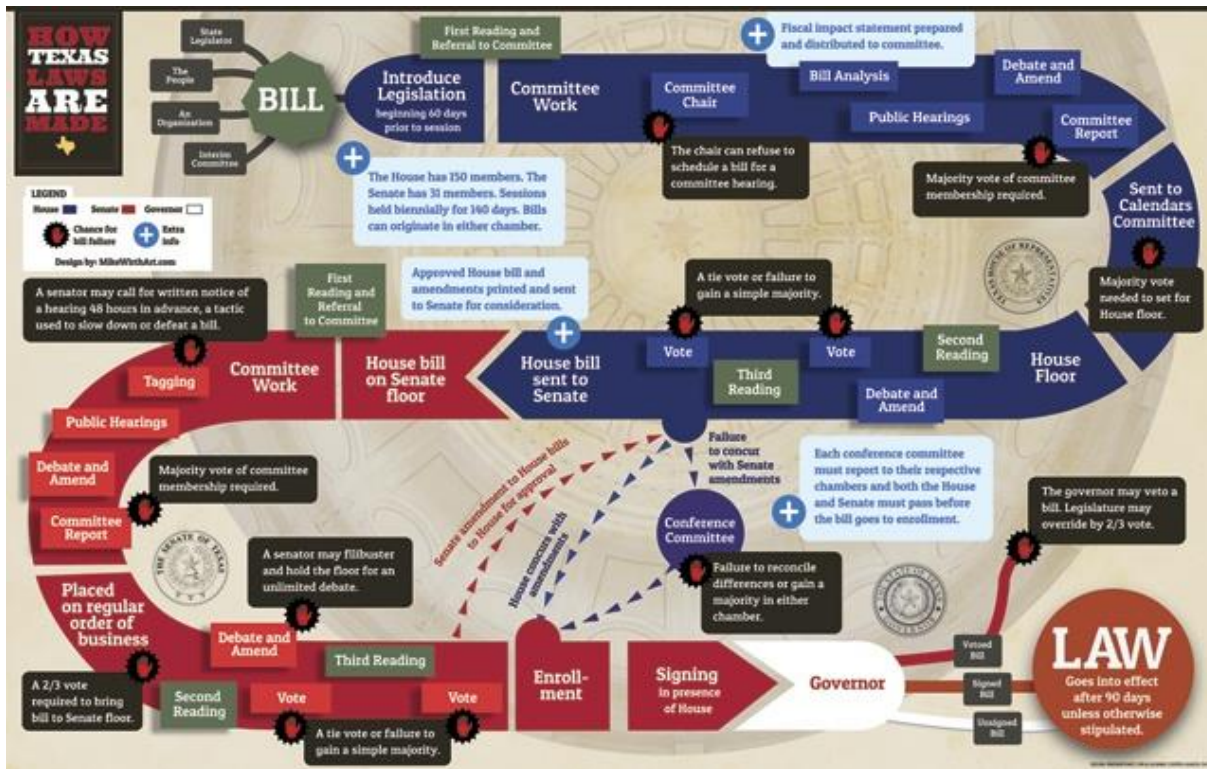




2019 86th Texas Legislative Session Bills Relative to School Counseling Programs

This document was edited from a resource created for the Texas System of Education Service Centers. The 86th Legislative Session Bill Book provided an in-depth look at the 146 education bills that were passed and signed into law in 2019. Relevant information and summaries were used directly from the Education Service Center Bill Book to assist counselors with a brief reference for the bills passed that will most likely affect their work. Thanks to ESC 13 for their collaboration on this tool.

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Order of Season for 86th Legislative Session:

- November 12 – Bill pre-filing starts
- January 8 – 1st day of session
- March 8 – Bill filing deadline
- May 27 – Sine Die
- June 16 – Governor Veto/Sign Deadline
- August 26 – Effective Date

Please understand that bills may be passed and “go into effect” immediately or on September 1, 2019. However, there are circumstances per bill that may warrant various entities to make rule or assemble a committee in order to provide more guidance and/or clarification.



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***FOR A MORE COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THESE BILLS, GO TO LEGISCAN AT WWW.LEGISCAN.COM AND FIND THE BILL. LOOK AT THE "TEXT" VERSION, AND HIT "Ctrl+F". ENTER KEY WORDS TO LOOK AT SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF THE BILLS.**

The icon system below can help identify which laws may have specifics regarding effective dates and/or special considerations.

