



**89<sup>th</sup> Legislature**  
**Bills that Support or Relate to\* Austin ISD Priorities**

<b>Fair Funding</b>	<b>Bills Filed</b>	<b>Supports or in Opposition</b>	<b>Relates To</b>	<b>Status/ Notes</b>
<p>Increase the basic allotment and add a requirement that the basic allotment be adjusted each biennium based on the rate of inflation.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">SB 597 West</a></u> - Relating to the basic allotment and the guaranteed yield under the Foundation School Program. <i>[Raises to \$7,564], an increase of \$1,404]</i></p> <p><u><a href="#">HB 337 Plesa</a></u> - Relating to the dedication of surplus money in the foundation school fund to increase the basic allotment under the Foundation School Program</p> <p><u><a href="#">HB 351 Goodwin</a></u> - Relating to an annual adjustment to the basic allotment under the Foundation School Program to reflect inflation.</p>	<p>Supports</p> <p>Supports</p> <p>Supports</p>		

\*“Relate to” means the bill is similar to the Board’s priority. The bill may not support, and in some instances, contradicts the Board’s priority.  
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	<p><a href="#">HB 595 Howard</a> - Relating to the basic allotment and guaranteed yield under the Foundation School Program, including an adjustment in those amounts to reflect inflation. [<i>\$7075</i>]</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1257 Bryant</a> - Relating to the compensation of public school educators, the public school finance system, public school prekindergarten and kindergarten programs, and the school health and related services program. [<i>\$8,947</i>]</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1770 Goodwin</a> - Relating to an annual adjustment to the basic allotment under the Foundation School Program to reflect inflation. [<i>Raises to \$7,500</i>]</p>	Supports		
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Require that all recapture dollars be spent on education, ending the practice of the state supplanting its investment in education with recapture dollars.				
Commission a study that identifies the true cost of educating all students, including the cost of complying with state mandates.	<a href="#">SB 73 Zaffirini</a> - Relating to the creation and duties of the unfunded mandates interagency work group		Relates to	
Update the Foundation School Program allotments to reflect the actual costs of programs associated with each allotment.	<a href="#">SB 260 Huffman</a> - Relating to the school safety allotment under the Foundation School Program. [ <i>Increases from \$10 to \$20 for each student in ADA and from \$15,000 to \$30,000 per campus</i> ]	Supports		
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	<p><b><a href="#">SB 555 Johnson</a></b> - Relating to an allotment under the Foundation School Program for full individual and initial evaluations for special education services</p> <p><b><a href="#">SB 598 West</a></b> - Relating to the school safety allotment under the public school finance system. <i>[Raises from \$10 per student to \$100 per student and from \$15,000 per campus to \$60,000 per campus]</i></p> <p><b><a href="#">SB 557 Johnson</a></b> -Relating to academic distinction designations under the public school accountability system and the career and technology allotment under the Foundation School Program. <i>[Increases amount for student enrolled at P-Tech from \$50 to \$150]</i></p>	Supports		
Increase funding for students receiving special education services to cover the actual district costs for providing needed services.	<p><b><a href="#">SB 555 Johnson</a></b> - Relating to an allotment under the Foundation School Program for full individual and initial evaluations for special education services</p> <p><b><a href="#">HB 1192 Hinojosa</a></b> - Relating to an allotment under the Foundation School Program to provide full and individual initial evaluations for special education services.</p>		Relates to	

<p>Funding school districts on the basis of enrollment rather than attendance</p>	<p><a href="#">HB 236 Landgraf</a> - Relating to the use of average enrollment for purposes of the public school finance system.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 276 Bucy</a> - Relating to the use of average enrollment for purposes of the public school finance system.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 683 Bernal</a> - Relating to the use of average enrollment for purposes of the public school finance system</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1157 Hinojosa</a> - Relating to the definition of regular eligible student for purposes of the transportation allotment under the Foundation School Program</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1703 Lozano</a> - Relating to the use of average enrollment for purposes of the public school finance system</p>	<p>Supports</p> <p>Supports</p> <p>Supports</p> <p>Supports</p> <p>Supports</p>		
<p><b>Recapture Reform</b></p>				
<p>Institute a formula to determine the amount of recapture paid by districts that takes into account the demographics of the student population.</p>				
<p>Commission a study of the impact of recapture on housing affordability.</p>				

