Interim Hearings - Week of March 5, 2012

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Today's Committee Meetings on the LRL website is a calendar of interim committee hearings with links to agendas. The following may be helpful resources for upcoming hearings.

March 5th

House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs

Charge 1: Current role of Texas' state military forces and ways to increase their accountability and effectiveness

- *2009-2010 Annual Report*, Texas Military Preparedness Commission, May 2011
- *Strategic Plan 2011-2015*, Texas Adjutant General, 2011
- *Texas Military Forces Standing Operating Guidance for Support to the State*, Texas Adjutant General, October 2009
- *Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan 2010-2015*, Office of the Governor, February 2010

Joint Committee on Human Trafficking

Topic: Implementation of anti-human trafficking legislation passed by the 82nd Legislature; and update from the Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force

- *Characteristics of Suspected Human Trafficking Incidents, 2008-2010*, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, April 28, 2011
- *The Protected Innocence Challenge: State Report Cards on the Legal Framework of Protection for the Nation's Children, 2011* and Texas report card, Shared Hope International, December 1, 2011
- *The Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force Report 2011 to the Texas Legislature*, Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force, Office of Attorney General, January 2011
- *Trafficking in Persons Report 2011* and United States of America country profile, U.S. Department of State, June 2011
- "Underage Sex Trafficking Is Everywhere Local Law Enforcement Looks, but Will Their Budgets Hold Out?", *San Antonio Current*, February 7, 2012

March 6th

House Committee on Corrections

Charge 1: Implementation of SB 653 (82R), which created the Texas Juvenile Justice Department; integration of the Texas Youth Commission and the Texas Juvenile

Probation Commission

- Texas Juvenile Justice Department Board Meeting - Information Packet (including Transition Team Report, p. 17 of PDF document), Texas Juvenile Justice Department, February 17, 2012

Charge 2: Reducing the number of youth referred to the juvenile justice system; availability of mental health services, diversion and early intervention programs, and other prevention methods

- "Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Practices May Ease Flow of Committed Youth to State Corrections and Help Sustain Lower Populations," (including Texas and Louisiana), Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, Winter 2012
- *No Place for Kids: The Case for Reducing Juvenile Incarceration*, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, October 2011

Charge 3: Certification of juveniles as adults

- *Juveniles in the Adult Criminal Justice System in Texas*, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, March 2011

March 8th

House Committee on Ways & Means

Charge 2: Reviews of appraisal district operations through the Comptroller's Methods Assistance Program (MAP) and whether appraisal districts are applying uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes as required by the Texas Constitution

- Methods and Assistance Program (MAP) Reviews, including 2012-13 MAP Presentation [PDF, 50MB], Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Topic: E-Z computation and rate of the revised franchise tax

Topic: Current methods of apportionment of the revised tax