



89TH PRIORITIES FOR THE TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

*Prioritizing the success of our students
& the strength of our community*

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Welcome to the 1st edition of the CFISD legislative newsletter! The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with the most current information on the 89th Legislative Session, as it relates to public education and CFISD. We will primarily focus on key bills connected to CFISD's Legislative Priorities. Be sure to stay informed and engaged!

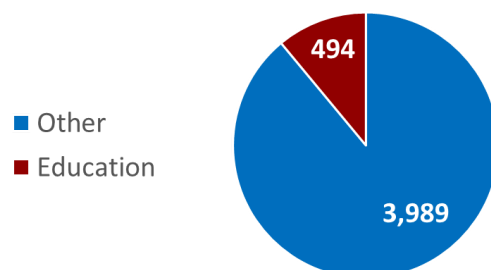
IMPORTANT DATES

- **November 12, 2024:** Bill filing began
- **January 14, 2025:** 89th Legislature convened
- **March 14, 2025:** 60-day deadline for bill filing
- **June 2, 2025:** Sine Die

• **Wed., Feb. 19 @ 8 a.m.:** House Appropriations Committee Hearing will hear invited testimony on several topics, including public education funding, the Foundation Schools Program, property tax funding, and the Teacher Retirement System pension. Broadcast: <https://house.texas.gov/video-audio/>

BILLS BY THE NUMBERS

- **4,483 total bills filed**
- **494 public education bills**



BILLS TO WATCH

- **SB2 (Creighton):**
 - Creates an education savings account program to pay up to:
 - \$10,000/year for students to attend accredited private school
 - \$11,500 for students with a disability
 - \$2,000 for homeschool students
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- **SB568 (Bettencourt):**
 - Significant changes to the special education program and the allotment
- **SB 260 (Huffman):**
 - Doubles school safety allotment
 - \$10 to \$20/student; \$15k to \$30k/campus
- **SB 558 (Schofield), HB 1153 (Hull), HB 152 (Raymond):**
 - Amends the property value study to recognize 100% of CFISD's Local Optional Homestead Exemption (LOHE)

CFISD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Fully fund school districts that offer a Local Optional Homestead Exemption (LOHE).
- Increase the School Safety Allotment.
- Increase the Special Education Allotment.
- Increase the Transportation Allotment.

View additional details on the CFISD Legislative Priorities at:
www.cfisd.net/89leg

The legislative priorities were researched and developed by the CFISD Board of Trustees.

WHO REPRESENTS ME?

- Utilize the Texas Legislature's helpful "Who Represents Me?" web tool to enter your address and find out which lawmakers serve you.
- Access and save their contact information so you can easily reach out about key issues during the legislative session.
- Scan the QR code to access this tool.



CFISD at a Glance

- 118,000 students
- 3rd-largest district in Texas
- 96 campuses
- Largest employer in Cy-Fair area
- 100 languages & dialects spoken
- 61% economically disadvantaged students
- 20% emergent bilingual students
- 14% special education students

If you would like to be added to the distribution list for CFISD legislative SMS (text) alerts, please text @cfisdleg to 81010.

COMMUNICATION TIPS

89th Legislative Session

Stay connected and let your voice be heard on issues affecting public education.

1 Log on to Texas Legislature Online capitol.texas.gov

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Additional Searches
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Bill Lookup | Constitution
Bill Search | Reports
Amendments | View Votes
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Find list of filed bills?
Follow the status of a bill?
Contact my legislator?
Find how a legislator voted?
Find when hearings are scheduled?
View the text of a bill?
Testify at a House committee hearing?
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Access a mobile version of TLO, Who Represents Me, and DistrictViewer on an iPhone, iPad, or other mobile device. From the mobile device browser, enter www.txlegis.com. NOTE: Some applications or features within an application may not be accessible on all mobile devices.

Legislative Activity
Video Broadcasts: House | Senate
Today's Calendars: House | Senate | All
Today's Meetings: House | Senate | All
Today's Filed Bills: House | Senate | All
Today's Votes: House | Senate

Legislative Process
How a Bill Becomes Law
How to Follow a Bill
Dates of Interest | Glossary
End of Session Deadlines

Redistricting
Texas Redistricting Website
DistrictViewer
Senate Special Committee on Redistricting

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- Find out who represents you by submitting your address.

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Bills Authored/Sponsored:
Authorized/Included:
• Joint? (P)
• Co-Author? (P)
Sponsored/Included:
• Joint? (P)
• Co-Sponsored? (P)

Committees:
Community Safety, Select
Health Care Reform, Select
Homeland Security & Public Safety
House Administration
Licensing & Administrative Procedures

District 126 Analyses:
District Map (PDF) (P)
District Profile Reports:
• (PDF) (P)
• Population Analysis (PDF) (P)
• School Districts (PDF) (P)
• Precincts within Districts (PDF) (P)
• Election Analysis (PDF) (P)
• ZIP Codes by District (PDF) (P)

Counties Represented:
Harris (part)

Email

- Select your representative and locate email button to send message.
- Be sure to include in the message whether or not you support the specific bill you are addressing.

2 Access the TLO mobile site

Texas Legislature Online

Session Times

Calendars
Floor Calendars, Agendas

Committee Schedules
Meeting Time, Location, Agenda

Committee Requests for Information
Request Notices and Responses

House Witness Registration
How to Register, Account Maintenance

Committees
Clerk Info, Membership

Members
Contact Info, Committee Assignments

Bill Lookup

- Enter www.txlegis.com into your mobile device browser for a mobile-friendly version of the website

3 Share info with your contact groups statewide via email and social media.

When sharing info, remember to:

- Encourage others to contact legislators.
- Follow up and stay in touch.
- Be brief and be informed.
- Provide talking points.
- Stay focused and give examples.

KEEP IN MIND

Legislators review ALL communication submitted to them by their constituents and look for the “Yays” and “Nays” of each bill.

