

RESULTS OF THE 87TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

June 2021

Our legislature completed the general work of legislation this month. We are awaiting a special session that will begin in July for items that the Governor wants to address. None of these appear to have anything to do with the military or veterans, but we will be watching to see what happens.

Numerous bills were passes by the House and Senate related to the military, veterans and dependants, which for the most part will be taking effect on September 1. Attached is a listing of those bills for your information.

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Bill Name /Number	Author	Status	Date(s)	Comments	Companion Bill(s)
SB 149	Powell	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 11/09/2020 S Filed 05/29/2021 Signed in the House 05/29/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/14/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the prosecution of the offense of an operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities	
HB 33	Dominguez	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 11/09/2020 H Filed 05/04/2021 S Passed 05/05/2021 H Senate Amendments Analysis distributed 05/14/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/26/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to measures to facilitate the award of postsecondary course credit leading to workforce credentialing based on military experience, education, and training.	Author: Dominguez Tinderholt Morales, Eddie Ellzey Cortez Coauthor: Biedermann Lambert Pacheco Toth
HB 139	Buckley	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 11/09/2020 H Filed 05/03/2021 S Passed 05/06/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/18/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to state occupational licensing of certain military veterans and military spouses.	
HB 626	Rosenthal	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 11/23/2020 H Filed 05/06/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/18/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the expansion of the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant Program to include certain nonprofit organizations providing job training to veterans.	
HB 911	Pattereson	PASSED Effective on 9/1/2021	Introduced 12/28/2020 H Filed 5/23/2021 - Senate Passed 05/25/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/16/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the issuance of specially marked driver's licenses and personal identification certificates to veterans.	
HB 912	Cortez	PASSED Effective on 9/1/2021	Introduced 12/28/2020 H Filed 5/23/2021 - Senate Passed 05/25/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/09/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for recipients of the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal.	Companion: SB 397 by Menéndez, Identical
HB 1062	Bell	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 1/12/2021 H Filed 05/21/2021 S Placed on intent calendar 5/23/2021 - Senate passed 05/25/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/09/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the eligibility of certain 17-year-old persons to serve as members of the Texas State Guard.	
SB 337	Powell	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 1/13/2021 S Filed 05/13/2021 H Passed 05/19/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/30/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the award of grants by the Texas Workforce Commission to facilitate the participation of certain veterans and military personnel in apprenticeship training programs.	Companion(s): HB 1884 by Dominguez, Identical, 03/11/2021 H Referred to Defense & Veterans' Affairs: Mar 11 2021 1:34PM HB 2307 by White et al., Identical, 03/22/2021 H Left pending in committee
HB 1081	Kuempel / Guillen	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 1/13/2021 H Filed 4/29/2021 S Passed 05/03/2021 S Signed in the Senate 05/15/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor recipients of the Presidential Service Badge.	
HB 1147	Huberty	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 1/15/2021 H Filed 05/12/2021 S Placed on intent calendar 5/13/2021 - Senate passed 05/20/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/03/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to military readiness for purposes of the college, career, or military readiness outcomes bonus under the Foundation School Program.	Companion: SB 1228 by Taylor, Identical, 03/18/2021 S Referred to Education
SB 456	Lucio	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 1/26/2021 S Filed 05/19/2021 H Comm. report sent to Local & Consent Calendar 05/27/2021 S House passage reported 06/14/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the donation of juror reimbursements.	
SB 460	Lucio	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 1/26/2021 S Filed 05/11/2021 H Passed 05/19/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/30/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to designating the 11th day of each month as Buddy Check Day.	
SB 479	Hughes	PASSED 05/15/2021 Effective immediately	Introduced 1/27/2021 S Filed 4/30/2021 Passed 05/04/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/15/2021 E Effective immediately	Relating to the powers of the TexAmericas Center, including its authority to issue bonds.	Companion: HB 1414 by VanDeaver, Identical

