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House Committee on [County Affairs](#)

Topic: Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program 1115 Waiver

- [Medicaid Transformation Waiver](#), Texas Health and Human Services Commission

Topic: Counties involvement in Child Protective Services (CPS) cases

- [Progress Report to the Sunset Advisory Commission: Child Protective Services Transformation](#) (Improving Quality - Harris & Travis Counties), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, April 2016
- [Progress Report to the Sunset Advisory Commission: Child Protective Services Transformation](#) (Harris County Transformation), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, October 2015
- [Texas Child Protective Services \(CPS\)](#), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

House Committees on [County Affairs](#) and [Urban Affairs](#) (Joint Hearing)

Joint charge: Risk and mitigation of wildfires, floods, and other natural hazards in the wildland-urban interface; natural disasters

- [Texas Emergency Management Executive Guide: Fiscal Year 2015 Edition](#), Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas Division of Emergency Management, Revised January 4, 2016
- ["Judge's Corner: Texas Should Invest More Funding for Natural Disasters,"](#) *Austin American-Statesman*, December 30, 2015

- *Lessons From Texas: 10 Years of Disaster Recovery Examined*, Texas Appleseed, September 15, 2015
- *Sustaining Statewide Disaster Response Capabilities From a Fire Service Perspective* (Thesis, focuses on fire service in Texas and Texas Task Force 1), Naval Postgraduate School (Monterey, CA), March 2013
- *State of Texas Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2013 Update*, Texas Department of Public Safety, 2013
- *Examining Local Jurisdictions' Capacity and Commitment for Hazard Mitigation Policies and Strategies Along the Texas Coast* (Dissertation), Texas A&M University, May 2012
- *Flood Risk Management Approaches: As Being Practiced in Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, and United States*, Institute for Water Resources, United States Army Corps of Engineers, September 2011
- *Resilient Regions: Integrating Economic Development Strategies, Sustainability Principles and Hazard Mitigation Planning*, National Association of Development Organizations Research Foundation, July 2011
- *Hazard Mitigation: Integrating Best Practices into Planning*, American Planning Association, May 2010
- "Lessons We Don't Learn: A Study of the Lessons of Disasters, Why We Repeat Them, and How We Can Learn Them," *2 Homeland Security Affairs*, Article 4, July 2006

House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

Charge: Asset forfeiture

- *SCOTUS Ruling Requires Rereview at State Asset Forfeiture Laws*, National Conference of State Legislatures, April 1, 2016
- *Policing for Profit: The Abuse of Civil Asset Forfeiture*, 2nd Edition, Institute for Justice, November 2015
- *Civil Asset Forfeiture: Good Intentions Gone Awry and the Need for Reform*, Heritage Foundation, April 20, 2015
- *New Bill Would End Policing for Profit in New Mexico* (HB560), American Civil Liberties Union, February 19, 2015
- *Audit of the Assets Forfeiture Fund and Seized Asset Deposit Fund Annual Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2014*, Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice, January 2015
- *FY2015 Asset Forfeiture Fund Reports to Congress*, U.S. Department of Justice, 2015
- *Asset Forfeiture in Texas: DPS and County Interactions*, Office of Court Administration, December 2014
- "Reverse Robin Hood: The Tale of How Texas Law Enforcement Has Used Civil Asset Forfeiture to Take From Property Owners and Pad the Pockets of Local Government – the Righteous Hunt for Reform is On," *46 Texas Tech Law Review* 1169 (Summer 2014)
- *Taking Contraband Without Taking Our Liberties: Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform in Texas*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, March 2014

Senate Committee on Higher Education

Charge: Current funding methods for both general academic institutions and community colleges, performance-based funding for community colleges

- *Formula Funding Recommendations for the 2018-19 Biennium*, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, April 2016
- *Texas Public Higher Education: Overview of Tuition and State Support Since Tuition Deregulation*, Legislative Budget Board, Presented to Senate Higher Education Committee, April 2016
- *Texas Public Higher Education: Public Community/Junior Colleges Funding Overview*, Legislative Budget Board, Presented to House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Article III, March 24, 2016
- *Federal and State Funding of Higher Education: A Changing Landscape*, Pew Charitable Trusts, June 11, 2015
- *Texas Public Higher Education: State Funding Overview*, Legislative Budget Board, Presented to House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Article III, February 16, 2015
- *Financing Higher Education in Texas: Legislative Primer*, 5th Edition, Legislative Budget Board, February 2013
- *Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature* (Charge 6, Higher education funding), House Committee on Higher Education, January 2011
- *Interim Charge Recommendations to the 82nd Legislature* (Higher Education Funding), Senate Committee on Finance, January 2011
- *Formula Funding* (overview of formula funding, basis for legislative appropriations, Formula Advisory Committee meetings and agenda materials), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Charge: Funding for GAls (General Academic Institutions) and HRIs (Health Related Institutions), tuition-revenue generating special items and formula and research funding for new medical schools