Commission a study of the recapture system to examine whether the current operation of the system aligns with the original goals when created in 1993.				
Restore a discount for districts that make early recapture payments	<p><a href="#">HB 278 Guillen</a> - Relating to a credit for prepayment of the amount required to be paid by a school district for the purchase of attendance credit under the public school finance system. <i>[Reduced at a rate of 1% for each full 30 day period remaining until August 15]</i></p> <p><a href="#">HB 445 Plesa</a> - Relating to an early agreement credit for the purchase of attendance credit under the public school finance system. <i>[4%]</i></p> <p><a href="#">HB 650 DeAyala</a> - Relating to a credit for prepayment of the amount required to be paid by a school district for the purchase of attendance credit under the public school finance system. <i>[4%]</i></p>	Supports		
Convert two copper pennies to two golden pennies.	<a href="#">HB 390 Plesa</a> - Relating to the components of a school district's enrichment tax rate and the calculation of the guaranteed yield under the Foundation School Program. (8 cents to 10 cents)	Supports		
<b>Public Accountability for Public Funds</b>				

<p>Oppose vouchers, tax credits, taxpayer savings grants, tuition reimbursements or any other programs that divert public tax dollars to privately run schools.</p>	<p><a href="#">HB 212 Cain</a> - Relating to the establishment of a parental empowerment program administered by the comptroller of public accounts.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 612 Shaheen</a> - Relating to the establishment of an education savings account program, an insurance premium tax credit for contributions made for purposes of that program, and the award of attorney's fees in actions challenging certain educational choice laws</p> <p><a href="#">HB 984 Toth</a> - Relating to the establishment of an empowerment scholarship account program.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 986 Toth</a> - Relating to state savings achieved through a budget savings program administered by the comptroller of public accounts making an appropriation of a portion of those savings.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1427 Schatzline</a> - Relating to prohibiting the denial of public benefits for students enrolled in a private school operated by a religious organization or providing religious instruction.</p>	<p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p>		

	<a href="#">HB 1657 Cunningham</a> - Relating to the establishment of an education savings account program for certain children.			
Oppose vouchers, tax credits, taxpayer savings grants, tuition reimbursements or any other programs that divert public tax dollars to private schools that are exempt from the state and federal accountability and admissions requirements applicable to public schools and for other non-public education purposes.	<p><a href="#">HB 212 Cain</a> - Relating to the establishment of a parental empowerment program administered by the comptroller of public accounts.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 612 Shaneen</a> - Relating to the establishment of an education savings account program, an insurance premium tax credit for contributions made for purposes of that program, and the award of attorney's fees in actions challenging certain educational choice laws</p> <p><a href="#">HB 984 Toth</a> - Relating to the establishment of an empowerment scholarship account program.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 986 Toth</a> - Relating to state savings achieved through a budget savings program administered by the comptroller of public accounts making an appropriation of a portion of those savings.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1427 Schatzline</a> - Relating to prohibiting the denial of public benefits for students enrolled in a private school operated by a religious organization or providing religious instruction.</p>	In Opposition to Priority		
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	<p><a href="#">HB 1657 Cunningham</a> - Relating to the establishment of an education savings account program for certain children.</p>	In Opposition to Priority		
<p>Require charter schools to accept students regardless of documented histories of behavioral or attendance concerns and to adopt enrollment practices that encourage them to serve a population of students similar to the area in which the school is located, including a similar percentage of students receiving special education services, and to comply with the elements of Texas Education Code Chapter 37.</p>	<p><a href="#">HB 1179 Hinojosa</a> - Relating to the admission policy of an open-enrollment charter school <i>[Admission of students with discipline histories]</i></p> <p><a href="#">HB 756 Bernal</a> - Relating to the requirements for the revision of a charter for an open-enrollment charter school</p>	Supports	Relates to	
<p>Provide taxpayers with ample notice and information about prospective charter schools and their expansions, including the planned location, cost to the state and local school district, the academic and financial record of the school, and a meaningful process for taxpayers to provide their support or opposition to said charter in their community before the charter may be approved or expanded. Require the Commissioner of Education, before granting an expansion, to consider, at a minimum, whether a charter holder has achieved the representations and goals included in its initial charter application.</p>	<p><a href="#">SB 560 Johnson</a> - Relating to an application for the establishment of a new open-enrollment charter school campus or site.</p> <p><a href="#">SB 605 West</a> - Relating to the establishment of a new open-enrollment charter school campus by certain charter holders and to the expansion of an open-enrollment charter school. <i>[Commissioner may not grant expansion if the charter is subject to an action of the commissioner.]</i></p> <p><a href="#">HB 756 Bernal</a> - Relating to the requirements for the revision of a charter for an open-enrollment charter school</p>		Relates to	Relates to



