patients with certain debilitating medical conditions and the licensing.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Modifies §551.004 to clarify that subtitle does not apply to a dispensing organization that cultivates, processes, and dispenses medical cannabis or to a cardholder or nonresident cardholder. Authorizes a registered medical practitioner to recommend medical cannabis to a qualifying patient if the medical practitioner attests the diagnosis of a debilitating medical condition is correct; the qualifying patient is likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from the medical use of medical cannabis, and the potential benefits to the qualifying patient of medical use outweigh the health risks of medical use.	Referred to House Public Health 2/25/21
HB 169	Relating to the criminal penalties for the possession of small amounts of Penalty Group 1 controlled substances and marihuana.	9/1/2021	Reduces certain offenses from state jail felonies to misdemeanors and the class of certain misdemeanors.	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 2/25/21

HB 439	Relating to the criminal penalties for possession or delivery of marihuana and marihuana concentrate.	9/1/2021	Adjusts certain offenses from state jail felonies to misdemeanors and the class of certain misdemeanors.	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 2/25/21
HB 441	Relating to the criminal and licensing consequences of certain marihuana possession and drug paraphernalia possession offenses.	9/1/2021	Reduces the class of misdemeanor for certain offenses.	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 2/25/21; Voted favorably as substituted 4/12/21
HB 447	Relating to the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, testing, possession, and use of cannabis and cannabis products.	9/1/2021	Creates Chapter 491, the Texas Regulation and Taxation of Cannabis Act, authorizing certain personal use of cannabis and certain retail cannabis operations. Provides that certain restrictions in the TCSA do not apply to conduct authorized by Chapter 491.	Referred to Licensing and Administrative Procedures 2/25/21
HB 498	Relating to the prosecution of and penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marihuana.	9/1/2021	Reduces the class of misdemeanor for certain offenses.	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 2/25/21
HB 585	Relating to the prosecution of and penalties for possession of marihuana.	9/1/2021	Reduces certain offenses from state jail felonies to misdemeanors and the class of certain misdemeanors.	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 3/1/21
HB 616	Relating to the criminal penalties for possession of two grams or less of marihuana.	9/1/2021	Reduces the class of misdemeanor for certain offenses.	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 3/1/21

HB 809	Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use by patients with post-traumatic stress disorder.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Modifies §551.004 to clarify that subtitle does not apply to a low-THC cannabis dispensing organization that cultivates, processes, and dispenses low-THC cannabis to a patient listed in the compassionate-use registry or a medical cannabis dispensing organization that cultivates, processes, and dispenses medical cannabis to a patient listed in the medical use registry established under that chapter. Authorizes a registered physician to recommend medical use in accordance with this chapter for a patient who is 18 years of age or older and has post-traumatic stress disorder.	Filed
HB 1001	Relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis by certain patients with post-traumatic stress disorder under the Texas Compassionate Use Act.	9/1/2021	Adds post-traumatic stress disorder to the list of patient diagnoses for which a physician may prescribe low-THC cannabis.	Referred to House Public Health 3/4/21
HB 1086	Relating to the criminal penalties for certain criminal offenses.	9/1/2021	Reduces certain drug related violations from state jail felonies to Class A misdemeanors.	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 3/4/21
HB 1109	Relating to the use of medical cannabis by veterans for post-traumatic stress disorder and the licensing of associated cultivating or dispensing organizations; authorizing fees.	9/1/2021	Modifies §551.004 to clarify that subtitle does not apply to a low-THC dispensing organization that cultivates, processes, and dispenses low-THC cannabis to a patient listed in the compassionate-use registry or a medical cannabis cultivating or dispensing organization that cultivates, manufactures, or dispenses medical cannabis to a patient who holds a purchaser permit.	Referred to House Public Health 3/4/21

HB 1233	Relating to prescribing low-THC cannabis under the Texas Compassionate Use Program.	9/1/2021	Authorizes a registered physician to prescribe low-THC cannabis to a patient with a medical condition that produces symptoms, or the treatment of which produces symptoms, that are alleviated by medical use of low-THC cannabis.	Referred to House Public Health 3/4/21
HB 1535	Relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis by patients with certain medical conditions and the establishment of compassionate-use institutional review boards to evaluate and approve proposed research program.	9/1/2021	Adds a condition that causes acute or chronic pain for which a physician would otherwise prescribe an opioid, post-traumatic stress disorder and is a veteran, and a medical condition that is approved for a research program and for which the patient is receiving treatment under that program or a debilitating medical condition designated by the Department of State Health Services to the list of patient diagnoses for which a physician may prescribe low-THC cannabis.	Referred to House Public Health 3/11/21; Reported favorably 4/12/21
HB 1609	Relating to the criminal penalties for possession of marihuana.	9/1/2021	Reduces the class of misdemeanor for certain possession of marihuana violations.	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 3/9/21
HB 1954	Relating to the penalty for certain offenders for possession of a small amount of certain controlled substances.	9/1/2021	Reduces certain state jail felony violations to Class A misdemeanor violations.	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 3/15/21
HB 2568	Relating to the manufacture, delivery, and possession of certain tetrahydrocannabinols under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.	9/1/2021	Removes tetrahydrocannabinols from Penalty Group 2, creates new Penalty Group 2-B for tetrahydrocannabinols, and adds offenses for manufacture or delivery of substance in Penalty Group 2-A and possession of substances in Penalty Group 2-B.	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 3/17/21