- *"Sharp Calls for Funding Equity for UTRGV School of Medicine," Rio Grande Guardian*, October 7, 2015; including Texas A&M System Chancellor John Sharp's letter to Raymund Paredes, Commissioner of Higher Education, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, October 5, 2015
- *Integration of General Academic Institutions and Health Related Institutions*, Legislative Budget Board, Presented to House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Article III, February 24, 2015
- *Texas Public Higher Education: State Funding Overview* (General Academic Institution and Health Related Institution formulas), Legislative Budget Board, Presented to House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Article III, February 16, 2015

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House Committees on [Corrections](#) and [Criminal Jurisprudence](#) (Joint Hearing)

Charge: Probation & parole - fees and revocations

- *Resource Guide: Reforming the Assessment and Enforcement of Fines and Fees*, United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, March 2016
- *Probation Revocation and Its Causes: Profiles of State and Local Jurisdictions: Wharton and Matagorda Counties, Texas and Bell County, Texas*, University of Minnesota Law School, Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, 2016
- *Statewide Criminal and Juvenile Justice Recidivism and Revocation Rates*, Legislative Budget Board, February 2015
- *Examining Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Probation Revocation: Summary Findings and Implications from a Multisite Study* (Includes Dallas County, Texas), Urban Institute, April 2014
- *Cutting Edge Corrections: Using Technology to Improve Community Supervision in Texas*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, April 2014
- *Profiting From Probation: America's "Offender-Funded" Probation Industry*, Human Rights Watch, February 2014
- *Profiles in Probation Revocation: Examining the Legal Framework in 21 States*, University of Minnesota Law School, Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, 2014
- *Safer, Smarter, and More Cost-Efficient Approaches to Reducing Crime in Texas*, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, February 2013
- *A Framework to Improve How Fines, Fees, Restitution, and Child Support Are Assessed and Collected from People Convicted of Crimes*, Council of State Governments Justice Center, Texas Office of Court Administration, March 2, 2009

House Committees on Human Services and Urban Affairs

Charge: Boarding homes

- *Boarding Home Facilities: Report to the Texas Legislature*, Health and Human Services Commission/Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, December 2014
- *Boarding Home Facilities: Report to the Texas Legislature*, Health and Human Services Commission/Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, December 2012
- *Report on Texas Boarding Houses* (Presented to Health & Human Services Commission), Health Management Associates, December 16, 2008
- *Boarding House Model Standards*, Health & Human Services Commission
- *What are Texas Boarding Home Model Standards?*, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services

Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

Charge 3: Reentry programs provided by TDCJ and the Windham School, including inmates in administrative segregation; Certified Peer Support Services; Darrington Seminary Program

- *Attorney General Lynch Releases Roadmap to Reentry: The Justice Department's Vision to Reduce Recidivism through Federal Reentry Reforms*, U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, April 25, 2016
- *"States Examine Policies, Conditions for Solitary Confinement in Prisons," Interim News*, House Research Organization, February 17, 2016
- *"Darrington Seminary Graduates First Class of Ministers," Criminal Justice Connections*, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, May/June 2015
- *Statewide Criminal and Juvenile Justice Recidivism and Revocation Rates*, Legislative Budget Board, February 2015
- *Offender Reentry: Correctional Statistics, Reintegration into the Community, and Recidivism*, Congressional Research Service, January 12, 2015
- *"Solitary Confinement, Public Safety, and Recidivism," 47 University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform* 495 (Winter 2014)
- *Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, Windham School District, Board of Pardons and Paroles: Final Report with Legislative Action* (Issue 2 - Reentry strategies), Sunset Advisory Commission, July 2013
- *Interim Report to the 84th Legislature* (Charge 1 - Review correctional facilities and procedures, reentry & parole), House Committee on Corrections, January 2015
- *Reentry and Integration Division* (Reentry resource guide, reentry articles and reports), *Rehabilitation Programs Division, Peer Recovery Support Services*, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Charge 4: Pretrial diversion and treatment programs

- *Overincarceration of People with Mental Illness: Pretrial Diversion Across the Country and the Next Steps for Texas to Improve its Efforts and Increase Utilization*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, June 2015
- *Pretrial Diversion*, National Conference of State Legislatures, May 13, 2015
- *Smart Justice, Initiative Resources, Jail Diversion*, National Association of Counties

