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Senate District 1	Bryan Hughes	**2020** - Greg Abbott, Texas Homeschool Coalition **2016:** Dan Patrick, Texans for Fiscal Responsibility/Empower Texans, Jonathan Stickland	unfriendly	**Serves on the Education committee.** Authored: SB1356 (Relating to the participation by members of nonprofit teacher organizations in a tutoring program for public school students and related retirement benefits for certain tutors participating in the program). SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education.) SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). SB797 (Relating to the display of the national motto in public schools and institutes of higher education.) Joint authored: SB1831 (anti-sex trafficking). SB 29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). Sponsor: HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Co-Sponsored: HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Sponsored: HB3400 (transfer of students who are children of peace officers). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). 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Served on the education committee during 2017 session. **Voting Record**: Voted contrary to TCTA recommendations in 5 of 6 votes last session. Voted against a teacher pay raise in 2007. **2017 Update**: Voted for SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Voted for extending IGCs (SB 463). Voted for short-term funding for TRS-Care. Opposed long-term funding for TRS-Care. Supported vouchers by voting twice for private school voucher bill (SB 3). Voted for SB 1278 to lower standards for educator prep programs. Voted for SB 13 to take away payroll deduction for professional organizations. Wrote a bill (SB 7) that took away educator payroll deduction for dues. Voted for SB 179 to prevent and respond to cyberbullying in schools. **2015**: supported HB 743 to reduce time spent on testing in grades 3-8. Voted for HB 4 to increased pre-k funding. Voted against amendment to limit pre-k class sizes. Voted for HB 1798 (home rule charter districts). **2013:** Voted against budget bill that increased funding for public education. Voted against amendment to prohibit public funds from being spent on private vouchers. Voted for SB 1458 to shore up TRS and provide retirees a benefit increase. Voted for HB 2012 to improve educator quality by raising standards and improving appraisals. Voted against the Texas Teacher Residency Program. Voted against amendment to require ASD schools to be subject to the same laws as regular districts. Voted against class size caps for ASDs. Voted against bill to notify public if schools do not have a full-time counselor. Voted against amendment to delay expansion of charters. 2019 session: Serves on the Education committee. Authored legislation - SB316 - relating to the attorney general's duty to defend public school teachers. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). Co-sponsor SB213 (End IGC sunset). HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted NO; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted NO; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted NO; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted NO; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted NO. Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers) Grade from Project Educo: F. Website does not list anything about education.
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Relating to an increase in the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue. **SPECIAL SESSION 3**: Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes). Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex).	**Information:** first elected to the Senate in 2014. Up for re-election in 2022. Member of Education committee. Statement from Hall's 2014 campaign website: "State and local government spending from ALL sources should increase only by the sum of population growth plus inflation and no more. I will fight for a state constitutional amendment to set this limit in order to protect current and future taxpayers from excessive spending." Hall signed a pledge in 2012 to limit government spending and make it more difficult for the legislature to pass spending increases for public services such as education. **Voting Record**: **2017 Update**: Sponsored SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Voted for extending IGCs.Voted for SB 13 (payroll deductions); Sponsored SB 2145 (defund G/T. Never got out of committee). Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers) Sponsored SB 16 (commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)Voted for SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker) Voted for the Senate amended HB21 for funding to come froomother means other than ESF. **2016**: Voted for SB 1968 (prohibit payroll deduction for dues to professional organizations). Voted for SB 149 (created IGCs). Voted for SB 893 (do away with minimum salary schedules and compensate teachers based on "performance"). Voted for SB 4 (private school voucher "scholarships" using public franchize tax money). Voted for SB 14 (expand "parent trigger" laws, put struggling schools under private management and potential depopulation). Voted for A-F accountability (SB 6). 2019 session:Serves on the Education committee. Authored legislation - SB79 - eliminating requirement that certain busses that transport children have 3-point seat belts.SB379 - relating to competitive bidding procurements by a school district for certain goods or services, including professional services. SB377 - relating to eliminating certain requirements imposed on school districts; establishing a process for review of a school district's termination or suspension of a classroom teacher. SB380 - relating to a student's eligibility to enroll in courses provided through the state's virtual school network. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). 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Voted yes - SB1696 (Relating to establishing a system for the sharing of information regarding cyber attacks or other cybersecurity incidents occurring in schools in this state). Voted yes - SB1697 (Relating to allowing parents and guardians to elect for a student to repeat or retake a course or grade). Voted yes - SB1716 (Relating to a supplemental special education services and instructional materials program for certain public school students receiving special education services). Voted no - SB179 (Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time). Voted yes - SB1831 (Relating to the punishment for trafficking of persons, online solicitation of a minor, and prostitution and to the dissemination of certain information, including the required printing of certain signs, regarding human trafficking; increasing criminal penalties, providing a civil penalty). Voted yes - SB1955 (Relating to exempting learning pods from certain local government regulations). 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Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB72 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB32 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR4 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). **SPECIAL SESSION 2**: Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions). Voted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). 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Sponsored SB 13 (Payroll deductions)Voted against SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers) Sponsored SB 16 (commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)Voted for SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker) Voted for the Senate amended HB21 for funding to come from other means other than ESF Contributors. **2015:** Voted for SB 1968 (eliminate teacher payroll deductions for dues). Voted for SB 149 (IGCs). Voted against SB 4 (voucher "scholarship" bill). Voted for SB 14 ("parent trigger"deregulation of struggling schools). Voted for A-F accountability bill (SB 6). **2013**: voted for increased ed funding (SB 1). Voted against measure to move funds from transportation to education budget. Votred against measures to increase education funding by taking money out of merit pay program. Voted for SB 1458 (TRS/retiree benefit increase). Voted for SB 2012 to raise standards for entering education profession. Voted for creating Texas Teacher Residency Program. voted for bill that would have reduced time spent on standardized testing in 3-8. Voted for bill to allow students with high scores to skip the exam some years. Voted against bill to require schools to notify public if they don't have a full-time counselor (SB 401). Voted against bill to expand charters across the state. 2019 session: Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted NO; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted NO; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted NO; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted NO; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted NO. Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: F.
Senate District 4	Brandon Creighton	2020 - Greg Abbott 2016: Texans for Fiscal Responsibility (Empower Texans), Texas Homeschool Coalition	unfriendly	Authored: SB1095 (notify students of college credit/work study opportunities). SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education.). SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). Co-authored: SB 29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). Sponsored: HB2256 (Creates a bilingual sped program for students with disabilities). Sponsored: HB3979 ("Banning critical race theory" bill). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted no - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted yes - HB189 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). 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First elected to the Senate in 2014, served in the House from 2007-2014. **Voting Record: 2017 Update:** Voted for SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Voted for extending IGCs.Voted for SB 13 (payroll deductions)Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers)Voted for SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker) . **2015:** voted for SB 1968 (prohibiting payroll deductions). Voted for SB 149 (IGCs). Voted for SB 893 (alternative compensation for educators). Voted for SB 4 (voucher"scholarships"). Voted for SB 14 ("Parent triggers"private takeover of struggling schools). Voted for SB 6 (A-F accountability). **2013:** voted for amendment to prohibit public education funds to be spent on private school vouchers. Voted for SB 1458 to shore up TRS and give benefit increase. Voted against HB 2012 to raise standards for new educators. Voted against Texas Teacher Residency Program. Voted against amendment to require ASD schools to be subject to laws governing regular schools. Voted against class size caps for ASDs. Voted against bill to require schools to notify public if a full-time counselor was not on staff. Voted against an amanement that would have delayed the expansion of charter schools. 2019 session: Authored legislation: SB243 - relating to the carrying or storage of a handgun by a school marshall. SB 244 - relating to the number of school marshalls that may be appointed to serve on a public school campus or at a private school.Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Voted for SB 12 - unanimous vote. HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted NO; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted NO; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted NO; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted NO; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted NO. Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: F. From website: "Brandon's innovative approaches have impacted tax reform efforts in Texas, yielding more than $1 billion dollars in tax cuts for small business along with other franchise tax reforms. While his ultimate goal is repeal of the franchise tax, he will continue crafting stair-step solutions that fund key priorities and shrink the tax burden on Texas job creators. 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	NAME	ENDORSEMENT	RATING	CURRENT SESSION	HISTORY
Senate District 5	Charles Schwertner	**2018:** Texans for Fiscal Responsibility (Empower Texans), Texas Homeschool Coalition, 2012 - Texans for Fiscal Responsibility/Empower Texans	unfriendly	Authored: SB203 (Relating to selection of statewide competitive locations by the University Interscholastic League). Co-Authored: SB1063 (Relating to courses in personal financial literacy & economics for high school students in public schools). SB1522 (Relating to the adjustment of the average daily attendance of a school district on the basis of a calamity). SB481 (Relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a school district offering in person instruction). Co-Sponsored: HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Co-Sponsored: HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). 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Up for re-election in 2022. **Voting Record: 2017 Update**: Sponsored SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Voted for extending IGCs. Sponsored SB 13 (Payroll deductions)Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers)Voted for SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)Sponsored SB 19 (teacher bonuses and retiree insurance assistance); **2015-**Voted to prohibit payroll deductions for professional dues; Voted for IGCs. Voted for teacher performance pay (SB 893). Voted for SB 4 (private school voucher "scholarships". 2019 session: Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Voted for SB 12 - unanimous vote. HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted No; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted No; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted NOo; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted YES; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted N0. Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: F.
Senate District 6	Carol Alvarado		Friendly	Authored: SB1063 (Relating to courses in personal financial literacy & economics for high school students in public schools.). Joint Authored: SB1109 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). SB1831 (anti-sex trafficking). SB776 (Relating to the creation of an inclusive sports program by the University Interscholastic League to provide students with intellectual disabilities access to team sports). Sponsored: HB1504 (Ethnic studies instruction in public schools). Co-Sponsored: HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Co-Sponsored: HB2256 (Creates a bilingual sped program for students with disabilities). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). 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Voted yes - HB2681 (Elective courses on the study of the Bible offered to public school students). Voted yes - HB2721 (Prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official). Voted yes - HB3261 (Electronic administration of tests, measures to support internet connectivity for purposes of the test, the adoption and administration of optional interim tests, the review and use of the instructional materials and technology allotment, and requests for production of instructional materials). Voted yes - HB3456 (Inclusion of funds received by certain educational institutions or programs in foundation school program funds for purposes of certain budget reductions). Voted yes - HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). 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She served on the House Higher Education Committee. **Voting record in House:** For reduce testing. Voted for a bill to give some high school students who've failed certain STAAR tests a pathway to graduate. For suicide prevention training. For increase PK funding. For limited PK class sizes. Against home rule. For increase funding for Pub Ed. Against Pub Ed money being spent on vouchers. For increasing TRS funding. Voted for teacher quality bill. For Teacher Residency Program. For the Achievement School District bill to require ASD schools to be subject to laws pertaining to teacher rights and benefits, discipline and class-size limits. For smaller class sizes in low performing schools. Voted to delay expansion of charter schools. 2013-had a $5,000. contribution from John Arnold. **2017 Update**: voted for HB 1776 (remove US history and promotion requirements from STAAR) Sponsored HB 21 (Huberty School Finance Bill) NOTE: currently running in special election for SD 6 (held December 11). **Voting record from House - no voting record in Senate, newly elected. 2019 update:** Authored legislation: SB326 - relating to the salary paid to certain professional employees of public schools. SB394 - relating to a transportation allotment for school districts required to take action to reduce wealth per student.Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Voted for SB 12 - unanimous vote. HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted YES; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted YES; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted YES; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted YES; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted YES; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted YES; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted YES. Voted yes - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from tax bill). Voted NO - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: A.

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SB347 (Related to the inclusion of local school health advisory councils as governmental bodies for purposes of the open meetings law and the public information law). Co-Sponsored: HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Co-Sponsored: HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Sponsored: HB3270 (HISD takeover bill/expansion of TEA commissioner powers). Co-Sponsored: HB3979 ("Banning critical race theory" bill). Co-sponsored: HB4545 (Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong Foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments. (Bill used to include increasing commissioner powers, now primarily about requiring 30 hours of tutoring at a 3:1 ratio for students who fail STAAR)). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). 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Sponsored/Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB72 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB32 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Sponsored/Voted yes - SJR4 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). **SPECIAL SESSION 2:** Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions). 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Voted yes - SB91 (Relating to a temporary reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and the form of the ballot proposition to be used in an election to approve a tax rate adopted by a school district that exceeds the district's voter-approval tax rate; making an appropriation). Voted yes - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). **SPECIAL SESSION 3:** Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes). Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex).	**Information:** Elected to the Senate in 2014. Up for re-election 2022. Former Harris County Tax Assessor. Serves on the Education committee and the Commission on Public School Finance. **Voting Record:** Voted for an accountability bill to assign "A" through "F" letter grades to school campuses. Voted for a bill to expand "parent trigger" laws in Texas and make it easier for struggling schools to be placed under private management and subject to deregulation upon a by parents. Voted for a private school voucher "scholarship" bill that would divert state franchise tax dollars away from the state budget and use them to subsidize private and religious schools that are not held accountable to taxpayers and voters. Voted for a bill to do away with the minimum salary schedule for teachers and compel school districts to evaluate and compensate their teachers based on measures that are potentially unreliable, such as students' standardized test score data. Voted for a bill to prohibit school districts and other governmental entities from offering payroll deduction as a means of letting their employees pay voluntary dues to professional associations. Voted for a bill to give some high school students who've failed certain STAAR tests a pathway to graduate. **2017 Update**:Sponsored SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Voted for extending IGCs; Sponsored HB 21 (Huberty School Finance Bill) Sponsored SB 13 (Payroll deductions)Sponsor SB 2 (tax credit vouchers)Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers) Sponsored SB 16 (commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)Sponsored SB 19 (teacher bonuses and retiree insurance assistance); 2019 session: Serves on the Education Committee. Authored legislation: SB280 - relating to the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of an independent school district. SB251 - relating to courses offered jointly by public junior colleges and independent school districts. SB1231 - Relating to providing certain public and private school administrators with information regarding certain child abuse and neglect investigations and allegations. SB1477 - Relating to eliminating the requirement that certain top high school graduates be granted automatic admission to certain universities and eliminating the scholarship program for those graduates to attend certain institutions. SB 1476 - Relating to the requirement for certain administrators of certain educational entities to report certain educator misconduct to the State Board for Educator Certification. Co-sponsor SB406 - Relating to the carrying or storage of a handgun by a school marshal. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Voted for SB 12 - unanimous vote. HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted NO; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted NO; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted NO; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted NO; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted NO. Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Authored SB1266 (Do not hire registry for schools). Grade from Project Educo: F. Has pushed for the state to take over HISD.
