

80TH Legislative Session School Health and Public Education Related Legislation

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SCHOOL HEALTH AREA OF IMPACT – ICON KEYS:

HEALTH SERVICES		ADMINISTRATION	
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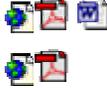
AREA OF IMPACT	AGENCY	BILL LINKS	BILL INFORMATION
		HB 1   	Author: Chisum Guillen Sponsor Ogden Last Action: 05/15/2007 E Effective on 9/1/07 Caption: General Appropriations Bill.
		HB 2     	House Bill 2 House Author: Chisum et al. Effective: 9-1-07 Senate Sponsor: Ogden House Bill 2 makes supplemental appropriations to the Texas Education Agency under the Foundation School Program and provides for the transfer of general revenue for the purpose of funding school district property tax rate reductions. The bill authorizes appropriations and transfers to make available a total of \$6,956,400,000 for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2008, and \$7,234,700,000 for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2009.
	TEA	SB 7     	Senate Bill 7 Senate Author: Hinojosa et al. Effective: 6-15-07 House Sponsor: Eissler et al. Senate Bill 7 amends the Education Code to require each school district to (1) have at each campus at least one automated external defibrillator (AED), which must be readily available during any University Interscholastic League athletic activity on the campus, including practices if possible, (2) annually provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator for employees and volunteers, and (3) ensure the presence at each location where a defibrillator is required of at least one employee trained in its proper use whenever a substantial number of students are at the location. The bill requires certain school personnel, any other employee specified by the commissioner, and each student athletic trainer to participate in the instruction and to receive and maintain certification in automated external defibrillator use from the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or other similar association. The bill requires the State Board of Education to include elements relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillator use as part of the health curriculum's essential knowledge and skills, and it requires the commissioner to establish a pilot program under which sixth grade students at participating campuses are given a cardiovascular screening, including an electrocardiogram and an echocardiogram. In selecting campuses, the commissioner must ensure that an ethnically diverse range of students is screened and that campuses provide the results of a student's screening to the student's parent or guardian. Each campus also must provide a summary of the screening results to the commissioner, who must report to the legislature not later than January 1, 2009. The bill also requires that private schools that receive AEDs or funding for AEDs from TEA comply with the requirements set out for public schools.

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	TEA	SB 8 	<p>Senate Bill 8 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p>Senate Author: Janek et al. House Sponsor: Flynn</p> <p>Senate Bill 8 amends the Education Code to require the University Interscholastic League (UIL) to administer a program under which high school students participating in UIL-sponsored or sanctioned sports are tested at multiple times throughout the year for the presence of steroids in their bodies. The bill requires the program to randomly test a statistically significant number of students competing in UIL sports, be administered at approximately 30 percent of the high schools participating in UIL sports, provide for the confirmation of any initial positive test result through a subsequent test conducted as soon as practicable after the initial test, have the testing be performed only by an anabolic steroid testing laboratory with current certification from a recognized certifying organization, and render any student with a confirmed positive test result or any student refusing to submit to random testing temporarily ineligible to participate in a UIL sport. The bill also requires the UIL, before allowing a student to participate in a UIL sport, to obtain from the student's parent a signed statement acknowledging that the student, if in high school, may be subject to random steroid testing, and it requires each district to require that each employee coaching athletics at or above the seventh grade level in a UIL sport complete the UIL's educational program or a comparable program developed by the district or a private entity with relevant expertise.</p>
		SB 9 	<p>Author: Shapiro</p> <p>Sponsor: Branch Madden</p> <p>Last: 06/15/2007 E Effective immediately</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>Caption: Relating to the disclosure or dissemination of criminal history record information, child abuse investigation reports, and school district audit working papers for certain purposes, including the certification and employment of educators and other public school employees who engage in certain misconduct.</p>

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	TEA	SB 82 	<p>Senate Bill 82 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p>Senate Author: Van de Putte et al. House Sponsor: Eissler</p> <p>Senate Bill 82 amends the Education Code to require the commissioner of education to develop an extracurricular activity safety training program that provides (1) certification by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or similar organization or the University Interscholastic League (UIL); (2) training in emergency action planning, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, communicating effectively with 9-1-1 operators and emergency personnel, and recognizing symptoms of potentially catastrophic injuries, including head and neck injuries, concussions, asthma attacks, heatstroke, cardiac arrest, and injuries requiring defibrillator use; and (3) a periodic safety drill that incorporates the training and simulates the injuries described above. The bill requires each coach, trainer, extracurricular sport sponsor, marching band director, and certain school physicians or volunteer physicians to complete the training. The bill requires each district to provide student athletes training on recognizing the symptoms of injuries described above and the risks of using performance enhancing dietary supplements. Among other provisions, the bill requires each student athlete, as a condition for playing a sport, complete the specified UIL forms relating to medical clearance and acknowledgement of rules. The bill prohibits a coach, trainer or sponsor from encouraging or permitting a student athlete to engage in any unreasonably dangerous athletic technique, and it requires each coach, trainer, and sponsor to ensure that certain safety precautions are taken at each practice or competition.</p>
		HB 92 	<p>House Bill 92 Effective: 5-8-07</p> <p>House Author: Branch Senate Sponsor: Nelson</p> <p>House Bill 92 amends the Health and Safety Code to exempt automated external defibrillators that have been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter sale from certain prescription requirements and criminal penalties relating to the possession of a dangerous drug.</p>
	TEA	HB 121 	<p>House Bill 121 Effective: 5-18-07</p> <p>House Author: Dukes et al. Senate Sponsor: Hinojosa</p> <p>House Bill 121 amends the Education Code to require each school district to adopt and implement a dating violence policy to be included in the district improvement plan. The bill requires the policy to include a definition of dating violence that includes the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person in a dating relationship, and to address safety planning, enforcement of protective orders, school-based alternatives to protective orders, training for teachers and administrators, counseling for affected students, and awareness education for students and parents.</p>

