

House Committee Resources: Pensions, Investments & Financial Services, Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety

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Committee Resources

The committees have requested written submissions on the following topics. Below are resources related to those topics.

- [House Committee on Pensions, Investments & Financial Services](#)
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Charge 2: Monitor the Teacher Retirement System's (TRS) actions in implementing high deductible regional plans for certain school districts interested in providing alternatives to the current TRS-ActiveCare options

- ["With High-Deductible Employer Health Plans, Who Wins?"](#)

• ["Knowledge@Wharton, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, June 17, 2019](#)

- [Interim Report to the 86th Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 3 – Health Insurance: TRS-Care, TRS-ActiveCare), House Committee on Pensions, November 2018
- ["Texas Teachers' Health Care Explained: State Program Was Created to Save Districts Money, but a Few Want Out," Texas Tribune, July 18, 2018](#)
- [Report to the 85th Legislature](#) (TRS-ActiveCare, High Deductible Health Plan), Joint Interim Committee to Study TRS Health Benefit Plans, November 2016

Charge 4: Review and evaluate the actuarial soundness of the Employees Retirement System and TRS pension funds. Examine the cost of and potential strategies for achieving and maintaining the actuarial soundness of the funds. Examine the effect the unfunded liabilities could have on the state's credit. Examine the state's investment policies and practices, including investment objectives, targets, disclosure policies, and transparency.

- [Interim Report \(Investment of State Funds\)](#), Senate Finance Committee, August 2020

- *Employees Retirement System of Texas: Evaluation of Investment Policies, Procedures and Practices*, NEPC, LLC, March 11, 2020
- *Actuarial Valuation Reports: Funding for Pension Plans Administered by ERS as of August 31, 2019*, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS Retirement Consulting), December 10, 2019
- *Teacher Retirement System of Texas: Actuarial Valuation Report as of August 31, 2019*, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS Retirement Consulting), November 14, 2019
- *Interim Report to the 86th Texas Legislature (Charge 2 – Governance and Oversight of State Retirement Systems)*, House Committee on Pensions, November 2018

Charge 5: Monitor the **State Auditor's** review of agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction.

House Committee on Pensions, Investments & Financial Services

Topics:

- Effects of COVID-19 on industry or business operations
- Existing statutory and regulatory barriers in responding to COVID-19

House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety

Duty (1): Examine options for strengthening enforcement measures for current laws that prevent the transfer of firearms to felons and other persons prohibited by current law from possessing firearms.

- *Gun Laws – Buying & Transferring* and *Gun Laws – Felons & Firearms* (Research Guides), Texas State Law Library, updated July 31, 2020
- *Texas License to Carry a Handgun Statute & Selected Laws: Relating to the Use and Carrying of a Handgun: 2019 – 2020*, Texas Department of Public Safety, December 2019
- *State Laws and Published Ordinances - Firearms*, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), last reviewed November 2019
- *Interim Hearings – Week of March 9, 2020* (Blog), March 11 – House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety – Duty (1), Legislative Reference Library, March 4, 2020
- *Interim Hearings – Week of January 6, 2020* (Blog), January 9 – House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety – Duty (1), Legislative Reference Library, December 31, 2019
- *Interim Hearings – Week of November 4, 2019* (Blog), November 7 – House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety – Duty (1), Legislative Reference Library, October 30, 2019
- *Interim Hearings – Week of October 7, 2019* (Blog), October 10 – House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety – Duty (1), Legislative

Reference Library, October 2, 2019