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## September 5

### House Committee on [Appropriations, Subcommittee on Article III](#)

Charge: Sustainability of TRS-Care, funding retired teacher health care in Texas; implementation of [HB 3976](#), 85th Legislature, R.S., and [HB 30](#), 85th Legislature, 1st C.S.

- ["Texas Teachers' Health Care Explained: State Program Was Created to Save Districts Money, but a Few Want Out," \*Texas Tribune\*, July 18, 2018](#)
- [Summary Annual Report: 2017](#), Teacher Retirement System of Texas, January 2018
- [Final TRS-Care Plan Designs and Premiums Adopted by Board, \*The Pulse\* and TRS Board of Trustees Meeting \(TAB 9 – Review and consider adoption of premiums and plan design for TRS-Care\), Teacher Retirement System of Texas, September 2017](#)
- ["Texas State Government and Long-Term Obligations: Teacher Retirement](#)

[System – TRS-Care](#)," *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, March 2017

- [Guide to Public Retirement Systems in Texas](#), Texas Pension Review Board, February 2017
- [Report to the 85th Legislature](#), Joint Interim Committee to Study TRS Health Benefit Plans, November 2016
- [TRS-Care Sustainability and TRS-ActiveCare Affordability Study](#), Teacher Retirement System of Texas, November 18, 2014
- [TRS-Care Sustainability Study](#), Teacher Retirement System of Texas, September 1, 2012

Charge: Appropriations made to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the E-rate Classroom Connectivity project; high-speed broadband and infrastructure in schools

- ["Are Fewer Schools and Libraries Applying to the E-Rate Program?"](#), *School Library Journal*, May 23, 2017
- [2017: E-Rate's Make or Break Year](#), Brookings Institution, March 9, 2017
- ["TEA Seeks Funds to Boost School Internet Connectivity,"](#) *Interim News Briefs*, House Research Organization, December 15, 2016
- [Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature \(Charge 1 – Broadband connectivity in schools\)](#), House Committee on Public Education, December 2016
- [Interim Report to the 85th Legislature \(Charge 4 – Broadband access in schools\)](#), Senate Committee on Education, November 2016
- [Public School Network Capabilities Study: A Report to the Texas Legislature](#), Texas Education Agency, December 1, 2015
- [Classroom Connectivity, Texas State Match Fund FAQ \(E-rate Program\)](#), Texas Education Agency

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Senate Committee on [Higher Education](#)

Charge: Improving transferability

- [Texas Core Curriculum](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, April 2018
- [Overview: Texas Transfer Initiatives](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, February 3, 2017
- [Tracking Transfer: New Measures of Institutional and State Effectiveness in Helping Community College Students Attain Bachelor's Degrees](#), Community College Research Center, January 2016
- [19 Texas Administrative Code §§ 4.21-4.36](#), Transfer of credit, core curriculum and field of study curricula
- [Field of Study Curricula](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- [Texas Education Code § 61.822](#), Transfer of Credits; Core Curriculum
- [Texas General Education Core Curriculum WebCenter](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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### Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development

Charge: Environmental safety during emergencies

- *Preparing for the Next Storm: Learning from the Man-Made Environmental Disasters that Followed Hurricane Harvey*, Environmental Integrity Project, August 16, 2018
- "As Lawsuits Over Texas Chemical Disaster Add Up, Advocates Blame Arkema and Rules Regulating It," *Texas Tribune*, March 30, 2018
- "Preventing Industrial Disasters in a Time of Climate Change: A Call for Financial Assurance Mandates," 41 *Harvard Environmental Law Review* 243 (2017)
- *Breakdowns in Air Quality: Air Pollution from Industrial Malfunctions and Maintenance in Texas*, Environment Texas, Environmental Integrity Project, April 27, 2016
- *Enhancing Emergency Preparedness for Natural Disasters: Government and Oil and Natural Gas Industry Actions to Prepare, Respond, and Recover* (2016 Addendum), National Petroleum Council, December 18, 2014
- *State of Texas Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2013 Update*, Texas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management Mitigation Section, 2013
- *Arkema Inc. Chemical Plant Fire* (Includes reports), U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
- *Emergency Response: Spills, Discharges, and Releases*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Charge: Waste disposal regulation, permitting, disposal fees

- *Overview of Waste Management Account and the Solid Waste Disposal Fee Account* (Presented to House Appropriations Committee), Texas Legislative Budget Board, May 22, 2018
- *Municipal Solid Waste in Texas: A Year in Review – FY 2016 Data Summary and Analysis*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, October 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Legislature* (Charge 4 – Expedited permitting), Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development, November 2016
- *Texas Health & Safety Code §§ 361.013-361.014*, Solid Waste Disposal and Transportation Fees; Use of Solid Waste Fee Revenue
- *Texas Health & Safety Code §§ 361.061-361.126*, Permits (Solid waste facilities)
- *30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 330*, Municipal Solid Waste (Permit procedures, fees and reporting)
- *Environmental Permitting: Participating in the Process*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

