



HERO Bills and Courage Bills - awarded by Texas Parents

Texas Parents recognize Lawmakers who have authored bills that solve problems in education in a way that respects parental rights. "Courage Bill" takes courage to file, solves a significant problem with a parent inspired or approved approach, and is self-enforcing or contains enforcement. "Hero Bill" stretches beyond "Courage Bill" to a place where there is no identifiable improvement and the enforcement is robust.

Parent and community volunteers across Texas are continuing to review bills. We will continue to add bills and commentary, as needed.

HERO BILLS

Bill	Author	Caption	911 Official Position	Comment	Texas Ed 911 Priority
SB 1031	Hall	Relating to studies or surveys on children's sexual behavior conducted at or by a public primary or secondary school, a public institution of higher education, a prescription drug manufacturer, a research entity, or another person; creating criminal offenses; imposing civil penalties.	For	Prohibits the surveying of a minors sexual behaviors which is currently done for most human sexuality curriculums in Texas. Provides for a state jail felony and civil penalties.	Parents Are Primary, Obscenity & Sexualization
HB 1404	Shaheen	Relating to prohibiting public schools from purchasing library materials from certain vendors.	For	One district in Texas determines library material to be obscene or sexually inappropriate and it removes that library book from all Texas public schools.	Obscenity & Sexualization
SB 2501	Middleton	Relating to the process for filling a vacancy on the board of trustees of an independent school district.	For	Prohibits appointment of school board members; requires all school board vacancies to be filled through elections.	Consequences & Accountability
HB 3357	Schatzline	Relating to civil liability for obscenity.	For	Imposes civil liability on perpetrators of obscenity & makes a defendant liable for damages to the person harmed by the obscenity.	Consequences & Accountability, Obscenity & Sexualization
HB 5290	Dutton	Relating to authorizing a private right of action against a school district or open enrollment charter school that violates a student or parental right.	For	Provides for civil court remedies, independent of the local grievance process, for parents whose rights have been violated. Removes Sovereign Immunity from school districts & assigns an unacceptable performance rating for more than 2 yrs.	Parents Are Primary, Consequences & Accountability

COURAGE BILLS

Bill	Author	Caption	911 Official Position	Comment	Texas Ed 911 Priority
SB 163 /HB 478 /SB 391	Campbell-Hughes /Hall /Hull	Relating to parental approval for a student's participation in human sexuality instruction in public schools.	For	Makes parental opt-in to human sexuality curriculum permanent, currently it expires August 2024.	Parents Are Primary, Obscenity & Sexualization
SB 175	Middleton	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.	For	Would prohibit TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) from lobbying at the Capitol.	No Tax Funded Lobbying
HB 201	Klick	Relating to a requirement to report through the Public Education Information Management System the number of students transported from a school district or open-enrollment charter school for a mental health emergency detention.	For	Enhances transparency by making school districts report to PEIMS how many children are placed under mental health detention and transported to psych hospitals. Such detentions are required reporting in PEIMS (to TEA), where parents can see them.	Transparency

