



89th Texas Legislature

Sine Die Report on all publicly tracked bills

Educate: We also educated Texas Catholics on issues at the Capitol via our weekly newsletter Texas Catholic Voice (TCV) found [here](#). This online publication educates readers on priority bills, includes the TCCB's summary and offers ways to contact their legislator. In all, our website received 57,036 views during the legislative session from January to June.

On Advocacy Day, we hosted 1,100 students from across Texas. Our education department provided lesson guidance to Catholic schools in preparation for mock hearings. We closed the impactful day with student meetings with their senators and representatives and a large rally on the steps of the Texas Capitol. Thanks to the advocates' enthusiastic support, the Advocacy Day priority bill passage rate was 59%. This percentage in-part reflects the successful passage of landmark parental choice legislation and housing affordability bills that will impact generations of Texans to come.

Mobilize: This session Texas Catholic took seriously the late Pope Francis' words: "A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of himself—so that those who govern can govern." This was shown in a series of Action Alerts sent out to our network of over 5,500 constituents requesting their help to urgently advocate for a critical bill. Further, approximately 3,500 Catholics attended our Advocacy Day which included a spirited rally with the Bishops of Texas and many of our legislators.

Advocate: During the 89th legislative session 9,082 bills were filed yet only 1,231 bills passed the legislature (13% passed and the failure rate of 87%). This is significantly lower than last session when 16% of the bills passed. However, Governor Abbott's veto period ended on June 22nd, and during this period the Governor vetoed two of our supported bills, ([HB 353](#) and [SB 1278](#)). This session we tracked 1,403 bills in total. Each tracked bill included an analysis statement written by a TCCB staff member. We took a publicly supportive position on 380 bills. We testified in support of 47 bills in committee hearings throughout the session. Fourteen of the 47 bills that we testified in a committee hearing passed while 10 of the bills we testified in opposition failed. The total success rate of bills the TCCB testified on is 55%. This figure only includes bills that received oral or written testimony. Many other bills we publicly registered our position for the committee to consider. Of the total 380 bills that the bishops supported, 64 passed, while only one bill we publicly opposed passed the legislature. One of the bills we opposed died on the Senate Intent Calendar.

Below is the total report of the wins and losses of this session. Wins include the passage of supported bills and opposed bills' failure to pass. Progress is counted if a supported bill passed through its original chamber of legislature but fell short of final passage in both chambers. Losses include the passage of an opposed bill, the failure of a supported bill to pass, or the lack of significant progress towards passage.

Life and Family Life

We took public position on 180 life and family life related bills; of which, we supported 131 bills and opposed 49 bills. Of the publicly supported bills, 23 passed the legislature. None of the publicly opposed bills passed in this category. (40% success rate in this category).

- ✔ **Win: HB 37 (HB 2058):** This bill creates a grant program for perinatal palliative care services after a perinatal death or stillbirth. This bill was passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 140 (HB 1502 & SB 425):** This bill establishes a committee to improve procedures during abuse, neglect, and exploitation investigations. This bill was passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 395 (SB 256 & HB 257):** This bill adds exceptions to the prohibition on abortion for the mother's physical or mental health, including the preservation of the patient's fertility, and the diagnosis of lethal fetal anomaly. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Health Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 618:** This bill requires health insurance for state, public school, and UT system employees to provide coverage for IVF as pregnancy-related procedures. We opposed this bill which died in the House Financial Services Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 965:** This bill adds rape and incest as exceptions to the prohibition on abortion. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Health Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 1106 (SB 2749):** This bill ensures that it is not considered abuse if a parent refuses to affirm the child's expressed sexual orientation or gender identity. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 1098 (SB 359):** This bill allows a pregnant "person" to specify the effect the "person's" pregnancy has on the advance directive. We opposed this bill which died in the House Insurance Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 1207 (HB 838, SB 676 & SB 833):** This bill would remove the requirement that fertilization or attempted fertilization of a patient's eggs be done only with the sperm of the patient's spouse in IVF health benefit plan coverage. We opposed this bill which died in the House Insurance Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 1219 (HB 1490, SB 203 & SB 350):** This bill requires physicians to prioritize the health of a "pregnant individual's" health over the health of the fetus when recommending treatment for the individual regardless of whether the treatment poses a risk of injury or death to the fetus. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Health Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 1365 (HB 1679, SB 439 & SB 168):** This bill would deem it unprofessional conduct for a mental health provider to attempt to change the child's sexual orientation or gender identity, including gender-related behaviors or gender expression; or eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic

attraction or feelings towards persons of the same sex. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Health Committee.

- ✔ **Win: HB 2586 (HB 1478 & SB 1685):** This bill requires HHSC to establish minimum standards for pregnancy resource centers (PRCs) that treat PRCs as medical clinics, including requiring physicians on staff. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Health Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 1578:** This bill creates exceptions to the abortion ban including the pregnancy resulted from sexual assault or the pregnancy poses a serious risk to a patient. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Health Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 1700 (SB 397):** This bill requires standardized formats for and retention of records related to patient consent in a telehealth setting and requires an in-person exam before any irreversible medical procedure is initiated. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 1986 (HB 1987):** This bill repeals the prohibition on abortion and mail order abortion-inducing drugs. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Health Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2138 (HB 4488 & SB 2265):** This bill prohibits the commission, the department, a single source continuum contractor, and any other person from discriminating or taking any adverse action against a person on the basis of the person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression relating to child welfare services, including the licensure or verification of a foster home or the placement of a child. We opposed this bill which died in the House Human Services Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2200:** This bill allows cremation through "natural organic reduction." This bill failed to pass the third reading; we opposed this bill.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2251:** This bill adds exceptions to the abortion ban including sexual assault, severe or usually lethal fetal anomaly, miscarriage, and for a fetus who poses a risk to the health of another fetus in the case of a multiple pregnancy. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Health Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2761 (SB 2435):** This bill specifically addresses situations where a trafficked child or disabled individual is coerced into prostitution. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 3284:** This bill establishes the Texas Commission on Marriage and Family to study and develop strategies for promoting strong marriages and healthy families and make recommendations to the legislature to advance the goal of creating an environment favorable for marriage and raising children. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 3451 (HB 752):** This bill repeals the Human Life Protection Act and other laws prohibiting abortion. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Health Committee.

