

Interim Hearings - Week of March 21, 2016

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House Committee on [Criminal Jurisprudence](#)

Charge: Indigent defense and innocence projects

- [Conviction Integrity Unit Best Practices](#), The Innocence Project, October 15, 2015
- [An Evaluation of the Texas Innocence Projects: A Report to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission](#), Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institute and Texas Indigent Defense Commission, May 15, 2015
- [Indigent Defense Data for Texas](#) (County-by-county data on indigent defense expenditures, plans, attorney caseloads, number of cases, grants and funding), Texas Indigent Defense Commission, Fiscal Year 2015 (and earlier)
- [Guidelines for Indigent Defense Caseloads: A Report to the Texas Indigent Commission](#), Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institute and Texas Indigent Defense Commission, January 15, 2015
- [Improving Indigent Defense: Evaluation of the Harris County Public Defender](#), Council of State Governments Justice Center, September 30, 2013
- [When Excessive Public Defender Workloads Violate the Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel Without a Showing of Prejudice](#), American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, March 2011
- [Interim Report to the 82nd Legislature](#) (Charge 3 - Performance of Fair Defense Act and Task Force on Indigent Defense), Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, December 2010
- [Justice Denied: America's Continuing Neglect of Our Constitutional Right to Counsel](#), National Right to Counsel Committee, The Constitution Project, April 2009

House Select Committee on [Emerging Issues In Texas Law Enforcement](#)

Charge 1: Body cameras, minimum standards set by [SB 158](#), 84th R.S.

- ["Concerns Raised about Accessibility of Police Body Camera Footage," Houston](#)

Chronicle, February 7, 2016

- "States Grapple with Public Disclosure of Police Body-Camera Footage," *Stateline* (Pew Charitable Trusts), September 22, 2015
- "What We Can Learn From the Police That Pioneered Body Cameras," *Governing*, April 13, 2015
- *The Use of Body-Worn Cameras by Law Enforcement: Guidelines for Use and Background Paper*, The constitution Project Committee on Policing Reforms, January 28, 2015
- *Implementing a Body-Worn Camera Program: Recommendations and Lessons Learned*, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Police Executive Research Forum, 2014
- *Body Worn Camera Policies*, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement

Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Reform & Relief

Charge: Property tax process, including appraisal system

- *Committee Introductory Presentation*, Senate Select Committee for Property Tax Reform & Relief, January 27, 2016
- *Overview of Property Tax System in Texas* (Presentation), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, December 7, 2015
- *Texas State Government Effectiveness and Efficiency: Selected Issues and Recommendations* (Property Appraisals), Legislative Budget Board, January 2015
- *Appraising the Appraisals: Local Values and Property Taxes*, Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, July 2014
- *Interim Charge Recommendations to the 82nd Legislature* (Property Tax System), Senate Committee on Finance, January 2011
- *Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature* (Property Tax Appraisals), House Committee on Ways & Means, January 2011
- *Interim Report* (Property Tax Appraisal System), Senate Finance Subcommittee on Property Appraisal and Revenue Caps, January 2009
- *Interim Report to the 81st Legislature*, House Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform, December 2008
- *Interim Report to the 81st Legislature* (Charge 4), House Committee on Local Government Ways and Means, December 2008
- *Findings and Recommendations: a Report from the Texas Task Force on Appraisal Reform*, Texas Task Force on Appraisal Reform, January 2007
- *Texas Property Tax System*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Charge: Reducing tax burden

- "In U.S., State Tax Burden Linked to Desire to Leave State," Gallup, February 12, 2016
- *State-Local Tax Burden Rankings FY 2012* and *State and Local Tax Burden, 1977-2012*, Tax Foundation, January 2016

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House Committee on **Business & Industry**

Charge 7: Designated doctor process in the Texas workers' compensation system

- **Designated Doctor Resources and Information, Designated Doctors and Appointments by County and Month, Designated Doctor Update**, Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation

Charge 8: Benefits for injured employees in the Texas workers' compensation system who qualify for lifetime income benefits, death benefits

- **Workers' Compensation Income and Medical Benefits** (including **Lifetime Income Benefits, Death and Burial Benefits**), Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, last updated October 20, 2015
- **Income Benefit Adequacy in the Texas Workers' Compensation System, 2000-2011**, Texas Department of Insurance, Workers' Compensation Research and Evaluation Group, July 3, 2013
- **Interim Report to the 83rd Legislature** (Charge 2 - Adequacy of workers' compensation benefits), Senate Committee on State Affairs, December 2012
- **Interim Report to the 82nd Legislature** (Charges 10-11 - Workers' compensation benefits), Senate Committee on State Affairs, December 2010

