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Charge 3: Defendants' and inmates' behavioral health needs, mental health services upon release from the criminal justice system

- [Annual Report on the Screening of Offenders With Mental Illness, As Required by S.B. 1, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 \(Article II, Health and Human Services Commission, Rider 69\)](#), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, September 2018
- [Committee Meeting Handouts](#) (Behavioral health and services), House Committee on County Affairs, August 23, 2018
- [The Legislative Primer Series for Front End Justice: Mental Health](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, August 2018
- [Interim Report to the 85th Legislature](#), House Select Committee on Mental Health, December 2016
- [Report on the Mental Health Peer Support Re-entry Pilot Program for Fiscal Year 2016, As Required by the 2016-17 General Appropriations Act, H.B. 1, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015 \(Article II, Department of State Health](#)

Services, Rider 73), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, December 2016

- *Interim Report to the 84th Legislature (Charge 4 – Serious mental illness and substance use disorders)*, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, January 2015
- *Interim Report to the 84th Legislature (Charge 2 – Medical and mental health care treatment in Texas prison system)*, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, December 2014

Charge 4: Population limitations found in Local Government Code Section [154.041](#) and Local Government Code Section [113.047](#), whether counties with population below 190,000 could benefit from population limitations being removed

Charge 5: Monitor agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 85th Legislature: indigent defense and family drug treatment courts

- *Funding Announcement: Specialty Courts Program*, Office of the Texas Governor, Criminal Justice Division, December 1, 2017
- *Texas Judicial Council Legislative Update 85th R.S. (Texas Indigent Defense Commission)*, Texas Office of Court Administration, June 30, 2017
- *Report from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for June 30, 2017 Texas Judicial Council Meeting*, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, June 30, 2017
- *Key Indigent Defense Related Bills Status*, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, May 30, 2017
- *Indigent Defense Legislative Brief*, Texas Association of Counties, January 2017
- *Texas Specialty Courts by County*, Office of the Texas Governor, December 5, 2016
- *Indigent Defense Data for Texas* (County indigent defense plans, grants and funding), Texas Indigent Defense Commission
- *Family Treatment Drug Courts* (Policy and practice resources), National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare
- *Texas Government Code Chapter 79*, Texas Indigent Defense Commission
- *Texas Government Code §§ 122.001-122.004*, Family Drug Court Program

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Charge 3: Defendants' and inmates' behavioral health needs, mental health services upon release from the criminal justice system [see [September 25](#) hearing]

Charge 5: Monitor agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 85th Legislature: behavioral health intervention on the school setting and Sandra Bland Act implementation

- *Texas Compilation of School Discipline Laws and Regulations*, U.S. Department of Education, January 26, 2018
- *Overview of Sandra Bland Act and Possible Implications for Continuity of Medications*, Texas Commission on Jail Standards, September 27, 2017
- *Student Mental Health After the Storm*, Texas Care for Children, Update December 5, 2017
- *Collateral Consequences: The Increase in Texas Student Arrests Following the Parkland and Santa Fe Tragedies*, Texas Appleseed
- *Early Mental Health Intervention*, Texas Education Agency

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House Select Committee on [Cybersecurity](#)

Topic: State agency cybersecurity and data privacy practices, and [HB 8](#), 85th Legislature, R.S., implementation

- *Texas Cybersecurity Strategic Plan: Fiscal Years 2018-2023*, Office of the Chief Information Security Officer, Texas Department of Information Resources, January 25, 2018
- *State Cybersecurity Governance Case Studies* (Georgia, Michigan, New Jersey, Virginia and Washington), National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO), December 2017
- *2017 U.S. State and Federal Government Cybersecurity Report*, Security Scorecard, August 24, 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature* (Charge 1 – State agencies' cybersecurity policies), House Committee on Government Transparency & Operation, January 2017
- *Report to the 85th Legislature* (Charge 4 – Cybersecurity efforts undertaken by state entities), Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, November 2016
- *Texas Government Code §§ 2054.059-2054.0592*, Cybersecurity
- *10 Texas Administrative Code §§ 202.20-202.26*, Information Security Standards for State Agencies
- *Cybersecurity Awareness Month* (October 2018 events and materials), Texas Department of Information Resources
- *Information Security* (House Bill 8 implementation chart), Texas Department of Information Resources

Topic: State of election security in Texas

- [Election Security: State Policies](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, August 16, 2018
- [Letter to Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Select Committee on Election Integrity](#), regarding issues related to interim charges on election integrity, Attorney General of Texas, February 5, 2018
- [Interim Report to the 81st Legislature \(Charge 4 – Election security\)](#), Senate Committee on State Affairs, December 2008

