

Lobbyist information from 87th Texas Legislature
Jan 5 to May 31, 2021

Introduction; This report is a categorization of bills which AAUW Texas supported or opposed during the regular legislative session. It has been compiled from Kevin Stewart's bill tracks and notes from periodic meetings with him. Numerous **supported bills** will be identified first, while the **opposed bills** will appear at the end of the report. The column on the far right indicates each bill's status as of May 31, 2021, either as NP(not passed)., P & S2G (passed & sent to governor), or P & SBG (signed by governor and given an effective date).

Supported Bills:

HEALTHCARE

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| HB 133 Toni Rose (D) Same topic: HB 98, HB 146, SB 121 | Re: Medicaid eligibility of women with certain conditions after pregnancy. | P & S2G |
| HB 107 Senfronia Thompson (D) Same: SB 141 Nathan Johnson (D) | Re: Extension of medical assistance to women of not less than 12 months following the last month of the woman's pregnancy. | NP |
| SB 147 Beverly Powell (D) Same: HB1991 Shawn Thierry (D) | Re: Creation of a pilot program to provide peer support services to women who are suffering from perinatal mood and anxiety disorders., in five counties and at least one rural county and one urban county. | NP |
| SB 218 Nathan Johnson (D) | Re: Provision of coverage for certain services relating to postpartum depression under the medical assistance and CHIP perinatal programs. | NP |
| HB 320 Donna Howard (D) | Re: Creation of a women's health advisory committee within HHSC which would include the health care providers. | NP |
| HB 321 Donna Howard (D) | Re: A sales and use tax exemption for certain feminine hygiene products. | NP |
| HB 420 Carl Sherman (D) | Re: Creation of a taskforce on maternal mortality in African-American women. | NP |
| SB 428 Borris Miles (D) Same: HB 606 Shawn Thierry (D) | Re: Automatic enrollment of certain women in the Healthy Texas Women program or a similar program that expands access to preventative health and family planning services. | NP |
| HB428 Ken King (R) & Judith Zaffirini (D) | Re: Health benefit plan coverage for ovarian cancer testing & screening. | P & S2G |
| HB 1307 Mary Gonzalez (D) | Re: Ensurance of health care services to prisoners in the custody of TX Dept. of Criminal Justice, including appropriate mental health services. | P & S2G |

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HB 1529 Martinez Fisher (D) Re: Availability of benefits provided under health NP
Same: SB 459 N. Johnson (D) plan coverage.
& HB 1541 by J. Johnson (D)

HB 1966 Senfronia Thompson (D) Re: Designation of July as Uterine Fibroids **P & S2G**
& Beverly Powell (D) Awareness Month.

HB 1967 Senfronia Thompson (D) Re: Creation of a database of information about **P & S2G**
& Beverly Powell (D) women with uterine fibroids, to ensure that they
can receive the healthcare necessary to prevent
and treat the condition and to promote fibroid
education and research.

CHILDCARE

SB 225 Angela Paxton (R) Re:Regulation of childcare facilities and family **P &S2G**
homes; exposure of facilities that have violated
state standards and of employees who were
responsible for the violations.

SB 1555 Judith Zaffirini (D) Re: Establishment of reimbursement rates for **P &SBG**
& John Raney (R) certain childcare providers participating in the **Eff. 9/1/21**
subsidized childcare program administered by the
Texas Workforce Commission.

HB 1664 James White (R) Re: Reinstatement of eligibility for medical **P& S2G**
Sarah Eckhardt (D) assistance of certain children placed in juvenile
facilities.

HB 1761 Julie Johnson (D) Re: Creation of a state task force to study the **NP**
accessibility and affordability of childcare in the
state.

HB 1792 Angie Chen Button (R) Re: Evaluation of childcare providers **P &SBG**
& Judith Zaffirini (D) participating in the Texas Rising Star Program. **Eff. 9/1/21**

EDUCATION

SB 1109 Royce West (D) Re: Requirement that public schools provide **P & S2G**
& Rafael Anchia (D) instruction and material and adopt policies
relating to the prevention of child abuse, family
violence, and dating violence.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

HB 193 Toni Rose (D) Re: Juvenile court records of victims of sex **NP**
trafficking.

HB 282 Carol Alvarado (D) Re: Prohibition against the appropriation of **P & S2G**
& Morgan Meyer (R) money to settle or pay a sexual harassment
claim made against certain members of the

executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state government.