- ✔ **Win: HB 4452:** This bill repeals conscience protections for child welfare providers. We opposed this bill which died in the House Health & Human Services Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 5237 (SR 2961):** This bill exempts the death of an unborn child as the result of an abortion from wrongful death claims. We opposed this bill, and it died in the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 5310:** This bill repeals the Human Life Protection Act and the Heartbeat Act. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Health Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HJR 33 (HJR 62 & SJR 20):** This proposed constitutional amendment establishes an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy and prohibits the state from restricting the exercise of this right unless the restriction or prohibition is justified by a compelling state interest and is achieved using the least restrictive means available. We opposed this resolution and it died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HJR 80:** This bill proposes a constitutional amendment guaranteeing an unrestricted right to an abortion and a right to assisted reproductive tech treatments that may be regulated only to the extent necessary to protect an individual's health. We opposed this resolution and it died at the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HJR 130:** This bill proposes a constitutional amendment establishing an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy, including the right to obtain an abortion before 24 weeks gestation and to obtain an abortion necessary after 24 weeks to preserve the life and health of the mother. We opposed this resolution and it died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 20:** This bill makes it a criminal offense to knowingly possess, access with the intent to view or promote obscene visual material containing a depiction that appears to be of a child. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 31 (HB 44):** This bill clarifies the civil liability statutes to ensure that medical professionals are not hesitant to provide appropriate care for mothers with pregnancy complications. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 33 (HB 1806 & SB 730):** This bill prohibits a governmental entity from entering into a taxpayer resource transaction or appropriate or spend money to provide any person logistical support for the express purpose of assisting a woman with procuring an abortion or the services of an abortion provider. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 204 (HB 1137 & SB 981):** This bill ensures that it is not defined as abuse if a parent refuses to affirm the child's expressed sexual orientation or gender identity or use a child's preferred pronouns. This bill passed.

- ✔ **Win: SB 308:** This bill repeals the Human Life Protection Act and the prohibition of abortion in Vernon's Civil Statutes. We opposed this bill, and it died in the Senate State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 360 (HB 647, HB 1161 & SB 2465):** This bill allows a pregnant "person" to specify the effect the "person's" pregnancy has on the advance directive. We opposed this bill which died in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1120 (HB 4918):** This bill provides certain rights to victims of family violence, stalking, sexual or assaultive offenses, or a violation of a protective order or bond. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1207 (HB 5100):** This bill increases education about parenting and adoption. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1233 (HB 2684):** This bill requires that perinatal palliative care information be provided to a woman whose preborn child is diagnosed with a life-threatening disability. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1238 (HB 4392):** This bill amends the Insurance Code by prohibiting insurers from limiting or refusing to provide coverage to an individual based upon their status as widowed. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1257 (HB 778):** This bill requires a health benefit plan that provides coverage for gender transition procedures to also provide coverage for the treatment of any resulting adverse effects, including treatment for the reversal of any gender transition procedure. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1303 (HB 1176, HB 2565, SB 366):** This bill allows minors to consent to contraception-related examination or medical treatment, other than abortion. We opposed this bill which died in the Senate State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1327:** This bill allows for the cremation of human remains using alkaline hydrolysis. We opposed this bill which died in the Senate State Business & Commerce Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1388:** This bill amends the Thriving Texas Families Program by requiring HHSC to ensure that service providers are not associated with abortion service providers and do not provide, refer, advocate for, or promote abortion services. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1437 (HB 3276):** This bill closes loopholes in the do not hire registry for juvenile justice to include non-certified employees. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1521:** This bill adds a pregnancy that resulted from sexual assault and an inviable pregnancy as exceptions to the ban on abortion. We opposed this bill which died in the Senate State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1558:** This bill is to ensure access to insurance for foster care entities. This bill passed.

- ✔ **Win: SB 1621 (HB 4911):** This bill adds depictions of children including computer generated depictions to the penal codes related to child pornography. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2018 (HB 3232):** This bill creates a strong family tax credit for contributions to eligible organizations that provide comprehensive case management services for at-risk families. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2727:** This bill adds the diagnosis of a lethal fetal anomaly as an exception to the prohibition on abortion. We opposed this bill which died in the Senate State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2768:** This bill repeals the prohibition of abortion and requires Medicaid reimbursement and health benefit coverage for abortion and contraception. We opposed this bill which died in the Senate State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2789:** This bill balances operational efficiency with the safety and welfare of children within the Texas child-care system. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SJR 34 (HJR 112):** This bill proposes a constitutional amendment protecting the rights of parents to exercise care, custody and control of their children and prohibits state interference. This bill passed.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 380:** This bill requires sex offender registrations to include adjudications or convictions of "an improper relationship between student and educator" and child grooming violations. This bill was referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee but did not progress.
- 🔄 **Progress: SB 406 (HB 2291):** This bill requires a person's sex be recorded on a birth certificate as either male or female based on biology. This bill was referred to the House Public Health Committee but did not progress.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 514:** This bill requires HHSC to develop and implement a public outreach campaign to increase the number of maternal health care professionals to improve access to rural maternal health care. This bill moved through the House, and was received in the Senate but did not progress.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 2581:** This bill requires a Thriving Texas Families network contractor or service provider to submit requests for payment for services on a form that includes an itemized list of services and materials and an anonymized client signature. This bill was referred to the Senate Health & Human Services Committee but did not progress.
- 🔄 **Progress HB 4730:** This bill requires DFPS to post on their website a form for the voluntary relinquishment of parental rights including circumstances under which an affidavit for relinquishment may be revoked and the parent's right to consider alternatives to adoption, apply for and potentially receive government benefits, consult with an attorney before signing, etc. This bill was referred to the Senate Intent Calendar but did not progress.

- ☺ **Progress: HB 5302:** This bill establishes the Texas Foster Care Post Adoption Assistance Account Program for the purpose of encouraging the adoption of Texas children waiting for adoption in the foster care system to assist parents with eligible post-adoption related expenses. This bill was referred to the Senate Health & Human Services Committee but did not progress.

- ☺ **Progress: SB 205:** This bill increases student education on the development of the human person. This bill was referred to the House Public Education Committee but did not progress.
- ☺ **Progress SB 240 (HB 239):** This bill would make private spaces (like bathrooms) in government buildings accessible for one gender only. This bill was referred to the House State Affairs Committee but did not progress.

- ☺ **Progress: SB 371 (HB 1158 & SB 87):** This bill requires written consent from parents (opt-in) for human sexuality instruction in public schools. This bill was referred to the House Public Education Committee but did not progress.

- ☺ **Progress: SB 1999:** This bill to protect individuals from retaliation for addressing others according to their biological sex. This bill moved through the Senate, was reported favorably from the House State Affairs Committee, but did not advance further.

- ☺ **Progress: SB 2357 (HB 4435):** This bill establishes a maternal health training program for providers. This bill moved through the Senate but died in the House Public Health Committee.

- ☺ **Progress: SB 2721 (HB 5728):** This bill would ensure the dignified treatment and disposition of human remains. This bill passed through the Senate but died on the House Calendar.

