

# Interim Hearings - Week of July 16, 2012

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Week of July 16th

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House Committee on [Human Services](#)

Charge: Foster care redesign

- [The Texas Blueprint: Transforming Education Outcomes for Children & Youth in Foster Care](#), Texas Children's Commission, March 31, 2012
- "Court Denies Class in Texas Foster Care Lawsuit," [Houston Chronicle](#), March 23, 2012
- [Foster Care Licensing Standards Across the United States: Using Research Findings to Effect Change](#), American Bar Association, March 2012
- [Improving Child and Youth Placement Outcomes: a System Redesign \(Foster Care Redesign\) Report](#), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, January 2011
- [Improving the Lives of Children in Long-Term Foster Care: the Role of Texas' Courts & Legal System](#), Texas Appleseed, November 2010 and follow-up report [Texas Children in Long-Term Foster Care: Outcomes, Court Hearing Practices, and Court Costs](#), Texas Appleseed, May 2012
- [Legislative Strategies to Safely Reduce the Number of Children in Foster Care](#), NCSL, July 2010

Senate Committee on [Veteran Affairs & Military Installations](#)

Charge: Benefits claims process

- [Benefits Fact Sheets](#), U.S. Veterans Administration, reviewed/updated March 26, 2012
- [Claims Representation and Counseling](#), statewide map of office locations by VA region, Texas Veterans Commission, January 2012
- "94-Year-Old World War II Vet Stuck in VA Backlog Again," [Houston Chronicle](#), July 8, 2012

Charge: Mental health services

- [Mental Health Home Page](#), U.S. Veterans Administration
- [Military Families](#), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, last updated October 12, 2011
- [Guide to VA Mental Health Services for Veterans & Families](#), U.S. Veterans Administration, January 2011

Charge: Update on Mental Health section of the Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services, authorized by [SB 1796](#), 82nd Regular Session

- [Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services: Agendas and Minutes](#), Texas Veterans Commission, October 2011-March 2012

July 17th

Senate Committee on [Education](#)

Charge: Public school management practices; Regional Education Service Centers

- Education Service Center (ESC) Information, Texas Education Agency
- *Consolidated Report of Texas Education Service Centers*, Texas Education Agency, January 2012
- *Regional Education Service Centers: A Question of Necessity*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, April 2012
- *School Performance Reviews - Management & Performance Reviews*, Legislative Budget Board

House Committee on [County Affairs](#)

Charge: Population growth in unincorporated areas

- "Demand for Services May Strain County," *San Antonio Express-News*, May 16, 2011
- *County Subdivision Regulation Sourcebook*, Texas Association of Counties, 2010
- "Red Tape, Catch 22s Impede Progress in Texas' Colonias" and "Conditions, Health Risks Sicken Colonias Residents," *Texas Tribune*, July 2011

Charge: Abolition of elected county offices; consolidation of county services

- "Strategic Planning Through Interlocal Agreements," *Texas County Progress*, July 10, 2012
- "Hidalgo County Debates Eliminating Precinct 5," *McAllen Monitor*, October 18, 2011 and "Precinct 5 Office Will Close as Scheduled," *McAllen Monitor*, March 2, 2012
- *Guide to Texas Laws for County Officials*, Texas Association of Counties, 2009

Charge: County jails

- *County Jail Population Reports*, Texas Commission on Jail Standards, last updated June 1, 2012
- *Public Safety and Cost Control Solutions for Texas County Jails*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, March 2012
- "Minding the Gap," *Denton Record-Chronicle*, March 1, 2012
- *Costly Confinement & Sensible Solutions: Jail Overcrowding in Texas*, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, October 2010
- *Crisis Care Services for Counties: Preventing Individuals with Mental Illnesses from Entering Local Correction Systems*, National Association of Counties, June 2010

Charge: Monitor the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction; update on [Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Medicaid 1115 Waiver](#)

- [Medicaid Transformation Waiver](#) including overview, timeline, background resources, and proposed rules, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

July 18th

House Committee on [Licensing & Administrative Procedures](#)

Charge: Alcoholic beverage licensing and permitting process

- License and Permit Descriptions, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
- *Small Craft Producers Seek Alcohol Regulation Revisions*, *Focus Report*, House Research Organization, June 12, 2012

Charge: Occupational licensing programs and their impact on consumers, competition, and the cost of services

- *Occupational Regulations in Texas*, Texas Legislative Council, October 2008
- *Occupational Regulations in Texas - Addendum*, Texas Legislative Council, June 2010
- *License to Work: A National Study of Burdens from Occupational Licensing*, Institute for Justice, May 2012

- *Testimony Before the Senate Business & Commerce Committee Regarding Interim Charge Concerning Occupational Licensing*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, April 10, 2012

Charge: Manufacturing capability

- *Texas Manufacturing Outlook Survey* (monthly), Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, latest report June 25, 2012
- *2012 Texas Manufacturers Summit - Speaker Presentations*, Hosted by Texas Association of Manufacturers, San Marcos Manufacturers Association, and TMAC, February 14-15, 2012

Charge: Transparency, accountability and efficiency

- *Following the Money 2012: How the 50 States Rate in Providing Online Access to Government Spending Data*, Texas PIRG, March 2012
- *State Integrity Investigation: Texas report card*, Center for Public Integrity, March 19, 2012
- *Texas Transparency: Beyond Raw Data*, LBJ School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin, May 5, 2011

Charge: Monitor agencies under jurisdiction, 82nd legislation