

87TH STATE LEGISLATURE

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87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION: RECAP



- 7,148 bills and joint resolutions filed and reviewed by IGRO
- 15% of filed bills & joint resolutions ultimately passed
 - This is a reduced passage rate of 5% from previous sessions
 - 67% of passed bills filed by Republicans & 33% filed by Democrats
- 21 vetoes by the governor.
- IGRO tracked 2,254 bills and joint resolutions

87TH SPECIAL SESSIONS: **STATISTICS**



1st Called Session

- July 8 – Aug. 6
- **405** bills & joint resolutions filed & reviewed IGRO
- No bills passed

2nd Called Session

- Aug. 7 – Sept. 2
- **380** bills & joint resolutions filed & reviewed IGRO
- **15** bills & joint resolutions passed

3rd Called Session

- Sept. 20 – Oct 19
- **249** bills & joint resolutions filed & reviewed IGRO
- **11** bills & joint resolutions passed

87TH PASSED BILLS: **NEGATIVE FOR CITY**



City Police Funding

HB 1900 (Goldman)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

Camping Ban

HB 1925 (Capriglione)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

Gas Preemption

HB 17 (Deshotel)

Effective May 18, 2021

No Contracts : Firearm Boycott

SB 19 (Schwertner)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

Permitless Carry

HB 1927 (Schaefer)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

87TH PASSED BILLS: **POSITIVE FOR THE CITY**



APRS Pensions

HB 4368 (Rodriguez)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

Cloud Computing

SB 58 (Zaffirini)

Effective June 3, 2021

Local Health Department Medicaid

SB 73 (Miles)

Effective Sept. 1, 2021

87TH BILLS **FAILED** TO PASS: **POSITIVE FOR CITY**



Community Advocacy

SB 10 (Hall)

AE Rates

SB 566 (Buckingham)

HB 2775 (Cain)

Super Preemption

HB 610 (Swanson)

HB 3909 (Harris)

Lake Austin Disannexation

SB 659 (Buckingham)

HB 1653 (Craddick)

West Rim Disannexation

HB 2776 (Deshotel)

Lost Creek Disannexation

SB 1499 (Buckingham)

HB 3827 (Wilson)

Noise Ordinance Preemption

HB 3813 (Harris)

Homeless Housing

SB 646 & SB 796
(Schwertner)

HB 1803 (Wilson)

Employment Preemption

SB 14 (Creighton)

87TH BILLS **FAILED** TO PASS: **POSITIVE FOR CITY**



ETJ Regulation

HB 1885 (Harris)

Pandemic Response

HB 3 (Burrows)

Confederate Monuments

HB 2713 (Hefner)

MOU Deregulation

SB 182 (Schwertner)

87TH BILLS: **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**



FAILED

Office for Health Equity

HB 4139 (Coleman)

Office of Environmental Justice

HB 1191 (Goodwin) /
SB 1294 (Eckhardt)

Crown Act

HB 392 (Bowers)
SB 77 (Miles)

Medicaid for Immigrants

HB 734 (González, Jessica)
SB 521 (Blanco)

PASSED

Anti-Transgender Youth Sports Participation

HB 25 (Swanson) 87-3

88TH SESSION: CHANGES



- Changes in Senate membership & leadership
- Potentially 40 new members in House
- Austin delegation changes and committee assignments



INTERIM CHARGES: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Victim Services

House Criminal Jurisprudence

Human Trafficking

Senate State Affairs

Pandemic Response

*Senate Health & Human
Services*

Full charge language can be found in the appendix on slide 15.

QUESTIONS?



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Agenda:
<https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=347683>

87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS: **APPENDIX**



- Bills Impacting People Experiencing Homelessness
- Police Funding Bills
- 2022 Interim Charges: Human Rights Charges

87TH **BILLS IMPACTING THE HOMELESS**



Camping Ban

HB 1925 (Capriglione)

Effective September 1, 2021

- City must submit a plan for approval by TDHCA to designate a property for encampment. Designation of public parks is prohibited.
- Offense is a Class C misdemeanor. Officers must make reasonable effort to connect persons to designated encampment and services.
- Local entities cannot have policies that prohibit or discourage enforcement of the ban nor can they discourage peace officers or prosecuting attorneys from enforcing the ban.
- Policies that encourage diversion or provision of services in lieu of citation or arrest are allowed.
- *HB 1925 Contingency Rider NOT included in the final appropriations act.*
- *City submitted comments on TDHCA rules for encampment for public comment*

Purchase / Conversion: County Approval

- **SB 646 (Schwertner)**
- *Vote failed in House Committee*
- **HB 1803 (Wilson)**
- *Procedurally Dead: House Calendar Deadline*

Purchase / Conversion: Notice

- **SB 796 (Schwertner)**
- *Vote failed in House Committee*

87TH POLICE FUNDING



City Police Funding

HB 1900 (Goldman)

Effective September 1, 2021

- Applies only to municipalities over 250,000
- “Defunding municipality” reduces appropriation to police department compared to previous budget. [lower than the larger of previous two years’ budgets until 2023]
- Determined by Office of Governor’s Criminal Justice Division (“CJD”). Some exceptions allowed at discretion of CJD
- **Penalties:**
 - Dis-annexation elections and prohibition on annexations.
 - Must use lowest property tax rate (generally no-new-revenue rate) for upcoming year
 - Annual sales tax distribution decreased by amount determined by CJD that State spent to provide law enforcement services to City.
 - Increase contributions to APRS such that the combined City and member contributions are no less than the combined City and member contributions in FY2021.
 - AE & AWU rates capped at January 2021 levels unless utilities stop providing any funding to the City through transfers.

County Funding

SB 23 (Huffman)

Applies only to counties
over 1 million

Effective January 1, 2022

9 other
“defunding”
bills did not pass

INTERIM CHARGES: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



- **Victim Services:** Study the availability of victim services, including community-based trauma recovery, housing and relocation assistance, employment protections, and other services that help victims recover and stay safe following a violent crime. The study should include an evaluation of the processes for nongovernmental organizations to apply for and receive victim services grant funding. Make recommendations for streamlining the grant administration process and improving access to community-based services in neighborhoods with the highest rates of crime and for victims of violent crimes. (*House Criminal Jurisprudence*)
- **Pandemic Response:** Examine the impact of state and federal pandemic policies—including agency guidance, licensing and regulatory actions, and health care industry policies—on patient care and treatment delivery. Examine how regulatory guidance impacts the patient-doctor relationship. Recommend any changes needed to ensure Texas can develop its own data-driven guidance during public health emergencies. (*Senate Health and Human Services Committee*)
- **Human Trafficking:** Examine opportunities and make recommendations to reduce the profitability of and demand for human trafficking in Texas. Determine ways to increase public awareness of the proliferation of human trafficking, as well as resources for victims and survivors. Monitor the implementation of House Bill 1540 (87th Legislature) and examine changes in arrest rates, judicial dispositions, and sentencing amongst offenders due to provisions of the legislation. Examine opportunities for attorneys to combat human trafficking in their local communities, including use of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act, to generate revenue for local law enforcement officials combatting human trafficking. Make any other recommendations to further prevent human trafficking. (*Senate State Affairs*)

Thank you