- ☺ **Progress SCR 42:** This concurrent resolution establishes it as the public policy of Texas to recognize two sexes, male and female. This bill made it to the House but died in the House State Affairs Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 183:** This bill establishes a timely process for removal of sexually explicit material from public schools. This bill died in the House Public Education Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 187:** This bill requires fathers to back-pay child support to the earliest date of a child's conception. This bill died in the House Family & Fiduciary Subcommittee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 196:** This bill requires public schools to teach that human life begins at conception and has inherent dignity. This bill died in the House Public Education Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 207 (HB 60 & HB 574):** This bill would allow prosecution for the use of sexually explicit visual materials that resemble children for sexual stimulation. This bill died pending in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 277 (SB 165):** This bill creates measures to encourage eligible foster care students to claim certain tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions. This bill died in the House Higher Education Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 344:** This bill prohibits public schools from providing instruction regarding sexual orientation or gender identity to students in Pre-K-12. This bill died in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 478 (HB 655 & SB 2305):** This bill creates an extreme risk protective order whereby an individual may not possess firearms if a court finds there is reasonable cause to believe the individual poses an immediate danger. This bill died pending in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 711 (HB 2076, SB 1172 & SB 793):** This bill prohibits a person who has been convicted of assault in a dating relationship from possessing a firearm for five years after release from confinement or community supervision. This bill died in the House Homeland, Public Safety & Veterans Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 847 (HB 1029):** This bill would prohibit any funds authorized or appropriated by state law from being expended for any gender reassignment. This bill died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 857 (HB 3938):** This bill requires persons convicted of family violence, felonies, or subject to emergency protection orders to dispose of all firearms. This bill died in the House Homeland, Public Safety & Veterans Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 956 (HB 2650 & SB 2195):** This bill requires DPS to report certain protective orders and convictions for family violence misdemeanors to the FBI. This bill died in the House Homeland, Public Safety & Veterans Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1044:** This bill extends the list of those authorized to conduct marriage ceremonies to include a wider spectrum of interfaith representatives.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1083 (HB 2108, HB 2834 & SB 364):** This bill eliminates the required date of adoption on or after September 1, 2009, for a student formerly in the conservatorship of DFPS to be eligible to receive tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education. This bill died in the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1162:** This bill prohibits state grants for companies that have produced a visual production depicting a child below 18 years old engaged in sexual conduct. This bill died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1354 (HB 2682, SB 327 & SB 2560):** This bill creates an adoption assistance fund that helps parents with moderate income for 10-50% of the costs of adoption on a sliding scale. This bill died in the House Human Services Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 1774 (HB 552, HB 571, HB 858, HB 869 & HB 3327):** This bill would repeal the affirmative defense to prosecution for the criminal offense of sale, distribution, or display of harmful materials to a minor. This bill died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1980 (SB 942):** This bill presumes it reasonable and in the best interest of the child for a court to order retroactive child support beginning at the earliest possible date of the child's conception. This bill died in the House Subcommittee on Family & the Fiduciary.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 2057:** Designating October 15th as Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day. This bill died in the House Public Health Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 2704:** This bill codifies definitions of boy, girl, female, male, mother, father, and sex that align with biology. This bill died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 3191:** This bill establishes an employer child-care contribution partnership program to support families in accessing high-quality childcare. This bill died on the House Calendar.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 3548 (SB 983):** This bill prohibits instruction, guidance, activities, or programming regarding sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools and it requires school districts to adopt a policy regarding appropriate communication between an employee and student regarding human sexuality that requires the employee to refer the student to a parent, school counselor, or the teacher responsible for human sexuality instruction. This bill died in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 4002 (HB 2846 & SB 86):** This bill requires public schools to adopt policies that require parents be notified of any changes in services or monitoring of a student's mental, emotional, or physical health and prohibits schools from providing instruction regarding sexual orientation or gender identity. This bill died in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 4198:** This bill requires public school library standards to prohibit material containing indecent or profane content. This bill died in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 4276:** This bill requires DFPS to allow a former foster care youth to participate in the Preparation for Adult Living Program until the youth's 25th birthday. This bill died in the House Human Services Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 4595:** This bill prohibits transporting or funding the transport of an unemancipated minor from Texas into another state or country for the purpose of obtaining an abortion. This bill died in the House Public Health Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 4788:** This bill prohibits a public or private institution of higher ed from accepting federal funding for embryonic or fetal stem cell research. This bill died in the House Public Education Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 4969:** This bill allows child welfare services providers a remedy for successfully asserting or defending a claim for the violation of their right of conscience. This bill died in the House Human Services Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 5037:** This bill requires foster care payments for a child attending an institution of higher ed or postsecondary vocational/technical program until the earlier of the date the child graduates or the last day of the month in which the child turns 24. This bill died in the House Human Services Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 5058:** This bill provides death row inmates convicted under the law of parties an opportunity for clemency. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 5389:** This bill allows HHSC to develop a deceased paupers grant program to award grants to counties for the purpose of paying certain costs associated with the disposition of deceased paupers' bodies. This bill died in the House Subcommittee on County Government.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 5583:** This bill requires Medicaid reimbursement for doula services. This bill died in the House Human Services Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: SB 41:** This bill prohibits the possession or purchase of an assault weapon by a person under 21. This bill died in the Senate State Affairs Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: SB 89 (HB 3847, HB 995 & SB 395):** This bill removes the affirmative defense for educational, medical, psychological or legislative reasons in cases of obscenity. This bill died in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: SB 242 (HB 267 & HB 1434):** This bill amends the affirmative defense to prosecution for offenses involving material or conduct that is obscene or otherwise harmful to children if it had a bona fide justification. This bill died in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: SB 353 (HB 432):** This bill requires a national instant criminal background check in connection with private firearm transfers. This bill died in the Senate State Affairs Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: SB 425 (HB 140 & HB 1502):** This bill improves child abuse investigations. This bill died in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: SB 810 (HB 2342):** This bill prohibits public schools from disciplining or discriminating against an employee who addresses a student or another employee with the biological sex of the student or employee. This bill died on the Senate Intent Calendar.

- ✖ **Loss: SB 837:** This bill is to prevent the need for foster care placements through structured family support. This bill died in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: SB 1149 (HB 2789):** This bill balances operational efficiency with the safety and welfare of children within the Texas child-care system. This bill died in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 1282:** This bill allows DFPS to enter into an adoption assistance agreement for a child if after the adoption is finalized, the child is diagnosed with special needs and would have qualified before the adoption. This bill died in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 2023 (HB 5389):** This bill allows HHSC to develop a deceased paupers grant program to award grants to counties for the purpose of paying certain costs associated with the disposition of deceased paupers' bodies. This bill died on the Calendar.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 2101:** This bill prohibits a municipal public library from making sexually explicit material available in the minor section with required age verification. This bill died in the Senate State Affairs Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 2447 (HB 3132):** This bill requires reporting requirements for assisted reproductive technology, including in vitro fertilization. This bill died in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 2715:** This bill requires the employees of amusement park rides to complete a training program on sexual abuse and assault prevention. This bill died in the Senate Business & Commerce Committee.