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	TEA	SB 135   	Senate Bill 135 Effective: 4-23-07 Senate Author: Wentworth House Sponsor: Eissler Senate Bill 135 amends the Education Code to prohibit a school district's employment policy from restricting a district employee's ability to communicate directly with a member of the board of trustees about a matter relating to the district's operation, with the following exception: the policy may prohibit ex parte communication relating to a hearing on a proposed nonrenewal of a teacher's term contract, a proposed termination of a teacher's continuing or probationary contract, or a proposed suspension of a teacher without pay or relating to another appeal or hearing in which ex parte communication would be inappropriate pending a final decision by a school district board of trustees.
	TEA	SB 158   	Senate Bill 158 Effective: 9-1-07 Senate Author: Seliger et al. House Sponsor: Eissler Senate Bill 158 amends the Education Code to require an individual hired by a school district as an educational diagnostician on or after September 1, 2008, to be certified or hold an appropriate permit. The bill also exempts an educational diagnostician from minimum service contract provisions that require a school district employment contract to be for a minimum term of 10 months and require a 10-month contract to provide for a minimum of 187 days of service.
 	TEA	HB 188     	Author: Hochberg Branch Ortiz, Jr. Sponsor Van de Putte Last 06/16/2007 E Effective immediately Action: Caption: Relating to the adoption of textbooks and the use of credits for textbooks or other instructional materials in a school district or open-enrollment charter school.
	TEA	HB 189   	House Bill 189 Effective: 5-15-07 House Author: Hochberg et al. Senate Sponsor: Janek House Bill 189 amends the Education Code to prohibit a school district superintendent from receiving any financial benefit for personal services performed by the superintendent for any business entity that conducts or solicits business with the district. The bill requires any financial benefit received by the superintendent for performing personal services for any other entity, including another district, charter school, regional education service center, or public or private college or university, to be approved by the district's board of trustees on a case-by-case basis in an open meeting.

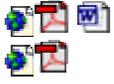
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		SB 230 	<p>Senate Bill 230 Effective: 6-16-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Senate Author: Harris House Sponsor: Dutton</p> <p>Senate Bill 230 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to specify that the school district or school official who must be notified about a transferring or returning student who is on parole or probation is the superintendent of a public school district or the superintendent's designee, and the principal of a private school or the principal's designee.</p>
	TEA	HB 278 	<p>House Bill 278 Effective: 9-1-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">House Author: Madden et al. Senate Sponsor: Hinojosa</p> <p>The Education Code authorizes a school district's board of trustees to adopt rules for the safety and welfare of students, employees, and property, and other rules it considers necessary for the protection of buildings and grounds, including rules providing for the operation and parking of vehicles on school property. Previous law made any violation of school district rules adopted under this provision a Class C misdemeanor offense. House Bill 278 amends the Education Code to provide that violations only of rules specifically relating to the operation and parking of vehicles on school property are criminal offenses.</p>
	TEA	SB 282 	<p>Senate Bill 282 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">House Sponsor: Dutton Senate Author: Gallegos et al.</p> <p>Senate Bill 282 amends the Education Code to require each school district annually to notify the parent of each district student in grade nine or above of the availability of programs in the district that allow a student to earn college credit, including advanced placement, dual credit, joint high school and college credit, and international baccalaureate programs. A district may provide the required notification on its Internet website, but the notification must include the offering entity's name and contact information. The bill also requires a counselor to provide this information to each student and the student's parent or guardian during the first school year the student is enrolled in a high school or at the high school level in an open-enrollment charter school and again during the student's senior year.</p>
	TEA	HB 314 	<p>House Bill 314 Effective: 5-15-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">House Author: Eissler et al. Senate Sponsor: Van de Putte</p> <p>House Bill 314 amends the Education Code to allow a parent of multiple birth siblings assigned to the same grade level and school to submit a written request that the school place the siblings in the same classroom or in separate classrooms, and it requires the school to comply with the parent's request unless the school principal determines at the end of the first grading period, in consultation with each classroom teacher, that the placement requested by the parent is disruptive to the school or complying with a parent's request to place multiple birth siblings in separate classrooms would require the district to add another class to that grade level.</p>

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	TEA	HB 323 	<p>House Bill 323 Effective: 9-1-07</p> <p>House Author: Hamilton et al. Senate Sponsor: Lucio et al.</p> <p>House Bill 323 amends provisions of the Transportation Code and Education Code relating to buses that transport schoolchildren. The bill requires a school bus and school activity bus purchased by a school district on or after September 1, 2010, and each school-chartered bus contracted for use by a school district on or after September 1, 2011, to be equipped with a three-point seat belt for each passenger, including the operator. The bill specifies that this requirement does not take effect unless the legislature appropriates money specifically for the purpose of reimbursing school districts for expenses incurred in complying with the requirement. The bill authorizes a person to donate three-point seat belts or funding for them and authorizes a school district board of trustees to acknowledge the donation in a prescribed manner. The bill requires a school district to require a student to wear a seat belt if the student is riding in a bus equipped with seat belts for all passengers and requires a district to report annually to the Texas Education Agency the number of accidents in which the district's buses are involved. The agency is required by rule to require that school districts report certain accident information and to publish the reports on its website. The bill requires the State Board of Education to develop and make available to each school district a program of instruction in the proper use of a three-point seat belt and to serve as a clearinghouse of best practices relating to school bus safety.</p>
	TEA	SB 370 	<p>Senate Bill 370 Effective: 5-17-07</p> <p>Senate Author: Shapiro House Sponsor: Eissler</p> <p>Senate Bill 370 amends the Education Code to prohibit a school district from requiring a district employee to waive immunity from liability for an act for which the employee is otherwise legally immune because the act is within the scope of the employee's job duties and involves the exercise of discretion on the employee's part. The bill prohibits a district from requiring a district employee who acts in good faith to pay for or replace property belonging to a student or other person that is or was in the employee's possession because of an act as described above. The bill also prohibits a district from requiring a district employee who acts in good faith to pay for certain damaged materials, including electronic textbooks and equipment, and it prohibits a district employee from waiving this provision except by voluntarily entering into an agreement with the district, apart from the employee's employment contract, whereby the employee assumes financial responsibility for electronic textbook or technological equipment usage off school property or outside of a school-sponsored event in return for the employee's ability to use that equipment for personal business.</p>