Charge 5: Dissemination of bulk criminal records

- *Fourteenth Report Examining Reporting Compliance to the Texas Computerized Criminal History System*, Texas Department of Public Safety, January 2016
- *Survey of State Criminal History Information Systems, 2014*, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, December 2015
- *Interim Report to the 84th Legislature* (Charge 3 - Sale of criminal histories), House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, January 2015
- *Criminal Records in the Digital Age: A Review of Current Practices and Recommendations for Reform in Texas*, William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law, The University of Texas School of Law, March 2013
- *Broken Records: How Errors by Criminal Background Checking Companies Harm Workers and Businesses* (Part IV/C, Bulk dissemination of records and state regulation of bulk dissemination), National Consumer Law Center, April 2012
- *Report of the National Task Force on the Commercial Sale of Criminal Justice*

Record Information, SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, 2005

- *Interim Report, 77th Legislature: Charge Three* (Criminal records), Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, September 2000

Charge 6: Costs for family members to maintain contact with incarcerated family members

- *Screening Out Family Time: The For-Profit Video Visitation Industry in Prisons and Jails*, Prison Policy Initiative, January 2015
- *Video Visiting in Corrections: Benefits, Limitations, and Implementation Considerations*, United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, December 2014
- *Video Visitation: How Private Companies Push For Visits By Video and Families Pay the Price*, Grassroots Leadership and Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, October 2014
- *Study of the TDCJ Offender Visitation Policies*, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, August 2014
- *Please Deposit All of Your Money: Kickbacks, Rates, and Hidden Fees in the Jail Phone Industry*, Prison Policy Initiative, May 2013
- "Prison Visitation Policies: A Fifty-State Survey," 32 *Yale Law & Policy Review* 149 (2013)
- *Children of Incarcerated Parents*, National Conference of State Legislatures, March 2009

Senate Committee on Finance

Charge: Strengthening restriction on appropriations established in *Article VIII, Section 22* of the state constitution (spending cap)

- *Constitutional Limitations on Texas State Spending* (Presentation), Legislative Budget Board, January 7, 2016
- *TEL It Like It Is: Why Texas Needs Spending Limit Reform* (Policy Brief), Texas Public Policy Foundation, December 2015
- "Effort to Tighten Spending Cap Dies," *Texas Tribune*, May 31, 2015
- *Summary of Conference Committee Report for House Bill 1: Appropriations for the 2016–17 Biennium*, (ARTICLE VIII, §22, Limitation on the Growth of Certain Appropriations), Legislative Budget Board, May 2015
- *Tax Relief and the Spending Limit* (Issue Brief), Legislative Budget Board, February 2015
- *State Tax and Expenditure Limits - 2010*, National Conference of State Legislatures, 2010
- *Interim Charge Recommendations to the 82nd Legislature* (Limits on Public Spending), Senate Committee on Finance, January 2011

Senate Committee on [Health & Human Services](#)

Topic: Zika virus

- [Zika in Texas](#) (Guidance for protecting outdoor workers and health care professionals, confirmed cases, outreach materials), Texas Department of State Health Services.
- ["Congressional Inaction Hinders Public Health Fight Against Zika,"](#) *Governing*, April 26, 2016
- [Public Health Advisory: The Emerging Mosquito-Borne Zika Virus Outbreak](#) (Overview, FAQ, federal preparations, CDC resource pages and response guidance for states), National Conference of State Legislatures, April 12, 2016
- [Top Questions on Zika: Simple Answers](#) (detailed discussion on issues of pregnancy, preparedness and protection, transmission, outbreak, response, and mosquito control), Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, April 7, 2016
- [Zika Virus: Quick Facts for State Leaders](#), Council of State Governments, March 9, 2016

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Charge 1 (partial): Dedicated accounts, budget transparency

- [Beyond the Basics: Best Practices in State Budget Transparency](#) (Working Paper), The Volcker Alliance, December 2015
- [The 2016-2017 Certification Revenue Estimate](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, October 13, 2015
- [Report on Use of General Revenue Dedicated Accounts, 84th Legislature, 2015](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- ["Texas House Delivers Budget Transparency,"](#) Speaker Joe Straus, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, June 30, 2015
- [Following the Money 2015: How the 50 States Rate in Providing Online Access to Government Spending Data](#), U.S. Public Interest Research Group, March 18, 2015
- [Further Reduce Reliance on General Revenue - Dedicated Accounts for Certification of the State Budget](#) (Legislative Policy Report), Legislative Budget Board, February 2015