Senate District 8	Angela Paxton	2018 - Empower Texans/Texans for Fiscal Responsibility	unfriendly	**Serves on the Education Committee.** Authored: SB1696 (Relating to establishing a system for the sharing of information regarding cyber attacks or other cybersecurity incidents occurring in schools in this state). SB1697 (Relating to allowing parents and guardians to elect for a student to repeat or retake a course or grade). SB226 (Relating to instruction in educator training programs regarding digital learning, virtual learning, and virtual instruction). SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). SB347 (Related to the inclusion of local school health advisory councils as governmental bodies for purposes of the open meetings law and the public information law). Co-authored: SB1063 (Relating to courses in personal financial literacy & economics for high school students in public schools). SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education.) Joint authored: SB1831 (anti-sex trafficking). SB2050 (Relating to bullying and cyberbullying in public schools). SB 29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). Co-Sponsored: HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Co-Sponsored: HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Co-Sponsored: HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Sponsored: HB2397 (Relating to the development of an agriculture education program for public elementary schools). Sponsored: HB2392 (Relating to the collection of information regarding public school students who participate in career and technology education, training, and curriculum). Sponsored: HB3597 (Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety in public schools). Sponsored: HB3880 (Relating to a student's eligibility for special education services provided by a school district, including services for dyslexia and related disorders). Co-Sponsored: HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Sponsored: HB4525 (Relating to the approval of career and technology courses by the State Board of Education). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted yes - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). Voted yes - HB2519 (Composition of SBEC, issuance of sanctions by the board, requiring a school district to notify a teacher regarding the submission of complaints to SBEC). Voted yes - HB2681 (Elective courses on the study of the Bible offered to public school students). Voted yes - HB2721 (Prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official). Voted yes - HB3261 (Electronic administration of tests, measures to support internet connectivity for purposes of the test, the adoption and administration of optional interim tests, the review and use of the instructional materials and technology allotment, and requests for production of instructional materials). Voted yes - HB3456 (Inclusion of funds received by certain educational institutions or programs in foundation school program funds for purposes of certain budget reductions). Voted yes - HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open-enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). Voted yes - HB3597 (Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety in public schools). Voted yes - HB 3932 (Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children). Voted yes - HB3979 (critical race theory bill #1). Voted yes - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB4124 (Relating to student enrollment in certain special-purpose districts and the allotment under the public school finance system for those districts). Voted yes - HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Voted yes - HB4545 (Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong Foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments. (Bill used to include increasing commissioner powers, now just is about tutoring). Voted yes - HB547 (Would allow homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities on public school campuses). Voted yes - HB572 (Relating to the inclusion of students enrolled in a dropout recovery school as students at risk of dropping out of school for purposes of compensatory, intensive, and accelerated instruction and to a study by the Texas Education Agency on competency-based educational programs). Voted yes - HB690 (Relating to training requirements for a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district). Voted yes - HB699 (Relating to public school attendance requirements for students diagnosed with or undergoing related treatment for severe or life-threatening illnesses). Voted yes - HB725 (Relating to the eligibility of certain children who are or were in foster care for free prekindergarten programs in public schools). Voted yes - HB750 (Relating to requiring a school district to post the district's employment policy on the district's Internet website). 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Voted yes - SB123 (Relating to instruction in positive character traits and personal skills in public schools). Voted yes - SB1267 (Relating to continuing education and training requirements for educators and other school district personnel). Voted yes - SB1351 (Relating to the donation of food by public school campuses). Voted yes - SB1356 (Relating to the participation by members of nonprofit teacher organizations in a tutoring program for public school students and related retirement benefits for certain tutors participating in the program). Voted yes - SB1365 (Relating to public school organization, accountability, and fiscal management. (HISD takeover bill)). Voted yes - SB1590 (Relating to rules by the State Board for Educator Certification regarding virtual observation options for field-based experiences and internships required for educator certification). Voted no - SB168 (Relating to emergency school drills and exercises conducted by public schools). 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Taught pre-calculus, trigonometry, geometry, and college algebra. For the past 11 years, worked at Legacy Christian Academy in Frisco. From website "I will defend the right and responsibility of parents to make educational decisions for their children. We must reform teacher retention practices so we can keep the brightest and best educators in the classroom. We must reduce bureaucracy and remove mandates that do not lead to efficiencies or better student learning. I support expanded opportunities for parents to choose public, private, and home school options that meets the individual needs of their children." **No voting record, new to Senate. 2019 session:** Serves on the Education Committee. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted NO; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted NO; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted NO; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted NO; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted NO. Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: F.

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	NAME	ENDORSEMENT	RATING	CURRENT SESSION	HISTORY
Senate District 9	Kelly Hancock	2018 - Texans for Fiscal Responsibility/Empower Texans, 2012 - Empower Texans/Texans for Fiscal Responsibility	unfriendly	Co-author: SB1109 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Co-author: SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education). Co-author: SB29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). 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Voted yes - SB1716 (Relating to a supplemental special education services and instructional materials program for certain public school students receiving special education services). Voted no - SB179 (Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time). Voted yes - SB1955 (Relating to exempting learning pods from certain local government regulations). Voted yes - SB2026 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools). Voted yes - SB2050 (Relating to bullying and cyberbullying in public schools). Voted yes - SB2066 (Relating to emergent bilingual students in public schools). Voted yes - SB2081 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - SB2094 (Companion bill to HB4545, the HISD takeover bill. 4545 was passed with the tutoring component only). Voted yes - SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education). Voted yes - SB226 (Relating to instruction in educator training programs regarding digital learning, virtual learning, and virtual instruction). Voted yes - SB279 (Relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on certain student ID cards issued by a public school or public institution of higher education). Voted yes - SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). Voted yes - SB289 (Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to obtain a driver's license or learner license). Voted yes - SB29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). Voted yes - SB338 (Relating to the adoption of uniform general conditions for building construction projects entered into by school districts and the composition of the committee that reviews uniform general conditions). Voted yes - SB348 (Related to parent access to public school virtual instruction and instructional materials for virtual and remote learning). Voted yes - SB369 (Requiring students to submit a FAFSA application as a condition for graduation). Voted yes - SB462 (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for transporting meals and instructional materials to students during a declared disaster). Voted yes - SB481 (Relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a school district offering in person instruction). Voted yes - SB560 (Relating to developing a strategic plan for the improvement and expansion of high-quality bilingual education.). Voted yes - SB746 (Relating to requiring the parent of a student enrolled in a school district to provide and update a parent's contact information). Voted yes - SB776 (Relating to the creation of an inclusive sports program by the University Interscholastic League to provide students with intellectual disabilities access to team sports). Voted yes - SB797 (Relating to the display of the national motto in public schools and institutes of higher education). Voted yes - SB801 (Relating to the development of an agriculture education program for public elementary schools). Voted yes - SB1716 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). **SPECIAL SESSION 1**: Voted yes - SB3 (CRT bill). Voted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB72 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB32 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR4 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). **SPECIAL SESSION 2**: Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions). Voted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). **SPECIAL SESSION 3**: Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes). Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex).	**Information:** elected to the Senate in 2012 after 3 terms in House. Up for re-election in 2022. In an exchange with former school board member, said in no uncertain terms that schools do not need more money even though he admits that the system is broken. Points out that 52% of state spending is on education, fails to acknowledge that amounts to only 38% of public education budget. **Voting record**: 2017 Update-Sponsored SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Voted for extending IGCs.; Sponsored SB 13 (Payroll deductions)Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers) Sponsored SB 16 (commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker); 2019 session: Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Voted for SB 12 - unanimous vote. HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted NO; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted NO; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted NO; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted NO; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted NO; Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: F.
Senate District 10	Beverly Powell	2018 - TSTA, Texas AFT, Texas Parent PAC	Friendly	**Serves on the Education Committee.** Wrote letter to Governor/TEA asking for STAAR to be postponed for the 2020-2021 school year. Authored: SB338 (Relating to the adoption of uniform general conditions for building construction projects entered into by school districts and the composition of the committee that reviews uniform general conditions). Joint authored: SB1109 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence.). SB123 (Relating to instruction in positive character traits and personal skills in public schools). Sponsored: HB2287 (data collection/receipt of reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). Sponsored: HB2954 (Suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention). Grant program for public elementary schools. Sponsored: HB3964 (Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to visit a professional's workplace for a career investigation day). Sponsored: HB3889 (Relating to the cost for certain public school students of a broadband Internet access program offered by the Texas Education Agency). Sponsored: HB773 (Includes CTE students as a student achievement subpop for accountability). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted yes - HB199 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). Voted yes - HB2519 (Composition of SBEC, issuance of sanctions by the board, requiring a school district to notify a teacher regarding the submission of complaints to SBEC). Voted yes - HB2681 (Elective courses on the study of the Bible offered to public school students). Voted yes - HB2721 (Prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official). Voted yes - HB3261 (Electronic administration of tests, measures to support internet connectivity for purposes of the test, the adoption and administration of optional interim tests, the review and use of the instructional materials and technology allotment, and requests for production of instructional materials). Voted yes - HB3456 (Inclusion of funds received by certain educational institutions or programs in foundation school program funds for purposes of certain budget reductions). Voted yes - HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). Voted yes - HB3597 (Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety in public schools). Voted yes - HB 3932 (Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children). Voted no - HB3979 (critical race theory bill #1). Voted yes - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB4124 (Relating to student enrollment in certain special-purpose districts and the allotment under the public school finance system for those districts). Voted yes - HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Voted yes - HB4545 (Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong Foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments. (Bill used to include increasing commissioner powers, now just is about tutoring). Voted no - HB547 (Would allow homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities on public school campuses). Voted yes - HB572 (Relating to the inclusion of students enrolled in a dropout recovery school as students at risk of dropping out of school for purposes of compensatory, intensive, and accelerated instruction and to a study by the Texas Education Agency on competency-based educational programs). Voted yes - HB690 (Relating to training requirements for a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district). Voted yes - HB699 (Relating to public school attendance requirements for students diagnosed with or undergoing related treatment for severe or life-threatening illnesses). Voted yes - HB725 (Relating to the eligibility of certain children who are or were in foster care for free prekindergarten programs in public schools). Voted yes - HB750 (Relating to requiring a school district to post the district's employment policy on the district's Internet website). Voted yes - HB773 (Includes CTE students as a student achievement subpop for accountability). Voted yes - HB785 (Relating to behavior improvement plans and behavioral intervention plans for certain public school students and notification and documentation requirements regarding certain behavior management techniques). Voted yes - SB1063 (Relating to courses in personal financial literacy & economics for high school students in public schools). Voted yes - SB1095 (Relating to notice regarding the availability to public school students of college credit and work-based education programs and subsidies for fees paid to take certain advanced placement tests. (Let students know these programs exist)). Voted yes - SB1109 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB1267 (Relating to continuing education and training requirements for educators and other school district personnel). Voted yes - SB1351 (Relating to the donation of food by public school campuses). Voted yes - SB1356 (Relating to the participation by members of nonprofit teacher organizations in a tutoring program for public school students and related retirement benefits for certain tutors participating in the program). Voted no- SB1365 (Relating to public school organization, accountability, and fiscal management. (HISD takeover bill)). Voted no - SB1590 (Relating to rules by the State Board for Educator Certification regarding virtual observation options for field-based experiences and internships required for educator certification). Voted yes - SB168 (Relating to emergency school drills and exercises conducted by public schools). Voted yes - SB1696 (Relating to establishing a system for the sharing of information regarding cyber attacks or other cybersecurity incidents occurring in schools in this state). Voted yes - SB1697 (Relating to allowing parents and guardians to elect for a student to repeat or retake a course or grade). Voted yes - SB1716 (Relating to a supplemental special education services and instructional materials program for certain public school students receiving special education services). Voted yes - SB179 (Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time). Voted yes - SB1831 (Relating to the punishment for trafficking of persons, online solicitation of a minor, and prostitution and to the dissemination of certain information, including the required printing of certain signs, regarding human trafficking; increasing criminal penalties; providing a civil penalty). Voted yes - SB1955 (Relating to exempting learning pods from certain local government regulations). Voted yes - SB2026 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools). Voted yes - SB2050 (Relating to bullying and cyberbullying in public schools). 