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		SB 555 	<p>Senate Bill 555 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Senate Author: Lucio House Sponsor: Hilderbran</p> <p>Senate Bill 555 amends the Government Code to designate April as Texas Fruit and Vegetable Month to promote awareness of the health benefits of fruits and vegetables and to encourage Texans to consume more fruits and vegetables. The bill requires Texas Fruit and Vegetable Month to be regularly observed by appropriate celebrations and activities.</p>
		SB 556 	<p>Senate Bill 556 Effective: 6-16-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Senate Author: Lucio et al. House Sponsor: McReynolds</p> <p>Senate Bill 556 amends the Health and Safety Code to require the commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of state health services, and commissioner of education, or a staff member designated by each of those commissioners, to meet at least once a year as an interagency obesity council. The bill specifies the duties of the council and requires the council to submit a report on certain activities of the council to the governor, lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives not later than January 15 of each odd-numbered year.</p>
	TEA	SB 606 	<p>Senate Bill 606 Effective: 6-16-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Senate Author: Ogden House Sponsor: Gattis</p> <p>Senate Bill 606 amends the Education Code to specify that the name of a student or minor who is the victim of abuse or unlawful conduct by an educator must be included in a report filed with the State Board for Educator Certification by the school district superintendent, regional education service center director, or other school administrator, but that the name of the student or minor is not public information under the state's public information law.</p>
		HB 662 	<p>House Bill 662 Effective: See below</p> <p style="text-align: right;">House Author: Dukes et al. Senate Sponsor: Ellis et al.</p> <p>House Bill 662 amends provisions of the Family Code to require the Department of Family and Protective Services, in consultation with the Interagency Coordinating Council for Building Healthy Families, to develop a statewide, long-range strategic plan for child abuse and neglect prevention services. The bill expands the purpose and duties of the council, including directing the council to evaluate the funding, effectiveness, and opportunities for improvement of programs and services for child abuse and neglect prevention and early intervention. House Bill 662 also changes the composition of the council to include a representative from the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services and continues the council in existence until January 1, 2010. The bill also designates the child abuse and neglect prevention trust fund as a dedicated account for child abuse prevention programs.</p>

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	TEA	SB 673   	Senate Bill 673 Effective: 5-8-07 Senate Author: Zaffirini et al. House Sponsor: Eissler Senate Bill 673 amends the Education Code to require a school district to issue a certificate of attendance to a student who receives special education services and who has completed four years of high school but has not completed the student's individualized education program (IEP). The bill also requires a district to allow a student who receives a certificate to participate in a graduation ceremony with students receiving high school diplomas. The bill prohibits a student from participating in more than one graduation ceremony but does not preclude a student from subsequently receiving a diploma on completion of the student's IEP.
	TEA	HB 708   	House Bill 708 Effective: 5-8-07 House Author: Puente Senate Sponsor: Uresti House Bill 708 amends the Education Code to change the week designated as Celebrate Freedom Week in public schools from the week in which November 11 falls to the week in which September 17 falls.
 		HB 776     	Author: Dutton Sponsor Janek Last 06/15/2007 E Effective on 9/1/07 Action: Caption: Relating to the delivery of a child taken into custody under the juvenile justice system to a school official.
 		SB 811     	Senate Bill 811 Effective: 6-15-07 Senate Author: Janek House Sponsor: Dukes Senate Bill 811 amends the Health and Safety Code to require the Department of State Health Services to permit health care providers participating in the federal vaccines for children program to select influenza vaccines from a list of all available vaccines that meet certain criteria. The bill also requires the department to procure an equal supply of a vaccine, excluding the influenza vaccine, from each manufacturer that produces an equivalent vaccine that satisfies certain cost and federal approval conditions, for use under the program.
 		SB 827   	Senate Bill 827 Effective: 6-15-07 Senate Author: West, Royce House Sponsor: Patrick, Diane Senate Bill 827 amends the Agriculture Code to make middle schools in large urban school districts eligible to receive grants from the Texas Department of Agriculture for the purpose of establishing demonstration agricultural projects or other projects designed to foster an understanding and awareness of agriculture.

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		HB 978   	<p>House Bill 978 Effective: 5-8-07</p> <p>House Author: Smith, Wayne Senate Sponsor: Jackson, Mike</p> <p>House Bill 978 amends the Local Government Code to extend the deadline for publication of a school district's annual financial statement from not later than the 120th day after the date the fiscal year ends to not later than the 150th day after the date the fiscal year ends to coincide with the deadline for submission of the school district's annual audit report to the Texas Education Agency.</p>
		SB 993     	<p>Author: Nelson</p> <p>Sponsor: McReynolds</p> <p>Last: 06/15/2007 E Effective on 9/1/07</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>Caption: Relating to nursing peer review and the regulation of the practice of nursing.</p>
	TEA	SB 1031     	<p>Author: Shapiro Janek Seliger West, Royce</p> <p>Sponsor: Eissler</p> <p>Last: 06/15/2007 E Effective on 9/1/07</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>Caption: Relating to public school accountability and the administration of certain assessment instruments in public schools; providing a criminal penalty.</p>
  		HB 1045   	<p>House Bill 1045 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p>House Author: Truitt Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini</p> <p>House Bill 1045 amends the Government Code to designate April as Child Safety Month to promote the protection and care of children through increased public awareness of ways to reduce accidental injury and death through the use of bicycle helmets, seat belts, safety and booster seats, and smoke alarms, and of the dangers posed to children by unattended and unlocked vehicles and left in closed vehicles during hot or sunny weather.</p>
  	TEA	HB 1059*   	<p>House Bill 1059 Effective: 5-15-07</p> <p>House Author: Parker et al. Senate Sponsor: Nelson</p> <p>House Bill 1059 amends the Education Code to require the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to prepare a list, in English and Spanish, of immunizations required for admission to public schools and any additional immunizations DSHS recommends for school-age children. The bill requires DSHS to make the list available in a manner that permits a school district to easily post the list on the district's Internet website, and it requires each district that maintains a website to post this list prominently on its website. That website also must include a list of health clinics in the district that the district knows offer the influenza vaccine and a link to the DSHS website about procedures for claiming an exemption from the immunization requirements.</p>