Charge 3: Texas constitutional spending limits, comparison to other states

- [Constitutional Limitations on Texas State Spending](#) (Presentation), Legislative Budget Board, January 7, 2016
- [TEL It Like It Is: Why Texas Needs Spending Limit Reform](#) (Policy Brief), Texas Public Policy Foundation, December 2015
- ["Effort to Tighten Spending Cap Dies,"](#) *Texas Tribune*, May 31, 2015

- *Budget Processes in the States* (Chapter 2, Table 11: Tax and expenditure limitations), National Association of State Budget Officers, Spring 2015
- *Tax Relief and the Spending Limit* (Issue Brief), Legislative Budget Board, February 2015

Joint Legislative Committee on **Health & Human Services Transition, Oversight**

Invited testimony

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House Committee on **Appropriations, Subcommittee on Article II**

Topic: Cost reporting process for long term programs

- *Rate Analysis for Long-Term Services and Supports*, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

House Committee on **Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence**

Charge 1: Trafficking

- "Texas Attorney General Unveils Unit to Fight Human Trafficking," *Texas Tribune*, January 14, 2016
- *The Sex Trafficking Marketplace: Addressing Demand through Legislation and Tactics*, Children at Risk, 2015
- *The Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force Report to the Texas Legislature*, Office of Attorney General, December 2014
- *Report to the Texas Legislature: Sexually Oriented Businesses and Human Trafficking: Associations, Challenges, and Approaches*, Office of Attorney General, May 2013
- *Report to the 83rd Legislature*, Joint Interim Committee to Study Human Trafficking, January 2013
- *Human Trafficking*, Office of Attorney General
- *Texas Statistics & Resources*, National Human Trafficking Resource Center
- *Understanding Human Trafficking*, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Charge 4: Jury service

- "The Big Data Jury," 91 *Notre Dame Law Review* 935 (2016)
- *Texas Jury Participation*, Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, June 2014
- *Interim Report to the 76th Legislature* (Charge 6 - Jury Service), October 1998

- [Jury Service Resources](#), State Bar of Texas

Charge 6: Lemon law

- [Texas Lemon Law](#) and [Texas Lemon Law Annual Reports](#), Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

House Committee on [Public Health](#)

Charge: Improving birth outcomes

- ["States Urged to Reduce Pregnancy-Related Deaths," Stateline](#) (Pew Charitable Trusts), May 3, 2016
- ["Panel Calls for Depression Screenings During and After Pregnancy," New York Times](#), January 26, 2016
- [Resources on Strategies to Improve Postpartum Care Among Medicaid and CHIP Populations](#), Maternal & Infant Health Initiative, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, February 2015
- ["Unjust Barriers: Prenatal Care and Undocumented Immigrants," 31 Journal of Contemporary Health Law & Policy](#) 96 (2015)
- [Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force Report](#), Texas Department of State Health Services, September 2014
- [Birth Outcomes Exploratory Study](#), First 5 LA, April 18, 2014
- [Improving Birth Outcomes in Medicaid](#), National Governors Association, July 2013
- ["Pregnancy Medical Homes Gain Momentum in North Carolina," Stateline](#) (Pew Charitable Trusts), February 24, 2012
- [Deadly Delivery: the Maternal Health Care Crisis in the USA](#) (Spring 2011 Update), Amnesty International, March 2010

Senate Committee on [Intergovernmental Relations](#)

Charge 1: Extraterritorial jurisdiction expansion and municipal annexation process

- [Texas Land Grab: Annexations Trample Property Rights](#), Texas Watchdog, August 27, 2015
- [Ending Forced Annexation in Texas](#), Texas Public Policy Foundation, July 2015
- ["Liberty Cities' Spring Up in Texas: Local Accountability, Individual Rights Come First in Municipal Annexation," PanAm Post](#), March 9, 2015
- [Interim Report to the 84th Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 3 - Extraterritorial jurisdiction), House Committee on Land and Resource Management, December 2014
- [Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 6 - Extraterritorial jurisdiction and property rights), Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, December 2010
- [Municipal Annexation in Texas: "Is it Really That Complicated?," Texas](#)

Municipal League, Updated March 2012

- *Texas Local Government Code, Ch. 42*, Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of Municipalities
- *Texas Local Government Code, Ch. 43*, Municipal Annexation
- *The Impact of Overly Restrictive Annexation Policy on Economic Activity in Texas and Its Metropolitan Regions*, The Perryman Group, April 2003