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Voted yes - SB289 (Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to obtain a driver's license or learner license). Voted no - SB29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). Voted yes - SB338 (Relating to the adoption of uniform general conditions for building construction projects entered into by school districts and the composition of the committee that reviews uniform general conditions). Voted yes - SB348 (Related to parent access to public school virtual instruction and instructional materials for virtual and remote learning). Voted yes - SB369 (Requiring students to submit a FAFSA application as a condition for graduation). Voted yes - SB462 (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for transporting meals and instructional materials to students during a declared disaster). Voted yes - SB481 (Relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a school district offering in person instruction). Voted yes - SB560 (Relating to developing a strategic plan for the improvement and expansion of high-quality bilingual education.). Voted yes - SB746 (Relating to requiring the parent of a student enrolled in a school district to provide and update a parent's contact information). Voted yes - SB776 (Relating to the creation of an inclusive sports program by the University Interscholastic League to provide students with intellectual disabilities access to team sports). Voted yes - SB797 (Relating to the display of the national motto in public schools and institutes of higher education). Voted yes - SB801 (Relating to the development of an agriculture education program for public elementary schools). Voted yes - SB1716 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). **SPECIAL SESSION 1**: Absent for vote- SB3 (CRT bill). Absent for vote - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Absent for vote - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Absent for vote - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Absent for vote - SB72 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Absent for vote - SB32 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Absent for vote - SJR4 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). Absent for vote - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). **SPECIAL SESSION 2**: Voted no - SB3 (Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions). Voted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). Voted yes - SB91 (Relating to a temporary reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and the form of the ballot proposition to be used in an election to approve a tax rate adopted by a school district that exceeds the district's voter-approval tax rate; making an appropriation). Absent for vote - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes). Voted no - SB3 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex).	**Information:** First elected to Senate in 2018. Up for re-election in 2022. Background in real estate and residential development. Resigned from Burleson ISD School Board to run for Senate. Mom: TX history teacher & coach. "…we must invest in TX neighborhood schools & oppose efforts to impose a state funded voucher system. …ensure that Texas students have high-quality instruction… provide Texas teachers with the tools & resources they need to help our kids succeed. …we must reduce the emphasis on high-stakes standardized testing and instead emphasize a critical thinking and analytical reasoning based curriculum to accelerate the levels of student achievement. … reform our state's district assessment criteria, working towards a criteria that more clearly analyzes campus, district & state performance. …Texas leaders must promote the state's community colleges & universities and invest in innovative research & development that will allow Texas to continue to lead globally in the decades ahead. …will work to maintain set-aside and equalization grants utilized by Texas students of all backgrounds, including low and middle-income families, that make obtaining a college degree affordable." **No voting record, new to Senate. 2019 session: Serves on the Education Committee. Authored legislation: SB351 - relating to indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system.Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted YES; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted YES; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted YES; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted YES; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted YES; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted YES; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted YES. Voted yes - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from tax bill). Voted NO - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: A. Wrote letter to Governor/TEA asking for STAAR to be postponed for the 2020-2021 school year.**
	Warren Norred				

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	NAME	ENDORSEMENT	RATING	CURRENT SESSION	HISTORY
	Phil King	2020 - Greg Abbott 2018 - Texas Home School Coalition. 2012 - Empower Texans - Texans for Fiscal Responsibility	Neutral	Current member of Texas House, representing district 61. Past research in "history" column. Wrote letter to Governor/TEA asking for STAAR to be postponed for the 2020-2021 school year. Co-sponsored: SB797 (Relating to the display of the national motto in public schools and institutes of higher education.) SB1776 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). Co-Authored: HB1776 (creates an elective course on founding documents and requires schools to post the founding documents in their buildings). Co-Authored: HB2557 (School security volunteer program in certain counties). Co-Authored: HB3979 ("Banning critical race theory" bill). Co-Authored: HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Co-authored HB764 (Reducing STAAR testing for public school students). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties).Voted yes - HB1147 (Relating to military readiness for purposes of the indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system and the college, career, or military readiness outcomes bonus under the Foundation School Program). Voted no - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted no- HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted no - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB189 (Relates to severance payments to a superintendent or administrator in an open-enrollment charter school). Voted yes - HB2256 (Creates a bilingual sped program for students with disabilities). Voted no - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). Vo Voted yes - HB2721 (Prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official). ted yes - HB2519 (Composition of SBEC, issuance of sanctions by the board, requiring a school district to notify a teacher regarding the submission of complaints to SBEC). Absent for vote - HB2881 (Elective courses on the study of the Bible offered to public school students). Voted yes - HB2802 (Administration of certain public school assessments and the temporary suspension of accountability during a school year in which public school operations are disrupted as a result of a declared disaster and the requirement to use those instruments for promotion or graduation). Voted yes - HB3261 (Electronic administration of tests, measures to support internet connectivity for purposes of the test, the adoption and administration of optional interim tests, the review and use of the instructional materials and technology allotment, and requests for production of instructional materials). Voted yes - HB3456 (Inclusion of funds received by certain educational institutions or programs in foundation school program funds for purposes of certain budget reductions). Voted yes - HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). Voted yes - HB3597 (Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety in public schools). Voted yes - HB3643 (Creates a Texas Commission on Virtual Education). Voted yes - HB3731 (Relating to public school accountability ratings, including interventions and sanctions administered to a school district, open-enrollment charter school, or district or school campus assigned an unacceptable performance rating.)HISD takeover bill). Voted yes - HB 3932 (Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children). Voted yes - HB3979 (critical race theory bill #1). Voted no - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB4124 (Relating to student enrollment in certain special-purpose districts and the allotment under the public school finance system for those districts). Voted yes - HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Voted yes - HB4545 (Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong Foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments. (Bill used to include increasing commissioner powers, now just is about tutoring). Voted yes - HB547 (Would allow homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities on public school campuses). Absent for vote - HB572 (Relating to the inclusion of students enrolled in a dropout recovery school as students at risk of dropping out of school for purposes of compensatory, intensive, and accelerated instruction and to a study by the Texas Education Agency on competency-based educational programs). Voted yes - HB669 (Relating to public school attendance requirements for students diagnosed with or undergoing related treatment for severe or life-threatening illnesses). Voted yes - HB725 (Relating to the eligibility of certain children who are or were in foster care for free prekindergarten programs in public schools). Voted yes - HB750 (Relating to requiring a school district to post the district's employment policy on the district's Internet website). Voted yes - HB764 (Reducing STAAR testing for public school students). Voted yes - HB773 (Includes CTE students as a student achievement subpop for accountability). Voted yes - HB785 (Relating to behavior improvement plans and behavioral intervention plans for certain public school students and notification and documentation requirements regarding certain behavior management techniques). Voted yes - HB999 (Exempts kids from testing requirements for 2021, allows IGCs for all 5 tests rather than 3). Voted yes - SB1063 (Relating to courses in personal financial literacy & economics for high school students in public schools). Voted yes - SB1095 (Relating to notice regarding the availability to public school students of college credit and work-based education programs and subsidies for fees paid to take certain advanced placement tests. (Let students know these programs exist)). Voted yes - SB1109 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB123 (Relating to instruction in positive character traits and personal skills in public schools). Voted yes - SB1267 (Relating to continuing education and training requirements for educators and other school district personnel). Voted yes - SB1351 (Relating to the donation of food by public school campuses). Voted yes - SB1356 (Relating to the participation by members of nonprofit teacher organizations in a tutoring program for public school students and related retirement benefits for certain tutors participating in the program). Voted yes - SB1365 (Relating to public school organization, accountability, and fiscal management. (HISD takeover bill)). Voted yes - SB1590 (Relating to rules by the State Board for Educator Certification regarding virtual observation options for field-based experiences and internships required for educator certification). Voted yes - SB168 (Relating to emergency school drills and exercises conducted by public schools). Voted yes - SB1696 (Relating to establishing a system for the sharing of information regarding cyber attacks or other cybersecurity incidents occurring in schools in this state). Voted yes - SB1697 (Relating to allowing parents and guardians to elect for a student to repeat or retake a course or grade). Voted yes - SB1716 (Relating to a supplemental special education services and instructional materials program for certain public school students receiving special education services). Voted no - SB179 (Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time). Voted yes - SB1831 (Relating to the punishment for trafficking of persons, online solicitation of a minor, and prostitution and to the dissemination of certain information, including the required printing of certain signs, regarding human trafficking; increasing criminal penalties; providing a civil penalty). Voted yes - SB1955 (Relating to exempting learning pods from certain local government regulations). Voted no - SB2050 (Relating to bullying and cyberbullying in public schools). Voted yes - SB2066 (Relating to emergent bilingual students in public schools). Voted no - SB2081 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - SB226 (Relating to instruction in educator training programs regarding digital learning, virtual learning, and virtual instruction). Voted yes - SB279 (Relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on certain student ID cards issued by a public school or public institution of higher education). Voted yes - SB289 (Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to obtain a driver's license or learner license). Voted yes - SB338 (Relating to the adoption of uniform general conditions for building construction projects entered into by school districts and the composition of the committee that reviews uniform general conditions). Voted yes - SB348 (Related to parent access to public school virtual instruction and instructional materials for virtual and remote learning). Voted yes - SB369 (Requiring students to submit a FAFSA application as a condition for graduation). Voted yes - SB462 (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for transporting meals and instructional materials to students during a declared disaster). Voted yes - SB481 (Relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a school district offering in person instruction). Voted yes - SB560 (Relating to developing a strategic plan for the improvement and expansion of high-quality bilingual education.). Voted yes - SB746 (Relating to requiring the parent of a student enrolled in a school district to provide and update a parent's contact information). Voted yes - SB776 (Relating to the creation of an inclusive sports program by the University Interscholastic League to provide students with intellectual disabilities access to team sports). Voted yes - SB797 (Relating to the display of the national motto in public schools and institutes of higher education). Voted yes - SB901 (Relating to the development of an agriculture education program for public elementary schools). Voted yes - SB1776 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). SPECIAL SESSION 2: Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions). Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). SPECIAL SESSION 3: Voted yes - SB1 (Relating to an increase in the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue). Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes). Voted yes - HB160 (Relating to making supplemental appropriations for education initiatives, institutions, and related agencies and giving direction regarding appropriations). Voted yes - HB25 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). -	**Information:** attorney, first elected in 1999. **Voting Record:** 2017 Update: voted for HB 1776 (remove US history and promotion requirements from STAAR) Sponsored HB 21 (Huberty School Finance Bill); Sponsored HJR 34 (tax-exemptions for for-profit charter schools that never came to a vote.); voted for HB 3976 (Retired Insurance); voted against SB13 (PAyroll Deduction); Sponsored HB 191 (creates a commission to recommend improvements to the public school finance system, end-arounds public education committee)Sponsored HB 253 (tax credit scholarships). 2019 session: Co-authored legislation: HB3 - Relating to public school finance and public education.Co-sponsored legislation: SB12 (state contribution to TRS). SB29 - taxpayer funded lobbying. Voted yes - HB3. Voted yes - HB18 (student mental health services). Voted no - HB102 (mentor teachers). Voted yes - HB953 (TRS contributions). Voted yes - SB12 (TRS contributions). Voted yes - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Grade from Project Educo: B.
