

**Child Legislative Bills
81st Texas Legislature**

STRENGTHEN CHIP AND MEDICAID

PASSED

SB 187 Deuell **Signed by Governor; Effective on 9/1/09**
Children with disabilities <300% FPL may purchase Medicaid coverage

EXPIRED

***SB 841 Averitt** **Amended to CCR SB 2080**

***HB 2962 Coleman**

Eligibility for the child health plan.

- **CHIP Buy-In to 300% FPL** (*Texas CHIP Coalition*)
- Full-cost CHIP buy-in ONLY for kids from 300-400% FPL who lose Medicaid or CHIP
- Provisions designed to **improve HHSC eligibility system** performance standards
- Provision to certify many Food Stamp cases for 12 months
- Restores the Medically Needy Medicaid benefit for low-income parents (which was cut in 2003 and never restored)
- Disregard (in counting assets) college savings plans and savings accounts across Medicaid, CHIP and TANF

***HB 1541 Turner** **(Amended to HB 2962)**

12 Month Eligibility for Medicaid (*Texas CHIP Coalition*)

HB 743 Dukes (PTA) **(Amended to HB 2962)**

Health benefits coverage for certain persons under the child health plan and other programs. (*Same as HB 584 PLUS: restore Medically Needy, 12 month kids Medicaid; outreach & eligibility streamlining*).

***SB 286 Nelson**

Health passport for Medicaid recipients.

HB 745 Dukes / SB 1189 West

HHSC to develop plan to improve outreach and streamline enrollment for CHIP and Children's Medicaid.

SB 289 Nelson

Ensuring that health information technology used in the medical assistance and child health plan programs conforms to certain standards.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH (MHAT/MHAD)

EXPIRED

HB 620 Davis

Behavioral health services for children and establishment of the Children's Behavioral Health Council.

HB 828 Hochberg/SB 1488 Watson

Grant available to school districts to provide services to students with disabilities.

HB 868 Farabee

Amends the insurance code definition of serious mental illness to include anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa and that group health insurance must include coverage for depression and anorexia and bulimia for persons under 19.

IMMUNIZATIONS

EXPIRED

SB 424 Van de Putte

Establishment and implementation of school-based influenza vaccination programs.

EDUCATION

PASSED

***SB 1646 Van de Putte Signed by the Governor; effective 6/19**

Establishes Council on Children and Families to coordinate services, develop policy for organizations providing services, and determine funding needs.

EXPIRED

***HB 130 Patrick (PTA) (TECEC) Sent to Governor on 6/3 – vetoed 6/19**

Improves quality standards for many pre-k programs and establishes a grant program that protects approx. 7,000 children from losing full-day pre-k programs.

***SB 1730 West**

Minimum training standards for employees of certain child-care facilities

***SB 59 Zaffirini**

Training for employees and operators of certain child-care facilities

HB 1001 Bolton

Limiting the size of public school classes in pre-k, kindergarten and grades to no more than 22 students.

***SB 1613 Lucio**

Establishing an Early Childhood Behavioral Consultation Grant Program.

***HB 1540 Hartnett**

Licensing requirements and fees for certain child-care programs operated by public or private schools.

TEACH MARKETABLE SKILLS AND EXPAND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

EXPIRED**HB 327 Raymond (PTA)**

Grant program for after-school childcare provided by school districts

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

PASSED**HB 1622 Giddings | Rios Ybarra | Crabb Signed by the Governor on 5/23**

Creates a **grant program to provide children at risk of hunger or obesity with increased access to nutritious foods.**

SB 282 Nelson (PFAHT) (PTA) Signed by the Governor 6/19

Grant programs to provide nutrition education to children.

(grants to public schools, early childhood programs, community and faith-based organizations for implementing best practices in nutrition education)

SB 283 Nelson (PFAHT) Signed by the Governor 6/19

School districts must appoint at least 5 parents to local school health advisory councils and require councils to meet at least four times per year with written report annually to the school district's board of trustees.)