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	DSHS	HB 1082 	<p>House Bill 1082 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p>House Author: Straus et al. Senate Sponsor: Van de Putte</p> <p>House Bill 1082 amends the Health and Safety Code to direct the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to develop, and the Department of State Health Services to establish a pilot program to research and implement procedures for reporting cases of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). The bill directs DSHS to select a local health authority that meets certain conditions to administer the program and prescribes the objectives of the program. DSHS, in consultation with the administering health authority, is required to submit a report to the legislature on the effectiveness of the pilot program not later than September 1, 2009.</p>
	TEA	HB 1098 	<p>House Bill 1098 Effective: 5-8-07</p> <p>House Author: Bonnen et al. Senate Sponsor: Hegar</p> <p>House Bill 1098 amends the Education Code to clarify that immunization against human papillomavirus (HPV) is not required for a person's admission to any elementary or secondary school. The bill requires the Health and Human Services Commission to make available to parents or legal guardians certain educational material about HPV using existing commission resources. House Bill 1098 further authorizes the executive commissioner of the HHSC to determine which immunizations may be required for admission to any elementary or secondary school. The provisions of the bill relating to immunization against HPV and associated educational materials expire January 11, 2011.</p>

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		HB 1137     	<p>House Bill 1137 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p>House Author: Hochberg Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini</p> <p>House Bill 1137 amends the Education Code to allow a person who is between 21 and 26 years of age to be admitted to a public school to complete the requirements for a high school diploma. The bill allows a district to receive state funding for a student's attendance by making students eligible for benefits under the Foundation School Program and the available school fund. However, the bill exempts a student 21 years of age or older admitted to a public school under these provisions from the state's compulsory school attendance laws and allows such a student who attends class for at least 75 percent but less than 90 percent of the days that a class meets to receive credit for that class on completion of a plan approved by the school principal provided that the student to meet the class's instructional requirements.</p> <p>The bill also provides that a student admitted to a public school under these conditions is ineligible for placement in a disciplinary alternative education program or a juvenile justice alternative education program if the student engages in conduct that otherwise would require such placement, and it prohibits the placement of a student who has not attended school in the preceding three years with a student who is 18 years of age or younger in a classroom setting, a cafeteria, or another district-sanctioned activity.</p>
	TEA	HB 1187   	<p>House Bill 1187 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p>House Author: Morrison Senate Sponsor: Van de Putte</p> <p>House Bill 1187 amends the Government Code and the Education Code to provide for a program allowing students to receive vouchers that entitle them to tuition and fee exemptions at a Texas public college or university for playing "Taps" at military funeral services. The bill requires the Texas Veterans Commission to create a program to issue vouchers to students in grades 6 through 12 or in college who sound "Taps" on a bugle, trumpet, or cornet during military honors funerals for veterans, with a voucher equivalent of \$25 being issued each time a student plays "Taps" at a funeral. The bill allows a school district to excuse a student from school without penalty to perform at a funeral and to give such students a reasonable time in which to make up any missed school work. It requires a public college or university to provide the \$25 tuition and fee exemption in exchange for each voucher presented by a student.</p>

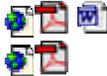
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	TEA	HB 1270      	<p>House Bill 1270 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">House Author: Eissler Senate Sponsor: Van de Putte</p> <p>House Bill 1270 amends the Education Code to require the commissioner of education to establish an intensive reading or language intervention pilot program that was previously authorized, and it amends the existing criteria for a program that may be selected by a participating campus to require that they include scientifically based reading interventions and to specify that the methods, interventions, or tools included in the criteria must have been proven to accelerate acquisition and reading proficiency for struggling students. The bill also requires the selection of students to participate in the pilot program to be based on assessment data, with the administration of benchmark measures required at the beginning and end of the program.</p>
	TEA	HB 1287   	<p>House Bill 1287 Effective: See below</p> <p style="text-align: right;">House Author: Chisum et al. Senate Sponsor: Estes et al.</p> <p>House Bill 1287 amends the Education Code to authorize a school district to offer elective high school courses on the Bible's Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament. The bill specifies the purpose of such a course, prohibits a student from being required to use a specific translation as the sole scripture text, and requires a course to follow applicable law and all federal and state guidelines to maintain religious neutrality and accommodate the students' diverse religious views, traditions, and perspectives. The bill requires the State Board of Education to submit the proposed essential knowledge and skills for a course to the attorney general for approval before adopting any related rules for offering the course to ensure that it complies with the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The bill establishes teacher qualifications and teacher training requirements, includes provisions for determining the amount of credit to be earned, and exempts a district from having to offer a course if fewer than 15 students at a campus register for the course. Except for provisions relating to school districts, which take effect for the 2009-2010 school year, the bill takes effect on June 15, 2007.</p>
	TEA	SB 1433   	<p>Senate Bill 1433 Effective: 6-16-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Senate Author: Van de Putte House Sponsor: Rose</p> <p>Senate Bill 1433 amends the Education Code to require the State Board of Education to create the Employers for Education Excellence Award to recognize employers that implement policies to encourage and support their employees' active participation in school activities. The bill establishes three levels of recognition based on the degree of employee participation encouraged and supported by the recipient's policy, and it requires the board to establish criteria to certify businesses to receive the award at the appropriate level of recognition.</p>