Senate District 11	Larry Taylor	2020 - Greg Abbott 2012 - Empower Texans/Texans for Fiscal Responsibility 2016 - Texas Homeschool Coalition, Dan Patrick.	unfriendly	**NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION. Chair, Education Committee.** On Point of Order Podcast with Evan Smith of TX Tribune, said the following (recorded 1/25/21): would give "highest commendation" to Mike Morath for the job he is doing. We need to take the STAAR test this year to "see where we are" in terms of how far behind students have fallen because of the pandemic. Refused to answer question regarding extending "hold harmless," stated that he felt that would be examined and determined soon (though not soon enough for ISD budgets). Said extending hold harmless takes away incentive to find "missing" students. Wouldn't say whether he would veto the extension. Stated that he supported the idea of districts using their current use bond balances to make up differences in budget. Discussed possibility of using online learning to help students catch up online over the summer. Stated there is the curriculum for public high school students, but must have flexibility and creative oversight. Supports TEA virtual school. Authored: SB1171 (Electronic administration of STAAR testing, supporting internet connectivity for STAAR, and adoption and administration of certain optional interim assessment instruments. SB1522 (Relating to the adjustment of the average daily attendance of a school district on the basis of a calamity). SB1716 (Relating to a supplemental special education services and instructional materials program for certain public school students receiving special education services). SB1955 (Relating to exempting learning pods from certain local government regulations). SB2028 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools). SB2094 (Companion bill to HB4545, the HISD takeover bill. 4545 was passed with the tutoring component only.) SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). Joint authored: HB1365 (Relating to public school organization, accountability, and fiscal management.) (HISD takeover bill). SB1831 (anti-sex trafficking). SB 29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). Sponsored: HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Sponsored: HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Sponsored: HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Sponsored: HB3261 (Electronic administration of tests, measures to support internet connectivity for purposes of the test, the adoption and administration of optional interim tests, the review and use of the instructional materials and technology allotment, and requests for production of instructional materials). Sponsored: HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). Sponsored: HB3643 (Creates a Texas Commission on Virtual Education). Sponsored: HB4465 (Relating to grants and federal disaster relief funds available to school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and regional education service centers to provide services to students after a disaster in the state of Texas). Sponsored: HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Sponsored: HB4545 (Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong Foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments. (Bill used to include increasing commissioner powers, now primarily about requiring 30 hours of tutoring at a 3:1 ratio for students who fail STAAR)). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted yes - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). Voted yes - HB2519 (Composition of SBEC, issuance of sanctions by the board, requiring a school district to notify a teacher regarding the submission of complaints to SBEC). Voted yes - HB2881 (Elective courses on the study of the Bible offered to public school students). Voted yes - HB2721 (Prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official). Voted yes - HB3261 (Electronic administration of tests, measures to support internet connectivity for purposes of the test, the adoption and administration of optional interim tests, the review and use of the instructional materials and technology allotment, and requests for production of instructional materials). Voted yes - HB3456 (Inclusion of funds received by certain educational institutions or programs in foundation school program funds for purposes of certain budget reductions). Voted yes - HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). Voted yes - HB3597 (Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety in public schools). Voted yes - HB 3932 (Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children). Voted yes - HB3979 (critical race theory bill #1). Voted yes - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB4124 (Relating to student enrollment in certain special-purpose districts and the allotment under the public school finance system for those districts). Voted yes - HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Voted yes - HB4545 (Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong Foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments. (Bill used to include increasing commissioner powers, now just is about tutoring). Voted yes - HB547 (Would allow homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities on public school campuses). 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Voted yes - HB785 (Relating to behavior improvement plans and behavioral intervention plans for certain public school students and notification and documentation requirements regarding certain behavior management techniques). Voted yes - SB1063 (Relating to courses in personal financial literacy & economics for high school students in public schools). Voted yes - SB1095 (Relating to notice regarding the availability to public school students of college credit and work-based education programs and subsidies for fees paid to take certain advanced placement tests. (Let students know these programs exist)). Voted yes - SB1109 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB123 (Relating to instruction in positive character traits and personal skills in public schools). Voted yes - SB1267 (Relating to continuing education and training requirements for educators and other school district personnel). Voted yes - SB1351 (Relating to the donation of food by public school campuses). Voted yes - SB1356 (Relating to the participation by members of nonprofit teacher organizations in a tutoring program for public school students and related retirement benefits for certain tutors participating in the program). Voted yes - SB1365 (Relating to public school organization, accountability, and fiscal management. (HISD takeover bill)). Voted yes - SB1590 (Relating to rules by the State Board for Educator Certification regarding virtual observation options for field-based experiences and internships required for educator certification). Voted yes - SB168 (Relating to emergency school drills and exercises conducted by public schools). 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Voted yes - SB2026 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools). Voted yes - SB2050 (Relating to bullying and cyberbullying in public schools). Voted yes - SB2066 (Relating to emergent bilingual students in public schools). Voted yes - SB2081 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - SB2094 (Companion bill to HB4545, the HISD takeover bill. 4545 was passed with the tutoring component only.) Voted yes - SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education). Voted yes - SB226 (Relating to instruction in educator training programs regarding digital learning, virtual learning, and virtual instruction). Voted yes - SB279 (Relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on certain student ID cards issued by a public school or public institution of higher education). Voted yes - SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). Voted yes - SB289 (Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to obtain a driver's license or learner license). Voted yes - SB29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). Voted yes - SB338 (Relating to the adoption of uniform general conditions for building construction projects entered into by school districts and the composition of the committee that reviews uniform general conditions). Voted yes - SB348 (Related to parent access to public school virtual instruction and instructional materials for virtual and remote learning). Voted yes - SB369 (Requiring students to submit a FAFSA application as a condition for graduation). Voted yes - SB462 (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for transporting meals and instructional materials to students during a declared disaster). Voted yes - SB481 (Relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a school district offering in person instruction). Voted yes - SB560 (Relating to developing a strategic plan for the improvement and expansion of high-quality bilingual education.). Voted yes - SB746 (Relating to requiring the parent of a student enrolled in a school district to provide and update a parent's contact information). Voted yes - SB776 (Relating to the creation of an inclusive sports program by the University Interscholastic League to provide students with intellectual disabilities access to team sports). Voted yes - SB797 (Relating to the display of the national motto in public schools and institutes of higher education). Voted yes - SB901 (Relating to the development of an agriculture education program for public elementary schools). Voted yes - SB1776 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). **SPECIAL SESSION 1**: Voted yes - SB3 (CRT bill). Voted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB72 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB32 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR4 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). **SPECIAL SESSION 2**: Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions). Voted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). Voted yes - SB91 (Relating to a temporary reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and the form of the ballot proposition to be used in an election to approve a tax rate adopted by a school district that exceeds the district's voter-approval tax rate; making an appropriation). Voted yes - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). **SPECIAL SESSION 3:** Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes). Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex).	**Information:** First elected to the Senate in 2012, after 10 years in the House. Up for re-election 2020. Senate Education Committee and Higher Education Committee Chair. Website statement on education: "Larry supports more local control for school districts and will vote to reduce or eliminate many of the unfunded mandates that currently burden public schools." **Voting Record:** 2017 Update:Sponsored SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Sponsored SJR 42 which would make for-profit charters tax exempt.; Voted for extending IGCs.Voted for SB 13 (payroll deductions); Sponsored SB 2145 (defund G/T. Never got out of committee). Sponsor SB 2 (tax credit vouchers)Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers); Sponsored SB 16 (commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)Voted for SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)Sponsored SB 19 (teacher bonuses and retiree insurance assistance). 2015: Voted for bill against payroll deduction of professional organization dues.(SB1968). Voted for SB 149 which was the original bill that created IGCs for students who didn't meet graduation requirements. Voted for SB 893 which would have done away with teacher minimum salary schedule and tied pay to testing. Authored SB 4 (voucher "scholarships" to private and religious schools). Authored SB 14, sponsored by Texans for Education Reform, which would have expanded "parent trigger" laws. Authored SB 6 (assigned letter grades to school campuses for accountability purposes); 2013: Voted for SB 1 to increase funding for public education; voted against SJR 1 which would have moved $200 million from transportation budget to education; voted against SJR 1 and Watson and Davis amendments that would have taken money out of merit pay program and restored it to public education funding. 2019 session: Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted YES; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted No; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted No; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted No; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted No; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted No. Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). From website: "Larry supports more local control for school districts and will vote to reduce or eliminate many of the unfunded mandates that currently burden public schools." Grade from Project Educo: F.

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	Mayes Middleton		unfriendly	Current member of Texas House, representing district 23. On 8/17/21, in his capacity as Chair of the House Freedom Caucus, sent a message to all superintendents and school board members cautioning them not to put mask mandates in place or punish any staff members or students who don't wear them. Co-sponsored: SB1776 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). Filed HB150 in Special Session 2, to create a tax credit scholarship program (voucher). Attempted to add a taxpayer funded lobbing ban, which would impact professional association dues, to a bill about employment regulations on 9/1. Pulled the amendment once a point of order was raised. Attacked TASB on 9/27, saying: ""Taxpayer funded lobby group TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) votes to support critical race theory. TASB believes regardless of individuals, our Constitutional republic itself is systemically racist."" (Note: the TASB vote he is referring to was not about CRT, it added equity language to the organization's statement of beliefs). Authored: HB1568 (Relating to the School district property value study conducted by the state comptroller). Co-Authored: HB1776 (creates an elective course on founding documents and requires schools to post the founding documents in their buildings). Co-Authored: HB2554 (related to the operation by a school district of a vocational education program to provide eligible high school students with vocational and educational training under a graduation plan and the application of certain student-based allotments under the public school finance system). Co-Authored: HB2557 (School security volunteer program in certain counties). Co-Authored: HB2681 (Elective courses on the study of the Bible offered to public school students). Co-Authored: HB3979 (""Banning critical race theory"" bill). Co-Authored: HB4042 (Relating to requiring public school students to participate in interscholastic athletic activities based on biological sex). Co-Authored: HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Co-Authored: HB547 (Would allow homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities on public school campuses). Co-authored: HB764 (Reducing STAAR testing for public school students). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted no - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted no - HB1147 (Relating to military readiness for purposes of the indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system and the college, career, or military readiness outcomes bonus under the Foundation School Program). Voted no - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted no - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted no - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB189 (Relates to severance payments to a superintendent or administrator in an open-enrollment charter school). Voted yes - HB2268 (Creates a bilingual sped program for students with disabilities). Voted no - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). Voted yes - HB2519 (Composition of SBEC, issuance of sanctions by the board, requiring a school district to notify a teacher regarding the submission of complaints to SBEC). Voted yes - HB2681 (Elective courses on the study of the Bible offered to public school students). Voted yes - HB2721 (Prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official). Voted yes - HB3261 (Electronic administration of tests, measures to support internet connectivity for purposes of the test, the adoption and administration of optional interim tests, the review and use of the instructional materials and technology allotment, and requests for production of instructional materials). Voted yes - HB3456 (Inclusion of funds received by certain educational institutions or programs in foundation school program funds for purposes of certain budget reductions). Voted yes - HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). Voted yes - HB3597 (Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety in public schools). Voted no - HB3643 (Creates a Texas Commission on Virtual Education). Voted yes - HB3731 (Relating to public school accountability ratings, including interventions and sanctions administered to a school district, open-enrollment charter school, or district or school campus assigned an unacceptable performance rating. (HISD takeover bill)). Voted yes - HB 3932 (Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children). Voted yes - HB3979 (critical race theory bill #1). Voted no - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB4124 (Relating to student enrollment in certain special-purpose districts and the allotment under the public school finance system for those districts). Voted yes - HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Voted yes - HB4545 (Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong Foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments. (Bill used to include increasing commissioner powers, now just is about tutoring). 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Voted yes - HB764 (Reducing STAAR testing for public school students). Voted yes - HB773 (Includes CTE students as a student achievement subpop for accountability). Voted yes - HB785 (Relating to behavior improvement plans and behavioral intervention plans for certain public school students and notification and documentation requirements regarding certain behavior management techniques). Voted yes - HB899 (Exempts kids from testing requirements for 2021, allows IGCs for all 5 tests rather than 3). Voted yes - SB1063 (Relating to courses in personal financial literacy & economics for high school students in public schools). Voted yes - SB1095 (Relating to notice regarding the availability to public school students of college credit and work-based education programs and subsidies for fees paid to take certain advanced placement tests. (Let students know these programs exist)). 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Voted yes - SB338 (Relating to the adoption of uniform general conditions for building construction projects entered into by school districts and the composition of the committee that reviews uniform general conditions). Voted yes - SB348 (Related to parent access to public school virtual instruction and instructional materials for virtual and remote learning). Voted yes - SB369 (Requiring students to submit a FAFSA application as a condition for graduation). Voted yes - SB462 (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for transporting meals and instructional materials to students during a declared disaster). Voted yes - SB481 (Relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a school district offering in person instruction). Voted no - SB560 (Relating to developing a strategic plan for the improvement and expansion of high-quality bilingual education.). Voted yes - SB746 (Relating to requiring the parent of a student enrolled in a school district to provide and update a parent's contact information). Absent for vote - SB776 (Relating to the creation of an inclusive sports program by the University Interscholastic League to provide students with intellectual disabilities access to team sports). Voted yes - SB797 (Relating to the display of the national motto in public schools and institutes of higher education). Voted yes - SB801 (Relating to the development of an agriculture education program for public elementary schools). Voted yes - SB1776 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). 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Voted yes - SB2026 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools). Voted yes - SB2050 (Relating to bullying and cyberbullying in public schools). Voted yes - SB2066 (Relating to emergent bilingual students in public schools). Voted no - SB2081 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - SB2094 (Companion bill to HB4545, the HISD takeover bill. 4545 was passed with the tutoring component only). Voted yes - SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education). Voted yes - SB226 (Relating to instruction in educator training programs regarding digital learning, virtual learning, and virtual instruction). Voted yes - SB279 (Relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on certain student ID cards issued by a public school or public institution of higher education). Voted yes - SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). Voted yes - SB289 (Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to obtain a driver's license or learner license). Voted yes - SB29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). Voted yes - SB338 (Relating to the adoption of uniform general conditions for building construction projects entered into by school districts and the composition of the committee that reviews uniform general conditions). Voted yes - SB348 (Related to parent access to public school virtual instruction and instructional materials for virtual and remote learning). 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Voted yes - SB801 (Relating to the development of an agriculture education program for public elementary schools). Voted yes - SB1776 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). **SPECIAL SESSION 1**: Voted yes - SB3 (CRT bill). Voted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB72 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB32 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR4 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). **SPECIAL SESSION 2**: Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions). 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Voted yes - SB91 (Relating to a temporary reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and the form of the ballot proposition to be used in an election to approve a tax rate adopted by a school district that exceeds the district's voter-approval tax rate; making an appropriation). Voted yes - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). **SPECIAL SESSION 3:** Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes). Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex).	**Information:** First elected to the Senate in 1992. Up for re-election in 2020. Former 2-term member of SBOE. Former school teacher. Highest ranking Republican in the Senate. **Voting record**: 2017 Update:Voted for SB3 ESAs (vouchers); voted against extending IGCs; Sponsored SB 13 (Payroll deductions); Sponsor SB 2 (tax credit vouchers)Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers)Voted for SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker) Sponsored SB 19 (teacher bonuses and retiree insurance assistance). 2019 session: Authored legislation: SB3 - relating to additional funding to school districts for classroom teacher salaries.SB383 - relating to a highway toll exemption for public school busses. SB435 - relating to recommendations by local school health advisory councils regarding opioid addiction and abuse education in public schools. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted NO; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted NO; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted NO; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted NO; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted NO. Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: F. Wrote letter to Governor/TEA asking for STAAR to be postponed for the 2020-2021 school year.