Immigration

We took a position on 36 immigration bills; of which, we supported 8 bills and opposed 28 bills. Of the publicly supported bills, 3 of them passed the legislature. Only one of the publicly opposed bills passed. (97% success rate in this category).

- ✔ **Win: HB 354:** This bill amends the powers and duties of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to add the defense and security of the state's air, maritime and land borders. We opposed this bill, and it died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 371 (HB 4668 & SB 923):** This bill would prohibit undocumented immigrants from enrolling in Texas public K-12 schools unless the school board has an agreement for the US government to pay the state for education costs. We opposed this bill which was referred to the House Public Education Committee but did not move further.
- ✔ **Win: HB 1303:** This bill removes the protections for persons suspected of illegal entry while they are in a public or private school or in a place of worship. We opposed this bill, and it died in the House Homeland, Public Safety, and Veterans Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 1491 (HB 1881):** This bill requires commissioners courts of each county to enter into agreements with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement to allow local law enforcement to

enforce federal immigration law and removes all state funding if they fail to do so. We opposed this bill, and it died in the House County Government Subcommittee.

- ✔ **Win: HB 1512:** This bill requires school districts to report the number of persons admitted to the district that "the district knows or reasonably believes to not be citizens of the US." We opposed this bill, and it died in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2331:** This bill amends the smuggling statute to remove the language that the accused must "conceal, harbor or shield the person from detection" to be convicted. We opposed this bill, and it died in the House Homeland, Public Safety, and Veterans Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2361:** This bill requires municipalities and commissioners courts to enter into written agreement with ICE to authorize officers and employees to enforce federal immigration law. We opposed this bill, and it died in the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 134 (HB 2390):** This bill requires municipalities and commissioners courts to enter into written agreement with ICE to authorize officers and employees to enforce federal immigration law. We opposed this bill, and it died in the Senate State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 243 (HB 164):** This bill improves migrant labor housing facilities including educational outreach to inform both workers and operators about their rights and responsibilities, improving compliance and fostering better living conditions. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1798:** This bill removes the Texas DREAM Act allowing residency claims based on high school graduation in Texas. We opposed this bill, and it died in the on the Senate Calendar. ***Note:** This bill failed; however, a recent U.S. district court judge's ruling overturned the Texas DREAM Act. This report considers the failure of SB 1789 as a legislative victory, but the outcome of the lawsuit as a judicial failure.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2390 (SB 134):** This bill requires municipalities and commissioners' courts to enter into written agreement with ICE to authorize officers and employees to enforce federal immigration law. We opposed this bill, and it died in the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2535 (HB 859, HB 1117, HB 232, HB 424, HB 979, HB 1324 & HB 1815):** This bill eliminates the Texas DREAM Act which allows resident tuition for undocumented immigrants who completed high school in Texas. This bill died in the House Higher Education Committee. ***Note:** This bill failed; however, a recent U.S. district court judge's ruling overturned the Texas DREAM Act. This report considers the failure of SB 1789 as a legislative victory, but the outcome of the lawsuit as a judicial failure.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2556:** This bill enforces significant civil penalties on local entities that refuse to comply with immigrant enforcement mandates, giving the OAG authority to seek compliance through legal actions. We opposed this bill which died in the House State Affairs Committee.

- ✔ **Win: HB 4707:** This bill states that only those identified as citizens, nationals of the United States, or aliens lawfully present in the country have access to educational benefits funded by the available school fund. We opposed this bill, and it died in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 4771:** This bill states that a child born in this state is not considered a US citizen unless parental conditions are met. We opposed this bill, and it died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 4886:** This bill requires that school districts collect data regarding the citizenship or immigration status of prospective students through a question on enrollment forms. We opposed this bill, and it died in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 316 (SB 1481):** This bill gives authority to build a wall at the southern border through eminent domain to prevent human trafficking and illegal entry of aliens and contraband. We opposed this bill, and it died in the Senate Border Security Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 416:** This bill prohibits an insurer from delivering, issuing delivery, and renewing a personal automobile insurance policy unless the insured can provide proof of US citizenship. We opposed this bill, and it died in the Senate Business & Commerce Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 658:** This bill reduces the effectiveness of community policing by shifting the focus away from public safety. We opposed this bill, and it died in the Senate State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1205:** This bill denies access to public education and benefits for individuals who are not lawfully present in the United States by charging them tuition to attend public schools. We opposed this bill, and it died in the Senate State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2601:** This bill provides relief to communities along the border who have experienced property damage. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2678:** This bill eliminates the Texas DREAM Act which allows resident tuition for undocumented immigrants who completed high school in Texas. We opposed this bill, and it died in the Senate Education K-16 Committee. ***Note:** This bill failed; however, a recent U.S. district court judge's ruling overturned the Texas DREAM Act. This report considers the failure of SB 1789 as a legislative victory, but the outcome of the lawsuit as a judicial failure.
- ✘ **Loss: HCR 14:** This resolution demands that the federal government immediately declare violent foreign drug cartels as foreign terrorist organizations under Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. This bill died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✘ **Loss: HB 566 (HB 3175):** This bill allows as proof of lawful presence in the US for the issuance of a driver's license immigration documentation including any pending applications. This bill died in the House Homeland, Public Safety, Veterans Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 4816:** This bill would increase the punishment of a human trafficking of a child or disabled person from a second-degree felony to a first-degree felony. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 4832 (HB 246):** This bill would provide relief to communities along the border who have experienced property damage. This bill died in the House Appropriations Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 8:** This bill mandates agreements between federal immigration law enforcement agencies and local sheriffs. We opposed this bill, and it passed.

Restorative Justice

We took a position on 66 restorative justice bills; of which, we supported 60 bills and opposed 6 bills. Of the publicly supported bills, only 8 of those bills passed the legislature. However, the Governor vetoed one of our supported bills in this category. None of the publicly opposed bills passed. (20% success rate in this category).

- ✔ **Win: SB 835 (HB 748 & SB 1587):** This bill prohibits the use of nondisclosure agreements in cases of sexual abuse. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 1902:** This bill creates a criminal offense called "jugging" which is targeting a person withdrawing money from an ATM, bank, credit union or CSO and then follows that person with the intent to commit theft. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 3330 (SB 1124):** This repeals the Michael Morton Act which seeks to prevent wrongful convictions by ensuring defendants have access to all potentially exculpatory information. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence committee; we opposed this bill.
- ✔ **Win: HB 3360 (SB 1727):** This bill seeks to bring harsher sentences to youth and prematurely transfer them to the adult system, putting them at risk. We opposed this bill which died pending in the House Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice.
- ✔ **Win: HB 3653:** This bill adds that the trafficking of a child would be a capital felony; expanding the death penalty. We opposed this bill which died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 990:** This bill would expand the death penalty to encompass more offenders. We opposed this bill which died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1120 (HB 4918):** This bill provides rights to victims of family violence, stalking, sexual or assaultive offenses, or a violation of a protective order or bond. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1437 (HB 3276):** This bill closes loopholes in the do not hire registry for juvenile justice to include non-certified employees. This bill passed.

