

## HOUSE COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

**Sec. 1. AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) agriculture, horticulture, and farm husbandry;
- (2) livestock and stock raising, and the livestock industry;
- (3) the development and preservation of forests, and the regulation, control, and promotion of the lumber industry;
- (4) problems and issues particularly affecting rural areas of the state, including issues related to rural economic development and the provision of and access to infrastructure, education, and health services; and
- (5) the following state agencies: the Department of Agriculture, the Texas Animal Health Commission, the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Texas administrator for the South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact, the Texas Apiary Inspection Service, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the State Seed and Plant Board, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, the Produce Recovery Fund Board, the board of directors of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc., and the Texas Wildlife Services.

**Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS.** (a) The committee shall have 27 members, with jurisdiction over:

- (1) all bills and resolutions appropriating money from the state treasury;
  - (2) all bills and resolutions containing provisions resulting in automatic allocation of funds from the state treasury;
  - (3) all bills and resolutions diverting funds from the state treasury or preventing funds from going in that otherwise would be placed in the state treasury; and
  - (4) all matters pertaining to claims and accounts filed with the legislature against the state unless jurisdiction over those bills and resolutions is specifically granted by these rules to some other standing committee.
- (b) The appropriations committee may comment upon any bill or resolution containing a provision resulting in an automatic allocation of funds.

**Sec. 3. BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) industry and manufacturing;
- (2) industrial safety and adequate and safe working conditions, and the regulation and control of those conditions;
- (3) hours, wages, collective bargaining, and the relationship between employers and employees;
- (4) unemployment compensation, including coverage, benefits, taxes, and eligibility;
- (5) labor unions and their organization, control, management, and administration;
- (6) the regulation of business transactions and transactions involving property interests;
- (7) the organization, incorporation, management, and regulation of private corporations and professional associations and the Uniform Commercial Code and the Business Organizations Code;
- (8) the protection of consumers, governmental regulations incident thereto, the agencies of government authorized to regulate such activities, and the role of the government in consumer protection;
- (9) privacy and identity theft;
- (10) homeowners' associations;
- (11) oversight and regulation of the construction industry; and
- (12) the following state agencies: the State Office of Risk Management, the Risk Management Board, the Division of Workers' Compensation of the Texas Department of Insurance, the workers' compensation research and evaluation group in the Texas Department of Insurance, the Office of Injured Employee Counsel, including the ombudsman program of that office, and the Texas Mutual Insurance Company Board of Directors.

**Sec. 4. CALENDARS (PROCEDURAL).** The committee shall have 11 members, with jurisdiction over:

- (1) the placement of bills and resolutions on appropriate calendars, except those within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Resolutions Calendars;
- (2) the determination of priorities and proposal of rules for floor consideration of such bills and resolutions; and
- (3) all other matters concerning the calendar system and the expediting of the business of the house as may be assigned by the speaker.

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**Sec. 5. CORRECTIONS.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) the incarceration and rehabilitation of convicted felons;
- (2) the establishment and maintenance of programs that provide alternatives to incarceration; and
- (3) the following state agencies: the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Special Prosecution Unit, the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the Texas Civil Commitment Office, and the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments.

**Sec. 6. COUNTY AFFAIRS.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) counties, including their organization, creation, boundaries, government, and finance and the compensation and duties of their officers and employees;
- (2) establishing districts for the election of governing bodies of counties;
- (3) regional councils of governments;
- (4) multicounty boards or commissions;
- (5) relationships or contracts between counties;
- (6) other units of local government; and
- (7) the following state agency: the Commission on Jail Standards.

**Sec. 7. CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) criminal law, prohibitions, standards, and penalties;
- (2) probation and parole;
- (3) criminal procedure in the courts of Texas;
- (4) revision or amendment of the Penal Code; and
- (5) the following state agencies: the Office of State Prosecuting Attorney and the Texas State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.