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   	TEA	SB 1456   	<p>Senate Bill 1456 Effective: 6-16-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Senate Author: Uresti House Sponsor: Castro</p> <p>Senate Bill 1456 amends the Education Code to require the Texas Education Agency to maintain on its Internet website a list of links to websites that provide information on the prevention of child abuse and to develop and periodically update a child abuse prevention training program that a school district may use for staff development.</p>
	TEA	SB 1517   	<p>Senate Bill 1517 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Senate Author: Janek House Sponsor: Hochberg</p> <p>The Education Code previously required a public school student to be suspended from participation in extracurricular activities after a grading period in which the student received a failing grade in any academic class other than an identified honors or advanced class, with the suspension continuing in effect pending a periodic review of the student's grades in each course, as applicable. Senate Bill 1517 amends the Education Code to specify that the suspension requirement does not apply to an advanced placement or international baccalaureate course, or to an honors or dual credit course in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, or a language other than English. The bill requires the Texas Education Agency to review on a biennial basis courses exempted from the no pass/no play requirement to determine if other courses should be excluded from the requirement and to report its findings to the legislature not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year.</p>
	TEA	HB 1563   	<p>House Bill 1563 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">House Author: Bolton Senate Sponsor: Shapleigh</p> <p>House Bill 1563 amends the Education Code to require a school district, on a parental request, to issue a high school diploma posthumously to a student who died while enrolled in the district at grade level 12, provided that the student was academically on track at the time of death to receive a diploma at the end of the school year in which the student died. This requirement applies beginning with students who were in 12th grade during the 2005-2006 school year.</p>
	TEA	HB 1609     	<p>House Bill 1609 Effective: 9-1-07</p> <p style="text-align: right;">House Author: Crownover et al. Senate Sponsor: Shapleigh</p> <p>House Bill 1609 amends the Education Code to create a mandatory set-aside from funds appropriated for the compensatory education allotment to support Communities In Schools (CIS) programs in each school district. The bill eliminates the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services' role in supporting CIS programs; abolishes the office of state CIS director; transfers the director's duties to the commissioner of</p>

			education; and expands those duties with respect to the establishment of state performance goals, objectives, and measures for the program and the adoption of policies concerning the Texas Education Agency's responsibilities and the use of state and federal funds for the program. The bill also allows the commissioner to withhold funding from a CIS program that consistently fails to achieve the performance goals, objectives and measures established by the commissioner and to require the program to compete through a competitive bidding process for program funding.
	TEA	HB 1622   	House Bill 1622 Effective: 9-1-07 House Author: Delisi et al. Senate Sponsor: Averitt House Bill 1622 amends the Education Code to require a school district grievance policy to permit a district employee to report a grievance against a supervisor that alleges the supervisor's violation of the law in the workplace or the supervisor's unlawful harassment of the employee to a supervisor other than the supervisor against whom the employee intends to report the grievance.
	TEA	HB 1700   	House Bill 1700 Effective: 6-15-07 House Author: Hilderbran Senate Sponsor: Fraser House Bill 1700 amends the Education Code to require the State Board of Education to aid the Outdoor School at Texas Tech University Center at Junction, the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (T-STEM) Center of Texas Tech University, and South Llano River State Park in the joint development of a nature science curriculum for students in grades six through 12. The bill requires the curriculum to incorporate the essential knowledge and skills for science, math, social studies, and language arts.
 	TEA	SB 1713   	Senate Bill 1713 Effective: 6-15-07 Senate Author: Eltife et al. House Sponsor: Patrick, Diane Senate Bill 1713 amends the Education Code to require a county school board or district, in establishing and operating a public school transportation system, to allow a parent to designate a child-care facility or home of a grandparent, as the regular location for the child's transportation to and from school, if the location is an approved route.
	TEA	HB 1748     	House Bill 1748 Effective: 6-15-07 House Author: Morrison Senate Sponsor: Shapiro House Bill 1748 amends the Education Code to transfer all powers and duties relating to the Texas governor's schools program from the Texas Education Agency and the commissioner of education to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The bill also expands the scope of the program to allow the inclusion of a fine arts curriculum, as well as the mathematics and science and humanities curricula, and it requires that the criteria for admission include grade point averages, academic standing, and extracurricular activities.

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	TEA	HB 1844   	<p>House Bill 1844 House Author: Howard, Charlie et al. Effective: 6-15-07 Senate Sponsor: Janek</p> <p>House Bill 1844 amends the Education Code to require a school district to allow a home-schooled student to participate in the district's administration of the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) or a college advanced placement test. The bill requires each district to post notice on its Internet website or, if the district does not maintain its own website, in a local newspaper of the dates that these tests will be administered, a home-schooled student's eligibility to register for the test, and the registration procedures.</p>
	TEA	SB 1871     	<p>Senate Bill 1871 Senate Author: Zaffirini et al. Effective: 6-15-07 House Sponsor: Hochberg</p> <p>Senate Bill 1871 amends the Education Code to require a district that is required to offer bilingual education or special language programs to include certain demographic information on students enrolled in those programs in its Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) report, including the number and percentage of students enrolled in each instructional model of those programs offered by the district and the number and percentage of students of limited English proficiency (LEP) who do not receive specialized instruction. For reporting purposes, the bill establishes several classifications for bilingual education programs and special language programs based on specific criteria, and it requires a program to be classified in the PEIMS report as "no bilingual education or special language services provided" if the district has received a waiver and is not required to offer a program or other conditions apply.</p> <p>The bill amends provisions relating to the school readiness certification system developed by the State Center for Early Childhood Development and used to certify the effectiveness of prekindergarten programs and certain federal or government-subsidized child-care programs to allow districts using the system and the Texas Education Agency to compile and report student raw score results on the state's reading diagnosis test. The bill also requires performance on certain indicators in the Academic Excellence Indicator System to be based on longitudinal student data disaggregated by the bilingual education or special language program, if any, in which LEP students are or former LEP students were enrolled.</p>