- ✔ **Win: SB 1728 (HB 3882):** This bill expands certain juvenile justice entities in the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2601:** This bill provides relief to communities along the border who have experienced property damage. This bill passed.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 115:** This bill lowers procedural hurdles for habeas petitions. This bill successfully moved through the House, was received in the Senate but did not advance.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 200:** This bill requires inmates serving a sentence for a felony offense committed when they were younger than 18 become eligible for parole the earlier of the date the inmate's actual calendar time equals 20 years or the date the inmate would otherwise be eligible for parole. This bill moved through the House and was received in the Senate, but failed to move forward.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 2234 (SB 1306):** This bill raises the age of criminal responsibility from 17 to 18. This bill, moved through the House, was received in the Senate, but did not make further progress.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 2498 (SB 1053):** This bill streamlines the licensing review process while allowing licensing boards to consider specific serious violent and sexual offenses regardless of elapsed time without reoffending. This bill, moved through the House, but died in the Senate Business & Commerce Committee.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 2507 (SB 814):** This bill amends existing laws to facilitate automatic nondisclosure of criminal history for certain misdemeanor defendants upon successful completion of their deferred adjudication community supervision. This bill, moved through the House, was received in the Senate, but did not make further progress.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 2772 (SB 1278):** This bill creates an affirmative defense to prosecution that the actor engaged in conduct charged because the actor was coerced, acting under duress, or reasonably feared harm because of being a victim of human trafficking or forced prostitution.
 - **The Governor vetoed the companion, SB 1278, because he considers the bill too broad. However, it has been placed on the special session call to narrow it. Veto statement link: [Veto Proclamation for SB 1278](#)**
- ✖ **Loss: HB 31:** This bill improves treatment of children in the juvenile justice system. This bill died on the House Calendar.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 372 (HB 327):** This bill creates an affirmative defense to prosecution for a criminal offense for persons acting under duress. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 444:** This bill improves access to justice for those convicted based on out-of-date scientific understandings. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 454 (HB 651, HB 2237 & SB 343):** This bill abolishes the death penalty. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 489 (HB 1213, HB 1315, HB 2997, HB 3443 & SB 169):** This bill requires temperatures to remain between 65 and 85 in TDCJ facilities. This bill died in the House Corrections Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 507:** This bill establishes policies and standards for providing legal representation in capital (death penalty) cases by establishing a statewide capital defense training and standards committee. This bill died on the House Calendar.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 539:** This bill would combat human trafficking and care for victims. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 578:** This bill would improve transparency in capital sentencing proceedings. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 624 (HB 361 & SB 1462):** This bill would provide a balance between justice and family preservation. This bill died in the House Corrections Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 688 (HB 381):** This bill would prohibit a defendant with an intellectual disability from being sentenced to death. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 773 (HB 909 & HJR 60):** This bill would allow for the motion to adjust an inmate's sentence on motion of the attorney representing the state. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 833 (HB 905):** This bill allows for credit toward a defendant's sentence for time confined in jail or prison before sentencing. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 864 (HB 286):** This bill allows a court to grant a convicted person relief on an application for a writ of habeas corpus if they file an application based on certain new evidence that was previously unavailable. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1222 (HB 270):** This bill strengthens the procedures around a postconviction motion for forensic DNA testing. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1291 (HB 247 & SB 141):** This bill allows courts to reconsider the merits or grant relief on a motion for habeas corpus on subsequent application if certain conditions are met, including when the attorney representing the state consents in writing. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1852 (HJR 113):** This bill would authorize the legislature to provide for a district court to reduce or modify a sentence imposing a term of imprisonment for a person who has served not less than 10 years of the term. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 1969:** This bill requires that upon release an inmate is provided with a copy of any license they earned while imprisoned. This bill died on the House Calendar.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 2055 (HB 1362):** This bill raises the age from 18 to 21 (at the time the crime was committed) for prohibition on the death penalty. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 2649 (HB 929):** This bill eliminates the law of parties for capital murder so that one individual in a group of offenders cannot be charged with murder committed by another member of the group. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 2777:** This bill prohibits imposition of the death penalty on individuals who meet the severe mental illness criteria at the time of their offenses. This bill failed the vote in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 3166 (HJR 148):** This constitutional amendment would allow the legislature to provide for a court to grant a commutation of punishment to certain individuals serving a term of imprisonment. This bill was reported from the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee as substituted but failed to progress.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 4620 (HB 1539):** This bill expands program accessibility for female inmates. This bill died in the House Corrections Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 4914 (SB 2304):** This bill would allow recourse to other interventions for young children and prevent them from entering the juvenile justice system. This bill died in the House Juvenile Justice Subcommittee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 5058:** This bill amends the Penal Code's "law of parties" provision with regard to the prosecution of capital murder. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 5072 (SB 2741):** This bill ensures legal counsel to indigent or juvenile defendants. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 5254:** This bill provides those wrongfully convicted and facing the death penalty a pathway to exoneration. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 430 (HB 491 & SB 1385):** This bill changes the age at which a juvenile court may exercise jurisdiction over a child from 10 to 12. This bill died in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 2338:** This bill would award work-for-time credits to certain persons released on parole or to mandatory supervision. This bill died in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 2456:** This bill amends the Government Code to require that all inmates are informed of all volunteer programs and activities, the inmate is eligible to participate in, that involve religious services. This bill died in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Education

We took a position on 119 education bills; of which, we supported 106 bills and opposed 13 bills. Of the publicly supported bills, 33 of those bills passed the legislature. The Governor vetoed one of our supported bills and one opposed bill passed. (29% success rate in this category).

- ✔ **Win: HB 2:** This bill provides teacher pay raises, increased public school funding targeted towards teachers & students and incorporates the special education commission recommendations to greater serve special needs students. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2:** This bill establishes an education savings account program. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 571:** This bill closes the loophole in the do-not-hire registry that allows contracts to evade placement on the registry. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 163:** This bill allows any entity in this state to adopt a policy regarding the maintenance, administration, and disposal of epinephrine auto-injectors. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2674 (SB 2414):** This bill prohibits any state educational institution from making a rule that increases regulation of homeschool programs. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 3629:** This bill adds registered sex offenders as ineligible to serve as a trustee of an independent school district. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 401 (HB 775):** This bill expands inclusivity for non-enrolled students in University Interscholastic League activities by allowing students to play at other nearby districts if their local district declines their participation. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 865 (HB 3450, HB 4264):** This bill requires CPR training for coaches, nurses, athletic trainers, marching band directors, and any other school employee specified by the commissioner. This bill was passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 920 (HB 3397):** This bill grants certain liability immunities to charter school or private school employees for damages from the administration of medication to a student with written parental requests. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1316 (HB 2735):** This bill prohibits advertisements for e-cigarettes within 1,000 feet of a church or school. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1437 (HB 3276):** This bill closes loopholes in the do not hire registry for juvenile justice to include non-certified employees. This bill passed.