**Sec. 8. CULTURE, RECREATION, AND TOURISM.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over:

- (1) the creation, operation, and control of state parks, including the development, maintenance, and operation of state parks in connection with the sales and use tax imposed on sporting goods, but not including any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Appropriations;
- (2) the regulation and control of the propagation and preservation of wildlife and fish in the state;
- (3) the development and regulation of the fish and oyster industries of the state;
- (4) hunting and fishing in the state, and the regulation and control thereof, including the imposition of fees, fines, and penalties relating to that regulation;
- (5) the regulation of other recreational activities;
- (6) cultural resources and their promotion, development, and regulation;
- (7) historical resources and their promotion, development, and regulation;
- (8) promotion and development of Texas' image and heritage;
- (9) preservation and protection of Texas' shrines, monuments, and memorials;
- (10) international and interstate tourist promotion and development;
- (11) the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office as it relates to the subject-matter jurisdiction of this committee;
- (12) the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Compact; and
- (13) the following state agencies: the Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the State Cemetery Committee, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the Texas Historical Commission, the State Preservation Board, and an office of state government to the extent the office promotes the Texas music industry.

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**Sec. 9. DEFENSE AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) the relations between the State of Texas and the federal government involving defense, emergency preparedness, and veterans issues;
- (2) the various branches of the military service of the United States;
- (3) the realignment or closure of military bases;
- (4) the defense of the state and nation, including terrorism response;
- (5) emergency preparedness;
- (6) veterans of military and related services; and
- (7) the following state agencies: the Texas Military Department, the Texas Veterans Commission, the Veterans' Land Board, the Texas Military Preparedness Commission, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and the Emergency Management Council.

**Sec. 10. ELECTIONS.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) the right of suffrage in Texas;
- (2) primary, special, and general elections;
- (3) revision, modification, amendment, or change of the Election Code;
- (4) the secretary of state in relation to elections;
- (5) campaign finance; and
- (6) the following state agency: the Office of the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 11. ENERGY RESOURCES.** The committee shall have 11 members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) the conservation of the energy resources of Texas;
- (2) the production, regulation, transportation, and development of oil, gas, and other energy resources;
- (3) mining and the development of mineral deposits within the state;
- (4) the leasing and regulation of mineral rights under public lands;
- (5) pipelines, pipeline companies, and all others operating as common carriers in the state;
- (6) electric utility regulation as it relates to energy production and consumption;
- (7) identifying, developing, and using alternative energy sources;
- (8) increasing energy efficiency throughout the state;
- (9) the coordination of the state's efforts related to the federal designation of threatened and endangered species as it relates to energy resources in the state; and
- (10) the following state agencies: the Railroad Commission of Texas, the Texas representative for the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, the Office of Interstate Mining Compact Commissioner for Texas, the State Energy Conservation Office, and the Office of Southern States Energy Board Member for Texas.

**Sec. 12. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) air, land, and water pollution, including the environmental regulation of industrial development;
- (2) the regulation of waste disposal;
- (3) environmental matters that are regulated by the Department of State Health Services or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
- (4) oversight of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as it relates to environmental regulation; and
- (5) the following state agency: the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission.

**Sec. 13. GENERAL INVESTIGATING (PROCEDURAL).** (a) The committee shall have five members of the house appointed by the speaker. The speaker shall appoint the chair and the vice-chair of the committee.

(b) The committee has all the powers and duties of a general investigating committee and shall operate as the general investigating committee of the house according to the procedures prescribed by Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government Code, and the rules of the house, as applicable.

(b-1) The committee may begin work as soon as it desires after its members are appointed. The committee shall meet,

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organize, and adopt rules of evidence and procedure and any other necessary rules. The committee rules may not conflict with Section 301.025, Government Code.

(b-2) Whether or not the legislature is in session, the committee may meet at any time or place in the state determined necessary by the committee.

(b-3) If the committee decides not to conduct joint hearings as provided by Section 301.019, Government Code, the committee shall establish a liaison to fully inform the chair of the senate committee of the nature and progress of any inquiry by the other committee.

(b-4) On a majority vote of the committee, the committee may conduct joint hearings and investigations.

(b-5) The committee may:

(1) initiate or continue inquiries and hearings concerning:

(A) state government;

(B) any agency or subdivision of government within the state;

(C) the expenditure of public funds at any level of government within the state; and

(D) any other matter the committee considers necessary for the information of the legislature or for the welfare and protection of state citizens; and

(2) inspect the records, documents, and files and may examine the duties, responsibilities, and activities of each state department, agency, and officer and of each municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the state.

