



83rd Legislative Session: Make Texas' Children a Priority

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Recognize children who have been prostituted as victims, not criminals, and vacate convictions and increase privacy for victims
- Pilot judicial diversion programs in urban areas for minor arrested for prostitution
- Establish minimum licensing requirements to operate safe houses serving minor victims
- Require human trafficking training for Child Protective Services employees
- Streamline protective orders for victims and clarify consequences for violators
- Extend the Office of Attorney General's Human Trafficking Prevention Taskforce for another 2 years

FOOD INSECURITY

- Implement a Universal School Breakfast Program for schools that have 80% or more of the student population living at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line

HEALTH

- Include individuals focused on physical education in school health advisory councils (SHAC)
- Increase preventive care and reduce emergency room visits through utilization of community health care workers

JUVENILE JUSTICE

- Implementation of alternatives to Class C ticketing as a method of school discipline
- Encourage development of specialty court dockets to divert youth away from juvenile detention by addressing the underlying causes of delinquent behavior
- Protect and appropriately fund community-based mental health services

EDUCATION

- Hold all Texas charter schools to high accountability standards that are equal to those placed upon traditional public schools, and close charter schools that are unable to maintain these standards
- Establish a blue ribbon commission or taskforce to study the impact of extended learning time on school success, and evaluate best practices, school models, and incentives for building community partnerships
- Establish a pilot grant program that provides competitive grants for schools dedicated to implementing an extended learning time model
- Establish a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) blue ribbon commission or taskforce to study the Texas Education Agency's T-STEM Initiative as well as other cost-effective and best practices opportunities to increase STEM achievement

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