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	TEA	HB 2112   	<p>House Bill 2112 Effective: 9-1-07</p> <p>House Author: Patrick et al. Senate Sponsor: Hegar</p> <p>Previous law made it an offense to exhibit or use, or threaten to exhibit or use, a firearm in a manner that interferes with the normal use of a building or portion of a school campus or of a school bus. House Bill 2112 amends the Education Code to add to the conditions that must be present to constitute an offense that such use, exhibition, or threat is made in a manner intended to cause alarm or personal injury to another or to damage school property. The bill expands the places in which such conduct is prohibited to include in or on any school property, including a parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area.</p>
  	TEA	HB 2176   	<p>House Bill 2176 Effective: 9-1-07</p> <p>House Author: Deshotel et al. Senate Sponsor: West, Royce</p> <p>House Bill 2176 amends the Education Code to require the State Board of Education, in conjunction with the office of the attorney general, to develop a parenting and paternity awareness program for mandatory use by a school district in its high school health curriculum, and it establishes content requirements regarding issues that must be addressed by the program, such as parenting skills and responsibilities, including child support and other legal rights and obligations; relationship skills, including money management, communication, and marriage preparation; and, in schools that do not have a family violence prevention program, skills relating to the prevention of family violence.</p>
   	TEA	HB 2237     	<p>House Bill Author: Eissler Giddings Woolley Hochberg Guillen Sponsor Shapiro</p> <p>Last Action: 06/15/2007 E See remarks for effective date Caption: Relating to grants and programs for dropout prevention, high school success and college and workforce readiness in public schools.</p>
   		HB 2313   	<p>House Bill 2313 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p>House Author: Rose et al. Senate Sponsor: Nichols</p> <p>House Bill 2313 amends the Government Code to designate the second full week in September as obesity awareness week.</p>
	TEA	HB 2383     	<p>House Bill 2383 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p>House Author: Lucio III et al. Senate Sponsor: Lucio</p> <p>House Bill 2383 amends the Education Code to provide a subsidy for licensing or certification examination fees for students who</p>

			<p>complete a school district's career and technology program in which they receive job training and instruction in a specific trade or occupation, pass a qualifying examination for a trade or occupational license or certificate, and demonstrate financial need. To obtain the subsidy, a student must pay the examination fee and submit a written application demonstrating financial need and the amount of the fee paid by the student. The bill also amends eligibility requirements of the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program to require a student to have graduated from a public high school in this state, have attended one or more public high schools in this state for the majority of the time the person attended high school, and be a U.S. citizen or legal resident. The bill extends from 45 to 46 consecutive months the time frame in which a student may graduate and still be eligible for an award, if the student graduates with at least 30 hours of college credit and successfully completed the recommended or advanced high school program.</p>
	TEA	HB 2399 	<p>House Bill 2399 Effective: 6-15-07</p> <p>House Author: Delisi Senate Sponsor: Shapiro</p> <p>House Bill 2399 amends the Education Code to allow a school campus to use the 25 percent of its student achievement program award that is not allocated for classroom teacher incentive payments on a teacher retention demonstration project that uses innovative, research-based practices to identify and retain highly effective teachers, and it specifies certain types of demonstration programs that may be eligible for such funding.</p>
  		HB 2426 	<p>Author: Truitt Cook, Byron McClendon Kolkhorst Flynn</p> <p>Sponsor Deuell</p> <p>Last 06/15/2007 E Effective on 9/1/07</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>Caption: Relating to the regulation of the practice of nursing and the renaming of the Board of Nurse Examiners as the Texas Board of Nursing.</p>
 		HB 2427 	<p>Author: Truitt Cook, Byron McClendon Kolkhorst Flynn</p> <p>Sponsor Whitmire</p> <p>Last 06/15/2007 E Effective on 9/1/07</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>Caption: Relating to the continuation and functions of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas; providing penalties.</p>
 	TEA	HB 2455 	<p>House Bill 2455 Effective: 6-16-07</p> <p>House Author: Cook, Byron et al. Senate Sponsor: Seliger</p> <p>House Bill 2455 amends the Education Code to require a school district to grant an excused absence for a student ordered to make a court appearance.</p>

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 	TEA	HB 2503   	House Bill 2503 Effective: 6-15-07	House Author: Eissler et al. Senate Sponsor: Williams House Bill 2503 amends the Education Code to require the commissioner of education to establish a pilot program for school districts to assess students' technology proficiency. The bill requires the Texas Education Agency to adopt an existing, currently available test to assess an individual's mastery of the essential knowledge and skills in technology for participating districts to administer. The bill requires the test to be administered online, be aligned with the essential knowledge and skills requirements for technology applications, and incorporate certain performance-based measures; the test also must be capable of providing a district with an automatic report of a student's proficiency in a format compatible with the district and agency data information systems. The bill requires the test to be given annually to students in a grade level to be determined by the district administering the test.
	TEA	HB 2504   	House Bill 2504 Effective: 6-15-07	House Author: Eissler et al. Senate Sponsor: Shapiro House Bill 2504 amends the Education Code to require the commissioner of education to establish an intervention pilot program in which participating districts will provide intensive mathematics intervention for students who are not performing at grade level in mathematics in grades four through seven and algebra readiness intervention for students who are not performing at grade level in mathematics in grade eight. The bill also requires the commissioner to adopt a list of intervention programs, reviewed and recommended by a panel of recognized experts in mathematics education, that may be implemented by a district and funded under this program. An intervention program must meet certain minimum criteria adopted by the commissioner to be included on the commissioner's list. Districts may implement the intensive mathematics and algebra intervention pilot program at a campus whose population of at-risk students exceeds the state average proportion of at-risk students, but a participating campus must identify a student who does not perform at grade level on the specified assessment instrument as a program-eligible student and must use progress monitoring assessments to ensure that a student is making appropriate progress during a student's placement in the program.