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SB 484	Hinojosa	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 1/27/2021 S Filed 05/27/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/16/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the right of a member of the state military forces to retain private legal counsel and file a civil action.	
HB 1558	Button	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 2/3/2021 H Filed 05/26/2021 S Passed 05/27/2021 H Senate Amendments Analysis 06/15/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the system by which an application for a low income housing tax credit is scored.	
HB 1589	Davis	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 2/4/2021 H Filed 05/20/2021 S Committee report printed and distributed 05/27/2021 S Signed in the Senate 06/18/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21		
SB 611	Campbell, et al	PASSED Effective 1/1/2022 Except Sec 1 & 2 Only if SJR 35 is approved by Voters	Introduced 2/8/2021 S Filed 05/20/2021 H Passed to 3rd reading as amended 05/31/2021 Signed in the House 06/01/2021 E Sent to the Governor	Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.	Companion(s) HB 475 by Lopez, Identical, 02/25/2021 H Referred to Ways & Means: Feb 25 2021 2:07PM HB 1420 by Bucy, Similar, 03/05/2021 H Referred to Ways & Means: Mar 5 2021 1:21PM
HB 1728	Smithee	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 2/9/2021 H Filed 5/19/2021 Senate Passed 05/20/2021 H Reported enrolled 05/24/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/04/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to partnerships between the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and nonprofit entities to promote hunting and fishing by certain veterans.	
SB 675	Kolkhorst	PASSED Effective immediately	Introduced 2/12/2021 S Filed 05/10/2021 S House passage as amended reported 05/19/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/30/2021 E Effective immediately	Relating to special open season hunting of certain migratory game birds by veterans and members of the United States armed forces on active duty.	Companion: HB 2040 by Gervin-Hawkins, Identical, 03/15/2021 H Referred to Culture, Recreation & Tourism: Mar 15 2021 10:54AM
HB 1936	Bucy	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 2/16/2021 H Filed 05/20/2021 H Signed in the House 5/19/2021 Senate Passed 05/22/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/07/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor members of the United States Army Special Forces.	Companion: SB 697 by Schwertner, Identical, 03/11/2021 S Referred to Vet Affairs & Border Security
SB 780	Hinojosa	PASSED Effective immediately	Introduced 2/24/2021 S Filed 05/10/2021 S Passed 05/12/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/24/2021 E Effective immediately	Relating to the authority of a local government to enter into an intergovernmental support agreement with a branch of the armed forces of the United States.	Companion: HB 2210 by Raymond et al., Identical, 03/22/2021 H Reported favorably w/o amendment(s)
SB 791	Campbell	PASSED Effective 9/1/2021	Introduced 2/24/2021 S Filed 5/19/2021 - House Passed 05/20/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/04/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to United States Navy submariners.	
SB 792	Campbell	PASSED This Act takes effect January 1, 2022, except Section 7 takes effect September 1, 2021.	Introduced 2/24/2021 S Filed 04/19/2021 H Reported favorably w/o amendment(s) 05/08/2021 H Placed on Local, Consent, and Res. Calendar 05/10/2021 S Passed 05/12/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/24/2021 E See remarks for effective date	Relating to specialty license plates and parking placards for vehicles of certain disabled veterans.	
SB 793	Campbell	PASSED Effective 9/1/2021	Introduced 2/24/2021 S Filed 5/25/2021 House Passed 05/27/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/16/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to a ribbon for certain service members of the military who served in support of operations to secure this state's international border.	Companion: HB 1060 by King, Phil, Identical, 03/22/2021 H Reported favorably w/o amendment(s)
SB 794	Campbell	PASSED Effective 1/1/2022	Introduced 2/24/2021 S Filed 05/31/2021 Signed in the Senate 06/01/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/16/2021 E Effective on 1/1/22	Relating to eligibility for the exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of a totally disabled veteran.	