SB 395 Lucio (PFAHT) (PTA) Signed by the Governor 6/19*(HB 4629 Lucio)**

Creation of the **Early Childhood Health and Nutrition Interagency Council** to develop an early childhood physical activity and nutrition plan with a recommended timeline for implementation over a 6 year period.

SB 870 Lucio (PTA) Signed by the Governor 6/19

Duties of the interagency obesity council and the Department of Agriculture relating to health, wellness and prevention of obesity.

SB 891 Nelson (PFAHT) Signed by the Governor 6/19
Require that P.E. provides physical activity during at least 50 percent of the weekly class time with many types of physical activities and require that teacher/student ratios for P.E. are comparable to academic classes.

EXPIRED

HB 482 Rodriguez

Programs to increase the availability of fresh produce to, and the purchase and consumption of fresh produce by, certain low-income individuals.

SB 867 Lucio

Summer nutrition programs provided for by school districts.

***HB 613 Naishtat (Amended to HB 2962)**

To ease the re-certification process for Food Stamps by not requiring an interview if the person otherwise meets the eligibility requirements.

SB 544 Ellis

Elimination of smoking in certain workplaces and public places.

HB 159 Deshotel (PFAHT)* (PTA)

Unstructured activity requirements for public school students (Recess) (20 minutes of unstructured and undirected play per day in addition to existing requirements).

HB 1855 Davis/SB 890 Nelson/ (PFAHT)

Increasing physical activity for middle schoolers (increase the 30-minute daily physical activity requirement for middle schoolers from four to six semesters.)

HB 275 Rodriguez (PFAHT)

Methods to increase the number of students who participate in school breakfast programs

SB 869 Lucio (PFAHT) (PTA)

Free breakfast for certain public schools.

SB 352 Shapleigh (PFAHT)

Prohibition of trans-fatty acids in meals provided to students by school districts.

SAFETY

PASSED

***HB 1912 Van De Putte Signed by the Governor 6/19**
Transitional Living Services Program and the Preparation for Adult Living Program for foster children transitioning to independent living.

KINSHIP CARE

PASSED

***SB 1411 West (Amended to HB 1151) Signed by the Governor 6/19**
Increased kinship caregiver assistance, special needs adoption assistance, and critical trauma-informed training of kin and foster/adopt parents to reduce placement breakdowns.

SB 983 Davis, Wendy Signed by Governor; Effective 9/1/09
*Amends the Family Code to provide that **before a child is discharged from foster care the child must receive a personal identification certificate, a social security card, and proof of enrollment in Medicaid if appropriate.***

EXPIRED

SB 493 Nelson (TXP)
 Amends the Education Code to exempt children from payment of tuition and fees for higher education under certain conditions.

***HB 884 Naishtat (TXP)**
 Relating to the permanent placement of certain foster children.

HB 1068 Naishtat (TXP)
 Requires that prior to the adversary proceeding the DFPS must file with the court a child placement resource form, the results of criminal background checks, the home study and a statement of why they selected the caregiver.

SB 2368 Uresti/ HB 324 Raymond
 Monetary assistance for substitute care provided to a child by a relative caregiver.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

PASSED

***SB 61 Vaught and Zaffirini (TSK)* Signed by the Governor 6/19**
Booster Seat Bill

SB 572 Shapiro (TSK) Signed by the Governor 6/19
Mandates expansion of annual training hours for certain childcare providers who transport children under the age of 9.

HB 537 Berman (TSK) Signed by the Governor 6/19
 Relating to the **transportation of children in passenger vans.**

JUVENILE JUSTICE

PASSED

HB 3689 McClendon | Kolkhorst | Isett | Madden Signed by the Governor 6/19

Relating to the functions and **continuation of the Texas Youth Commission and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission** and to the functions of the Office of Independent Ombudsman for the Texas Youth Commission.

***SB 518 Harris Signed by the Governor 6/19**

Providing access to certain information relating to the discretionary transfer of a child from a juvenile court to a criminal court.

*** *Action Alert Bills***

Acronym Legend

PFAHT: Partnership for a Healthy Texas

PTA: Parent Teacher Association

TECEC: Texas Early Childhood Education
Coalition

TSK: Texas Safe Kids

TXP: TexProtects