

# Legislative Solution #2

# Schools will be Fully Transparent with Parents

regarding everything to which their child is or will be exposed, without exception.

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

## **HERO BILLS**

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Bill	Author	Caption	Position	Comment

WAITING ON HERO BILLS

### **COURAGE BILLS**

Bill	Author	Caption	911 Official Position	Comment
<u>SB 392 /</u> <u>HB 2510</u>	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.
<u>SB 654</u>	Hall	Relating to requiring the disclosure of public school curricula and teaching materials.	For	This bill strengthens the parent-teacher relationship by eliminating the need for a parent to ask for a lesson plan or instructional material and risk not obtaining the information in time. 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. This also increases the likelihood teachers will use approved curriculum and not choose materials intended to influence students' adoption of a particular ideological lens.
<u>HB 201</u>	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.

### **Priority Bills**

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<u>SB 43</u>	Zaffirini	Relating to business days for purposes of the public information law.	For	This bill would increase the ability to timely obtain information year-round from school districts.
<u>SB 44</u>	Zaffirini	Relating to a governmental body's response to a request for public information.	For	We strongly support the increased communication from the government body to the requestor. We propose additional transparency by requiring the government body to post on its website any letters from the AG as both a deterrent and increased accountability.
<u>SB 45</u>	Zaffirini	Relating to maintenance and production of electronic public information under the public information law.	For	This bill is a great step toward transparency, applies common sense, and seems long overdue.
<u>SB 797</u>	Middleton	Relating to disclosure of certain relationships with local government officers and vendors.	For	Increases transparency by strengthening the requirement to disclose relationships between government entities and contractors.