Topic: Report on the Jack Voltaic 2 Cybersecurity Exercise

- ["Cybersecurity Exercise Examines Region's Defensive Capabilities"](#) (Press Release, Jack Voltaic 2.0 Cyber Research Project), University of Houston, July 26, 2018
- ["Houston Tests Its Preparedness for A Cyberattack,"](#) Houston Public Media, July 25, 2018
- ["Houston Prepares for Critical Infrastructure Threats Involving Cyberattacks"](#) (Press Release), City of Houston, Office of the Mayor, July 25, 2018

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Joint Interim Committee on [Disclosure of Emergency Call Information](#)

Topic: Process, rules, handling, and processing of the disclosure of recordings and transcripts of emergency calls made by a subsequently deceased individual to a public safety agency or a public safety answering point

- [HCR 140](#), 85th Legislature, R. S., Requesting the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives to provide for a joint interim legislative study regarding the confidentiality of emergency calls.
- [HB 3640](#), 85th Legislature, R.S., Relating to the confidentiality of an emergency call.

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House Committee on [Natural Resources](#) (Brownsville)

Charge 9: Water development opportunities involving neighboring states and Mexico;

impact of noncompliance with the 1944 treaty with Mexico on the Rio Grande Valley Region

- "[Shallow Waters](#)" (9-part series on border water supplies), *Texas Observer and Quartz*, August 16, 2018
- "[State Lawmaker to Trump: Don't Overlook Mexican Water Treaty](#)," *Texas Tribune*, July 23, 2018
- [U.S.-Mexican Water Sharing: Background and Recent Developments](#), Congressional Research Service, March 2, 2017
- "[Mexico Pays Rio Grande Water Debt in Full](#)" (Press Release), International Boundary and Water Commission, United States Section, February 24, 2016
- [Interim Report to the 79th Texas Legislature \(Charge 4 – Mexico's water debt\)](#), House Committee on Border and International Affairs, November 2004
- [Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande: Treaty Between the United States of America and Mexico](#), International Boundary and Water Commission, February 3, 1944

Charge 6: Expedited decertification process created under [SB 573](#), 82nd Legislature, R. S.; process for resolving disputes and assessing compensation for utilities whose service areas are decertified

- [Water Utilities: The Latest on CCN Decertification, Compensation, and Rates](#) (PowerPoint), Public Utility Law Section Annual Seminar, August 28, 2017
- [Current Water Utility CCN Decertification Issues at the Public Utility Commission of Texas](#) (Presentation), Jackson Walker L.L.P., October 2015
- [SB 573, CCN Decertification, and Water Utility Services Issues](#) (Presentation), The Changing Face of Water Rights in Texas, February 2012

Specific issues related to Charge 3: Status of groundwater policy in Texas: (b) Developments in case law regarding groundwater ownership and regulation, and (d) The appropriate consideration of the service area of a water supplier when groundwater resources are allocated based on surface ownership

- [Groundwater Valuation in Texas: The Comparable Transactions Method](#), Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University, March 20, 2018
- [Basics of Texas Water Law](#), Texas A&MAgriLife Extension, January 2018
- "[Water Wars](#)," *Capitol Ideas*, Council of State Governments, May/June 2017
- [Mixing Oil and Water Law](#), Texas A&M University Real Estate Center, September 21, 2016
- "[Texas Supreme Court: Accommodation Doctrine Applies to Groundwater](#) (Blog)," Texas Agriculture Law Blog, Texas A&MAgriLife Extension, June 8, 2016
- [Emerging Legal Issues](#), Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts
- [Surface Water Rights and Availability](#), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- [Texas Water Code § 36.002](#), Ownership of Groundwater

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Joint Interim Committee to Study [State Judicial Salaries](#)

Topics: State judicial salaries, the salaries of the highest appellate courts of the nine most populous states other than Texas, the salaries of judges on the United States Courts of Appeals, and the average starting base salaries of first-year associate attorneys at the five largest law firms in Texas

- [Survey of Judicial Salaries](#) (State judicial salary rankings), National Center for State Courts, July 1, 2018
- ["Major Texas Law Firms Boost Starting Salaries, Following Other National Firms,"](#) *Houston Business Journal*, June 25, 2018
- ["Salary Wars Scorecard: Which Firms Have Announced Raises and Bonuses? \(2018\),"](#) *Above the Law*, June 5, 2018
- [Report of the Judicial Compensation Commission](#), Texas Office of Court Administration, November 2016
- [Report on Judicial Salaries and Turnover For Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015](#), Texas Office of Court Administration, September 2016
- [Financing the Judiciary in Texas: Legislative Primer](#) (Appendix F –judicial salaries), Texas Legislative Budget Board, September 2016
- [Judicial Salary Tracker](#) (Explore the data – compare salaries between states), National Center for State Courts
- [Private Sector Salaries](#) ([Findings from 2017 associate salary survey](#)), National Association for Law Placement

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