(b-6) If a person disobeys a subpoena or other process that the committee lawfully issues, the committee may cite the person for contempt and cause the person to be prosecuted for contempt according to the procedure prescribed by Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government Code, or by other law.

(b-7) The committee shall make reports to members of the legislature that the committee determines are necessary and appropriate.

(b-8) Information held by the committee that if held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor would be excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021, Government Code, under Section 552.108 of that code is confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

(b-9) If for any reason it is necessary to obtain assistance in addition to the services provided by the state auditor, attorney general, Texas Legislative Council, or Department of Public Safety, the committee may employ and compensate assistants to assist in any investigation, audit, or legal matter.

(c) The committee may investigate a matter related to the misconduct, malfeasance, misfeasance, abuse of office, or incompetency of an individual or officer under Chapter 665, Government Code. The committee has all the powers and duties conferred by that chapter for the purpose of conducting the investigation, including the authority to propose articles of impeachment.

(d) The committee has original jurisdiction over the receipt, processing, investigation, and resolution of complaints related to appropriate workplace conduct under Rule 15, the housekeeping resolution, and policies adopted by the Committee on House Administration. If a complaint relates to the conduct of a member of the committee, that member's employee, or an individual related to the member or the member's employee within the third degree by consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code:

(1) the member shall not participate in any committee proceedings related to the complaint; and

(2) the speaker shall designate a member of the house drawn by lot under Subsection (e) of this section to act in the place of the disqualified member. The designation of a member under this subsection ends when the committee makes its final disposition of the complaint.

(e) When a member of the committee is disqualified under Subsection (d) of this section, the chief clerk shall prepare a list of the currently qualified members of the house, omitting the names of the speaker, the disqualified member, each other member of the committee, and any member elected from the same county as the disqualified member. The chief clerk shall write on a separate piece of paper of uniform size and color the name of each member that appears on the prepared list. The chief clerk shall deposit the pieces of paper in an opaque container that is designed to permit the random distribution of the pieces of paper after their initial deposit and to prevent the viewing of any of the pieces of paper at any time. After the pieces of paper are randomly distributed in the container, the sergeant-at-arms shall draw a single piece of paper and deliver that piece of paper to the chief clerk. The chief clerk shall inform the speaker of the name drawn by the sergeant-at-arms for designation under Subsection (d).

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**Sec. 14. HIGHER EDUCATION.** The committee shall have 11 members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) education beyond high school;
- (2) the colleges and universities of the State of Texas; and
- (3) the following state agencies: the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, the Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

**Sec. 15. HOMELAND SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) law enforcement;
- (2) the prevention of crime and the apprehension of criminals;
- (3) the provision of security services by private entities;
- (4) homeland security, including:
  - (A) the defense of the state and nation, including terrorism response; and
  - (B) disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery; and
- (5) the following state agencies: the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, the Emergency Management Council, the Texas Forensic Science Commission, the Texas Military Preparedness Commission, the Commission on State Emergency Communications, and the Texas Crime Stoppers Council.

**Sec. 16. HOUSE ADMINISTRATION (PROCEDURAL).** (a) The committee shall have 11 members, with jurisdiction over:

- (1) administrative operation of the house and its employees;
  - (2) the adoption of policies and procedures for appropriate workplace conduct under Rule 15 and the housekeeping resolution, including policies and procedures relating to the training of members, officers, and employees;
  - (3) the general house fund, with full control over all expenditures from the fund;
  - (4) all property, equipment, and supplies obtained by the house for its use and the use of its members;
  - (5) all office space available for the use of the house and its members;
  - (6) the assignment of vacant office space, vacant parking spaces, and vacant desks on the house floor to members with seniority based on cumulative years of service in the house, except that the committee may make these assignments based on physical disability of a member where it deems proper;
  - (7) all admissions to the floor during sessions of the house;
  - (8) all proposals to invite nonmembers to appear before or address the house or a joint session;
  - (9) all radio, television, and Internet broadcasting, live or recorded, of sessions of the house;
  - (10) the electronic recording of the proceedings of the house of representatives and the custody of the recordings of testimony before house committees, with authority to promulgate reasonable rules, regulations, and conditions concerning the safekeeping, reproducing, and transcribing of the recordings, and the defraying of costs for transcribing the recordings, subject to other provisions of these rules;
  - (11) all witnesses appearing before the house or any committee thereof in support of or in opposition to any pending legislative proposal;
  - (12) the Rules of Procedure of the House of Representatives, Joint Rules of the House and Senate, and all proposed amendments;
  - (13) other matters concerning the rules, procedures, and operation of the house assigned by the speaker; and
  - (14) the following state agency: the State Preservation Board.
- (b) The committee must vote to adopt the annual budget for each house department.