Authorize the State Board of Education to exercise veto authority over charter expansions approved by the Commissioner of Education.				
<b>Assessment &amp; Accountability</b>				
Establish a comprehensive accountability system developed by a statewide workgroup or other means, that looks beyond high-stakes, multiple-choice exams to meaningful assessments that have value for students, parents, and teachers as well as flexible measures that local communities value, and are offered by the Every Student Succeeds Act.	<p><a href="#">HB 221 Landgraf</a> - Relating to eliminating certain state-required assessment instruments and certain end-of-course assessment instruments not required by federal law.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 297 Bucy</a> - Relating to eliminating certain state-required end-of-course assessment instruments not required by federal law and eliminating graduation requirements based on satisfactory performance on certain end-of-course assessment instruments.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1118 VanDeaver</a> - Relating to the creation of a Texas Commission on Assessment and Accountability</p>		Relates to	
Add a college career military readiness (CCMR) indicator for middle school to the accountability system.			Relates to	
Mandate a grace period of at least one year in the assignment of campus and district ratings following significant changes to STAAR/end of			Relates to	

course exams and/or the state accountability system.				
<b>Local Control &amp; Governance</b>				
Protect local control of school finances and prioritize local control in all legislation to ensure those closest to the community and voters are held accountable.				
Oppose any efforts to usurp or diminish the role of the elected State Board of Education in setting curriculum standards and adopting instructional materials.				
Oppose any unfunded mandates and infringements on local control, including measures that erode local discretionary money and measures that seek to limit school districts' ability to have representation before the Texas Legislature, and the executive branch of government, and the judicial process.	<p><a href="#">SB 239 Middleton, et al</a> - Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities <i>Companion HB 309 by Leo Wilson</i></p> <p><a href="#">HB 571 Cain</a> - Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 671 Shaheen</a> - Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities</p>	<p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p>		

	<p><a href="#">HB 755 Spiller</a> - Relating to certain requirements applicable to certain public entities that engage in lobbying</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1189 Troxclair</a> - Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1294 Patterson</a> - Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1313 Hickland</a> - Relating to the use by a school district or a school district employee of public funds for lobbying activities.</p>	<p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p>		
<p>Oppose legislation regarding bond elections that increases ballot language requirements, limits dates upon which elections may be held or creates additional requirements for voter-approved tax rate elections and bond elections, such as voter turnout thresholds.</p>	<p><a href="#">SB 409 Middleton</a> - Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to propose for voter approval the issuance of general obligation bonds for a purpose rejected by voters at a bond election held during the preceding five years.</p> <p><a href="#">SB 414 Middleton</a> -Relating to the text of ballot propositions for bond elections. <i>[Estimated interest for debt obligations to be authorized and estimated combined principal and interest required]</i></p> <p><a href="#">SB 506 Bettencourt et al</a> - Relating to requirements for certain petitions</p>	<p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p>		