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	TEA	HB 2532 	House Bill 2532 Effective: 6-15-07	House Author: Patrick, Diane et al. Senate Sponsor: Shapiro House Bill 2532 amends the Education Code to allow a school district to expel and place a student in an alternative setting if, with respect to certain felony conduct, the student has: received deferred prosecution, probation, or deferred adjudication; been referred to a juvenile court; or been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of the offense. The bill requires the student to be placed in a juvenile justice alternative education program (JJAEP), if the district is in a county that operates a JJAEP or the district contracts with another county's juvenile board for JJAEP services, or in a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP) until the student graduates from high school, felony charges are dismissed or reduced to a misdemeanor offense, or the student completes the term of the placement or is assigned to another program. The bill requires a district to reimburse the JJAEP for its actual daily costs. To assess a student's academic growth, the bill requires a district to test a student placed in a DAEP for 90 or more school days on the initial placement and on the student's program exit date or as near that date as possible, using a test approved by the commissioner for that purpose. The bill also establishes requirements and conditions for the removal of a registered sex offender from a regular classroom and placement in an appropriate alternative education setting, including requirements and conditions for placement of a student with disabilities who receives special education services. The bill requires a district to convene a committee or, in the case of a student with disabilities, the student's admission, review, and dismissal committee, to review the sex offender's placement after the first semester of the placement. The bill establishes a 24-hour deadline for notification of a school district of the conviction or adjudication of a district student for certain offenses and whether the student must register as a sex offender.
	TEA	HB 2563 	House Bill 2563 Effective: 9-1-07	House Author: Hancock Senate Sponsor: Van de Putte House Bill 2563 adds and amends Education Code provisions relating to school district board of trustees powers and duties. The bill stipulates that a board may act only by majority vote of the members present at a meeting held in compliance with the state's open meetings law at which a quorum is present and voting; requires the meeting minutes, agenda, or recording to reflect each member's attendance at or absence from the meeting and to be publicly accessible; and prohibits a member from acting individually on the board's behalf unless specifically authorized to do so. The bill sets forth specific board powers and duties, lists additional superintendent duties, outlines specific areas where collaboration between the board and the district superintendent is required, and adds or amends provisions regarding other

			<p>interactions between the board and the district superintendent, including with respect to the superintendent's employment and evaluation by the board, the employment of other district personnel by the board on its acceptance or rejection of the superintendent's recommendation regarding those personnel decisions, or the board's delegation of its authority to select district personnel to the superintendent. The bill also requires the minutes of the last regular board meeting held during a calendar year to reflect whether each trustee has met or is delinquent in meeting the training required to be completed as of the date of the meeting. The bill clarifies the prohibition against nepotism for regional education service centers by providing that, for purposes of all employees of each regional education service center, the executive director and each member of the center's board of directors are public officials subject to the state's nepotism laws.</p>
 	TEA	HB 2626   	<p>House Bill 2626 Effective: 6-15-07 House Author: Murphy Senate Sponsor: Janek</p> <p>House Bill 2626 amends the Education Code to lower the student population threshold for a school district that meets other criteria to be exempt from purchasing contract requirements. The bill exempts a district with a student enrollment of 180,000 or more, rather than an average daily attendance of 190,000 or more, that has formally adopted a site-based decision-making plan delegating purchasing decisions to the campus level.</p>
	TEA	HB 2814     	<p>House Bill 2814 Effective: 6-15-07 House Author: Eissler et al. Senate Sponsor: Van de Putte</p> <p>House Bill 2814 amends the Education Code to require the commissioner of education to establish a pilot project in selected school districts to examine dual language education programs and their effect on a student's ability to graduate from high school. The bill establishes criteria for the selection of up to 10 districts and up to 30 campuses, which must include a three-year district commitment to operate a dual language education program, but it limits a district during the first year of the program to planning activities, including the hiring and training of certified teachers, establishing parental and community support, and acquiring the necessary instructional materials. The bill also requires each participating district or campus to establish a community educational pipeline progress team, appointed by the district's board of trustees and consisting of educators, district-level administrators, and parents, to assist in developing and implementing the dual language education pilot project. To expand language learning opportunities for all public school students and district or campus employees, including students and employees in districts or campuses not participating in the pilot project, the bill requires the commissioner to enter into a contract to license language learning software using language immersion methods and to make the software available online to public school students and employees across the state not later than January 1, 2008.</p>

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	TEA	HB 2864      	House Bill 2864 Effective: 6-15-07	House Author: Chisum Senate Sponsor: Shapiro House Bill 2864 amends the Education Code to require the commissioner of education to establish a pilot program to award state grants for supplemental technology-based instruction for students in grades 6 through 12 at participating campuses in rural school districts. The bill establishes campus eligibility criteria for participation and the receipt of state funds and requires the commissioner to develop a campus application and selection process. A participating campus is entitled to state funds up to \$200 per program-eligible student per year, but to receive the state funds, the campus must contribute at least \$100 per program-eligible student per year in additional funding for the campus's program activities. The additional funding may consist of local funds, private funds, or state funds other than pilot program grant funds. The bill requires a participating campus to provide students with individual access to technology-based supplemental instruction for at least 10 hours each week.
 	TEA	HB 3171   	House Bill 3171 Effective: 6-15-07	House Author: Swinford Senate Sponsor: Wentworth House Bill 3171 amends the Education Code to require the Texas Education Agency to develop and make available to school districts a list of resources on Internet safety, including a list of organizations and websites that may help teachers and students learn about the dangers of allowing personal information to appear on a website, the significance of copyright laws, and the consequences of cyber-plagiarism and theft of audiovisual works, including motion pictures, software, and sound recordings, through uploading and downloading files on the Internet.
  		HB 3184      	House Bill 3184 Effective: 6-15-07	House Author: Coleman Senate Sponsor: Deuell House Bill 3184 amends the Health and Safety Code to direct the Department of State Health Services to increase immunization awareness and participation in the state's early childhood vaccination program among parents of children in certain child-care facilities. The bill requires specific methods to be employed by the department in its efforts and directs the department to work in conjunction with the Department of Family and Protective Services. House Bill 3184 also requires the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of a system designed to give priority for influenza vaccine orders to physicians and other licensed health care providers over retail establishments. The commissioner is authorized to implement such a system if it is determined to be feasible.