**Sec. 17. HUMAN SERVICES.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) welfare and rehabilitation programs and their development, administration, and control;
- (2) oversight of the Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council as it relates to the subject matter jurisdiction of this committee;
- (3) intellectual disabilities and the development of programs incident thereto;

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- (4) the prevention and treatment of intellectual disabilities; and
- (5) the following state agencies: the Department of Family and Protective Services, the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors.

**Sec. 18. INSURANCE.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) insurance and the insurance industry;
- (2) all insurance companies and other organizations of any type writing or issuing policies of insurance in the State of Texas, including their organization, incorporation, management, powers, and limitations; and
- (3) the following state agencies: the Texas Department of Insurance, the Texas Health Benefits Purchasing Cooperative, and the Office of Public Insurance Counsel.

**Sec. 19. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) the relations between the State of Texas and other nations, including matters related to trade relations and international trade zones;
- (2) the relations between the State of Texas and the federal government other than matters involving defense, emergency preparedness, and veterans issues;
- (3) the relations between the State of Texas and other states of the United States;
- (4) commerce, trade, and manufacturing, including international commerce and trade and the regulation of persons participating in international commerce and trade;
- (5) cooperation between the state or a local governmental entity and the scientific and technological community, including private businesses, institutions of higher education, and federal governmental laboratories;
- (6) weights and measures;
- (7) workforce training;
- (8) economic and industrial development;
- (9) development and support of small businesses;
- (10) job creation and job-training programs;
- (11) hours, wages, collective bargaining, and the relationship between employers and employees;
- (12) international and border regions (as described in Sections 2056.002(e)(2) and (3), Government Code) economic development, public health and safety issues affecting the border, tourist development, and goodwill, and economic development, tourist development, and goodwill in other areas of the state that have experienced a significant increase in the percentage of the population that consists of immigrants from other nations, according to the last two federal decennial censuses or another reliable measure;
- (13) the provision of public services to persons residing in proximity to Texas' international border or in other areas of the state that have experienced a significant increase in the percentage of the population that consists of immigrants from other nations, according to the last two federal decennial censuses or another reliable measure; and
- (14) the following state agencies: the Office of State-Federal Relations, the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office, the Texas Workforce Commission, and the Texas Workforce Investment Council.

**Sec. 20. JUDICIARY AND CIVIL JURISPRUDENCE.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) fines and penalties arising under civil laws;
- (2) civil law, including rights, duties, remedies, and procedures thereunder, and including probate and guardianship matters;
- (3) civil procedure in the courts of Texas;
- (4) administrative law and the adjudication of rights by administrative agencies;
- (5) permission to sue the state;
- (6) uniform state laws;
- (7) creating, changing, or otherwise affecting courts of judicial districts of the state;
- (8) establishing districts for the election of

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judicial officers;

(9) courts and court procedures except where jurisdiction is specifically granted to some other standing committee; and

(10) the following state agencies: the Supreme Court, the courts of appeals, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System, the State Law Library, the Texas Judicial Council, the Judicial Branch Certification Commission, the Office of the Attorney General, the Board of Law Examiners, the State Bar of Texas, and the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

**Sec. 21. JUVENILE JUSTICE AND FAMILY ISSUES.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) the commitment and rehabilitation of youths;
- (2) the construction, operation, and management of correctional facilities of the state and facilities used for the commitment and rehabilitation of youths;
- (3) juvenile delinquency and gang violence;
- (4) criminal law, prohibitions, standards, and penalties as applied to juveniles;
- (5) criminal procedure in the courts of Texas as it relates to juveniles;
- (6) civil law as it relates to familial relationships, including rights, duties, remedies, and procedures; and
- (7) the following state agencies: the Texas Juvenile Justice Board, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, the Office of Independent Ombudsman for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and the Advisory Council on Juvenile Services.

