

House Public Education Committee
April 30, 2019

The House Public Education Committee met on April 30, 2019, to hear seven Senate bills. These bills have House companions that the Committee has not previously heard. Chairman Huberty indicated that he will be hearing Senate bills only if the Committee has not heard the House companion from this point forward. He also indicated that he would not be voting on any bills until House bills start moving in the Senate.

TSTA supported the following bills:

[SB 54](#) by Zaffirini relating to a study regarding the appropriate methods and standards to evaluate certain students participating in regional day school programs for the deaf. **Requires TEA to conduct a study to determine options for accountability ratings for schools that send students to regional day schools for at least 50 percent of their instructional day.**

[SB 522](#) by Zaffirini et al. relating to the development of an individualized education program for a public school student with a visual impairment. **Updates statute to reflect current language and practices.**

[SB 1451](#) by Taylor et al. relating to the ability of public school teachers to maintain student discipline without being subjected to adverse employment consequences. **Prohibits districts from penalizing teachers for discipline referrals.**

[SB 1557](#) by Lucio relating to military-connected students, including providing a designation for certain school district campuses that take actions to assist those students. Heard in Veteran's Affairs in the Senate. Provides supports to students whose family is connected to the military. **Recognizes campuses that make special efforts to serve their students who are connected to the military.**

[SB 2432](#) by Taylor relating to the removal of a public school student from the classroom following certain conduct. **Requires that a student be removed from a classroom if the student engages in conduct considered to be harassment.**

TSTA took no position on the following bills:

[SB 372](#) by Campbell relating to the authority of an open-enrollment charter school to employ security personnel, commission peace officers, and have school resource officers. **Allows charters to hire officers in the same manner as districts.**

[SB 435](#) by Nelson relating to recommendations by local school health advisory councils regarding opioid addiction and abuse education in public schools. **Requires school health advisory councils (SHACs) to make recommendations about opioid addiction and abuse.**