Charge 10: Legislative oversight and monitoring of agencies

House Select Committee on **Mental Health**

Topic: Children's mental health/behavioral health, including, but not limited to clinical medicine, treatment, public education, and juvenile justice

- **Behavioral Health Barometer, Texas, 2015**, U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, February 2016
- **State Mental Health Legislation 2015: Trends, Themes & Effective Practices** (Children and youth, appendix 7: children and youth, appendix 8: school mental health, appendix 13: juvenile justice), National Alliance on Mental Illness, December 2015
- **Achieving Well-Being for Children and Youth: Texas System of Care Consortium 2014 Legislative Report**, Texas System of Care Consortium, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, 2015
- **Are the Children Well? A Model and Recommendations for Promoting the Mental Wellness of the Nation's Young People**, Child Trends, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, July 2014
- **Improving Children's Mental Health**, Legisbrief, National Conference of State

Legislatures, January 2014

- **Children's Mental Health**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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House Committee on **Business & Industry**

Charge 6: Requirement for state agencies to purchase insurance through the State Office of Risk Management (SORM)

- **Op. Tex. Att'y Gen. No. GA-1061 (2014)**, Whether state agencies, including institutions of higher education, must obtain approval from the State Office of Risk Management prior to purchasing insurance coverage (RQ-1169-GA), Attorney General of Texas, May 21, 2014
- **Risk Management for Texas State Agencies Guidelines**, State Office of Risk Management

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Senate Committee on **Veteran Affairs & Military Installations, Subcommittee on Border Security**

Charge: Local law enforcement and federal Priority Enforcement Program (PEP)

- **"Texas Sheriffs, Jails on Immigration Front Line,"** *Texas Tribune*, February 16, 2016 and **Bordering on Insecurity** (Border Security and Immigration Series), *Texas Tribune*
- **Detainer Use Stabilizes Under Priority Enforcement Program**, Transactional Records Access Clearing House (TRAC), January 21, 2016
- **"Activists Sue 10 Federal Agencies Over Secrecy in Deporting Alleged Criminals,"** *Texas Tribune*, January 20, 2016
- **Interim Report to the 81st Legislature** (Charge - Border security), Senate Committee on International Relations and Trade, January 2009
- **Interim Report to the 81st Legislature** (Charge 7), House Committee on Corrections, January 2009
- **Interim Report to the 81st Legislature** (Charge 3 - Illegal immigration and border security), House Committee on County Affairs, December 2008
- **Report to the 81st Legislature** (Charge - Border security), Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security, December 2008
- **Priority Enforcement Program**, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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House Committees on Higher Education and Appropriations, Subcommittee on Article III (Joint Hearing)

Joint charge: Community college funding

- *Texas Community and Technical Colleges Funding Formulas for the FY 2018-2019 Biennium, Recommendations of the Community and Technical Colleges Formula Advisory Committee (CTCFAC), Draft Report*, Community and Technical Colleges Formula Advisory Committee, January 2016
- *Commissioner's Charge to the Community and Technical Colleges Formula Advisory Committee (CTCFAC) for the 2018-2019 Biennial Appropriations* (Overview of competency-based education), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, October 2015
- *Commissioner's Charge to the Community and Technical Colleges Formula Advisory Committee (CTCFAC) for the 2018-2019 Biennial Appropriations* (Overview of college funding formulas and THECB's formula funding recommendations for 2014), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, August 2015
- *Performance-Based Funding for Higher Education*, National Conference of State Legislatures, July 31, 2015
- "States to Colleges: Prove You're Worth It," *Stateline* (Pew Charitable Trusts), July 28, 2015
- *Federal and State Funding of Higher Education: A Changing Landscape*, Pew Charitable Trusts, June 11, 2015
- *Issue Brief: How Higher Education Funding Shortchanges Community Colleges*, The Century Foundation, May 28, 2015
- *Community Colleges in Context: Exploring Financing of Two- and Four-Year Institutions* (included in *Bridging the Higher Education Divide: Strengthening Community Colleges and Restoring the American Dream*), Century Foundation Task Force on Preventing Community Colleges from Becoming Separate and Unequal, May 23, 2013
- *Financing Higher Education in Texas: Legislative Primer*, 5th Edition, Legislative Budget Board, February 2013