- ✔ **Win: SB 1619 (HB 2283):** This bill would include in statutory definition the delivery of epinephrine through a nasal spray. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 204 (HB 1137 & SB 981):** This bill requires TEA to develop a handbook on parental rights that explains all rights of a parent regarding the education of the parent's child including a student's rights that the parent may enforce on the student's behalf. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 207 (HB 5251, HB 5251 & SB 1101):** This bill includes appointments with mental health professionals in the list of reasons for an excused absence from school. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1207 (HB 5100):** This bill is to increase education about parenting and adoption. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 212:** This bill creates a broad parental empowerment school choice program, but it lacks religious liberty protections, does not prioritize the poor, and does not require accreditation of private schools. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 371 (HB 4668 & SB 923):** This bill would prohibit undocumented immigrants from enrolling in Texas public K-12 schools unless the school board has an agreement for the US government to pay the state for education costs. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 856:** This bill requires schools, including private schools, to maintain a supply of medication for respiratory distress. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2535 (HB 859, HB 1117, HB 232, HB 424, HB 979, HB 1324 & HB 1815),** This bill eliminates the Texas DREAM Act which allows resident tuition for undocumented immigrants who completed high school in Texas. We opposed this bill which died in the House Higher Education Committee. ***Note:** This bill failed; however, a recent U.S. district court judge's ruling overturned the Texas DREAM Act. This report considers the failure of SB 1789 as a legislative victory, but the outcome of the lawsuit as a judicial failure.
- ✔ **Win: HB 3304:** This bill prohibits government entities, institutions of higher education, and public and private schools from requiring vaccinations. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 3795:** This bill creates a burden on private schools beyond the required reporting of the ESA program. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✔ **Win: HB 5056:** This bill requires public school human sexuality curriculum be inclusive of same-sex couples when discussing or providing examples of relationships, and include affirming

information regarding gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. We opposed this bill which died in the House Public Education Committee.

- ✔ **Win: HB 549:** Allows issuance of Central Catholic High School license plates. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HJR 91:** This constitutional amendment declares and unconditional right not to be vaccinated and prohibits schools or employers from requiring vaccinations. We opposed this bill which died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✘ **Loss: HB 3:** This bill establishes a universal education savings account that prioritizes access for the poor and students with disabilities while protecting the religious liberty of participants. This bill died pending in the House Public Education Committee.
- ✘ **Loss: HB 4:** This bill requires TEA to implement a new instructionally supportive assessment program that includes reducing the length of tests and reducing the assessment burden on students and personnel. This bill failed in the Conference Committee on the last day of session.
- ✘ **Loss: HB 353:** This bill would have created an offense of criminal trespass for remaining on school or day care property after being asked to leave by administrators.
 - The Governor vetoed this bill. Veto statement link: [hb353.pdf](#)

Social Concerns

We took a position on 81 social concerns bills; of which, we supported 77 bills and opposed 4 bills. Of the publicly supported bills, 22 of those bills passed the legislature. However, one of our supported bills was vetoed by the Governor. None of the publicly opposed bills passed. (30% success rate in this category).

- ✔ **Win: HB 21 (SB 867):** This bill redefines eligible residential developments to encompass those occupied or intended for occupancy by low and moderate-income individuals by removing the previous threshold of 90% occupancy. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 24 (SB 844):** This bill addresses procedures for changes to a zoning regulation or district boundary. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 322 (SB 59):** This bill expands the allowable use of grant funds under the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) program to pay for costs for the acquisition, implementation, and ongoing maintenance of technology solutions necessary to support CTE programs. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 451 (SB 941):** This bill allows risk screenings for commercial sexual exploitation of certain children. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 742 (SB 1829):** This bill requires human trafficking training for first responders to identify, assist and report victims of human trafficking. This bill passed.

- ✔ **Win: HB 754 (SB 1828):** This bill requires human trafficking training for medical assistants to identify, assist and report victims of human trafficking. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2067 (SB 1006):** This bill expands residential options in commercial zones. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2067 (SB 1006):** This bill relates to declination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of insurance policies. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2525 (SB 1237):** This bill relates to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property owned by certain charitable senior housing organizations. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2761 (SB 2435):** This bill specifically addresses situations where a trafficked child or disabled individual is coerced into prostitution. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 4226:** This bill makes an exemption from the taxes imposed on the sale, use, or rental of a motor vehicle for a vehicle purchased, used, or rented by a nonprofit food bank. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 4238:** This bill establishes protection mechanisms for victims of identity theft. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 4655 (SB 602):** This bill supports services for foster children transitioning to independent living. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 15 (HB 3919):** This bill increases homeownership opportunities, lowers housing costs and reduces homelessness. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 599:** This bill prohibits local cities/counties from adopting health ordinances for childcare providers that are stronger than the state HHSC regulations. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 610 (HB 3772 & HB 589):** Relating to combating human trafficking by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 703 (HB 2776):** This bill increases the offenses that make an entity ineligible for a massage license, adding sexual offenses, sexual performance of a child, possession of child phonography, and possession of lewd material depicting a child. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 836 (HB 1686 & HB 1975):** This bill would prohibit public dissemination of property related to evidence (including visual images) from victim forensic medical examinations. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 840 (HB 3404):** This bill expands residential options in commercial zones. This bill passed.