**Sec. 22. LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) the management of public lands;
- (2) the power of eminent domain;
- (3) the creation, modification, and regulation of municipal utility districts;
- (4) annexation, zoning, and other governmental regulation of land use; and
- (5) the following state agencies: the School Land Board, the Board for Lease of University Lands, and the General Land Office.

**Sec. 23. LICENSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.** The committee shall have 11 members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) the oversight of businesses, industries, general trades, and occupations regulated by this state;
- (2) the regulation of greyhound and horse racing and other gaming industries;

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(3) regulation of the sale of intoxicating beverages and local option control;

(4) the Alcoholic Beverage Code; and

(5) the following state agencies: the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, the State Office of Administrative Hearings, the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners, the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, the Texas Real Estate Commission, the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners, the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, the Texas Racing Commission, the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, the Texas Lottery Commission, and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

**Sec. 24. LOCAL AND CONSENT CALENDARS (PROCEDURAL).** The committee shall have 11 members, with jurisdiction over:

(1) the placement on appropriate calendars of bills and resolutions that, in the opinion of the committee, are in fact local or will be uncontested, and have been recommended as such by the standing committee of original jurisdiction; and

(2) the determination of priorities for floor consideration of bills and resolutions except those within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Calendars and the Committee on Resolutions Calendars.

**Sec. 25. NATURAL RESOURCES.** The committee shall have 11 members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

(1) the conservation of the natural resources of Texas;

(2) the control and development of land and water and land and water resources, including the taking, storing, control, and use of all water in the state, and its appropriation and allocation;

(3) irrigation, irrigation companies, and irrigation districts, and their incorporation, management, and powers;

(4) the creation, modification, and regulation of groundwater conservation districts, water supply districts, water control and improvement districts, conservation and reclamation districts, and all similar organs of local government dealing with water and water supply not otherwise assigned by these rules to another standing committee;

(5) oversight of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as it relates to the regulation of water resources; and

(6) the following state agencies: the Office of Canadian River Compact Commissioner for Texas, the Office of Pecos River Compact Commissioner for Texas, the Office of Red River Compact Commissioner for Texas, the Office of Rio Grande Compact Commissioner for Texas, the Office of Sabine River Compact Commissioners for Texas, the Southwestern States Water Commission, and the Texas Water Development Board.



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### **Sec. 26. PENSIONS, INVESTMENTS, AND FINANCIAL SERVICES.**

The committee shall have nine [9] members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) banking and the state banking system;
- (2) savings and loan associations;
- (3) credit unions;
- (4) the regulation of state and local bonded indebtedness;
- (5) the lending of money;
- (6) benefits or participation in benefits of a public retirement system and the financial obligations of a public retirement system;
- (7) the regulation of securities and investments;
- (8) privacy and identity theft; and
- (9) the following state agencies: the Finance Commission of Texas, the Credit Union Commission, the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, the Office of Banking Commissioner, the Texas Department of Banking, the Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending, the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company, the Texas Public Finance Authority, the Bond Review Board, the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System, the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the Board of Trustees of the Texas County and District Retirement System, the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal Retirement System, the State Pension Review Board, and the State Securities Board.

**Sec. 27. PUBLIC EDUCATION.** The committee shall have 13 members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) the public schools and the public school system of Texas and the financing thereof;
- (2) the state programming of elementary and secondary education for the public school system of Texas;
- (3) proposals to create, change, or otherwise alter school districts of the state; and
- (4) the following organizations and state agencies: the State Board of Education, the Texas Education Agency, the Texas representatives to the Education Commission of the States, the Southern Regional Education Board, the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the State Board for Educator Certification, and the Texas School for the Deaf.

