

# Interim Hearings - Week of February 8, 2016

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### House Committee on [Corrections](#)

Charge: Incarceration rates for non-violent drug offenses, alternatives to incarceration including community supervision

- ["States at a Crossroads on Criminal Justice Reform," Stateline](#), January 28, 2016
- [2014 Drug Guidelines Amendment: Retroactivity Data Report](#) (Geographical distribution - Texas), U.S. Sentencing Commission, December 2015
- [Statistical Report: Fiscal Year 2014](#) (Demographic highlights by type of offense, statistics by offense of record), Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 2014
- [Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 2 - Community-based corrections supervision and treatment programs), House Committee on Corrections, December 2010
- [Interim Report: 78th Legislature: Charge One](#) (Alternatives to incarceration for non-violent drug offenders), Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, November 2002

Charge: Inmate release policies of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, including direct release from administrative segregation

- [Making Sense of Sentencing: State Systems and Policies](#) (Release policies), National Conference of State Legislatures, June 2015
- [Parole Guidelines Annual Report: FY 2014](#), Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, January 2015
- [Annual Statistical Report: FY 2014](#), Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles
- [Interim Report to the 83rd Legislature](#) (Charge 5 - Administrative segregation in TDCJ), Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, December 2012
- [Parole in Texas](#), Texas Department of Criminal Justice Parole Division, Texas

Board of Pardons and Paroles, 2011

- *Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature* (Charge 3 - Prisoner reentry programs), House Committee on Corrections, December 2010

## House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on *Private Property Rights in Water*

Topic: How to supply water while respecting private property rights of individual owners

- *"Whose Water Is It Anyway?," Tierra Grande*, Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, July 2014 (Revised 2015)
- *"Texas Groundwater Rights and Immunities: From East to Day and Beyond," Texas Water Journal*, Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas A&M University, 2014
- *"Conserving Private Lands Conserves Water," TXH2O*, Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas A&M University, Winter 2014

## House Committee on *Public Education*

Charge: Middle grades

- *"College Readiness? What About High School Readiness?," Education Week*, High School & Beyond blog, October 13, 2015
- *Research Study: The Forgotten Middle*, ACT, Inc., September 2014 (update to *The Forgotten Middle: Ensuring that All Students Are on Target for College and Career Readiness before High School*, 2008)
- *"The Middle School Plunge," Education Next*, Spring 2012
- *Report to the 82nd Legislature* (Charge 2 - Middle grades), Senate Committee on Education, December 2010
- *National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform*

Charge: High performing students

- *Federal Legislative Update: Every Student Succeeds Act* (gifted education provisions in the new federal education law), National Association for Gifted Children, December 2015
- *2014-2015 State of the States in Gifted Education: Policy and Practice Data*, National Association for Gifted Children and The Council of State Directors of Programs for the Gifted, November 2015
- *Equal Talents, Unequal Opportunities: A Report Card on State Support for Academically Talented Low-Income Students*, Texas State Report Card, Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, March 2015
- *Falling Out of the Lead: Following High Achievers Through High School and Beyond*, The Education Trust, April 2014

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### House Committee on [Corrections](#)

Charge: Recidivism & Reentry

- [Justice Reinvestment & State Resources](#) (Reduce recidivism), National Conference of State Legislatures, January 20, 2016
- [Multistate Criminal History Patterns of Prisoners Released in 30 states](#), Bureau of Justice Statistics, September 2015
- [Offender Reentry: Correctional Statistics, Reintegration into the Community, and Recidivism](#), Congressional Research Service, January 12, 2015
- [Interim Report to the 84th Legislature](#) (Review Correctional Facilities and Procedures), House Committee on Corrections, January 2015
- [Reducing Recidivism: States Deliver Results](#), The National Reentry Resource Center, June 2014
- [Statewide Criminal Justice Recidivism and Revocation Rates](#), Legislative Budget Board, January 2013
- [Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 2 & Charge 3), House Committee on Corrections, December 2010
- [Interim Report to the 81st Legislature](#) (Charge 2 - Prisoner reentry programs), House Committee on Corrections, January 2009
- [Interim Report to the 80th Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 5 - Windham School District), House Committee on Corrections, December 2006
- [Reentry and Integration Division](#) and [Articles & Reports](#), Texas Department of Criminal Justice

### House Committee on [Public Health](#)

Charge: Preparedness for public health threats and emergencies, including natural disasters and infectious diseases

