

Interim Hearings – Week of October 29, 2012

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October 30th

Senate Committees on [Criminal Justice](#) and [Education](#) (Joint Hearing)

Charge: School discipline practices, Alternative Education Programs (DAEP), and Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs (JJAEP)

- [Expelling Zero-Tolerance: Reforming Texas School Discipline for Good](#), Texas Public Policy Foundation, August 2012
- ["Recognizing and Combating the "School-To-Prison" Pipeline In Texas,"](#) Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson, *Future Trends in State Courts*, Summer 2012
- [Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs: Performance Assessment Report School Year 2010-2011](#), Texas Juvenile Justice Department, May 2012
- [Interim Hearings – Week of April 30, 2012](#), Legislative Reference Library, April 30, 2012

Senate Committee on [Criminal Justice](#) (upon adjournment of Joint Hearing with Education)

Charge: Prescription drug abuse trends

- ["Prescription Tourists' Thwart States' Crackdown on Illegal Sale of Painkillers,"](#) MSNBC, July 8, 2012
- [A New Generation of Prescription Monitoring Programs: Adopting Best Practices](#), Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs, June 6, 2012
- [Florida's Prescription Drug Diversion and Abuse Roadmap, 2012-2015](#), Florida Attorney General, April 2, 2012
- [Prescription Drug Abuse Panel Discussion](#) [video], Texas Association of Business, February 22, 2012
- [Results From the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Summary of National Findings](#), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, September 2011
- [Epidemic: Responding to America's Prescription Drug Abuse Crisis](#), Executive

Office of the President, April 2011

- *Prescription Drug Overdoses: An American Epidemic* [Youtube video] and related *presentation*, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, February 17, 2011

Charge: Implementation of **SB 321**, 82nd R. S., Relating to an employee's transportation and storage of certain firearms or ammunition while on certain property owned or controlled by the employee's employer

- *Mitchell v. University of Kentucky*, Supreme Court of Kentucky, April 26, 2012
- "Texas Oil Regulators Scrap Concealed Firearms Ban," *Texas Tribune*, November 8, 2011

Senate Committee on **Education** (upon adjournment of Joint Hearing with Criminal Justice)

Charge: Monitor implementation of legislation, specifically, the following:

- **SB 6**, 82nd 1st C. S., relating to the establishment of the instructional materials allotment
- *The Challenges of Change: Implementing Senate Bill 6: A Study*, Association of American Publishers, April 2012
- **SB 8**, 82nd 1st C. S., relating to the flexibility of the board of trustees of a school district in the management and operation of public schools
 - "Few Texas School Districts Seek Emergency Power to Lay Off Teachers, Despite Big Budget Cuts," *Dallas Morning News*, August 13, 2012
 - *Reducing Personnel Costs: 2012 Winter Governance & Legal Seminar, February 16-18, 2012*, Texas Association of School Boards
- **HB 1942**, 82nd R. S., relating to bullying in public schools
 - "Central Texas School Districts Boost Anti-Bullying Efforts," *Austin American-Statesman*, September 18, 2012
 - "Dallas-Area School Districts Spell Out Anti-Bullying Policies as Texas Law Takes Hold," *Dallas Morning News*, September 3, 2012
 - "District Gets Tough With Bullies," *Houston Chronicle*, June 26, 2012
 - *School Bullying: Extent of Legal Protections for Vulnerable Groups Needs to Be More Fully Assessed*, U. S. Government Accountability Office, May 2012
 - "Bullying in Schools: An Overview" (school bullying policy guidance), *Juvenile Justice Bulletin*, U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, December 2011

- State's accountability system and other reforms enacted by **HB 3**, 81st R. S., and **SB 1031**, 80th R. S.
 - *Closing the Expectations Gap 2012: 50-State Progress Report on the Alignment of K-12 Policies and Practice with the Demands of College and Careers* (includes accountability, data, and public reporting systems), Achieve, September 2012
 - *End-of-Course Exams*, Education Commission of the States, March 2012
 - *Getting Better at Teacher Preparation and State Accountability*, Center for American Progress, January 2012

November 1st

Joint Committee on **Oversight of Windstorm Insurance**

Topic: Windstorm insurance in this state

- *"TWIA Study Recommends Lowering Agent Commissions," Insurance Journal*, October 2, 2012; and related study, *Texas Windstorm Insurance Association: Restructuring Options Report*, Texas Department of Insurance/Alvarez & Marsal Holdings, LLC, September 7, 2012
- *"Joint Committee Considers Financial Solutions for TWIA," Texas Tribune*, September 12, 2012 (summary of Joint Committee on Seacoast Territory Insurance hearing, September 12)
- *"Windstorm Forum Raises Questions," Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, September 6, 2012 (summary of Coastal Windstorm Task Force meeting, September 5)