

Interim Hearings – Week of October 8, 2018

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House Committee on [Appropriations](#)

Charge: Availability of federal funding and Governor's Criminal Justice grants that may directly or indirectly improve school safety; potential costs of proposals identified by the Governor and House Committees related to improving access to mental health services for children, improved school safety, and enhanced firearm safety

- ["Governor Abbott Releases School Safety Action Plan Summary"](#) (Press release), Governor Greg Abbott, August 30, 2018
- ["Gov. Abbott Gives Out \\$5.7M in School Safety Grants After Santa Fe Shooting,"](#) *Dallas Morning News*, August 22, 2018
- ["Governor Abbott Announces \\$1.8 Million in Santa Fe Grants"](#) (Press release), Governor Greg Abbott, August 22, 2018
- ["Texas Senate School Safety Committee Recommends Focusing on Mental Health, Avoids Gun Control,"](#) *Texas Tribune*, August 6, 2018
- [Report to the 86th Legislature](#), Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security, August 2018
- [Committee Meeting Handouts](#) (Joint - Pub Ed and Pub Health - Children and Mental Health), House Committee on Public Health, June 28, 2018
- [Competitive grant opportunity from US Department of Justice: STOP School](#)

[Violence](#) (To The Administrator Addressed correspondence), Texas Education Agency, June 26, 2018

- [Interim Hearings – Week of June 25, 2018](#), House Committees on Public Education and Public Health (Joint Hearing), June 28, Legislative Reference Library, June 20, 2018
- [Project School Emergency Response to Violence \(SERV\)](#) and [Awards for Fiscal Year 2018](#), U.S. Department of Education

Topic: Special Education Strategic Plan

- [Improving Special Education in Texas](#) (Special Education Strategic Plan), Texas Education Agency, April 23, 2018

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House Committee on [Agriculture & Livestock](#)

Charge: Central filing system for filing financing statements that cover farm products being sold and purchased in this state that are subject to an agricultural lien

- [Interim Report to the 85th Legislature](#) ([Charge 3](#) – Agricultural liens), Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs, November 2016

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House Committee on [Pensions](#) (Houston)

Charge: Legislative oversight – state's oversight of pension systems and implementation of relevant legislation passed during the 85th Legislature

- [Benefits for State Employees and Public and Higher Education Employees: Legislative Primer](#) (Significant legislation, 85th Leg.), Texas Legislative Budget Board, July 2018
- [85th Regular Legislative Session – Pension Legislation Passed](#), Texas Pension Review Board, August 2017
- [Summary of Enactments: 85th Legislature](#) (Public retirement systems), Texas Legislative Council, 2017

- *Summary of 2017 TRS-Related Legislation*, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, 2017
- *Legislative Activity Related to ERS*, Employment Retirement System of Texas, 2017

Charge: Funding soundness – ways to strengthen and improve Texas public pension systems; including effectiveness of corrective mechanisms, such as the Funding Soundness Restoration Plan and Pension Review Board Funding Guidelines

- *Assessing the Risk of Fiscal Distress for Public Pensions: State Stress Test Analysis*, Mbssavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government, Harvard Kennedy School, May 2018
- *Government Code Title 8, Subtitle A: Provisions Generally Applicable to Public Retirement Systems* (Funding Soundness Restoration Plan, §§ 802.2015-802.2016), Texas Pension Review Board, September 2017
- *Guide to Public Retirement Systems in Texas* (Funding Soundness Restoration Plan, Appendix A - Legislation adopted by the 82nd-84th Legislatures), Texas Pension Review Board, February 2017
- *Pension Funding Guidelines* (Effective June 30, 2017), Texas Pension Review Board, Adopted January 26, 2017
- *"ERS Requests Changes to Make Trust Actuarially Sound," The Administrator* (Texas State Agency Business Administrators' Association), February 27, 2015
- *Path to Stability: ERS at the Crossroads*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, December 2014
- *Study of the Financial Health of Texas Public Retirement Systems*, Texas Pension Review Board, December 2014

Charge: State retirement systems – governance structures of the Employees Retirement System, Texas Municipal Retirement System, Texas County and District Retirement System, and Texas Emergency Services Retirement System; including best practices and recommendations to strengthen oversight within the systems

- *The Politics of Public Pension Boards*, Manhattan Institute, September 2018
- *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 & 2016*, Texas County & District Retirement Systems, June 5, 2018
- *Audited Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2017*, Texas Emergency Services Retirement System, December 20, 2017
- *An Update on the Texas Municipal Retirement System* (Presentation at Texas Municipal League Annual Conference), Texas Municipal Retirement System, October 5, 2017
- *Legislative Handbook: A Reference Guide to ERS* (ERS reports and studies), Employee Retirement System of Texas, February 2017
- *"The Time to Fix Texas's Public Pensions is Now," City Journal* (Manhattan Institute), "Texas Rising" 2016
- *Pension Benefit Design Study*, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, September 1, 2012
- *Public Pension Search Tool* (Details on state and local pension plans in Texas), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

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