- ✔ **Win: SB 1621 (HB 4911):** This bill relates to prosecution and punishment of certain criminal offenses prohibiting sexually explicit visual material involving depictions of children. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2018 (HB 3232):** This bill relates to the strong family's credit against certain taxes for entities that contribute to certain organizations. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2477 (HB 5187):** This bill allowing regulation of conversion of certain office buildings to mixed-use and multifamily residential occupancy. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2043 (SB 938):** This bill creates a new category of lenders called Earned Wage Access Providers and exempts them from Texas usury statutes. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2624:** This bill prohibits navigation services for individuals experiencing homelessness within 1.5 miles of a school, college, or playground. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 4339 (SB 1906):** This bill raises interest rates on 342E unsecured consumer loans. We opposed this bill which died in the House Financial Services Committee.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 38:** This bill requires improvements to the TX Information and Referral Network such as improving customer service. This bill moved through the House, was received into the Senate, but no further progress was made.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 158:** This bill creates a study on using surplus government property to provide housing to low-income veterans. This bill moved through the House, and was received into the Senate, but no further progress was made.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 421:** This bill protects children from digital victimization. This bill moved through the House but died in the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice.
- 🔄 **Progress: SB 1278 (HB 2772):** This bill creates an affirmative defense to prosecution that the actor engaged in conduct charged because the actor was coerced, acting under duress, or reasonably feared harm as a result of being a victim of human trafficking or forced prostitution.
 - **The Governor vetoed this bill because he considers it too broad. However, it has been placed on the special session call to narrow it. Veto statement link: [Veto Proclamation for SB 1278](#)**
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 2581:** This bill requires a Thriving Texas Families network contractor or service provider to submit requests for payment for services on a form that includes an itemized list of services and materials and an anonymized client signature. This bill moved through the House, but died in the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services.
- 🔄 **Progress: SB 673:** This bill improves the permit process for property owners to construct accessory dwelling units by prohibiting excessive restrictions. This bill moved through the Senate but died on the House Calendar.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 211 (SB 1836):** This bill ensures that owners seeking applicants for affordable housing tax credits have provided air conditioning to units. This bill died in the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 242 (HB 267 & HB 1434):** This bill amends the affirmative defense to prosecution for offenses involving material or conduct that is obscene or otherwise harmful to children if it had a bona fide justification. This bill died in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 314 (HB 2836 & SB 1685):** This bill extends SNAP benefits from 3 months to 12 months for most adults ages 18-49 with no children living in the home. This bill died in the House Committee on Health & Human Services.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 372 (HB 327):** This bill benefits victims of abuse and human trafficking. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 476:** This bill sets maximum interest rates for deferred presentment transactions. This bill died in the House Financial Services Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 768:** This bill regulates the terms of payday and auto-title loans and requires disclosures to consumers that include references to non-profits that provide financial education and/or cash assistance. This bill died in the House Financial Services Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1083 (HB 2108, HB 2834 & SB 364):** This bill eliminates the required date of adoption for a student formerly in the conservatorship of DFPS to be eligible to receive tuition and fee exemptions. This bill died in the House Higher Education Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1092:** This bill makes it a state jail felony if a person produces or distributes a deep fake image or video that depicts a real child who was younger than 14 when the material was created. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1350 (HB 2256):** This bill limits usurious practices of payday and auto-title lenders. This bill died in the House Financial Services Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 2202 (SB 1031):** This bill streamlines the 6-month eligibility check of households using SNAP benefits using technology and verified data sources. This bill died in the House Human Services Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 2206 (SB 1224):** This bill requires superintendents or directors of school districts or charter schools to notify the municipal police department or the county sheriff not later than 48 hours after the superintendent or director becomes aware that an educator is alleged to have engaged in misconduct. This bill died in the House Public Education Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 2318:** This bill establishes a statewide human trafficking data repository with enhanced reporting under the office of the attorney general. This bill did not advance after being voted favorably out of the House Public Safety Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 3172 (SB 854):** These bills improve permitting processes for affordable housing for religious entities who build affordable housing on their property. This bill died in the House Committee on Land & Resource Management.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 3191:** This bill establishes an employer child-care contribution partnership program to support families in accessing high-quality childcare by incentivizing eligible employers to contribute to employee child-care costs and providing a state match for those funds. This bill died on the House Calendar.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 3792:** This bill requires a survey of surplus state property to identify properties feasible for affordable housing developments and allows property tax incentives for developments with at least 30% of the units set at affordable prices. This bill died in the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee without being heard.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 3858:** This bill mandates the Governor's approval for temporary housing or emergency shelters intended for disaster victims. This bill did not advance out of the House Public Safety Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 4189:** This bill protects children from explicit content. This bill died in the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 4298:** This bill makes manufacturers provide a parental control filter on devices for minors. This bill died in the House Trade & Workforce Development Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 4761:** This bill increases access to healthy food for hungry children during summer break. This bill died in the House Human Services Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 4816:** This bill would increase the punishment of a human trafficking of a child or disabled person from a second-degree felony to a first-degree felony. This bill died in the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 5148:** This bill increases housing availability by restricting certain ordinances. This bill was reported from the House Committee Land & Resource Management as substituted but did not advance.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 5462:** This bill would enhance consumer protections for individuals engaging with earned income access services and hold providers accountable through rigorous licensing and operational standards. This bill died in the House Financial Services Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: SB 577:** This bill enables foster children to have a trust account for any federal VA or SSI benefits for which they are eligible. This bill was left pending in the Senate Health & Human Service Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 583:** This bill requires that each qualifying municipality and county prepare an inventory of all real property located within its jurisdiction that the county or municipality owns that is suitable for use or to be developed for use as affordable housing. This bill died on the Senate Calendar.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 639 (HB 4224, HB 5160 & SB 75):** This bill requires that a person who is eligible for SNAP benefits remain eligible for 12 months, with some exceptions. This bill died in the Senate Health & Human Service Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 837:** This bill prevents the need for foster care placements through structured family support. This bill died in the Senate Health & Human Services Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 2973:** This bill would exempt nonprofits in counties of 3.3 million or more, that exclusively work for educational, scientific and charitable purposes that support youth, promotes agriculture and provides community educational support would be exempt from ad valorem taxes. This bill died in the Senate Local Government Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 3000:** This bill enhances consumer protections for individuals engaging with earned income access services and holds providers accountable through rigorous licensing and operational standards. This bill died in the Senate Business Commerce Committee.

Religious Liberty

We took a position on 25 religious liberty bills; of which, we supported 19 bills and opposed 6 bills. Of the publicly supported bills, only 2 of those bills passed the legislature. None of the publicly opposed bills passed. (32% success rate in this category).

- ✔ **Win: HB 2067 (SB 1006) Passed:** This bill would allow the insurance commissioner to make rules regarding the declination of insurance policies. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 456:** This bill requires the medical board to revoke the license of any physician who knowingly uses a human organ obtained in violation of the law. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: HB 2138:** This bill prohibits discrimination in foster care but does not account for sincerely held religious beliefs. We opposed this bill which died in the House Committee on Human Services.