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		HB 3190 	Author: Giddings Sponsor: Carona Last Action: 06/15/2007 E Effective on 9/1/07 Caption: Relating to school bus safety; creating an offense.
	TEA	HB 3259 	House Bill 3259 Effective: 6-15-07 House Author: Branch Senate Sponsor: Shapiro House Bill 3259 amends the Education Code to require the commissioner of education to establish a program for participating school districts to administer international assessment instruments to their students. The bill requires the commissioner to select both rural and urban districts, and it allows the commissioner, if necessary, to require a district's participation. The bill further requires the commissioner to compare the performance on these instruments of Texas students with students of the same grade level in other countries, compare these instruments with Texas assessment instruments and educational goals, and provide professional development for educators in interpreting and using test results. The bill allows the commissioner to use not more than \$2 million per biennium in Foundation School Program funds for the program, and it requires the commissioner to deliver a biennial report describing the results of student performance on these instruments to the governor, legislature, and school districts.
		HB 3485 	Author: King, Susan Anchia Kolkhorst Eissler Sponsor: Shapiro Last Action: 06/15/2007 E Effective immediately Caption: Relating to career and technical education provided by school districts and certain postsecondary institutions.
		HB 3618 	House Bill 3618 Effective: 6-15-07 House Author: Raymond et al. Senate Sponsor: Zaffirini House Bill 3618 amends the Health and Safety Code to require the Department of State Health Services, in consultation with the Texas Education Agency, to adopt criteria for the development of a diabetes intervention pilot program for school districts that are located on the Texas-Mexico border and that have a population of less than 600,000. The bill requires the program to include certain components, provides for an evaluation of the program's effectiveness in the first year, and requires the department to distribute funds appropriated for that purpose to each school district that chooses to implement a pilot program. The bill also requires the department to employ a grant writer to help school districts in the Texas-Mexico border region obtain grants and other funds for school-based health centers and limits the funds.

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  		HB 3659   	House Bill 3659 Effective: 9-1-07	House Author: Dunnam Senate Sponsor: Ellis House Bill 3659 amends the Penal Code to provide that the name of a student in a public or private primary or secondary school who is involved in the offense of an improper relationship with an educator is prohibited from being released to the public and is not public information under the law.
	TEA	HB 3678     	House Bill 3678 Effective: 6-8-07	House Author: Howard, Charlie et al. Senate Sponsor: Williams et al. House Bill 3678 amends the Education Code to require that a school district, beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, adopt and implement a local policy that provides for a limited public forum and voluntary student expression of religious viewpoints at school events and graduation ceremonies, in class assignments, and in noncurricular school groups and activities. The bill requires the district to treat such expression on an otherwise permissible subject in the same manner as the expression of a secular or other viewpoint and prohibits the district from discriminating against a student based on his or her expressed religious viewpoint. The policy must require the district to ensure that a student speaker does not engage in obscene or indecent speech and to provide a disclaimer that a student's speech is not endorsed or sponsored by the district. The bill provides
 	TEA	HB 3851   	House Bill 3851 Effective: 6-15-07	House Author: Morrison Senate Sponsor: Shapiro House Bill 3851 amends the Education Code to require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to establish a standard method for computing a high school grade point average (GPA) that is based on a four-point scale; assigns additional weight for honors, advanced placement, international baccalaureate, or dual credit courses as the board considers appropriate; and may result in a GPA higher than 4.0 on a four-point scale as a result of the added weighting. The bill requires that method to be used in determining a student's eligibility for university admission under the state's uniform admission policy. The bill changes from July 1 to December 1 the deadline for the annual report required of each public college and university on the composition of its incoming freshman class, requires each institution to post the report on its website, and requires the report to include a breakdown of the class by high school class standing and a description of the institution's plans, policies, or programs to recruit and retain students from underrepresented groups such as racial or ethnic minority groups. The bill also requires each public college and university to adopt a written undergraduate transfer policy that provides for outreach and recruiting directed at junior colleges and other lower-division campuses.

Monday, August 27, 2007 (91st day following final adjournment)

Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not be effective immediately) become law [Sec. 39, Art. III, Texas Constitution]

ADENDUM

[HB 1059*](#) Author: Parker | Truitt | Zedler | Veasey | Laubenberg
Sponsor: Nelson
Last Action: 05/15/2007 E Effective immediately
Caption: Relating to an immunization awareness program in certain school districts.

Agency: Texas Department of State Health Services

Additional Information: The close of the 80th Legislative Session resulted in the passage of House Bill (HB) 1059, which requires DSHS to create a list of the required immunizations for school attendance and a list of the recommended vaccinations. The required immunization list, although already in existence as the *Minimum Immunization Requirements*, has been updated. DSHS follows the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended immunizations, thus this schedule will serve as the department's recommended list of vaccinations.

HB 1059, also known as the Emily Lastinger Act, requires school districts that maintain a website to post the list of immunization requirements and recommendations in English and Spanish. In an effort to align the mandated information in a user-friendly format that can be easily linked to any ISD website, the DSHS Immunization Branch has updated the Immunization Requirements web page. Some of the items found in the new web page include a listing of the required immunizations for school attendance for SY 07-08 and a link to the 2007 recommended immunization schedule. Please visit:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm>

to view more information related to school immunization compliance