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	NAME	ENDORSEMENT	RATING	CURRENT SESSION	HISTORY
	Tan Parker	2022 - Dan Patrick 2020 - Greg Abbott 2018 - Texas Home School Coalition. 2012 - Empower Texans/Texans for Fiscal Responsibility	unfriendly	Current member of Texas House, representing district 63. Past research in "history" column. Wrote letter to Governor/TEA asking for STAAR to be postponed for the 2020-2021 school year. Sponsored: SB1831 (anti-sex trafficking). Co-sponsored: SB797 (Relating to the display of the national motto in public schools and institutes of higher education). Co-Authored: HB1776 (creates an elective course on founding documents and requires schools to post the founding documents in their buildings). Co-Authored: HB2554 (related to the operation by a school district of a vocational education program to provide eligible high school students with vocational and educational training under a graduation plan and the application of certain student-based allotments under the public school finance system). Authored: HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). Co-Authored: HB3880 (Relating to a student's eligibility for special education services provided by a school district, including services for dyslexia and related disorders). Authored: HB3979 ("Banning critical race theory" bill). Co-Authored: HB547 (Would allow homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities on public school campuses). Co-authored: HB764 (Reducing STAAR testing for public school students). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Relating to military readiness for purposes of the indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system and the college, career, or military readiness outcomes bonus under the Foundation School Program). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted no - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB189 (Relates to severance payments to a superintendent or administrator in an open-enrollment charter school). Voted yes - HB2256 (Creates a bilingual sped program for students with disabilities). Voted no - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). Voted yes - HB2519 (Composition of SBEC, issuance of sanctions by the board, requiring a school district to notify a teacher regarding the submission of complaints to SBEC). Voted yes - HB2681 (Elective courses on the study of the Bible offered to public school students). Voted yes - HB2721 (Prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official). Voted yes - HB2802 (Administration of certain public school assessments and the temporary suspension of accountability during a school year in which public school operations are disrupted as a result of a declared disaster and the requirement to use those instruments for promotion or graduation). 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Voted yes - HB3731 (Relating to public school accountability ratings, including prevention and intervention interventions administered by a school district, open-enrollment charter school, or district or school campus assigned an unacceptable performance rating. (HISD takeover bill)). Voted yes - HB 3932 (Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children). Voted yes - HB3979 (critical race theory bill #1). Voted no - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB4124 (Relating to student enrollment in certain special-purpose districts and the allotment under the public school finance system for those districts). 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Voted yes - HB25 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). .	**Information**: businessman, first elected to the Texas House in 2006. **Voting Record:** 2017 Update: Sponsored HB 1184 (tax credits for donating to charter schools) voted for HB 1776 (remove US history and promotion requirements from STAAR); Sponsored HB 510 (version of payroll deduction that never made it out of committee); Sponsored HJR 34 (tax-exemptions for for-profit charter schools that never came to a vote.); Sponsored HB 191 (creates a commission to recommend improvements to the public school finance system, end-arounds public education committee)Sponsored HB 253 (tax credit scholarships). 2019 session: Co-authored legislation: HB3 - Relating to public school finance and public education. Co-sponsored legislation: SB12 (state contribution to TRS). SB29 - taxpayer funded lobbying. Voted yes - HB3. Voted yes - HB18 (student mental health services). Voted no - HB102 (mentor teachers). Voted yes - HB953 (TRS contributions). Voted yes - SB12 (TRS contributions). Voted no - SB29 (Taxpayer funded lobbying). Grade from Project Educo: C
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SB362 - relating to discretionary disciplinary action by public school districts regarding nonviolent offenses and the adjudication of a child who engages in conduct that constitutes a nonviolent offense on school property. SB419 - relating to the inclusion of American principles, including social injustice and civil rights concepts, in the public school curriculum and instructional materials and in training materials and resources for use by school districts. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Voted for SB 12 - unanimous vote. HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted YES; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted YES; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted YES; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted YES; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted YES; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted YES; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted YES. Voted yes - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from tax bill). Voted NO - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: A

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Voted no - SB3 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex).	Current Travis Co. Judge. No education policy platform on website. Interviewed wit Texas Trib on May 20, asked about issues, still no mention of education. Survey responses: WHAT IS BROKEN? Funding is what's broken. The state moved to bring its share of education funding back to the 45% share it had been before the Abbott/Patrick cuts following the last recession, but it is mainly through one-time sources. We need durable funding sources and it is increasingly clear that those funding sources need to be from somewhere other than oil and gas. The only way for districts to hold down property taxes is if the state continues the 45% or higher share of funding so that districts can continue to grow without residents' taxes growing along side. If the state can not or will not meet its share of the burden the artificial local tax caps must be removed. As a county official I have had to deal with these artificial caps on my budgets passed by legislators who never have to deal with the reality of their actions. PRIORITIES: I would classify my top three priorities as 1. Funding which includes teacher and personnel pay and benefits, 2. Safeguarding the universal public education system from pillering by private schools and 3. Countering the School as a Pre-Prison model with Schools that are Safe Places of resources and opportunity for the whole community. FUNDING: We must invest more. Public Education investment has astronomically high generational returns financially and morally. I would advocate that public education investment be frontloaded in the budget process. And, I will scour the current revenue sources and potential revenue sources of the state to provide appropriate on-going state investments rather than one-time dollars and revenues from volatile sources. By establishing sustained state investment above 50%, we can finally fix the inequity in our public school system. I do think local districts should have skin in the game, but not so much that it cuts into bone. The Robin Hood system as currently constructed only makes wealth inequalities worse across the state. I want to work in the Senate to find a way to more evenly distribute resources so that the districts who receive funding are able to make meaningful improvements while the districts sending funds aren't doing so at the expense of impoverished communities within wealthy districts. Austin has been particularly hard hit by this system. I will make it a priority that no district be forced to close schools because of the state raiding funds. FINDING THE MONEY: This will be a very difficult budget year. We will need to look for new revenues to diversify and therefore reduce the volatility of sales taxes, lottery, oil & gas revenues and the like. The state will need to revisit some obvious and more stable revenue sources that most other states have used for generations, scrub the books of preferential tax treatments so that everyone is paying their share, reconsider tolls for transportation and find new ways to capture the wealth of this generation to pay for the education of the next. The likely solution probably includes multiple sources, including private philanthropy. VOUCHERS/CHARTERS: I have a demonstrated record of resisting tax incentives for private businesses, whether the business is Apple looking for a tax break to relocate or private prison operations. I would bring the same philosophy to the diversion of public school funds to private schools. Public money is for public goods, services and infrastructure. Rather than give public dollars to private industry, I will seek to draw private industry investment in public schools. I would, for example, support an in-district charter that is supported with private funds. I myself am the graduate of a magnet school in the Houston School District (HSPVA) and my daughter attends the Liberal Arts and Science Academy in the Austin School District. STAAR: I do not support it in its current form. I believe that snapshot measurements have specific utility to gage whether an enterprise is on the right course but snapshots cannot dictate that course. The STAAR test has been misused as a single metric of damnation. I would require the STAAR test be weighted and balanced with other objective metrics and include qualitative assessments as well. Objective metrics alone are good when you're producing widgets in a factory but not when you're molding young and unique minds. ADVANCEMENT/GRADUATION: I support IGC/determinations by teachers, staff and parents. IGC: I support them. I recognize that Senator Seliger may have had to endure an extended sunset provision to assure their near term continuation in the last session. I would support making them permanent. A-F CAMPUS EVALUATION: There is no nuance in A-F and tells the audience nothing of the handicaps a school faces in overcoming achievement gaps of its kids in comparison to the average child. MERIT PAY: I support merit pay as long as merit can be measured and distributed fairly and consistently. CLASS SIZE CAPS/WAIVERS: I support class size caps and would allow for waivers in narrow circumstances of demonstrated need. ATTRACTING/RETAINING TEACHERS: In my 11 years of experience making compensation, benefits and retirement decisions for the 5,000 employees of Travis County, appropriately compensating talented and dedicated professionals pays for itself. Recruitment and retention are easier. Training costs go down. Internal promotions increase upward mobility and stability within the campus and the district. Competent administrators who have come up through the ranks save us money through their knowledge of effective, efficient and fair mechanisms particular to their communities. COLAs: At Travis County we index our retirement benefits to CPI. The state should do the same. TRS CARE: At Travis County we are self-insured and vigorously manage our program. We have excellent benefits while beating the actuarial odds year over year. The key is good management and I would require that as your State Senator. TRS: I would provide multiple choices including a bare bones plan for younger educators without dependants who want to keep more of their cash, more comprehensive plans for educators with dependants and even a 401(k) style plan for those who prefer it. One size does not fit every family or every risk profile. 25x25: ABSOLUTELY! Won special election as of May 2020. **No voting record, new to Senate.**
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He is the Dean of the Senate and one of the longest tenured members. **Voting record:** 2017 Update: Voted against SB3 (ESAs (vouchers); Voted for extending IGCs,)Voted against SB13 (to prohibit payroll deductions of professional dues); 2015- Voted against bill to prohibit payroll deducted professional dues; Voted against vouchers and a merit pay system; voted for alt. grad.to STAAR; 2013-Voted for increased funding of public education; for reduced testing time (STAAR); voted to "shore up" teacher retirement: Voted to expand the number of charter schools and change the c.s. authorization process. In 2009, Whitmire authored an amendment which led to an across the board raise for teachers. Member of the Finance Committee:Voted against SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers)Voted against SB 16 (commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker). 2019 Session: Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Voted for SB 12 - unanimous vote. 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Website: school finance is a difficult problem, involving fairness in taxation, responsible spending, and competition for funding at both the state and local levels. But difficulty does not excuse failure. Objective research shows the vast social and economic benefits to everyone — kids, communities, business, and our tax base — of giving priority to investments in education. We must fully fund early learning programs and K-12, expand access to community colleges, and allow those who seek a college degree to do so without incurring crushing debt. **No voting record, new member of the Senate. 2019 Session:** Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Voted for SB 12 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB213 (End IGC sunset). HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted YES; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted YES; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted YES; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted YES; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted YES; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted YES; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted YES. Voted yes - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from tax bill). Voted NO - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: A.
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Up for re-election in 2022. **Voting Record:** Against payroll deductions for teachers for association dues. Voted for a bill to give some high school students who've failed certain STAAR tests a pathway to graduate. Voted for a budget bill providing increased funding for public education and a partial restoration of the education budget cuts made in 2011. For Teacher Residency Programs. For reduce testing. Voted for a bill to do away with the minimum salary schedule for teachers and compel school districts to evaluate and compensate their teachers based on measures that are potentially unreliable, such as students' standardized test score data. Voted for a private school voucher "scholarship" bill. Voted for a bill to expand "parent trigger" laws in Texas and make it easier for struggling schools to be placed under private management and subject to deregulation upon a petition by parents. Voted for an accountability bill to assign "A" through "F" letter grades to school campuses.
					Voted against a measure that would have moved $200 million out of the transportation budget and into the public education budget instead. Voted for a bill to shore up the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) and provide most retirees with a benefit increase BUT her bill was not taken to the Senate floor and she helped reduce the House's bill by close to 250 million dollars. Her bill would be even MORE devasting than HB3976 . Voted against a teacher quality bill. Voted for a bill to expand the number of charters granted by the state and change the charter school authorization process. 2017 Update:Voted for SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Voted for extending IGCs.; Sponsored SB 13 (Payroll deductions)Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers)Voted for SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker) Sponsored SB 19 (teacher bonuses and retiree insurance assistance). 2019 session: 2019 Session: Authored legislation: SB393 - relating to the contributions to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.SB423 - relating to the authority of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas to invest in certain hedge funds.Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote.Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted NO; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted NO; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted NO; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted NO; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted NO. Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: F.