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| | = This is a previous bill that was amended in this most recent session |
| | = This is a new bill from the 86 th Legislative Session |
| | = This Bill goes into effect on (or before, depending on the language in the bill) Sept. 1, 2019 |
| | = Different parts of the bill go into effect and/or expire at different times |
| | = This Bill goes into effect Sept. 1, but it requires further rule or committee oversight for guidance |

1. **H.B. 3** School Finance Bill that includes FAFSA requirement for students prior to graduation. *
2. **H.B. 18** Relating to consideration of the mental health of public school students and training requirements for certain school employees, curriculum requirements, counseling programs, educational programs.
3. **H.B. 19** Relating to mental health and substance abuse resources for certain school districts.
4. **H.B. 111** Relating to training for employees of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools on the prevention of sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and other maltreatment of children.
5. **H.B. 114** Relating to providing public high school students with information regarding the availability of college credit awarded for military experience, education, and training obtained during military service. *



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6. **H.B. 165** Relating to providing for endorsements for public high school students enrolled in special education programs. 📖🔔
7. **H.B. 277** Relating to a requirement that online admission application forms for public institutions of higher education include a link to certain comparative gainful employment data. 📖🔔
8. **H.B. 330** Relating to excluding certain students (regarding treatment facilities or incarceration) from the computation of dropout and completion rates for purposes of public school accountability. 📖🔔
9. **H.B. 496** Relating to the placement of bleeding control kits in public schools and to required training of school personnel. 📖🔔*
10. **H.B. 539** Relating to the automatic admission to general academic teaching institutions and eligibility for certain scholarships of a student who is the valedictorian of that student's high school graduating class. 📖🔔
11. **H.B. 548** Relating to reporting certain truancy information through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS). 📖🔔
12. **H.B. 621** Relating to prohibited adverse employment action against an employee who in good faith reports child abuse or neglect. 📖🔔
13. **H.B. 638** Relating to the issuance of posthumous high school diplomas to certain students. 📖🔔
14. **H.B. 678** Relating to the public high school graduation credit requirements for a language other than English (LOTE). 📖🔔
15. **H.B. 684** Relating to training requirements for public school nurses and certain other school personnel regarding seizure recognition and related first aid. 📖🔔*
16. **H.B. 692** Relating to the suspension of a student who is homeless from public school. 📖🔔



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17. **H.B. 811** Relating to determining appropriate disciplinary action to be taken against a public school student who is in foster care or who is homeless.
18. **H.B. 906** Relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to study certain public school mental health services.
19. **H.B. 1070** Relating to the mental health first aid training program reporting requirements. * (December 2019)
20. **H.B. 1597** Relating to establishing residency for purposes of admission into public schools.
21. **H.B. 1709** Relating to the appointment of a surrogate parent for certain children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.
22. **H.B. 1891** Relating to an exemption from the assessment requirements of the Texas Success Initiative for students who achieve certain scores on certain high school equivalency examinations.
23. **H.B. 2184** Relating to a public school student's transition from an alternative education program to a regular classroom.
24. **H.B. 2190** Relating to admission of certain students to an open-enrollment charter school in certain counties.
25. **H.B. 2195** Relating to an active shooter emergency policy for school districts.
26. **H.B. 2210** Relating to the consideration for public school accountability purposes of certain students receiving residential services in state hospitals.
27. **H.B. 2526** Relating to criteria for admission of certain students into public schools.
28. **H.B. 2813** Relating to the statewide behavioral health coordinating council.



