

Interim Hearings – Week of August 6, 2018

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House Select Committee on [Opioids & Substance Abuse](#)

Charge: Impact of substance abuse and substance use disorders on Texans who are involved in the adult or juvenile criminal justice system and/or the Child Protective Services system

- [Substance Use, the Opioid Epidemic, and the Child Welfare System: Key Findings from a Mixed Methods Study](#), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, March 7, 2018
- ["Feeling Heard and Not Judged: Perspectives on Substance Use Services Among Youth Formerly in Foster Care,"](#) *Child Maltreatment* 23, no. 1, February 2018
- [The Foster Care System was Unprepared for the Last Drug Epidemic—Let's Not Repeat History](#), Brookings Institution, January 31, 2018
- [Critical Connections: Getting People Leaving Prison and Jail The Mental Health Care and Substance Use Treatment They Need](#), The Council of State Governments Justice Center, The National Reentry Resource Center, U.S. Department of Justice, January 2017
- [A Record of Progress and a Roadmap for the Future](#), The Federal Interagency Reentry Council, August 2016
- ["Clinical Report: Families Affected by Parental Substance Use,"](#) *Pediatrics* 138, no. 2, American Academy of Pediatrics, August 2016
- [Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use](#), The Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University, 2016

- [Reducing Teen Substance Misuse: What Really Works](#), Trust for America's Health, November 2015
- ["How Many Families in Child Welfare Services Are Affected by Parental Substance Use Disorders? A Common Question that Remains Unanswered,"](#) *Child Welfare* 94, no. 4, 2015

Charge: Specialty courts in Texas that specialize in substance use disorders

- [Identifying and Rectifying Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Disparities in Treatment Courts \(Table of contents\)](#), *Journal for Advancing Justice*, June 2018
- ["How Drug Courts Can Respond to the Opioid Crisis"](#) (Commentary), *The Crime Report*, Center on Media Crime and Justice at John Jay College, April 12, 2018
- ["Completion Rates: An Analysis of Factors Related to Drug Court Program Completion,"](#) *Cogent Social Sciences*, March 24, 2017
- [Biennial Report to the Texas Legislature \(Specialty courts\)](#), Criminal Justice Division, Office of the Governor, December 2016
- ["Drug Courts Failing Black Offenders,"](#) *Austin American Statesman*, December 26, 2015
- ["Suspicious of Drug Courts? Don't Be,"](#) *Texas Bar Journal*, April 2014
- [Specialty Court Programs](#), Office of the Texas Governor
- [Drug Courts](#), National Institute of Justice
- [Drug Treatment Court Programs in the United States](#), National Drug Court Resource Center
- [Government Code Chapter 122](#), Family Drug Court Program and [Government Code, Chapter 123](#), Drug Court Programs

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House Select Committee on [Opioids & Substance Abuse](#)

Topic: Public testimony on all previously considered committee charges

- [Committee Meeting Handouts](#), House Select Committee on Opioids & Substance Abuse, March 27 - June 26, 2018
- [Interim Hearings – Week of June 25, 2018](#), House Select Committee on Opioids & Substance Abuse, Legislative Reference Library, June 20, 2018
- [Interim Hearings – Week of May 14, 2018](#), House Select Committee on Opioids & Substance Abuse, Legislative Reference Library, May 7, 2018
- [Interim Hearings – Week of April 16, 2018](#), House Select Committee on Opioids & Substance Abuse, Legislative Reference Library, April 9, 2018
- [Interim Hearings – Week of March 26, 2018](#), House Select Committee on Opioids & Substance Abuse, Legislative Reference Library, March 19, 2018

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House Committee on Public Education

Charge: State mechanisms for identifying and rewarding educators

- *Policy Snapshot: Teacher Development and Advancement*, Education Commission of the States, March 2018
- *Policy Snapshot: Teacher Evaluations*, Education Commission of the States, March 2018
- *A Coming Crisis in Teaching? Teacher Supply, Demand, and Shortages in the U.S.*, Learning Policy Institute, September 2016
- *No Time to Lose: How to Build a World-Class Education System State by State*, National Conference of State Legislatures, 2016
- *Getting the Best People Into the Toughest Jobs: Changes in Talent Management in Education*, Center for American Progress, April 2013
- "Teacher Performance Pay Programs and Necessary Communication Actions," *Journal of School Public Relations*, Spring 2013
- *Getting to Excellence: A Legislator's Guide to Educator Effectiveness Policy*, National Conference of State Legislatures, February 2013
- *Educator Initiatives*, Texas Education Agency

Charge: Charter school system in Texas

- "Dallas-area Charters Lag Behind Traditional Public Schools, According to New Report," *Dallas Morning News*, May 16, 2018 and *State of Education in North Texas: 2018 School Rankings*, Children at Risk, May 2018
- "Are Charter Schools Private? In Texas Courts, It Depends Why You're Asking," *Texas Tribune*, May 7, 2018
- *50-State Comparison: Charter School Policies (State profile – Texas)*, Education Commission of the States, January 23, 2018
- "Pensions Under Pressure: Charter Innovation in Teacher Retirement Benefits," *Education Next*, Spring 2018
- *Charter School Performance in Texas*, Center for Research on Education Outcomes, Stanford University, August 2, 2017
- *Report to the 85th Legislature (Interim Charge 2 – Charter schools)*, Senate Committee on Education, November 2016
- *Interim Report to the 83rd Texas Legislature (Charge – Charter schools system)*, House Committee on Public Education, January 2013
- *Report to the 83rd Legislature (Interim charge 5 – Charter schools)*, Senate Committee on Education, January 2013
- *Charter Schools, Charter School Finance, and Charter Schools - Reports*, Texas Education Agency
- *Education Code Chapter 12, Charters*

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House Committee on **Public Health** and House Committee on **Human Services** (Joint hearing)

Charge: Children involved with Child Protective Services (CPS) due to substance abuse or mental illness

- *"Report: Drugs or Alcohol Factor Into Half of Texas Child Abuse and Neglect Deaths,"* (Report), *Texas Tribune*, March 20, 2018
- *Substance-Affected Infants: Additional Guidance Would Help States Better Implement Protections for Children*, U.S. Government Accountability Office, January 2018
- *The Impact of Drug and Alcohol Addiction on the Foster Care System*, RehabCenter.net, August 10, 2017
- *Substance Abuse and Child Welfare Resources*, National Conference of State Legislatures, February 2, 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Legislature* (Charge 2B – High acuity foster kids with mental illness), Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, November 2016
- *"Drug Addiction Epidemic Creates Crisis in Foster Care,"* *Stateline* (Pew Charitable Trusts), October 7, 2016
- *The Status and Outcomes of Children Who Enter DFPS Conservatorship Due to Mental Health Needs* (SB 1889 Legislative Report), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, October 2016
- *Mental Health and Foster Care*, National Conference of State Legislatures, May 9, 2016
- *Meeting the Needs of High Needs Children in the Texas Child Welfare System*, The Stephen Group, November 2015
- *Parental Substance Use and the Child Welfare System*, Child Welfare Information Gateway, October 2014

Invited testimony on residential child care facilities, particularly the number of licensed facilities, recent complaints received regarding treatment of children at these facilities, and the status of pending licenses

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