## Charge: Monitoring:

- Texas Railroad Commission Sunset and funding;
  - *Staff Report with Final Results: Railroad Commission of Texas*, Sunset Advisory Commission, June 2017
  - *Overview of Funding for the Railroad Commission* (Presented to House Committee on Energy Resources), Texas Legislative Budget Board, February 2017
- Environmental Regulatory and Legal Primacy
- Effectiveness of emission reductions recognized from the Texas Emissions Reduction Program (TERP) and grant flexibility
  - *Overview of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Account* (Presented to the House Appropriations Committee), Legislative Budget Board, May 24, 2018
  - *Interim Report to the 85th Legislature (Charge 2 – Texas Emissions Reduction Plan)*, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development, November 2016
  - *TERP Project Summary Reports and Publications*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
  - *Texas Health & Safety Code Chapter 386*, Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP Fund, Use of fund)

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## Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Facility Legislative Oversight Committee

Topic: Recommendations relevant to costs, fees, and any other matters the committee determines are relevant to the compact facility and its oversight

- *Interim Report to the 77th Texas Legislature (Charge 2 – Low-level radioactive waste management issues*, House Committee on Environmental Regulation, November 2000
- *Interim Report to the 77th Legislature: Storage and Disposal Options for Low-Level Radioactive Waste*, Senate Interim Committee on Natural Resources, November 2000
- *SB 1206*, 73rd Regular Session (1993), Relating to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact
- *Radioactive Waste Disposal: Low-Level Radioactive Waste*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- *Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 403*, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact

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## House Committee on [State Affairs](#)

Charge 6: Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 85th Legislature, including [SB 11](#), 85th Legislature, 1st C.S., 2017

- [Do Not Resuscitate Order Procedures and Requirements](#) (Proposed rule amendments), Health and Human Services Commission Executive Council, May 31, 2018
- ["Health Care Facility Do-Not-Resuscitate Orders"](#) (White paper), Texas Medical Association, April 2018
- ["For End-of-Life Care, Fresh Challenges Begin,"](#) *Texas Medicine*, Texas Medical Association, March 2018
- ["New Laws Create Potential Loopholes in Texas Advance Directives for Pregnant Women,"](#) *Health Law Perspectives*, 1 (2018)
- [Texas Health and Safety Code §§ 166.201-166.209](#), Health Care Facility Do-Not-Resuscitate Orders
- [New State Law Governing Inpatient Do-Not-Attempt Resuscitation Orders](#) (Senate Bill 11), Texas Hospital Association

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## House Committee on [Urban Affairs](#) (Brownsville)

Charge: Affordable housing in urban and rural areas

- [The State of the Nation's Housing 2018](#), Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University, June 2018
- [Displacement of Lower-Income Families in Urban Areas Report](#), Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, May 2018
- [Introduction of the Duty to Serve Underserved Markets Plan for the Manufactured Housing, Affordable Housing Preservation, and Rural Housing Markets](#), Fannie Mae, January 1, 2018
- [2018 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report](#), Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 2018
- [Housing Options for Texas Communities: A Guide for Local Engagement on Affordable Housing Development](#), Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, April 10, 2017

- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature* (Charge 5 - Low-income housing availability), House Committee on Urban Affairs, January 2017
- *Texas Statewide Rural Housing Analysis* (Prepared for Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs) Bowen National Research, September 2012
- *HOME Investment Partnership Program*, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- *Texas Government Code §§ 2306.251-2306.259*, Housing Programs

Charge: Migrant labor housing facilities

- *"States Struggle to Provide Housing for Migrant Farmworkers," Stateline* (Pew Charitable Trusts), May 2, 2016
- *The Status of Farm Labor Housing and the Health of Workers*, California Institute for Rural Studies, March 6, 2015
- *Texas Rural Farmworker Housing Analysis* (Prepared for Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs), Bowen National Research, September 2012
- *Migrant Labor Housing Facilities in Texas: A Report on the Quantity, Availability, Need, and Quality of Migrant Labor Housing in the State*, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, September 1, 2006
- *Migrant Labor Housing Facilities*, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- *Texas Government Code §§ 2306.921-2306.933*, Migrant Labor Housing Facilities
- *10 Texas Administrative Code §§ 90.1-90.8*, Migrant Labor Housing Facilities

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