HB 2593	Relating to the criminal penalties for the possession of certain tetrahydrocannabinols under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.	9/1/2021	Removes tetrahydrocannabinols from Penalty Group 2 and creates new Penalty Group 2-B for tetrahydrocannabinols.	Referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence 3/17/21; Voted favorably 4/9/21; Reported favorably 4/16/21
HB 2718	Relating to the punishment for possession of small amounts of certain controlled substances listed in Penalty Group 2.	9/1/2021	Reduces offenses of possessing one e-cigarette containing tetrahydrocannabinol or a tetrahydrocannabinol derivative or analogue to Class B misdemeanors.	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 3/17/21
HB 3248	Relating to the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, processing, distribution, sale, testing, transportation, delivery, transfer, possession, use, and taxation of cannabis and cannabis products and local regulation.	9/1/2021	Modifies §551.004 to clarify that subtitle does not apply to a cannabis grower, cannabis establishment, cannabis secure transporter, or cannabis testing facility that cultivates, manufactures, processes, distributes, delivers sells, tests, transports, or dispenses cannabis or a cannabis product or a person who transfers cannabis without remuneration. Creates Chapter 491, Texas Regulation of Cannabis Act. Provides that certain restrictions in the TCSA do not apply to conduct authorized by Chapter 491.	Referred to Licensing and Administrative Procedures 3/19/21
HB 3772	Relating to the criminal and licensing consequences of certain criminal offenses involving the possession or delivery of marihuana and cannabis concentrate or possession of drug paraphernalia.	9/1/2021	Amends the definition of marihuana and removes from Penalty Group 2 any material excluded from the definition of marihuana, a plant of the Cannabis genus with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of less than one percent by weight, or a processed form of a plant of the genus Cannabis containing less than five milligrams of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol. Adjusts certain offenses from state jail felonies to misdemeanors and the class of certain misdemeanors.	Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 3/22/21

<p>HB 4089</p>	<p>Relating to the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, processing, distribution, sale, testing, transportation, delivery, transfer, possession, use, and taxation of cannabis and cannabis products.</p>	<p>9/1/2021</p>	<p>Modifies §551.004 to clarify that subtitle does not apply to a cannabis grower, cannabis establishment, cannabis secure transporter, or cannabis testing facility that cultivates, manufactures, processes, distributes, delivers sells, tests, transports, or dispenses cannabis or a cannabis product, or a person who transfers cannabis without remuneration. Creates Chapter 491, Texas Regulation of Cannabis Act. Provides that certain restrictions in the TCSA do not apply to conduct authorized by Chapter 491.</p>	<p>Referred to Licensing and Administrative Procedures 3/29/21</p>
<p>HB 4284</p>	<p>Relating to the creation of the opioid abatement account.</p>	<p>9/1/2021</p>	<p>Establishes the opioid abatement account is a dedicated account in the general revenue fund. Provides a state agency may be appropriated money from the account only for specified purposes, including creating and providing training on the treatment of opioid addiction, including the treatment of opioid dependence with each medication approved for that purpose by the United States Food and Drug Administration, medical detoxification, relapse prevention, patient assessment, individual treatment planning, counseling, recovery supports, diversion control, and other best practices.</p>	<p>Referred to House Appropriations 3/29/21</p>

SB 90	Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use by qualifying patients with certain debilitating medical conditions.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Modifies §551.004 to clarify that subtitle does not apply to a dispensing organization that cultivates, processes, and dispenses medical cannabis or to a cardholder or nonresident cardholder. Authorizes a registered medical practitioner to recommend medical cannabis to a qualifying patient if the medical practitioner attests the diagnosis of a debilitating medical condition is correct; the qualifying patient is likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from the medical use of medical cannabis, and the potential benefits to the qualifying patient of medical use outweigh the health risks of medical use.	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services 3/3/21
SB 140	Relating to the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, testing, possession, and use of cannabis and cannabis products.	9/1/2021	Creates Chapter 491, the Real Solutions Act, for the regulation and taxation of cannabis. Provides that certain restrictions in the TCSA do not apply to conduct authorized by Chapter 491. Authorizes a registered physician to recommend medical use of medical cannabis for a patient with acute or chronic pain.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/3/21
SB 151	Relating to the criminal penalties for possession or delivery of marihuana and marihuana concentrate.	9/1/2021	Adjusts certain offenses from state jail felonies to misdemeanors and the class of certain misdemeanors.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/3/21