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| SB 295 Charles Perry (R) & Ina Minarez (D) | Re: Heightening of confidentiality requirements of records of victims of sexual assault, allowing the victim greater ability to control what information is shared by third parties. | P & S2G |
| HB 390 Senfronia Thompson (D) Same: HB 3718 Tan Parker (R) | Re: Requirements for human trafficking awareness and prevention in commercial lodging establishments; authorizing a civil penalty. | P & SBG Eff. 9/1/21 |
| SB 476 Jane Nelson (D) & Lois Kolkhorst (R) | Re: Establishment of county adult sexual assault response teams, including healthcare providers, peace officers, and prosecutors. | P & S2G |
| HB 798 Jane Nelson (R) & Victoria Neave (D) | Re: Ensuring that victims and the children of victims of family or dating violence are not required to pay for birth records, driver's licenses, or identification certificates. | P & S2G |
| HB 1164 Donna Campbell (R) & Nicole Collier (D) | Re: Addition to the sexual assault statute that a coach or tutor who causes the other person to submit using their power of influence is considered in the prosecution without the other person's consent. | P & S2G |
| HB 1172 Donna Howard (D) | Re: Allowance to victims of sexual assault to have an advocate from a sexual assault program present during a law enforcement interview, plus prohibition of polygraph tests of persons who seek to file a complaint regarding a sexual assault. | P & S2G |
| HB 1193 Gene Wu (D) & John Whitmore (D) | Re: Allowing person whose cases have been transferred from a juvenile court to a district court to apply to have their juvenile records sealed after completing community supervision or after release from jail. | P & S2G |
| HB 1371 Joan Huffman (R) & Jim Murphy (R) | Re: Campus peace officers prohibited from including personally identifiable information of assault victims in their reports. | P & S2G |
| HB 1374 Ina Minjarez (D) Same: SB 295 Charles Perry (R) | Re: Higher confidentiality requirements of records of victims of sexual assault and granting to the victim an ability to control what information is shared by third parties. | NP |
| HB 1906 Abel Herrero (D) & Carol Alvarado (D) | Re: Grants awarded to reimburse counties for the cost of monitoring defendants and victims in criminal cases involving family violence. | P & S2G |

HB 2462 Victoria Neave (D)
& Angela Paxton (R) Re: Removal of provisions allowing law enforcement agencies to decline a request by a sexual assault victim to obtain a forensic medical examination and allowance for law enforcement agencies to request an examination 120 days after the incident. **P & S2G**

HB 2706 Donna Howard ((D) Re: Lenghtening the amount of time within which a victim may report a sexual assault, allowing medical examinations after that period, requiring healthcare facilities and law enforcement agencies to maintain records, and broadening reimbursement for forensic examinations. **P & S2G**

HB 3521 Todd Hunter (R)
& Joan Huffman (R) Re: For the purposes of human trafficking, expanding the definition of *coercion* to include destroying identifying information, causing the person to become intoxicated, and withholding alcohol or a controlled substance. **P & S2G**

JOB TRAINING

HB 626 Jon Rosenthal (D), et al. Re: Expansion of the Texas Innovative Adult Career (ACE) Grant Program to include certain non-profit organizations providing job training to veterans. **P & SBG
Eff. 9/1/21**

WORKFORCE

SB 44 Judith Zaffirini (D)
Same: HB 1345 Jeff Leach (R) Re: Leave given to state employees who are volunteers of certain disaster relief organizations. **P & SBG
Eff. 9/1/21**

SB 45 Judith Zaffirini (D)
& Erin Zwiener (D) Re: Prohibition against sexual harassment in the workplace as an unlawful business practice. **P & S2G**

HB 247 Thresa "Terry" Meza (D) Re: Employment leave for certain family or medical obligations. NP

HB 361 Carl Sherman (D) Re: A franchise tax credit for taxable entities that provide at least four weeks of paid family care leave after birth and two weeks after adoption. NP

HB 593 Chris Turner (D)
Same: SB 340 Royce West (D)
& HB 1986 Shawn Thierry (D) Re: Establishment of inter-governmental development corporations to provide training, mentoring, and grants of public funds to minority-owned or women-owned construction companies. NP

HB 619 S. Thompson (D)
& Carol Alvarado (D) Re: Development of a strategic plan to support the childcare workforce. **P & S2G**

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HB 2063 Claudia Ordaz Perez (D) Re: Creation of a family leave program for state employees, pooling sick days and allowing state employees to use contributed time for childbirth, serious illness of a family member, or other extenuating circumstances. **P & S2G**

HB 454 Will Metcalf (R) & Brandon Creighton (R) Re: Allowing counties to establish juvenile family drug courts for individuals who are suspected by DFPS of having substance abuse problems and who reside in the home of a child who is subject to a case. **P & SBG Eff. 9/1/21**

HB 1783 James White (R) & Gene Wu (D) Re: Specifying the age of a child at which a juvenile court may exercise jurisdiction over the child and to the minimum age of criminal responsibility. NP

HB 2273 Mary Gonzalez (D) & Ana Hernandez () Re: Eligibility for unemployment compensation for employees who leave the workplace due to sexual harassment. NP

Opposed Bills:

ABORTION

SB 8 Bryan Hughes (R) & Shelby Slawson (R) Re: Abortions after detection of an unborn child's heartbeat at six weeks. **P & SBG Eff. 9/1/21**

EDUCATION

HB 3979 Steve Toth (R) Re: Civics instruction for public school students. **P & S2G**

VOTER SUPPRESSION

SB 7 Cain (R), et al. Re: Election integrity and security, including by preventing fraud in the conduct of elections in this state, increasing criminal penalties, and creating criminal offenses. NP on 5/31