	<p>requesting an election and ballot propositions and to related procedures and provisions.</p> <p><b><u>SB 533 Sparks</u></b> - Relating to the election date for the authorization of the issuance of bonds or a tax increase. <i>[November uniform election date] Companion HB 1519 Schofield</i></p> <p><b><u>HB 217 Harrison</u></b> - Relating to the vote required in an election to approve an ad valorem tax rate that exceeds a taxing unit's voter-approval tax rate; making conforming changes.</p> <p><b><u>HB 250 Harrison</u></b> - Relating to the calculation of certain ad valorem tax rates of a taxing unit and the manner in which a proposed ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate is approved; making conforming changes.</p> <p><b><u>HB 829 Harrison</u></b> - Relating to the text of ballot propositions that increase taxes.<i>[Bold and size 42 font: "THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE"]</i></p> <p><b><u>HB 1195 Curry</u></b> - Relating to the date of an election seeking voter approval for the issuance of a school district bond.</p>	<p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p> <p>In Opposition to Priority</p>		
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	<p><a href="#">HB 1514 Schofield</a> - Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to issue debt to purchase or lease tangible personal property.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1519 Schofield</a> - Relating to the election date for the authorization of the issuance of bonds or a tax increase.  <i>[November uniform election date]</i>  <i>Companion SB 533 Sparks</i></p>	In Opposition to Priority		
<b>Parent &amp; Family Involvement</b>				
Support the right of families to opt out as the preferred method of supporting a family that objects to materials, lessons, programs, events or other services provided by a local public school or district.				
Oppose measures that support parent and family involvement that would give one or a small number of families control over the resources or information available to other families' students, or that would allow a request from an individual family or small number of families to divert scarce resources of time and money from classroom, campus and district funds intended to serve all students.				

<b>Safety &amp; Security</b>				
Increase the school safety allotment to fully fund all mandates approved under House Bill 3 and expand the allowable uses of the allotment to include mental health services.	<p><a href="#">HB 222 Talarico</a> - Relating to the permissible uses of the school safety allotment under the Foundation School Program.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 462 Guillen</a> - Relating to the armed security officers required to be present at public schools and the permissible uses of the school safety allotment and the creation of a mental health allotment under the Foundation School Program.</p>			
Establish a criminal offense for openly carrying a firearm on or within 300 feet of district property with the intent or effect of creating a disruption to the educational environment.				
<b>Student Supports</b>				
Increase funding for counselors to provide students more robust college and career counseling by reducing the counselor to student ratio and to provide students greater access to mental health counselling.	<a href="#">SB 559 Johnson</a> - Relating to the employment of certified school counselors by school districts.		Relates to	
Reduce the use of exclusionary discipline and keep students in school whenever possible instead of disciplinary placements in alternative programs or juvenile justice facilities.	<a href="#">SB 194 Menendez</a> - Relating to the diversion of certain foster youth from the juvenile justice system, including through emergency behavior intervention by certain persons providing foster care services			

	<a href="#">HB 1081 Curry</a> - Relating to the placement by a school district of a student who engages in a course of conduct that demonstrates habitually violent, harmful, or destructive behavior.			
Protect and support an equitable education environment that values diversity of race, national origin, culture, gender, religion, immigration status, learning ability and socioeconomic background in an environment that welcomes all students and provides a physically and mentally safe environment.				
Oppose the ability of the state to restrict programs in school districts that promote acceptance and respect for all students.				
<b>Teachers</b>				
Oppose legislation that undermines the professionalism of teachers, such as eliminating the requirement that teachers have college degrees or mandating a statewide curriculum that narrows educators' ability to adapt lessons in response to local needs.				
Oppose onerous administrative requirements on teachers to post class materials and activities online and support measures that				

minimize the time teachers are out of the classroom with their students.				
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