SB 250	Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use by patients for whom a physician determines medical use is the best available treatment for the patient's medical condition or symptoms and the licensing of medical cannabis dispensing organizations; authorizing fees.	9/1/2021 (or immediate with 2/3 vote)	Modifies §551.004 to clarify that subtitle does not apply to a low-THC cannabis dispensing organization that cultivates, processes, and dispenses low-THC cannabis, to a patient listed in the compassionate-use registry established under that chapter; or a medical cannabis dispensing organization that cultivates, processes, and dispenses medical cannabis to a patient listed in the medical use registry.	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services 3/3/21
SB 269	Relating to the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, processing, distribution, sale, testing, transportation, delivery, transfer, possession, and use of cannabis and cannabis products and the allocation of tax revenue derived from cannabis and cannabis products; authorizing the imposition of fees; requiring an occupational license; creating a criminal offense.	9/1/2021	Modifies §551.004 to clarify that subtitle does not apply to a cannabis grower, cannabis establishment, cannabis secure transporter, or cannabis testing facility, that cultivates, manufactures, processes, distributes, delivers sells, tests, transports, or dispenses cannabis or a cannabis product as authorized by that chapter; or a person who transfers cannabis without remuneration.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/3/21
SB 327	Relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis by certain patients with post-traumatic stress disorder under the Texas Compassionate Use Act.	9/1/2021	Adds post-traumatic stress disorder to the list of patient diagnoses for which a physician may prescribe low-THC cannabis.	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services 3/9/21
SB 652	Relating to the criminal penalties for delivery and possession of marihuana and citations given for those offenses.	9/1/2021	Adjusts the degree of felony and the class of misdemeanor for certain offenses.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/18/21

SB 768	Relating to increasing the criminal penalties for manufacture or delivery of fentanyl and related substances.	9/1/2021	Amends the Texas Controlled Substances Act to add offenses relating to new Penalty Group 1-B consisting of fentanyl, alpha-methylfentanyl, and any other derivative of fentanyl.	Referred to Senate Jurisprudence 3/11/21; Voted favorably 3/18/21; Passed Senate 3/29/21; Referred to House Criminal Jurisprudence 4/7/21
SB 1005	Relating to the punishment for certain controlled substance possession offenses under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.	9/1/2021	Reduces certain state jail felony violations to Class A misdemeanor violations and requires the judge suspend the imposition of certain sentences and place the defendant on community supervision in certain circumstances.	Referred to Senate Criminal Justice 3/18/21
SB 1175	Relating to the criminal and licensing consequences of certain criminal offenses involving the possession or delivery of marihuana and cannabis concentrate or possession of drug paraphernalia.	9/1/2021	Amends the definition of marihuana and removes from Penalty Group 2 any material excluded from the definition of marihuana, a plant of the Cannabis genus with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of less than one percent by weight, or a processed form of a plant of the genus Cannabis containing less than five milligrams of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol. Adjusts certain offenses from state jail felonies to misdemeanors and the class of certain misdemeanors.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/18/21

SB 1345	Relating to the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, processing, distribution, sale, testing, transportation, delivery, transfer, possession, and use of cannabis and cannabis products.	9/1/2021	Modifies §551.004 to clarify that subtitle does not apply to a cannabis grower, cannabis establishment, cannabis secure transporter, or cannabis testing facility that cultivates, manufactures, processes, distributes, delivers, sells, tests, transports, or dispenses cannabis or a cannabis product or a person who transfers cannabis without remuneration. Creates Chapter 491, regarding Regulation of Cannabis. Provides that certain restrictions in the TCSA do not apply to conduct authorized by Chapter 491.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/18/21
SB 1440	Relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis by veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder under the Texas Compassionate Use Act.	9/1/2021	Adds post-traumatic stress disorder and is a veteran to the list of patient diagnoses for which a physician may prescribe low-THC cannabis.	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services 3/18/21
SB 1503	Relating to the authority of a physician to provide and dispense and to delegate authority to provide and dispense certain drugs.	9/1/2021	Amends the Medical Practices Act to add §158.004 allowing a physician to dispense dangerous drugs at cost and requiring the physician to notify TSBP on a form to be created by TSBP and TMB. Also allows the physician to delegate the act of dispensing to any qualified and properly trained person acting under the physician's supervision.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/24/21