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	NAME	ENDORSEMENT	RATING	CURRENT SESSION	HISTORY
Senate District 18	Lois Kolkhorst	2020 - Greg Abbott, Dan Patrick	unfriendly	Comments on Senate floor regarding HB547: "There could potentially be, you know, some incentive for me to drop out of school and just be a home schooler because I can be better at my sport if I spent more hours playing it." Authored: SB348 (Related to parent access to public school virtual instruction and instructional materials for virtual and remote learning). SB369 (Requiring students to submit a FAFSA application as a condition for graduation). SB481 (Relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a school district offering in person instruction). SB801 (Relating to the development of an agriculture education program for public elementary schools). Joint authored: SB 29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). SB1776 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). Co-Sponsored: HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). 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Voted yes - HB2721 (Prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official). Voted yes - HB3261 (Electronic administration of tests, measures to support internet connectivity for purposes of the test, the adoption and administration of optional interim tests, the review and use of the instructional materials and technology allotment, and requests for production of instructional materials). Voted yes - HB3456 (Inclusion of funds received by certain educational institutions or programs in foundation school program funds for purposes of certain budget reductions). Voted yes - HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). Voted yes - HB3597 (Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety in public schools). Voted yes - HB 3932 (Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children). Voted yes - HB979 (critical race theory bill #1). Voted yes - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB4124 (Relating to student enrollment in certain special-purpose districts and the allotment under the public school finance system for those districts). Voted yes - HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Voted yes - HB4545 (Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong Foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments. (Bill used to include increasing commissioner powers, now just is about tutoring). Voted no - HB547 (Would allow homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities on public school campuses). Voted yes - HB572 (Relating to the inclusion of students enrolled in a dropout recovery school as students at risk of dropping out of school for purposes of compensatory, intensive, and accelerated instruction and to a study by the Texas Education Agency on competency-based educational programs). Voted yes - HB660 (Relating to training requirements for a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district). Voted yes - HB699 (Relating to public school attendance requirements for students diagnosed with or undergoing related treatment for severe or life-threatening illnesses). Voted yes - HB725 (Relating to the eligibility of certain children who are or were in foster care for free prekindergarten programs in public schools). Voted yes - HB750 (Relating to requiring a school district to post the district's employment policy on the district's Internet website). Voted yes - HB773 (Includes CTE students as a student achievement subpop for accountability). Voted yes - HB785 (Relating to behavior improvement plans and behavioral intervention plans for certain public school students and notification and documentation requirements regarding certain behavior management techniques). Voted yes - SB1063 (Relating to courses in personal financial literacy & economics for high school students in public schools). Voted yes - SB1095 (Relating to notice regarding the availability to public school students of college credit and work-based education programs and subsidies for fees paid to take certain advanced placement tests. (Let students know these programs exist)). Voted yes - SB1109 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB123 (Relating to instruction in positive character traits and personal skills in public schools). Voted yes - SB1267 (Relating to continuing education and training requirements for educators and other school district personnel). Voted yes - SB1351 (Relating to the donation of food by public school campuses). Voted yes - SB1356 (Relating to the participation by members of nonprofit teacher organizations in a tutoring program for public school students and related retirement benefits for certain tutors participating in the program). Voted yes - SB1365 (Relating to public school organization, accountability, and fiscal management. (HISD takeover bill)). Voted yes - SB1590 (Relating to rules by the State Board for Educator Certification regarding virtual observation options for field-based experiences and internships required for educator certification). VotVoted yes - SB1697 (Relating to allowing parents and guardians to elect for a student to repeat or retake a course or grade). ed yes - SB168 (Relating to emergency school drills and exercises conducted by public schools). Voted yes - SB1696 (Relating to establishing a system for the sharing of information regarding cyber attacks or other cybersecurity incidents occurring in schools in this state). Voted yes - SB1716 (Relating to a supplemental special education services and instructional materials program for certain public school students receiving special education services). Voted yes - SB179 (Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time). Voted yes - SB1831 (Relating to the punishment for trafficking of persons, online solicitation of a minor, and prostitution and to the dissemination of certain information, including the required printing of certain signs, regarding human trafficking; increasing criminal penalties; providing a civil penalty). Voted yes - SB1955 (Relating to exempting learning pods from certain local government regulations). Voted yes - SB2026 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools). Voted yes - SB2050 (Relating to bullying and cyberbullying in public schools). Voted yes - SB2066 (Relating to emergent bilingual students in public schools). Voted yes - SB2081 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - SB2094 (Companion bill to HB4545, the HISD takeover bill. 4545 was passed with the tutoring component only). Voted yes - SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education). Voted yes - SB226 (Relating to instruction in educator training programs regarding digital learning, virtual learning, and virtual instruction). Voted yes - SB279 (Relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on certain student ID cards issued by a public school or public institution of higher education). Voted yes - SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). Voted yes - SB289 (Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to obtain a driver's license or learner license). Voted yes - SB29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). Voted yes - SB338 (Relating to the adoption of uniform general conditions for building construction projects entered into by school districts and the composition of the committee that reviews uniform general conditions). Voted yes - SB348 (Related to parent access to public school virtual instruction and instructional materials for virtual and remote learning). Voted yes - SB369 (Requiring students to submit a FAFSA application as a condition for graduation). Voted yes - SB481 (Relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a school district offering in person instruction). Voted yes - SB462 (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for transporting meals and instructional materials to students during a declared disaster). Voted yes - SB481 (Relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a school district offering in person instruction). Voted yes - SB560 (Relating to developing a strategic plan for the improvement and expansion of high-quality bilingual education.). Voted yes - SB746 (Relating to requiring the parent of a student enrolled in a school district to provide and update a parent's contact information). Voted yes - SB776 (Relating to the creation of an inclusive sports program by the University Interscholastic League to provide students with intellectual disabilities access to team sports). Voted yes - SB797 (Relating to the display of the national motto in public schools and institutes of higher education). Voted yes - SB801 (Relating to the development of an agriculture education program for public elementary schools). Voted yes - SB1776 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). **SPECIAL SESSION 1**: Voted yes - SB3 (CRT bill). SponsoredVoted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB72 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB32 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Sponsored/Voted yes - SJR4 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). **SPECIAL SESSION 2**: Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions). 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Voted yes - SB91 (Relating to a temporary reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and the form of the ballot proposition to be used in an election to approve a tax rate adopted by a school district that exceeds the district's voter-approval tax rate; making an appropriation). Voted yes - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). **SPECIAL SESSION 3**: Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes). Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex).	**Information:** first elected to the Texas Senate in 2014 special election. Up for re-election in 2020. Named one of the "Worst Legislators" in Texas by Texas Monthly in 2017. Author of Texas bathroom bill. **Voting record**: 2017 Update: Voted for SB3 ESAs (vouchers;) Voted for extending ICOs. Sponsored SB 13 (Payroll deductions)Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers) Sponsored SB 16 (commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker) Sponsored SB 19 (teacher bonuses and retiree insurance assistance). 2019 Session: No education platform on her website. Authored legislation: SB249 - relating to the automatic admission to general academic teaching institutions and eligibility for certain scholarships of a student who is the valedictorian of the student's high school graduating class. SB206 - relating to the authority of a school district or open-enrollment charter school to employ or provide chaplains. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted No; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted NO; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted No; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted YES; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted No. Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: F.
Senate District 19	Roland Gutierrez	2020 - Texas AFT, Texas Parent PAC, TSTA/NEA	Friendly	Attorney. Former TX House member. Past research in history lab. Signed the "hold harmless" letter sent to TEA to encourage them to extend the hold harmless for the entire 2020-2021 school year due to COVID.Wrote letter to Governor/TEA asking for STAAR to be postponed for the 2020-2021 school year. Joint authored SB1356 (Relating to the participation by members of nonprofit teacher organizations in a tutoring program for public school students and related retirement benefits for certain tutors participating in the program). Co-Sponsored: HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Sponsored: HB2554 (related to the operation by a school district of a vocational education program to provide eligible high school students with vocational and educational training under a graduation plan and the application of certain student-based allotments under the public school finance system). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted yes - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB2237 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). 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Voted no - SB3 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex).	First elected to the Texas House in 2008. For reducing state testing. For giving HS students that failed STAAR options to graduate. For suicide prevention training. For PK funding. For limiting PK classes. Against Home Rule. For increasing Pub Ed funding. Against vouchers. Voted for TRS increases. For teacher quality. For teacher residency programs. Supported an amendment to the Achievement School District bill to require ASD schools to be subject to laws pertaining to teacher rights and benefits, discipline and class-size limits. Supported an amendment to impose a maximum 15:1 student-to-certified teacher average ratio. For delaying the expansion of charter schools. 2017 Update: voted for HB 1776 (remove US history and promotion requirements from STAAR); voted for HB 21 (Huberty School Finance)

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Senate District 20	Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa	TSTA	neutral	Authored: SB279 (Relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on certain student ID cards issued by a public school or public institution of higher education). Joint authored: SB179 (Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time). SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education.) Sponsored: HB1014 (suicide prevention info on student ID cards). Co-Sponsored: HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Co-Sponsored: HB2256 (Creates a bilingual sped program for students with disabilities). Co-Sponsored: HB2287 (data collection/receipt of reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). Co-Sponsored: HB3298 (Computer science and technology education, training, and curriculum). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1519 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). Voted yes - HB2519 (Composition of SBEC, issuance of sanctions by the board, requiring a school district to notify a teacher regarding the submission of complaints to SBEC). Voted yes - HB2681 (Elective courses on the study of the Bible offered to public school students). Voted yes - HB2721 (Prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official). Voted yes - HB3261 (Electronic administration of tests, measures to support internet connectivity for purposes of the test, the adoption and administration of optional interim tests, the review and use of the instructional materials and technology allotment, and requests for production of instructional materials). Voted yes - HB3456 (Inclusion of funds received by certain educational institutions or programs in foundation school program funds for purposes of certain budget reductions). Voted yes - HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). Voted yes - HB3597 (Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety in public schools). Voted yes - HB 3932 (Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children). Voted no - HB3976 (critical race theory bill #1). Voted yes - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB4124 (Relating to student enrollment in certain special-purpose districts and the allotment under the public school finance system for those districts). Voted yes - HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Voted yes - HB4545 (Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong Foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments. (Bill used to include increasing commissioner powers, now just is about tutoring). Voted yes - HB547 (Would allow homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities on public school campuses). Voted yes - HB572 (Relating to the inclusion of students enrolled in a dropout recovery school as students at risk of dropping out of school for purposes of compensatory, intensive, and accelerated instruction and to a study by the Texas Education Agency on competency-based educational programs). Voted yes - HB690 (Relating to training requirements for a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district). Voted yes - HB699 (Relating to public school attendance requirements for students diagnosed with or undergoing related treatment for severe or life-threatening illnesses). Voted yes - HB725 (Relating to the eligibility of certain children who are or were in foster care for free prekindergarten programs in public schools). Voted yes - HB750 (Relating to requiring a school district to post the district's employment policy on the district's Internet website). Voted yes - HB773 (Includes CTE students as a student achievement subpop for accountability). Voted yes - HB785 (Relating to behavior improvement plans and behavioral intervention plans for certain public school students and notification and documentation requirements regarding certain behavior management techniques). Voted yes - SB1063 (Relating to courses in personal financial literacy & economics for high school students in public schools). Voted yes - SB1095 (Relating to notice regarding the availability to public school students of college credit and work-based education programs and subsidies for fees paid to take certain advanced placement tests. (Let students know these programs exist)). Voted yes - SB1109 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB123 (Relating to instruction in positive character traits and personal skills in public schools). Voted yes - SB1267 (Relating to continuing education and training requirements for educators and other school district personnel). Voted yes - SB1351 (Relating to the donation of food by public school campuses). Voted yes - SB1356 (Relating to participation by members of nonprofit teacher organizations in a tutoring program for public school students and related retirement benefits for certain tutors participating in the program). Voted yes - SB1365 (Relating to public school organization, accountability, and fiscal management. (HISD takeover bill)). Voted yes - SB1590 (Relating to rules by the State Board for Educator Certification regarding virtual observation options for field-based experiences and internships required for educator certification). Voted yes - SB168 (Relating to emergency school drills and exercises conducted by public schools). Voted yes - SB1696 (Relating to establishing a system for the sharing of information regarding cyber attacks or other cybersecurity incidents occurring in schools in this state). Voted yes - SB1697 (Relating to allowing parents and guardians to elect for a student to repeat or retake a course or grade). Voted yes - SB1716 (Relating to a supplemental special education services and instructional materials program for certain public school students receiving special education services). Voted yes - SB179 (Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time). Voted yes - SB1831 (Relating to the punishment for trafficking of persons, online solicitation of a minor, and prostitution and to the dissemination of certain information, including the required printing of certain signs, regarding human trafficking; increasing criminal penalties; providing a civil penalty). Voted yes - SB1955 (Relating to exempting learning pods from certain local government regulations). Voted yes - SB2026 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools). Voted yes - SB2050 (Relating to bullying and cyberbullying in public schools). Voted yes - SB2066 (Relating to emergent bilingual students in public schools). Voted yes - SB2081 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - SB2094 (Companion bill to HB4545, the HISD takeover bill. 4545 was passed with the tutoring component only). Voted yes - SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education). Voted yes - SB226 (Relating to instruction in educator training programs regarding digital learning, virtual learning, and virtual instruction). Voted yes - SB279 (Relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on certain student ID cards issued by a public school or public institution of higher education). Voted no - SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). Voted yes - SB289 (Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to obtain a driver's license or learner license). Voted no- SB29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). Voted yes - SB338 (Relating to the adoption of uniform general conditions for building construction projects entered into by school districts and the composition of the committee that reviews uniform general conditions). Voted yes - SB348 (Related to parent access to public school virtual instruction and instructional materials for virtual and remote learning). Voted yes - SB369 (Requiring students to submit a FAFSA application as a condition for graduation). Voted yes - SB462 (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for transporting meals and instructional materials to students during a declared disaster). Voted yes - SB481 (Relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a school district offering in person instruction). Voted yes - SB560 (Relating to developing a strategic plan for the improvement and expansion of high-quality bilingual education.). Voted yes - SB746 (Relating to requiring the parent of a student enrolled in a school district to provide and update a parent's contact information). Voted yes - SB776 (Relating to the creation of an inclusive sports program by the University Interscholastic League to provide students with intellectual disabilities access to team sports). Voted yes - SB797 (Relating to the display of the national motto in public schools and institutes of higher education). Voted yes - SB801 (Relating to the transfer of certain public school students to a school district offering in person instruction). Voted yes - SB

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Senate District 22	Brian Birdwell	2020 - Greg Abbott, Texas Homeschool Coalition 2016 - Texans for Fiscal Responsibility/Empower Texans, 2012 - Texans for Fiscal Responsibility/Empower Texans	unfriendly	Authored: SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open-enrollment charter schools). Joint authored: SB2026 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools). SB 29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). Co-Sponsored: HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted yes - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). Voted yes - HB2519 (Composition of SBEC, issuance of sanctions by the board, requiring a school district to notify a teacher regarding the submission of complaints to SBEC). 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Voted yes - SB1776 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). **SPECIAL SESSION 1**: Voted yes - SB3 (CRT bill). Voted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB72 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB32 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR4 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). **SPECIAL SESSION 2**: Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions). Voted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). Voted yes - SB91 (Relating to a temporary reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and the form of the ballot proposition to be used in an election to approve a tax rate adopted by a school district that exceeds the district's voter-approval tax rate; making an appropriation). Voted yes - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). Voted yes - SB3 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex).	**Information:** member of the Texas Senate since 2010. Up for re-election in 2020. For prohibiting payroll deductions to pay dues to professional organizations For lowering the minimum salary scale. For private school voucher scholarships. For parent trigger. For A-F accountability.**Voting Record:** 2017 Update: Voted for SB3 ESAs (vouchers).; Voted for extending IGCs.; Sponsored SB 13 (Payroll deductions)Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers)Voted for SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker) Sponsored SB 19 (teacher bonuses and retiree insurance assistance). 2019 session: Authored legislation - SB406 - relating to the storage of a handgun by a school marshal.Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote.Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). Co-sponsor SB213 (End IGC sunset). Co-sponsor SB213 (End IGC sunset). HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted NO; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted NO; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted NO; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted NO; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted NO. Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: F.