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29. **H.B. 3007** Relating to requiring the Texas Education Agency to provide to a school district certain information used in determining academic accountability ratings for the district. 📖🔔
30. **H.B. 3011** Relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide to a school district certain information used in determining academic accountability ratings for the district. 📖🔔
31. **H.B. 3012** Relating to requiring the provision of instruction to public school students subject to in-school or out-of-school suspension. 📖🔔
32. **H.B. 3145** Relating to the right of a parent appointed as a conservator of a child to attend school activities. 📖🔔
33. **H.B. 3630** Relating to prohibiting the use of certain behavioral interventions with/for students enrolled in public school who receive special education services. 📖🔔
34. **H.B. 3650** Relating to an agreement between a school district and public institution of higher education to provide a dual credit program to high school students enrolled in the district. 📖🔔
35. **H.B. 3906** Relating to the adoption and administration of assessment instruments used to assess the performance of public school students. 📖🔔

Senate Bills

That May Impact Your School Counseling Program:

- 1) **S.B. 11** Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety and mental health promotion in public schools; making an appropriation. 📖🔔*📝
- 2) **S.B. 38** Relating to the offense of hazing. 📖🔔*
- 3) **S.B. 139** Relating to a notice of educational rights and recovery by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools of costs for certain student evaluations. 📖🔔



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- 4) **S.B. 213** Relating to the use of individual graduation committees and other alternative methods to satisfy certain public high school graduation requirements. 📖🔔*
- 5) **S.B. 232** Relating to parental notification by a school district regarding high school graduation requirements regarding Algebra II. ✍️🔔
- 6) **S.B. 504** Relating to the inclusion of certain information (social-emotional learning and behavior issues) in postsecondary education and career counseling academies developed for certain school counselors and other postsecondary advisors employed by a school district. 📖🔔
- 7) **S.B. 522** Relating to the development of an individualized education program for a public school student with a visual impairment. 📖🔔
- 8) **S.B. 668** Relating to data collection, reporting, and notice requirements for certain educational entities relative to perseverance of teachers and certain elements regarding students who are homeless. 📖🔔
- 9) **S.B. 670** Relating to Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services. 📖🔔✍️
- 10) **S.B. 712** Relating to prohibiting the use of certain behavioral interventions on students enrolled in public school who receive special education services. ✍️🔔
- 11) **S.B. 1231** Relating to providing certain public and private school administrators with information regarding certain child abuse and neglect investigations and allegations. 📖🔔
- 12) **S.B. 1276** Relating to an agreement between a school district and public institution of higher education to provide a dual credit program to high school students enrolled in the district. 📖🔔
- 13) **S.B. 1306** Relating to requiring a school district to post on the district's Internet website the name and contact information of each school administrator primarily responsible for student discipline at a district campus. ✍️🔔



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- 14) **S.B. 1374** Relating to the sequencing of certain required mathematics courses (Algebra I and Geometry may be concurrently enrolled) in public schools. 📖🔔
- 15) **S.B. 1451** Relating to the ability of public school teachers to maintain student discipline without being subjected to adverse employment consequences. 📖🔔
- 16) **S.B. 1557** Relating to military-connected/related students, including providing a designation for certain school district campuses that take actions to assist those identified students. 📖🔔
- 17) **S.B. 1679** Relating to eligibility of certain children for free prekindergarten programs in public schools. 📖🔔
- 18) **S.B. 1746** Relating to the inclusion of certain students as students at risk of dropping out of school. The “14th Indicator” law regarding incarceration. 📖🔔
- 19) **S.B. 2073** Relating to a reduction in required days of service for educators in public schools under certain circumstances regarding in-service days. 📖🔔
- 20) **S.B. 2075** Relating to public school compliance with dyslexia screening and testing requirements. 📖🔔👁️
- 21) **S.B. 2432** Relating to the mandatory removal of a public school student from the classroom following certain conduct (involving Texas Penal Code). 📖🔔

**Keep in mind that there are rules for many laws that have been made.
All agency rules are located within the Texas Administrative Code**

Step One: Agency staff initiates a new rule or rule revision due to a change in state statute (changes to the TEC), federal requirement, executive initiative, citizen petition, or stakeholder input.

Step Two: Stakeholders/advisory groups help craft rule and provide input

Step Three: Agency reviews input from stakeholder/advisory groups



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Step Four: SBOE meets to receive public testimony on the proposed rule and makes recommendations to Commissioner

Step Five: Commissioner makes final reviews and approves rule for publication

Step Six: Rule is published in the Texas Register for a public comment period (lasts at least 30 days)

Step Seven: Agency staff reviews comments received and amends or revises rule as needed

Step Eight: Commissioner reviews and provides final rule approval

Step Nine: Rule is adopted in the Texas Register and goes into effect 20 days after filing (unless otherwise stated)