SB 1827	Relating to the creation of the opioid abatement account.	9/1/2021	Establishes the opioid abatement account is a dedicated account in the general revenue fund. Provides a state agency may be appropriated money from the account only for specified purposes, including creating and providing training on the treatment of opioid addiction, including the treatment of opioid dependence with each medication approved for that purpose by the United States Food and Drug Administration, medical detoxification, relapse prevention, patient assessment, individual treatment planning, counseling, recovery supports, diversion control, and other best practices.	Referred to Senate Finance 3/26/21
SB 1972	Relating to the definition of marihuana.	9/1/2021	Amends the definition of marihuana to include edible marihuana products and any compound used in e-cigarettes.	Filed
SB 1989	Relating to the prosecution of and penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marihuana.	9/1/2021	Reduces the class of misdemeanor for certain offenses.	Filed
SB 2040	Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, delivery, sale, and research of medical cannabis for medical use by patients with certain medical conditions and the licensing of medical cannabis organizations; authorizing fees.	9/1/2021	Modifies §551.004 to clarify that subtitle does not apply to a medical cannabis organization that cultivates, processes, tests, and dispenses medical cannabis to a patient listed in the compassionate-use registry or a medical cannabis research organization that cultivates, processes, researches, tests, and dispenses medical cannabis as authorized by the license.	Filed
Miscellaneous				
Bill	Caption	Effective Date	Summary	Status

HB 2020	Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.	9/1/2021	Allows a person to recover attorney's fees from a state agency if the claim is for rendered services; performed labor; furnished material; freight or express overcharges; lost or damaged freight or express; killed or injured stock; a sworn account; or an oral or written contract.	Referred to House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence 3/15/21
HB 3377	Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.	9/1/2021	Allows for the recovery of reasonable attorney's fees from another person (replaces individual or corporation) for certain claims. Allows a claimant or defendant to recover reasonable attorney's fees from a person if the claimant or defendant prevails in an action for an oral or written contract.	Referred to House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence 3/22/21; Voted favorably as substituted 4/8/21
HB 4173	Relating to the prohibited use of a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration number.	9/1/2021	Specifically requires the director of DPS by rule to prohibit a person in this state including a state licensing authority and a person in the course of the person's employment as a pharmacist from using a practitioner's Federal Drug Enforcement Administration number for a purpose other than a purpose described by federal law or by the TCSA. Provides that a person who violates a rule adopted under this subsection commits a Class C misdemeanor.	Referred to House Public Health 3/29/21
SB 424	Relating to state agency enforcement of laws regulating small businesses.	9/1/2021 (must adopt and implement policy by 1/1/2022)	Prohibits a state agency from imposing an administrative penalty against a small business for a first violation unless the agency first provides the small business with written notice and opportunity to remedy the violation and requires each state agency to adopt a policy consistent with the requirements.	Referred to Senate Business and Commerce 3/9/21; Reported from committee as substituted 4/6/21; Passed Senate with floor amendment 4/8/21; Referred to House State Affairs 4/13/21

SB 808	Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.	9/1/2021	Allows for the recovery of reasonable attorney's fees from another person (replaces individual or corporation) for certain claims. Allows a claimant or defendant to recover reasonable attorney's fees from a person if the claimant or defendant prevails in an action for an oral or written contract.	Referred to Senate State Affairs 3/11/21; Voted favorably 3/22/21; Reported from committee as substituted 3/24/21
SB 1820	Relating to the promotion of off-label uses of certain drugs, biological products, and devices.	9/1/2021	Prohibits a state regulatory authority of a health care provider from revoking or refusing to renew the license or certificate of or otherwise imposing a disciplinary action against a health care provider who communicates or otherwise promotes an off-label use of a drug, biological product, or device. Defines "health care provider" as a person other than a physician who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by the laws of this state to dispense or prescribe a prescription drug in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession.	Referred to Senate Health and Human Services 3/26/21
SB 1835	Relating to the statute of limitations applicable to a complaint filed with the Texas Workforce Commission regarding an unlawful employment practice.	9/1/2021	Extends the deadline to file a complaint with the Texas Workforce Commission to not later than the 300th day after the date the alleged unlawful employment practice occurred.	Referred to Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development 3/26/21

SB 1952	Relating to the capture and use of an individual's biometric identifiers, specimen, or genetic information by a governmental body or peace officer or by a person for commercial purposes.	9/1/2021	Prohibits a governmental body from capturing or possessing a biometric identifier of an individual or requiring a biometric identifier as a prerequisite for providing a governmental service to the individual unless the governmental body falls into a specified exception, including that the governmental body has specific, explicit statutory authority that allows the governmental body to capture or possess the individual's biometric identifier or require a biometric identifier as a prerequisite for providing a governmental service to the individual; or allows the governmental body to require and obtain the written consent of the individual before capturing or possessing the individual's biometric identifier or requiring a biometric identifier as a prerequisite for providing a governmental service to the individual.	Filed
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