Senate District 23	Royce West	2018 - TSTA, Texas AFT	neutral	Authored: SB1109 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence.) SB1267 (Relating to continuing education and training requirements for educators and other school district personnel). Joint Authored: SB168 (Relating to emergency school drills and exercises conducted by public schools). SB1716: (Relating to a supplemental special education services and instructional materials program for certain public school students receiving special education services). Joint authored: SB1831 (anti-sex trafficking). SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education.) 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Sponsored: HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). Co-Sponsored: HB3456 (Inclusion of funds received by certain educational institutions or programs in foundation school program funds for purposes of certain budget reductions). Co-Sponsored: HB3932 (Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children). Co-sponsored: HB542 (Relating to the inclusion of students enrolled in a dropout recovery school as students at risk of dropping out of school for purposes of compensatory, intensive, and accelerated instruction and to a study by the Texas Education Agency on competency-based educational programs). Sponsored: HB999 (Exempts kids from testing requirements for 2021, allows IGCs for all 5 tests rather than 3). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted yes - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted no - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). 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Voted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). 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Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). **SPECIAL SESSION 3**: Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes). Voted no - SB3 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex).	**Information:** member of the Texas Senate since 1993. Up for re-electionin 2022. Serves on education committee. **Voting Record:** 2017 Update: Voted against SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Voted for extending IGCs. Voted against SB 13 (Payroll Deductions)Voted against SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers) Sponsored SB 16 (commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)Voted against SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)Sponsored SB 19 (teacher bonuses and retiree insurance assistance)2013- supported expansion of charter schools and voted for the "parent trigger" bill; has long (since 2009) been a proponent of charter schools; previously funded by a prochoice PAC; on the other hand, has always supported additional funding for public education and the shoring up of TRS. 2019 Session: Serves on the Education committee. Authored legislation: SB424 - relating to determining appropriate disciplinary action to be taken against a public school student who is in foster care or homeless. SB446 - relating to requiring a public employer to give notice to new employees of the ability of certain employees to participate in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). Co-sponsor SB213 (End IGC sunset). HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted YES; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted YES; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted YES; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted YES; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted NO; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted YES. Voted yes - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from tax bill). Voted NO - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: C.

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Senate District 24	~~Dawn Buckingham~~	~~2020 - Greg Abbott, 2016 - Texans for Fiscal Responsibility/Empower Texans~~	~~Unfriendly~~	**Not seeking re-election, running for Land Commissioner.** Co-authored: SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education.). SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). SB 29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). 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Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted yes - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). 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Sponsored: HB3932 (Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children). Sponsored: HB999 (Exempts kids from testing requirements for 2021, allows IGCs for all 5 tests rather than 3). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted yes - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted no - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). 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Voted no - SB2094 (Companion bill to HB4545, the HISD takeover bill. 4545 was passed with the tutoring component only). Voted yes - SB2215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education). Voted yes - SB226 (Relating to instruction in educator training programs regarding digital learning, virtual learning, and virtual instruction). Voted yes - SB279 (Relating to the inclusion of suicide prevention information on certain student ID cards issued by a public school or public institution of higher education). Voted no - SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). Voted yes - SB289 (Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to obtain a driver's license or learner license). 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Voted yes - SB1176 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). **SPECIAL SESSION 1**: Absent for vote - SB3 (CRT bill). Absent for vote - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Absent for vote - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Absent for vote - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Absent for vote - SB72 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Absent for vote - SB32 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Absent for vote - SJR4 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). Absent for vote - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). **SPECIAL SESSION 2**: Voted no - SB3 (Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions). Voted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). Voted yes - SB91 (Relating to a temporary reduction in the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district and the form of the ballot proposition to be used in an election to approve a tax rate adopted by a school district that exceeds the district's voter-approval tax rate; making an appropriation). Absent for vote - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). **SPECIAL SESSION 3**: Voted yes - SJR2 (Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes). Voted no - SB3 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex).	**Information:** joined the Texas Senate in 2015, after a special election. Up for re-election in 2020. Served in the Texas House from 2001-2015. Former San Antonio city councilman and zoning commissioner. **Voting record:** Voted against prohibiting teachers from using payroll deductions to pay dues to professional organizations. Voted against lowering minimum salary scale. Voted against voucher scholarships. Voted against parent trigger. Voted against A-F accountability. 2017 Update: Voted against SB3 ESAs (vouchers) , Voted for extending IGCs. Voted against SB 13 (Payroll deductions)Voted against SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers)Voted against SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker). 2019 Session: Authored legislation: SB232 - requiring districts to notify high school parents that their kids are not required to take Algebra II under the foundation plan, and include the consequences for not taking the course. SB93 - COLA adjustment for TRS retired educators. SB92 - supplemental payment for retirees under TRS and unfunded actuarial liabilities allowed under that system. SB96 - strips testing requirements to only those required under federal law. SB94 - requiring a 7-10% contribution to benefits by the state into TRS. SB95 - relating to the salary paid to classroom teacher employed by public schools. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB 12 (TRS contributions) HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted YES; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted YES; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted YES; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted YES; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted YES; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted YES; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted YES. Voted yes - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from tax bill). Voted NO - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: A. Wrote letter to Governor/TEA asking for STAAR to be postponed for the 2020-2021 school year.
Senate District 27	Eddie Lucio, Jr	2022 - Dan Patrick	unfriendly	**NOT RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION. Vice-chair, education committee.** On 6/25/21, released a statement asking the Governor to prioritize charter school accountability in special sessions. During Senate Education Committee hearing on July 9 regarding 13th check for retirees. Senator Lucio stated that while he and other members of the legislature have worked on helping retirees "for years," teachers and retirees do not support them at campaign time. Held a fundraiser with Dan Patrick as guest of honor on September 23, 2021 (Patrick is unfriendly). Authored: SB1081 (charter school accountability). SB179 (Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time). SB462 (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for transporting meals and instructional materials to students during a declared disaster). SB685 (Relating to developing a strategic plan for the improvement and expansion of high-quality bilingual education). SB776 (Relating to the creation of an inclusive sports program by the University Interscholastic League to provide students with intellectual disabilities access to team sports). Joint authored: SB1109 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). SB1831 (anti-sex trafficking). SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education.) SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). Co-Sponsored: HB1080 (Use of personal leave during school district employees.) Co-Sponsored: HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Co-Sponsored: HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Sponsored: HB1496 (Requires school districts to report management fees under certain cooperative purchasing contracts). Co-Sponsored: HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Sponsored: HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Sponsored: HB2721 (Prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official). Sponsored: HB3032 (Use of the compensatory education allotment for certain extracurricular activities). Sponsored: HB3450 (relating to the justified use of force by a school employee or volunteer against a student). Sponsored: HB3880 (Relating to a student's eligibility for special education services provided by a school district, including services for dyslexia and related disorders). Sponsored: HB542 (Relating to the inclusion of students enrolled in a dropout recovery school as students at risk of dropping out of school for purposes of compensatory, intensive, and accelerated instruction and to a study by the Texas Education Agency on competency-based educational programs). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted yes - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). Voted yes - HB2519 (Composition of SBEC, issuance of sanctions by the board, requiring a school district to notify a teacher regarding the submission of complaints to SBEC). Voted yes - HB2681 (Elective courses on the study of the Bible offered to public school students). Voted yes - HB2721 (Prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official). Voted yes - HB3261 (Electronic administration of tests, measures to support internet connectivity for purposes of the test, the adoption and administration of optional interim tests, the review and use of the instructional materials and technology allotment, and requests for production of instructional materials). Voted yes - HB3456 (Inclusion of funds received by certain educational institutions or programs in foundation school program funds for purposes of certain budget reductions). Voted yes - HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). Voted yes - HB3597 (Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety in public schools). Voted yes - HB 3932 (Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children). Voted no - HB3979 (critical race theory bill #1). Voted yes - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB4124 (Relating to student enrollment in certain special-purpose districts and the allotment under the public school finance system for those districts). Voted yes - HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Voted yes - HB4545 (Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong Foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments. (Bill used to include increasing commissioner powers, now just is about tutoring). Voted yes - HB547 (Would allow homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities on public school campuses). Voted yes - HB572 (Relating to the inclusion of students enrolled in a dropout recovery school as students at risk of dropping out of school for purposes of compensatory, intensive, and accelerated instruction and to a study by the Texas Education Agency on competency-based educational programs). Voted yes - HB690 (Relating to training requirements for a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district). Voted yes - HB699 (Relating to public school attendance requirements for students diagnosed with or undergoing related treatment for severe or life-threatening illnesses). Voted yes - HB725 (Relating to the eligibility of certain children who are or were in foster care for free prekindergarten programs in public schools). Voted yes - HB750 (Relating to requiring a school district to post the district's employment policy on the district's Internet website). Voted yes - HB773 (Includes CTE students as a student achievement subpop for accountability). 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Voted yes - SB801 (Relating to the development of an agriculture education program for public elementary schools). Voted yes - SB1176 (Relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings). **SPECIAL SESSION 1**: Voted no - SB3 (CRT bill). Voted yes - SB12 (Relating to the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction from the preceding tax year in the district's maximum compressed rate). Voted yes - SB2 (Relating to requiring public school and public institution of higher education students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SB8 (Relating to the authority of a person who acquires a residence homestead to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the homestead in the year in which the property is acquired, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in revenue). Voted yes - SB72 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB32 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on biological sex). Voted yes - SJR4 (Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead). Voted yes - SB7 (Relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas). **SPECIAL SESSION 2**: Voted no - SB3 (Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions). 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Created and sits on Interagency Task Force on Children with Special Needs. Vice Chairman of the Senate Education Commitee. **Voting Record:** Voted against prohibiting teachers from using payroll deductions to pay dues to professional organizations. Voted against lowering minimum salary scale. Voted for voucher scholarships. Voted for parent trigger. Absent for A-F accountability 2017 Update: Voted for SB3 ESAs (vouchers) , Voted for extending IGCs. Voted against SB 13 (Payroll deductions)Sponsor SB 2 (tax credit vouchers) Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers) Sponsored SB 16 (commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)Voted for SB 16 (commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker). 2019 Session: Vice-chair, education committee. Authored legislation: SB293 - improving training and staff development for primary and secondary educators. SB292 - expansion of a pilot program for funding pre-k programs provided by districts with early high school graduation programs. SB426 - relating to the use of public school counselors' work time. SB 427 - relating to the members of a school district's local school health advisory council. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB12 (TRS contributions). Co-sponsor SB 1231 (Bettencourt child abuse notification of admin). Co-sponsor SB522 - Relating to the development of an individualized education program for a public school student with a visual impairment. HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted YES; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted YES; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted YES; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted YES; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted YES; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted YES; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted YES. Voted yes - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: A. Took money from American Federation for Children, a pro-charter PAC.