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SB 392 / HB 2510	Hall / Cain	Relating to transparency in certain legal proceedings and contracts involving a school district and a limit on legal fees that may be spent by a school district in certain legal proceedings.	For	This very creative bill will significantly decrease legal fees for school districts as well as providing districts with the incentive to acknowledge and work with parents.	Transparency, Consequences & Accountability
SB 400/ SB 595/ HB 1149	Hall /Kolkhorst /Swanson	Relating to requiring parental consent for psychological or psychiatric examination, testing, or treatment conducted by a school district employee.	For	Ensures that parents, not the state, are empowered to give or withhold consent for psychological examinations, testing, and treatment, including intrusive surveys.	Parents Are Primary, Back to Basics
SB 421	Paxton	Relating to the applicability of certain requirements relating to parental rights, open records, and public information to school districts designated as districts of innovation.	For	Prevents ISDs from exempting themselves from the Parental Rights Chapter (Ch 26) of Ed Code , Open Meetings Act and Open Records Act. Adding Ed Code, Section 28.004, would be a suggestion.	Parents Are Primary
SB 654	Hall	Relating to requiring the disclosure of public school curricula and teaching materials.	For	All instructional material would have to be posted at least a week prior to the lesson being delivered so a parent would have the opportunity to review the material.	Transparency
SB 690	Middleton	Relating to the appointment of an inspector general for education and the creation of a division of inspector general for education in the governor's office to investigate the administration of public education.	For	The establishment of an Inspector General for Education is necessary and past due according to all Texas parents. Oversight is needed to insure school districts are operating lawfully. A potential improvement would be to add oversight of the TEA to the list of Inspector General authorities.	Parent Ombudsman
SB 828 /HB 5035	Hall /Toth	Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of sale, distribution, or display of harmful material to a minor.	For	Redefines the definition of harmful material so that sexually inappropriate material cannot be hidden within material as a whole.	Obscenity & Sexualization
HB 900	Patterson	Relating to the regulation of books sold to or included in public school libraries.	For	Mandates library collection standards, prohibits sexually explicit materials, and vendors can loose ability to sell to Texas public schools if violated.	Obscenity & Sexualization
HB 964	Jetton	Relating to the applicability of sex offender registration requirements to the offense of improper relationship between educator and student.	For	Convictions of improper relationship between an educator and student must appear on the Sex Offender Registry.	Consequences & Accountability
SB 1152/ HB 2736/ HB 2875	Hall/Toth/Leo-Wilson	Relating to requirements regarding certain student resources provided to public and private school students by a public or private primary or secondary school, institution of higher education, state agency, or public library.	For	Requires providers of a digital or online resources for school districts verify that the resource does not contain harmful materials. Violators may have their contract terminated by the school district.	Obscenity & Sexualization
SB 1731	Hughes	Relating to human sexuality instruction provided by public schools.	For	Prohibits human sexuality instructional materials from going beyond the TEKS.	Obscenity & Sexualization, Back to Basics
SB 1880	Hughes	Relating to the grievance procedure in public schools.	For	Shortens the grievance procedure, adds a Parent Complaint Board and allows civil suit in district court for parents dissatisfied with the district's decision.	Parents Are Primary, Consequences & Accountability
HB 1924	Patterson	Relating to the establishment of an ombudsman for parents of children enrolled in public school.	For	Establishes a Parent Ombudsman, an objective entity, independent of the local grievance process, to provide speedy oversight and accountability that protects parental rights and requires adherence to the law and Constitutional protections.	Parent Ombudsman

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SB 2114	Paxton	Relating to the establishment of the office of independent ombudsman for the Texas Education Agency.	For	Establishes an Ombudsman to provide oversight regarding parental rights violations, independent of the school district and the Texas Education Agency (TEA).	Parent Ombudsman
SB 2242	Kolkhorst	Relating to a policy adopted by school districts allowing parent volunteers on school district campuses.	For	Allows parents back in class and on district property to volunteer. Teachers suggested this bill to improve student discipline.	Parents Are Primary
HB 2952	Cunningham	Relating to procedures for the suspension, expulsion, or placement in a disciplinary alternative education program or juvenile justice alternative education program of a public school student enrolled in a school district.	For	Establishes currently absent due process protections for students referred to Discipline Alternative Education Placement (DAEP).	Correct Failed Discipline
HB 4978	Smith	Relating to reports of certain misconduct committed by an employee of a public school, regional education service center, or shared services arrangement and a study by the Texas Education Agency regarding employee misconduct reporting mechanisms.	For	Strengthens the reporting system for misconduct among certificate holders. Provides parents a portal for reporting without going through the local grievance process. Ensures that certificate holders are forced to be listed on the Do Not Hire and Sex Offender Registries when applicable.	Transparency, Consequences & Accountability
HB 5107	Smithee	Relating to local school health advisory councils and health education provided by public schools.	For	Requires Social Emotional Learning (SEL) go through the School Health Advisory Council which is mostly parents.	Parents Are Primary, Transparency, Back to Basics