

## Interim Hearings – Week of October 28, 2019

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October 28

House Committee on [Public Education](#)

Topic: Texas Education Agency's implementation of [House Bill 3](#) (86-R) and [House Bill 22](#) (85-R)

- [Briefing Book on Public Education Legislation: 85th Texas Legislative Session](#) (HB 22 Summary), Texas Education Agency, October 2017
- [2018 Accountability Development Materials](#), Texas Education Agency
- [A-F Accountability Resource Page](#), Texas Education Agency
- [District Runs for HB 3 Conference Committee Report](#), Legislative Budget Board
- [House Bill 3](#) (Budgeting Resources, HB 3 in 30 Series, and Correspondence), Texas Education Agency

October 29

Senate Select Committee on [Redistricting](#)

Topic: Organizational matters and invited testimony

- [Texas Redistricting](#), Texas Legislative Council

October 30

Senate Select Committee on [Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety](#)

- [Texas Safety Action Report](#), Governor Greg Abbott, September 12, 2019
- [Executive Order GA-07, Relating to the Prevention of Mass Attacks](#), Governor Greg Abbott, September 5, 2019

Charge: Consider the role digital media, dark web networks, and overall cultural issues play in the promotion of mass violence and how these contribute to the radicalization of individuals and incitement of racism, white supremacy and domestic terrorism.

- *Mass Violence in America: Causes, Impacts and Solutions*, National Council for Behavioral Health, August 2019
- *Anti-Government, Identity Based, and Fringe Political Conspiracy Theories Very Likely Motivate Some Domestic Extremists to Commit Criminal, Sometimes Violent Activity*, FBI Phoenix Field Office, 30 May 2019
- *Countering the Malicious Use of Social Media*, Oxford Information Labs, October 9, 2018
- *Social Media: Where Voices of Hate Find a Place to Preach*, The Center for Public Integrity, August 30, 2018
- *Youth and Violent Extremism on Social Media: Mapping the Research*, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), 2017
- *The Deep Web and the Darknet: A Look Inside the Internet's Massive Black Box*, Wilson Center, October 2015

Research the link between violent video games and recent mass shootings in Texas and examine the impact of the overall fraying culture on mass shootings, including increased violence, tolerance for violence, and extremist views in our society.

- "No, Video Games Don't Cause Mass Shootings. But The Conversation Shouldn't End There," *Time*, August 8, 2019
- *Free to Play? Hate, Harassment and Positive Social Experiences in Online Games*, Anti-Defamation League, July 2019
- *Interim Report to the 86th Texas Legislature* (Charge 3 - video games), Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools and School Security, August 2018
- *Essential Facts About Games and Violence*, Entertainment Software Association (ESA)

Charge: Study whether the state's interest in public safety and its ability to deter violence and dangerous conduct is enhanced by prohibiting individuals from wearing masks to intimidate others, incite violence, or engage in criminal activity, while protecting First Amendment rights to free speech and free exercise of religion.

- "12 US States and 7 Countries that Have Barred Protesters from Wearing Masks," *Business Insider*, October 7, 2019
- "Real Masks and Real Name Policies: Applying Anti-Mask Case Law to Anonymous Online Speech," 23 *Fordham Intell. Prop. Media & Ent. L. J.* 815 (2012-2013)