- [Report and Recommendations](#), Texas Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response, December 1, 2014
- ["Is Texas Prepared for a Public Health Emergency?"](#), *Texas Tribune*, October 2, 2014
- [Interim Report to the 82nd Legislature](#) (Charge 3 - Pandemics and public health preparedness), House Committee on Emergency Preparedness, December 2010
- [Interim Report to the 81st Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 5 - Public health emergency), House Committee on Defense Affairs & State-Federal Relations, January 2009
- [Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Section](#), Texas Department of State Health Services
- [Tripedia: Ebola Virus in Texas](#), *Texas Tribune*

Charge: Telemedicine in Texas

- "Texas Ranks Worst in Telehealth," *GovernmentHealthIT*, January 11, 2016
- *Teladoc's Antitrust Suit Against TMB Moves Forward*, Texas Medical Association, January 5, 2016
- *Telehealth Policy Trends and Considerations*, National Conference of State Legislators, December 9, 2015
- *State Telehealth Laws and Medicaid Program Policies: A Comprehensive Scan of the 50 States and District of Columbia*, Center for Connected Health Policy, July 2015
- "Texas Puts Brakes On Telemedicine —And Teladoc Cries Foul," *Kaiser Health News*, June 2, 2015
- *50 State Telemedicine Gaps Analysis: Coverage & Reimbursement* and *50 State Telemedicine Gaps Analysis: Physician Practice Standards & Licensure*, American Telemedicine Association, May 2015
- *Telemedicine, Telehealth, and Home Telemonitoring Texas Medicaid Services: Biennial Report to the Texas Legislature*, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, December 1, 2014
- *Interim Report to the 77th Texas Legislature* (Charge II - Telemedicine), House Committee on Public Health, October 2000
- *TexLA Telehealth Resource Center*, F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

## Senate Committee on Education

Charge: Monitor implementation of legislation, specifically:

- Placement and use of video cameras
  - "Coming To Texas: Special-Ed Cams To Protect Students From Their Own Teachers," NPR Ed, December 15, 2015
  - "Texas to Require Cameras in Some Special Ed Classes, But Who Foots Bill?," *Dallas Morning News*, July 30, 2015
- Training support for counselors, and advising courses for middle school students
  - *Texas School Counselor Study: Exploring the Supply, Demand, and Evolving Roles of School Counselors*, Ray Marshall Center for the Study of Human Resources, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin, December 2014

Topic: Local briefing on English Language Learning

- "English Language Learners and the Future of Texas: an Overview of Symposium Discussions, Policy Implications and Next Steps" and "Federal Guidance on Schools' Civil Rights Obligations for English Learners," *IDRA Newsletter* (Intercultural Development Research Association), May 2015
- *State-Level English Language Learner Policies*, Education Commission of the States, March 2015
- *Dear Colleague Letter: English Learner Students and Limited English Proficient Parents* (federal guidance), U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Education, January 7, 2015
- *The Academic Achievement of English Language Learners: Data for the U.S.*

*and Each of the States*, Child Trends, December 2014

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[House Administration](#) Committee

Topic: Select committee budgets

House Committee on [Higher Education](#)

Charge: Community college system

- [84th Texas Legislature: Session Summary](#), Texas Association of Community Colleges, July 2015
- [Community Colleges in the South: Strengthening Readiness and Pathways](#), Southern Regional Education Board, February 2015
- [Blueprint for a Texas Community College "System,"](#) National Center for Higher Education Management Systems for Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, June 8, 2012 (Rider 53, 2012-13 General Appropriations Act)
- [Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 4 - Community college participation and success), House Committee on Higher Education, January 2011
- [Interim Report](#) (Charge 2 - Community colleges), Senate Committee on Higher Education, December 2010
- [Strategic Plan for Texas Public Community Colleges 2011-2015](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, June 2010

Charge: Community colleges offering affordable baccalaureate degree programs, student pathways

- [Assessing the Potential to Expand Community College Baccalaureate Programs in Texas](#), RAND Corporation, Prepared for Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2014 (SB 414, 83rd R. S.)
- [A Matter of Degrees: Practices to Pathways: High-Impact Practices for Community College Student Success](#), Center for Community College Student Engagement, The University of Texas at Austin, 2014
- [Community College Baccalaureate Programs in Texas: Legislative Recommendations](#), Adopted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2014
- [The Feasibility of Expanding Texas' Community College Baccalaureate Programs: A Report to the 81st Texas Legislature](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, October 2010 (HB 2425, 81st R. S.)

Senate Select Committee [Property Tax Reform & Relief](#)

Charge: Property tax process, including appraisal system

Charge: Reducing tax burden

- [Interim Hearings - Week of January 25, 2016](#), Senate Select Committee Property Tax Reform & Relief, Charge: Property tax process and Charge: Tax burden, Legislative Reference Library, January 15, 2016
- [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