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SB 795	Campbell	PASSED Effective 9/1/2021	Introduced 2/24/2021 S Filed 5/19/2021 House Passed 05/20/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/04/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to an exemption from the requirement that the title of a state agency be printed on state-owned motor vehicles.	
SB 818	Powell	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 2/25/2021 S Filed 5/24/2021 House Passed 05/24/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/07/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to unemployment compensation eligibility and chargebacks regarding certain persons separated from employment due to being called to military service.	
HB 2365	Lopez	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 2/26/2021 H Filed 05/31/2021 S Signed in the Senate 05/31/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/15/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the participation and reimbursement of certain military medical treatment facilities and affiliated health care providers under Medicaid.	
HB 2431	Murr	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 2/26/2021 H Filed 05/28/2021 Signed by the Governor 05/28/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 173 in Bandera County as the Master Sergeant Rodney Lee Buentello Memorial Highway.	
SB 886	Blanco	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 3/01/2021 S Filed 05/11/2021 H Passed 05/19/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/28/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the provision of citizenship assistance to veterans by the Texas Veterans Commission.	Companion: HB 2115 by Romero, Jr., Identical, 03/22/2021 H Left pending in committee
SB 937	Campbell	PASSED Effective immediately	Introduced 3/02/2021 S Filed 05/18/2021 H Placed on Local, Consent, and Res. Calendar 5/19/2021 - H Passed 05/20/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/04/2021 E Effective immediately	Relating to an excused absence from a public institution of higher education for a student called to required military service.	
SB 938	Campbell, et al	PASSED This Act takes effect January 1, 2022, except Sections 3, 7, and 9 take effect January 1, 2026.	Introduced 3/02/2021 S Filed 5/25/2021 - H Passed 05/27/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/16/2021 E See remarks for effective date	Relating to an exemption from the franchise tax and certain filing fees for certain businesses owned by veterans during an initial period of operation in the state.	Companion: HB 1671 by Holland, Identical, 03/09/2021 H Referred to Ways & Means: Mar 9 2021 2:21PM
HB 2678	Bonnen	PASSED Effective 09/01/2021	Introduced 3/03/2021 H Filed 04/21/2021 S Scheduled for public hearing 05/03/2021 S Signed in the Senate 05/15/2021 E Signed by the Governor	Relating to the designation of the portion of State Highway 3 in Dickinson as the Sergeant Andrew James Creighton Memorial Highway.	
SB 1093	Creighton	PASSED Effective Immediately	Introduced 3/05/2021 S Filed 05/11/2021 H Passed 05/19/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/28/2021 E Effective immediately	Relating to the administration of a veterans treatment court program.	Companion: HB 408 by Metcalf et al., Identical, 03/17/2021 H Left pending in committee
HB 3067	Buckley	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 3/08/2021 H Filed 5/11/2021 S Passed 05/12/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/24/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the designation of State Highway 195 as a portion of the national Purple Heart Trail.	
SB 1179	Birdwell	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 3/08/2021 S Filed 5/25/2021 - House Passed 05/27/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/16/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the procedure for donating juror reimbursements.	
SB 1185	Alvarado	PASSED. Effective 09/01/2021	Introduced 3/08/2021 S Filed 05/18/2021 House Passed 06/04/2021 E Signed by the Governor	Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 3 in Harris County as the Vanessa Guillen Memorial Highway.	Blanco West
HB 3399	Ortega	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 3/09/2021 H Filed 5/14/2021 S Passed 05/18/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/28/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to provide road services on federal military property.	Companion: SB 1910 by Blanco, Identical, 03/12/2021 S Filed

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HB 3401	Price	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 3/09/2021 H Filed 05/05/2021 S Passed 05/13/2021 E Sent to the Governor 05/24/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor members of the United States Navy SEALS.	
HB 3452	White	PASSED Effective immediately	Introduced 3/10/2021 H Filed 4/30/2021 House Passed 5/25/2021 Senate Passed 06/01/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/16/2021 E Effective immediately	Relating to granting limited state law enforcement authority to certain federal special agents.	
HB 3629	Bonnen	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 3/10/2021 H Filed 05/21/2021 S Scheduled for public hearing 05/26/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/08/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the date a deferral or abatement of the collection of ad valorem taxes on the residence homestead of an elderly or disabled person or disabled veteran expires.	
SB 1208	Hall	PASSED Effective 9/1/2021	Introduced 3/10/2021 S Filed 04/19/2021 Senate Passed 5/27/2021 House Passed 06/14/2021 E Signed by the Governor	Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 276 in Hunt and Rains Counties as the Staff Sergeant Shawn Henry McNabb Memorial Bridge.	
SB 1441	Campbell	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 3/10/2021 S Filed 02/19/2021 Senate Passed 05/27/2021 H Senate concurs in House amendment(s)-reported 06/01/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/18/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to withdrawals of water from the Edwards Aquifer to supply a military installation.	Companion: HB 1801 by Larson et al., Identical, 03/11/2021 H Referred to Natural Resources: Mar 11 2021 1:34PM
HB 3821	Hunter	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 3/11/2021 H Filed 05/20/2021 S Considered in public hearing 05/31/2021 Senate Signed 06/01/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/15/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to employing and training mental health professionals for the mental health program for veterans.	
HB 3932	Bernal	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 3/11/2021 H Filed 05/31/2021 Signed in the Senate 06/01/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/15/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the establishment of the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.	Companion: SB 2044 by Menéndez, Identical, 03/12/2021 S Filed
SB 1704	Blanco	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 3/11/2021 S Filed 05/27/2021 S House passage as amended reported 06/01/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/18/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating to the designation of the portion of United States Highway 54 in El Paso County as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.	
HB 4124	Hinojosa	PASSED Effective on 9/1/21	Introduced 3/12/2021 H Filed 05/31/2021 Signed in the Semnate 06/01/2021 E Sent to the Governor 06/18/2021 E Effective on 9/1/21	Relating toRelating to enrollment in certain special-purpose school districts. the Texas reserve militia.	