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Today's Agenda

- School finance reform
- State budget highlights
- Legislation affecting local governments
- Other important bills
- Q & A



School Finance Reform | House Bill 3

- HB 3 invests **\$11.5 billion** above current law (over 2 years) on public education and property tax relief
 - **\$6.5 billion** for increased funding to schools
 - **\$5 billion** for property tax relief



School Finance Reform | House Bill 3

Dallas & Richardson ISDs in 2020

- Dallas ISD

- **\$70 million increase** in funding
 - Equivalent to \$508 more per student (a 5% increase)
 - Recapture payments back to the state decrease by 94% (nearly \$174 million)

- Richardson ISD

- **\$16.4 million increase** in funding
 - Equivalent to \$447 more per student (a 5% increase)
 - Recapture payments back to the state decrease by 97% (over \$7.2 million)



School Finance Reform | House Bill 3

- At least **30% of new funding** must go to teacher and school employee pay raises
- Requires districts to offer **full-day pre-K** for eligible 4-year-old children
- Adjusts weights and allotments and adds new elements to reprioritize how money is spent in schools (e.g. comp ed, dyslexia, special ed, bilingual, CTE)
- Gifted & Talented allotment removed, but protections remain for GT programs



School Finance Reform | House Bill 3

- Other innovations:
 - College, career, military readiness outcomes bonuses
 - Mentor program allotment
 - Early childhood literacy and mathematics proficiency plans required
 - Teacher compensation incentives for designated performance levels and high-needs campuses



School Finance Reform | House Bill 3

- More state funding = less reliance on local taxes
- **\$5 billion** dedicated to property tax relief
 - Accomplished by compressing M&O tax rates for all school districts
- Impact on our local school districts:

Dallas & Richardson ISD M&O Tax Rates		
2019	2020	2021
\$1.17	\$1.06	\$1.05



State Budget Highlights

- Over \$250 billion appropriated over the next two years
- Governor signed budget with no line-item vetoes
- Major change from last cycle is \$11.5 billion for school finance and property tax relief
- Additional funding for mental health services, early childhood intervention, graduate medical education, and anti-human trafficking programs
- Funding for disaster recovery and preparation



Legislation Affecting Local Governments

Senate Bill 2

Previous Law	Senate Bill 2
8% rollback rate on property tax revenues	3.5% “no new taxes rate” for cities and counties ¹
Citizens may petition for a special election on whether or not to adopt the tax rate	A special election is automatically triggered on whether or not to adopt the tax rate
<p>1. In calculating the 3.5% revenue rate, various revenues are excluded, including revenues used to pay debt obligations. Only property that is also on the prior year’s tax rolls is subject to the cap.</p>	



Legislation Affecting Local Governments

Senate Bill 2

- The largest portion of the budget for most cities and counties is public safety
- Effect on City of Dallas if SB 2 had been law last year: estimated at \$25 million (despite reduction in property tax rate)



Other Important Bills | Retired Teachers

- **Retired Teacher Pensions:**

- SB 12 increases contributions to the TRS pension fund to make it actuarially sound
- Supplemental budget appropriates \$589 million to provide retired teachers with a \$2,000 “13th check” in 2020

- **Health Care for Retired Teachers:**

- Supplemental budget dedicates \$230 million to cover shortfalls in TRS-Care funding
- No increase in retired teachers’ healthcare premiums



Other Important Bills | Mental Health

- Mental health for students: HB 18 / HB 19 / SB 11
 - Requires additional mental health training for school personnel
 - Increases availability of mental health resources to schools by:
 - Creating a grant program for schools to hire mental health professionals
 - Placing mental health professionals in regional education service centers
 - Creates the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium to facilitate access to mental health care services through tele-health and the child psychiatry access network
 - Expands the mental health workforce through training and funding opportunities



Other Important Bills | Surprise Medical Billing

- Out-of-Network Billing: SB 1264
 - Disputes between an insurance company and an out-of-network provider are resolved through arbitration without involving the patient



Other Important Bills

- Improved oversight of managed care companies that contract with the state to provide Medicaid services
- Extension of the statute of limitations for sexual assaults and requiring audits of untested rape kits across Texas
- Pipeline safety legislation following the Dallas pipeline explosions last year
- Raising of the age to legally purchase tobacco products to 21
- Extension of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas



Other Important Bills (cont.)

- Revenue from the sporting goods sales tax dedicated to state parks and historical sites
- A specialized disaster recovery task force and a flood infrastructure fund for flood mitigation projects
- Expansion of the “Compassionate Use Program” to allow prescriptions of low-THC cannabis for terminal cancer, ALS, autism, and incurable neurodegenerative diseases



More work to be done...



Our Office's Work | Bills

- **SB 1678** (HB 2030) | **Signed into Law**
 - Made children who qualified for 3-year-old pre-kindergarten automatically eligible for 4-year-old pre-kindergarten; will eliminate unnecessary paperwork and staff time
- **SB 2200** (HB 3699) | **Signed into Law**
 - Ensures state health agencies can work with the FBI to perform background checks on day-care and elder-care workers
- **HB 2143** | **Signed into Law**
 - Allows first responders to receive worker's compensation if they experience PTSD due to exposure to multiple traumatic events
- **HB 3635** | **Signed into Law**
 - Ties benefits paid to the surviving families of first responders killed in the line of duty to inflation, ensuring the value of the benefits does not diminish over time



Our Office's Work

Budget Riders & Amendments

- **HHSC Rider # 95 (State Budget)**
 - Increases appropriations to Children's Advocacy Centers by \$10+ million to address a backlog in delivering services to thousands of child victims of crime
- **Amendment No. 61 (HB 3)**
 - Requires school districts to continue to report how much they are spending on Gifted & Talented programs in their certification to the state
- **DSHS Rider # 30 (State Budget)**
 - Modifies a program that delivers vaccines to uninsured adults to ensure that unused vaccines are available to elderly adults who are on Medicare but whose insurance does not cover vaccines
- **Amendments to SB 2**
 - Promotes transparency by adding to the ballot proposition for proposed property tax rates the preceding year's tax rate, alongside the proposed rate

Q & A

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