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	NAME	ENDORSEMENT	RATING	CURRENT SESSION	HISTORY
Senate District 28	Charles Perry	2020 - Greg Abbott 2014 - Texans for Fiscal Responsibility/Empower Texans	unfriendly	Joint authored: SB1109 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence.) SB28 (Relating to the approval of open-enrollment charter schools and the applicability of certain state and local laws to open enrollment charter schools). Co-Sponsored: HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Co-sponsored: HB2120 (relating to school district hearings regarding complaints). Sponsored: HB3449 (Relating to the mentorship of a public school concussion oversight team and the removal of a public school student for an interscholastic athlete activity on the basis of suspected concussions). Sponsored: HB353 (Restricting the use of personally identifiable student information by an operator of a website, online service, online application, or mobile application used for a school purpose and providing an exemption from certain restrictions for a national assessment provider). Sponsored: HB4124 (Relating to student enrollment in certain special-purpose districts and the allotment under the public school finance system for those districts). Sponsored: HB748 (Relating to requiring a school district to post the district's employment policy on the district's Internet website). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). 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Voted yes - HB572 (Relating to the inclusion of students enrolled in a dropout recovery school as students at risk of dropping out of school for purposes of compensatory, intensive, and accelerated instruction and to a study by the Texas Education Agency on competency-based educational programs). Voted yes - HB699 (Relating to training requirements for a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district). Voted yes - HB699 (Relating to public school attendance requirements for students diagnosed with or undergoing related treatment for severe or life-threatening illnesses). Voted yes - HB725 (Relating to the eligibility of certain children who are or were in foster care for free prekindergarten programs in public schools). Voted yes - HB750 (Relating to requiring a school district to post the district's employment policy on the district's Internet website). Voted yes - HB773 (Includes CTE students as a student achievement subpop for accountability). 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June 2017 - Ranked Top 10 Worst Legislators following 85th Legislative Session by Texas Monthly - based on property tax reform and school voucher. Perry went back and forth on his support for vouchers. Spoke against the bill on the Senate floor. Then voted for it. Measure later died on the senate floor.) **Voting Record:** June 2011 - SB 8 - Management and Operations of Public Schools (Yea). SB1 - Biennnium Ed Budget - Yea. May 2013 - Establish Free breakfast program for Students (Nay - Bill Passed). May 2015 - SB 6 - Rating System for Schools. Yea 2017 Update: Voted for SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Sponsored SB 13 (Payroll deductions)Voted against SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers)Voted for SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker). 2019 Session: Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Voted for SB 12 - unanimous vote. Co-sponsor SB213 (End IGC sunset). HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted No; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted No; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted No; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted No; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted YES; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted No. Voted NO - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from property tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Voted NO SB1455 (virtual school vouchers). Grade from Project Educo: F.
Senate District 29	Cesar Blanco	2018 - TSTA, Texas AFT. 2014 - Texas Parent PAC	Neutral	Former rep HD 76. Signed the "hold harmless" letter sent to TEA to encourage them to extend the hold harmless for the entire 2020-2021 school year due to COVID. Wrote letter to Governor/TEA asking for STAAR to be postponed for the 2020-2021 school year. Co-authored: SB1063 (Relating to courses in personal financial literacy & economics for high school students in public schools). SB 2066 (Relating to emergent bilingual students in public schools). SB2081 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education.) SB462 (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for transporting meals and instructional materials to students during a declared disaster). 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Voted yes - HB1080 participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted yes - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted yes - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). 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Voting Record: 2017 Update: voted for HB 1776 (remove US history and promotion requirements from STAAR); voted for HB 21 (Huberty School Finance). 2019 Session:Authored legislation: HB257 - relating to a policy requiring public and private primary and secondary schools and public junior colleges to provide local law enforcement agencies certain information regarding certain individuals authorized to carry a handgun on a campus. HB391 - relating to student access to public school instructional materials and technology. HB699 - relating to the bilingual education allotment provided under the public school finance system. HB258 - relating to the abolition of student loan default or breach of student loan repayment or scholarship contract as a ground for nonrenewal or other disciplinary action in relation to a professional or occupational license. Co-sponsor HB218 - relating to the abolition of student loan default or breach of a student loan repayment or scholarship contract as a ground for nonrenewal or other disciplinary action in relation to a professional or occupational license. Co-sponsored legislation: SB12 (state contribution to TRS). Voted yes - HB3. Voted yes - HB18 (student mental health services). Absent for vote - HB102 (mentor teachers). Voted yes - HB953 (TRS contributions). Voted yes - SB12 (TRS contributions). Voted no - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Grade from Project Educo: A. As of 2/25, received $5000 from Charter Schools Now PAC. Former rep HD 76. Signed the "hold harmless" letter sent to TEA to encourage them to extend the hold harmless for the entire 2020-2021 school year due to COVID. Wrote letter to Governor/TEA asking for STAAR to be postponed for the 2020-2021 school year.**

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Voting Record: Voted for a bill to make it easier for public school districts to be converted to deregulated home rule charter districts. Voted against a budget bill providing increased funding for public education. Voted against an amendment that would have delayed the expansion of charter schools. 2017 Update: voted for HB 1776 (remove US history and promotion requirements from STAAR); Voted for HB 21 (Huberty School Finance)Sponsored HB 191 (creates a commission to recommend improvements to the public school finance system, end-arounds public education committee)Sponsor HB 20 (rainy-day fund for retiree insurance); Voted for HB 21 special session (Huberty School Finance Bill). 2019 Session: Authored legislation: HB613 - relating to the date of the election for trustees of an independent school district. HB843 - relating to the inclusion of satisfactory performance on certain postsecondary readiness assessment instruments in the indicators for evaluating the performance of public schools. Co-authored legislation: HB3 - Relating to public school finance and public education. Co-sponsored legislation: SB12 (state contribution to TRS). SB29 - taxpayer funded lobbying. Voted yes - HB3. Voted yes - HB18 (student mental health services). Voted no - HB102 (mentor teachers). Voted no - HB963 (TRS contributions). Voted yes - SB12 (TRS contributions). Voted yes - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Grade from Project Educo: B. Former rep HD 68.
Senate District 31	Kel Seliger	2018 - TSTA, Texas AFT, Texas Parent PAC	Neutral friendly	**NOT RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION.** Wrote letter to Governor/TEA asking for STAAR to be postponed for the 2020-2021 school year. Called for teachers to be given priority on vaccines, and said he would not get his done until teachers were vaccinated. Authored: SB289 (Relating to excused absences from public school for certain students to obtain a driver's license or learner license). Joint authored: SB215 (Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general at the Texas Education Agency to investigate the administration of public education). SB 29 (Relating to requiring public school students to compete in interscholastic athletic competitions based on sex and a study conducted by the University Interscholastic League on the effects of allowing a student to participate in an athletic competition designed for the sex opposite to the student's sex). SB462 (Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for transporting meals and instructional materials to students during a declared disaster). Sponsored: HB1803 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB1080 (participation in UIL for students who receive mental health services). Voted yes - HB1133 (Relating to an election to revoke a county equalization tax imposed in certain counties). Voted yes - HB1147 (Allows students enlisting in TX national guard to be counted in college/career/military readiness). Voted yes - HB1252 (Related to the limitation period for filing a complaint and requesting a special education impartial due process hearing). Voted no - HB1468 (Public school remote learning programs). Voted yes - HB1525 (HB3 cleanup bill). Voted yes - HB159 (Training for all educators on how to better serve disabled students). Voted yes - HB1603 (Ends sunset dates for IGCs). Voted yes - HB2287 (Relating to data collection and receipt of certain reports by and consultation with the Collaborative Task Force on Public School Mental Health Services). Voted yes - HB2519 (Composition of SBEC, issuance of sanctions by the board, requiring a school district to notify a teacher regarding the submission of complaints to SBEC). Voted yes - HB2681 (Elective courses on the study of the Bible offered to public school students). Voted yes - HB2721 (Prohibiting a student from participating in future extracurricular activities for certain conduct involving the assault of an extracurricular activity official). Voted yes - HB3261 (Electronic administration of tests, measures to support internet connectivity for purposes of the test, the adoption and administration of optional interim tests, the review and use of the instructional materials and technology allotment, and requests for production of instructional materials). Voted yes - HB3456 (Inclusion of funds received by certain educational institutions or programs in foundation school program funds for purposes of certain budget reductions). Voted yes - HB3489 (Development of guidelines for the use of digital devices in public schools and a school district or open enrollment charter school policy for the effective integration of those devices). Voted yes - HB3597 (Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety in public schools). Voted yes - HB3979 (critical race theory bill #1). Voted yes - HB41 (Relating to class size limits for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools). Voted yes - HB4124 (Relating to student enrollment in certain special-purpose districts and the allotment under the public school finance system for those districts). Voted yes - HB4509 (Relating to instruction on informed American patriotism in public schools and study of the Founding documents of Texas and the United States). Voted yes - HB4545 (Relating to the assessment of public school students, the establishment of a strong Foundations grant program, and providing accelerated instruction for students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments. (Bill used to include increasing commissioner powers, now just is about tutoring). Voted no - HB547 (Would allow homeschooled students to participate in UIL activities on public school campuses). Voted yes - HB572 (Relating to the inclusion of students enrolled in a dropout recovery school as students at risk of dropping out of school for purposes of compensatory, intensive, and accelerated instruction and to a study by the Texas Education Agency on competency-based educational programs). Voted yes - HB690 (Relating to training requirements for a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district). Voted yes - HB699 (Relating to public school attendance requirements for students diagnosed with or undergoing related treatment for severe or life-threatening illnesses). Voted yes - HB725 (Relating to the eligibility of certain children who are or were in foster care for free prekindergarten programs in public schools). Voted yes - HB750 (Relating to requiring a school district to post the district's employment policy on the district's Internet website). Voted yes - HB773 (Includes CTE students as a student achievement subpop for accountability). Voted yes - HB785 (Relating to behavior improvement plans and behavioral intervention plans for certain public school students and notification and documentation requirements regarding certain behavior management techniques). Voted yes - SB1063 (Relating to courses in personal financial literacy & economics for high school students in public schools). Voted yes - SB1095 (Relating to notice regarding the availability to public school students of college credit and work-based education programs and subsidies for fees paid to take certain advanced placement tests. (Let students know these programs exist)). Voted yes - SB1109 (Relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence). Voted yes - SB1123 (Relating to instruction in positive character traits and personal skills in public schools). Voted yes - SB1267 (Relating to continuing education and training requirements for educators and other school district personnel). Voted yes - SB1351 (Relating to the donation of food by public school campuses). 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Owns Lake Steel, Inc. **Voting Record**: 2017 Update: Voted against SB3 ESAs (vouchers); Voted for extending IGCs. Voted for SB 13 (payroll deductions)Voted for SB 2 (Tax Credit Vouchers) Sponsored SB 16 (commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker)Voted for SB 16(commission to make recommendations on school finance by appointment of Gov/Lt. Gov/Speaker). 2019 Session: Authored legislation: SB328 - relating to the information required to be included in or with a school district ad valorem tax bill. SB248 - relating to investment training requirements for school district and municipal financial officers. SB213 - bill to end the sunset date on IGC committees for those students who pass at least 3 STAAR exams. Voted for SB3 - unanimous vote. Voted for SB 12 - unanimous vote. HB3 Amendment 6 to keep outcome-based funding-voted YES; Amendment 8 to remove merit pay-voted No; Amendment 16 to increase bilingual ed-voted No; Amendment 29 to add counselors to $5K pay raise-voted No; Amendment 30 to add other professionals to $5K raise-voted No; Amendment 43 to eliminate extra STAAR writing tests-voted YES; Amendment 66 temporary suspension of STAAR penalties-voted No. Voted yes - SB2 FA3 (remove school districts from tax bill). Voted YES - SB29 (taxpayer funded lobbying). Grade from Project Educo: B. Wrote letter to Governor/TEA asking for STAAR to be postponed for the 2020-2021 school year.
	Stormy Bradley			Businesswoman, school board member from Big Spring. From Facebook page, 9/23/21: "School choice offers families, students, and communities the educational opportunities that best fit their needs. I'll fight every day for parents to be in charge of their child's education and to keep big government from deciding for you. Your money, your child, your choice." From Facebook page, 8/24/21: "I have officially signed the 1776 Action Pledge to Save Our Schools! Future generations need to learn the positive bedrock principles on which our country was built. Therefore, our schools should NOT be laboratories for woke political ideology." From Facebook page, 7/22/21: "We need to invest in vocational education programs so our graduating high-school seniors are prepared to immediately enter the workforce. For those going on to higher education, we need to keep community colleges and state universities affordable and focused on real skills."	