

Texas State Representative Jason Villalba

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Capitol Report

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Thank you for reading the first edition of the Capitol Report. Through this e-news, Rep. Villalba hopes to keep you updated with what is going on in Austin during the 83rd Session of the Texas Legislature. Please contact Rep. Villalba to let him know your thoughts, concerns, and ideas by contacting me at Jason.Villalba@house.state.tx.us.

Making News:

Rep. Villalba is quickly becoming an advocate for his constituents at the Texas Capitol. Speaker Joe Straus appointed Rep. Villalba to serve on the **Business and Industry** and **Environmental Regulation Committees** during his first full term.

The Texas Observer included him in their list of [Legislators to Watch](#).

KERA Dallas did a news story on the opening day excitement, moving into a new office in the Texas Capitol, and his priorities for the upcoming session in [New Dallas County Lawmaker Anxious To Make His Mark](#).

In addition, Rep. Villalba filed House Bill 1009, the **Protection of Texas Children Act**. The legislation creates a new subset of law enforcement officer, called School Marshals, who will serve as the last line of defense should an armed attacker threaten the lives of children in public schools. The School Marshal program will be optional - providing for a rigorous standard of training and certification to expand law enforcement into schools should a school district choose to participate.

For the **Dallas Morning News**, Gromer Jeffers, Jr. covered the bill filing in his story, [Republican Jason Villalba files bill that would establish and train school](#).

In additional news coverage, KVUE aired [New bill creates 'School Marshal' program](#) and the Texas Tribune filed [Villalba Files School Marshal Bill](#).

The American Free Press article, [Texas Lawmakers Believe Disarming Public Wrong Approach to Stopping Gun Crime](#), and [video](#) of Mark Anderson interviewing Rep. Villalba on the Protection of Texas Children Act.

Thank you for taking the time to stay informed. Once again, please email Rep. Villalba at Jason.Villalba@house.state.tx.us with your ideas, thoughts, and concerns.



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