



Dear Friends,

A lot happened at the Texas House this week, so let's get right to it.

This week we passed [House Bill 3](#), our school safety bill and a top priority for the Texas House. This bill delivers an innovative plan to secure our schools and protect our children. You can read about it in detail at the link above but I'm going to highlight some of the major initiatives below:

- Ensures at least one armed security guard at every school campus
- Invests an additional \$15,000/year to each campus for school safety measures
- Provides oversight for the implementation of new safety rules

In conjunction with HB 3, the House also passed [House Bill 13](#) which devotes more resources to mental health and school safety. This bill will:

- Require school employees to receive Mental Health First Aid Training
- An increase in the school safety allotment to \$100 per student
- A stipend to support highly-trained, armed personnel on campuses

Along with school safety, it's a priority of the House to make sure that we recruit, prepare and retain our amazing classroom teachers. [House Bill 11](#) will make a number of improvements including:

- Allocating over \$500 million for recruitment and retention strategies, including a pay raise for certain teachers.
- Providing free public school pre-k for the children of Texas teachers, increasing flexibility for those teachers needing child care.
- Requires Teacher Time Study to review how staff schedules, non-instructional duties, and professional development requirements are affecting the amount of time classroom teachers work each week

Additional education bills passed this week include, [HB 100](#) which will provide financial stability to school districts by shifting to an enrollment-based funding system for most allotments and [SB 838](#) which will require campuses to provide classrooms with silent panic alert technology.

As chair of the Judiciary Committee, I spend a lot of time learning about how to improve our justice system. This week, I passed [House Bill 2014](#) which will help elevate jury service in Texas by raising juror pay from \$6 to \$20 for the first day and \$40 to \$58 for every day after. Juries are essential to our justice system and this is a small way for us to make jury service easier for our citizens.

CONSERVATIVE BILLS ON THE MOVE

I think we have all seen the addictive nature and negative impacts that social media has had on our kids. This week, we passed [House Bill 18](#) – The SCOPE Act - which I was proud to support and co-author. Social media companies are pushing harmful algorithms, promoting scary and deceitful content and are harvesting our children’s data. Simply put, this bill empowers parents and gives them the tools they desperately need to help protect their children online.

THIS WEEK AT THE TEXAS HOUSE

Collin County has some of the best Judges in Texas — including Jill Willis, Jennifer Edgeworth, Christine Nowak and Lindsey Wynne at the top of the list. Glad to welcome them to the Capitol to celebrate Texas Women Judges’ Day!



EARLY VOTING CONTINUES THROUGH TUESDAY MAY 2ND

If you haven't gotten out to vote in your local elections yet, you still have time! Early voting ends on May 2nd with Election Day on May 6th. You can find early voting locations and times at [this link](#).



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Floor Schedule:

- Monday: Convene at 10am
- Tuesday: Convene at 10am
- Wednesday: Convene at 10am
- Thursday: Convene at 10am
- Friday: Convene at 9am

Rep Leach Bills on the House Floor

[HB 1745](#) – 5/1

[HB 1747](#) – 5/1

[HB 3158](#) – 5/1

[HB 3474](#) – 5/1

All My Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Leach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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