- ✔ **Win: HB 4452:** This bill repeals conscience protections for child welfare providers. We opposed this bill which died in the House Human Services Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2265:** This bill prohibits the commission, the department, a single source continuum contractor, and any other person from discriminating or taking any adverse action against a person on the basis of the person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression relating to child welfare services, including the licensure or verification of a foster home or the placement of a child. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2340 (HB 4852):** This bill amends the Business Organization Code to allow investigations by the attorney general into foreign filing entities to examine written sworn statements or oaths given by those foreign entities. We opposed this bill which died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✔ **Win: SB 2624:** This bill prohibits navigation services for individuals experiencing homelessness within 1.5 miles of a school, college, or playground. We opposed this bill which died in the Senate Committee Education K-16.
- ⚖️ **Progress: SB 619:** This bill allows medical professionals to decline to participate in healthcare services for reasons of conscience. This bill passed through the first chamber and was referred to the House Committee on Public Health, where it did not pass further.
- ⚖️ **Progress: SB 1073:** This bill prohibits the state bar from discriminating against an applicant's ability to obtain or renew a law license based on a sincerely held religious belief or burden an applicant's free exercise of religion or freedom of expression by a rule or policy unless there is a compelling government purpose, narrowly tailored to accomplish that purpose or restricts expressions of bias or prejudice in connection to an a judicatory proceeding. This bill moved through the Senate and was reported favorably in the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee, but no further action occurred.
- ⚖️ **Progress: SB 2943:** This bill would not allow state agencies that issue licenses or regulates businesses to adopt any rules that limits an applicant's ability to obtain or renew a license based upon their own sincerely held religious belief, freedom of speech regarding that belief or their free exercise of religion. This bill moved through the Senate but died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 927:** Relating to the interpretation of certain laws protecting the free exercise of religion. This bill died in the House State Affairs Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1044:** This bill extends the list of those authorized to conduct marriage ceremonies to include a wider spectrum of interfaith representatives. This bill did not move past the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1047:** This bill adds optional religious holidays for several interfaith holidays. This bill died in the House Delivery of Government Efficiency Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 1805:** This bill creates a religious liberty commission with members appointed by the Governor to advance religious freedom rights and create a religious library. This bill died in the House State Affairs Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 2816:** This bill would create conscience protection for healthcare workers and health care facilities by allowing them to decline participation in health care services for reasons of conscience. This bill died in the House Public Health Committee.

- ✖ **Loss HB 3043:** This bill adds a representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, or medical facility to the list of persons who may request a public hearing related to the construction of a concrete plant. This bill died in the House Environmental Regulation Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 4547:** This bill would prevent state agencies from adopting rules that burden an applicant or a license holder's free exercise of religion or speech. This bill died in the House State Affairs Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 4969:** This bill allows child welfare services providers a remedy for successfully asserting or defending a claim for the violation of their right of conscience. This bill died in the House Human Services Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 5541:** This bill prevents a state regulatory agency from adopting a rule, regulation or policy that limits an applicant's ability to obtain or renew a license based upon the applicant's sincerely held religious belief. This bill died in the House State Affairs Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 5622:** This bill prohibits a private employer from requiring a person to be vaccinated, including as a condition of employment or a contract position, or admission and prohibits an employer from taking an adverse action against a person who refuses to be vaccinated. This bill died in the House Trade & Workforce Development Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HJR 52:** This bill prohibits a state agency from regulating the educational program of a private school, including a home school, in this state. This bill died in the House Public Education Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HJR 136:** This bill proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting an agency of the state government, including the legislature, or of a political subdivision of this state may not regulate the educational program of a private school, including a home school, in this state. This bill died in the House Public Education Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: SB 2456:** This bill requires that all inmates are informed of all volunteer programs and activities, the inmate is eligible to participate in, that involve religious services. This bill died in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: SB 2574:** This bill would prohibit the enforcement of Blaine Amendments by government actors. This bill died in the Senate State Affairs Committee.

Creation

We took a position on 27 creation bills; of which, we supported all 27 bills. Of the publicly supported bills, 4 of those bills passed the legislature. (15% success rate in this category).

- ✔ **Win: HB 1400 (SB 718):** These bills create a new funding mechanism for groundwater districts to better analyze their quality and quantity. This bill was incorporated into the passed budget bill, SB 1, as a rider.
- ✔ **Win: SB 763:** This bill improves the regulatory framework for concrete batch plant permits and improves air quality. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1302 (HB 4485):** This bill exempts from registration fees a vehicle used by a nonprofit disaster relief organization exclusively for emergencies, training, equipment maintenance, transportation of disaster relief supplies, or other activities related to disaster relief. This bill passed.
- ✔ **Win: SB 1663 (HB 5207):** This bill requires that the Commission must issue notice as soon as practicable, but not later than 30 days after becoming aware of contamination. This bill passed.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 3637 (HB 1256, HJR 88, SJR 60 & SB 1633):** This bill is to alleviate the tax burden on property owners who invest in sustainable water systems. This bill moved through the House, was received into the Senate but did not progress further.
- 🔄 **Progress: HB 4212:** This bill allows the establishment, administration, and use of land, water, and wildlife conservation accounts. This bill advanced through the House, was referred to Senate Natural Resources Committee but died there.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 16:** This bill amends various sections of the Water Code, significantly impacting how funds can be utilized and how water supply needs are assessed. This bill died in the House Natural Resources Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1230 (HB 1194):** This bill is to promote community engagement in environmental planning and regulation. This bill died in the House Energy Resources Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 1726:** This bill improves transparency and community engagement in environmental planning and regulation. This bill died in the House Environmental Regulation Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 2384:** This bill ensures that new construction plants have ground water studies to ensure sufficient ground water to sustain the development. This bill died in the House Land Management Committee.

- ✖ **Loss: HB 3043 (HB 1387):** This bill improves transparency and community engagement in environmental planning and regulation. This bill died in the House Environmental Regulation Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 3217 (HB 935):** This bill requires the TCEQ commission to consider all public comments submitted during the public comment period when deciding on an action related to an application. This bill died in the House Environmental Regulation Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 3338:** This bill would protect vulnerable populations from concrete dust pollution. This bill died in the House Environmental Regulation Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 3482:** This bill prevents permits for quarries near lakes, parks, or youth camps without a study on the potential harms. This bill died in the House Natural Resources Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: HB 3728:** This bill mandates the TCEQ to adopt requirements for bays and estuaries. This bill died pending in the House Culture, Recreation & Tourism Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 212:** This bill increases transparency and community engagement in environmental planning and regulation. This bill died in the Senate Natural Resource Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 325 (HB 2384):** This bill ensures that new construction plats have ground water studies to ensure sufficient ground water to sustain the development. This bill died pending in the Senate Local Government Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 885 (SB 1175):** This bill allows a representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, nursing facility, or medical facility, or a person residing within 880 yards of the proposed plant to request a hearing. This bill died in the Senate Natural Resource Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 2082 (HB 1823):** This bill prohibits the operation of concrete crushing facilities within 440 yards of a hospital. This bill was placed on the Senate Calendar but died there.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 2275:** This bill mandates that TCEQ create a process for allowing persons to submit comments by email during a public comment period required by law regarding permit application. This bill died in the Senate Natural Resource Committee.
- ✖ **Loss: SB 2913:** This bill would prohibit the construction of a cement kiln facility within 440 yards of a school or place of worship. This bill died in the Senate Natural Resource Committee.