**Sec. 28. PUBLIC HEALTH.** The committee shall have 11 members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) the protection of public health, including supervision and control of the practice of medicine and dentistry and other allied health services;
- (2) mental health and the development of programs incident thereto;
- (3) the prevention and treatment of mental illness;
- (4) oversight of the Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council as it

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relates to the subject matter jurisdiction of this committee; and  
(5) the following state agencies: the Department of State Health Services, the Anatomical Board of the State of Texas, the Texas Funeral Service Commission, the Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers Advisory Board, the Texas Health Services Authority, the Texas Optometry Board, the Texas Radiation Advisory Board, the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, [the Interagency Obesity Council,] the Texas Board of Nursing, the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, the Massage Therapy Advisory Board, the Podiatric Medical Examiners Advisory Board, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, the Behavior Analyst Advisory Board, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the Texas Medical Board, the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners, the Health Professions Council, the Office of Patient Protection, [and] the Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners, and the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium.

**Sec. 29. REDISTRICTING (PROCEDURAL).** The committee shall have 15 members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:  
(1) legislative districts, both house and senate, and any changes or amendments;  
(2) congressional districts, their creation, and any changes or amendments;  
(3) establishing districts for the election of judicial officers or of governing bodies or representatives of political subdivisions or state agencies as required by law; and  
(4) preparations for the redistricting process.

**Sec. 30. RESOLUTIONS CALENDARS (PROCEDURAL).** The committee shall have 11 members, with jurisdiction over:  
(1) the placement on appropriate calendars of resolutions that, in the opinion of the committee, are in fact congratulatory or memorial;  
(2) the determination of priorities for floor consideration of resolutions except those within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Calendars and the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars;  
(3) all procedures for expediting the business of the house in expressing concern or commendation in an orderly and efficient manner;  
(4) all resolutions to congratulate, memorialize, or name mascots of the house; and  
(5) other matters concerning rules, procedures, and operation of the house in expressing concern or commendation assigned by the speaker.

**Sec. 31. STATE AFFAIRS.** The committee shall have 13 members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

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- (1) questions and matters of state policy;
- (2) the administration of state government;
- (3) the organization, operation, powers, regulation, and management of state departments, agencies, and institutions;
- (4) the operation and regulation of public lands and state buildings;
- (5) the duties and conduct of officers and employees of the state government;
- (6) the duties and conduct of candidates for public office and of persons with an interest in influencing public policy;
- (7) the operation of state government and its agencies and departments; all of above except where jurisdiction is specifically granted to some other standing committee;
- (8) access of the state agencies to scientific and technological information;
- (9) the regulation and deregulation of electric utilities and the electric industry;
- (10) the regulation and deregulation of telecommunications utilities and the telecommunications industry;
- (11) electric utility regulation as it relates to energy production and consumption;
- (12) pipelines, pipeline companies, and all others operating as common carriers in the state;
- (13) the regulation and deregulation of other industries jurisdiction of which is not specifically assigned to another committee under these rules;
- (14) advances in science and technology, including telecommunications, electronic technology, or automated data processing, by state agencies, including institutions of higher education;
- (15) the promotion within the state of an advance described by Subdivision (14) of this section;
- (16) cybersecurity; and
- (17) the following organizations and state agencies: the Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Office of the Governor, the Texas Ethics Commission, the Texas Facilities Commission, the Department of Information Resources, the Inaugural Endowment Fund Committee, the Sunset Advisory Commission, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and the Office of Public Utility Counsel.

**Sec. 32. TRANSPORTATION.** The committee shall have 13 members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) commercial motor vehicles, both bus and truck, and their control, regulation, licensing, and operation;
- (2) the Texas highway system, including all roads, bridges, and ferries constituting a part of the system;
- (3) the licensing of private passenger vehicles to operate on the roads and highways of the state;
- (4) the regulation and control of traffic on the public highways of the State of Texas;
- (5) railroads, street railway lines, interurban railway lines, steamship companies, and express companies;
- (6) airports, air traffic, airlines, and other organizations engaged in transportation by means of aerial flight;
- (7) water transportation in the State of Texas, and the rivers, harbors, and related facilities used in water

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transportation and the agencies of government exercising supervision and control thereover;  
(8) the regulation of metropolitan transit; and  
(9) the following state agencies: the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the Texas Transportation Commission.

**Sec. 33. URBAN AFFAIRS.** The committee shall have nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

- (1) municipalities, including their creation, organization, powers, government, and finance, and the compensation and duties of their officers and employees;
- (2) home-rule municipalities, their relationship to the state, and their powers, authority, and limitations;
- (3) the creation or change of metropolitan areas and the form of government under which those areas operate;
- (4) problems and issues particularly affecting metropolitan areas of the state;
- (5) other units of local government not otherwise assigned by these rules to other standing committees;
- (6) establishing districts for the election of governing bodies of municipalities;
- (7) land use regulation by municipalities; and
- (8) the following state agencies: the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

**Sec. 34. WAYS AND MEANS.** The committee shall have 11 members, with jurisdiction over:

- (1) all bills and resolutions proposing to raise state revenue;
- (2) all bills or resolutions proposing to levy state taxes or other fees;
- (3) all proposals to modify, amend, or change any existing state tax or revenue statute;
- (4) all proposals to regulate the manner of collection of state revenues and taxes;
- (5) all bills and resolutions containing provisions resulting in automatic allocation of funds from the state treasury;
- (6) all bills and resolutions diverting funds from the state treasury or preventing funds from going in that otherwise would be placed in the state treasury;
- (7) all bills and resolutions proposing to permit a local government to raise revenue;
- (8) all bills and resolutions proposing to permit a local government to levy or impose property taxes, sales and use taxes, or other taxes and fees;
- (9) all proposals to modify, amend, or change any existing local government tax or revenue statute;
- (10) all proposals to regulate the manner of collection of local government revenues and taxes;
- (11) all bills and resolutions relating to the

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appraisal of property for taxation;

(12) all bills and resolutions relating to the Tax Code; and

(13) the following organizations and state agencies:

the Multistate Tax Commission and the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

**Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 16(b), Rules of the House of Representatives, I, Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby create the House Select Committee on Health Care Reform. SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND JURISDICTION.**

The committee is created to provide a cross-jurisdictional forum for the consideration of issues that broadly affect the state's health care delivery system. The committee has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

(1) reducing the impact of excessive health care costs on the efficacy of government-sponsored health plans and the private health insurance market, including the corresponding impact on individuals, businesses, and state government;

(2) improving health care affordability, including factors such as transparency, competition, and patient incentives;

(3) reducing the impact of government benefit, administrative, and contractual coverage mandates and the corresponding impact on employer and consumer premiums and out-of-pocket costs;

(4) improving access to affordable, quality, and comprehensive health care, especially for low-income and at-risk populations;

(5) improving access to and affordability of prescription drugs;

(6) improving outreach to families with children who are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, including children in rural areas; and

(7) reducing the impact of delayed care on the state's health care delivery system, health care costs, and patient health outcomes.

**SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP, AUTHORITY, AND DURATION.**

The committee shall have 11 members and shall have the same authority and duties conferred on standing committees under the Rules of the House of Representatives. The committee expires on the date the 89th Legislature convenes.

**Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 16(b), Rules of the House of Representatives, I, Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby create the House Select Committee on Youth Health and Safety.**

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND JURISDICTION.**

The committee is created to provide a cross-jurisdictional forum for the consideration of issues that broadly affect health, safety, and rights of Texas youth. The committee has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to:

(1) improving the ability of federal, state, and local governmental entities to address the needs of Texas youth through expanded coordination between all programs and systems that serve youth and their families, including child protective services, mental health services, educational institutions, and the juvenile justice system;

(2) creating a safer environment for Texas youth in schools and local communities;

(3) the use by Texas youth of social media and online platforms, including their design and operations, and the corresponding impact on the privacy, health, and safety of Texas youth;

(4) the allocation and use of state resources for preventative and rehabilitative services that address the primary challenges facing Texas youth placed in the juvenile justice system;

(5) the expansion of prevention efforts and the strengthening of service systems to permit the behavioral health challenges faced by Texas youth to be addressed closer to their homes, including efforts and systems that permit youth to remain in their classrooms and stay out of institutionalized healthcare and juvenile justice systems; and

(6) programs, services, and governmental action focused on the rehabilitation of youthful offenders, including considerations related to developmental factors that impact a youth's entry into the justice system.

**SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP, AUTHORITY, AND DURATION.**

The committee shall have nine members and shall have the same authority and duties conferred on standing committees under the Rules of the House of Representatives. The committee expires on the date the 89th Legislature convenes.