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A TIME FOR LEADERSHIP

With elections behind us and an uncertain legislative session ahead, it is an appropriate time to evaluate the challenges and opportunities of the future for our counties, our state, and our nation. The challenges are many and daunting. In 2017, drug overdoses claimed 72,000 lives, exceeding the casualties in the Vietnam War and more than the combined deaths from handguns and auto accidents. Mass shootings occur in our schools, places of worship, and social gatherings. Explosive devices are mailed to political leaders and news outlets. Clearly, these examples of trouble and turmoil demand our attention. The lack of clear solutions may seem discouraging. However, in times of trouble, our citizens and leaders have always responded with hope and determination.

The home of Fred Rogers of “Mr. Rogers Neighborhood” is located 4 blocks from the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting. Mr. Rogers said that in times of turmoil and tragedy, “we should look to the helpers.” I think that he meant to look to those in our community who help others: spiritual leaders of all faiths, first responders like law enforcement, firefighters, and EMS, doctors and nurses, teachers and extension agents, and local public servants like county employees and officials. It is the helpers that represent the best hope for healing and unity in our society.

There will always be serious issues to be debated in our system, and unfortunately some will seek to exploit these issues to sow division, rather than consensus. It is the responsibility of leaders to keep the focus on supporting the work of the helpers. Local and county officials have always been at the forefront of seeking solutions, whether in mental health, law enforcement, health care, education, transportation, or any of the other challenging issues. This is the type of leadership that will continue to preserve and protect our great state and nation.



Bill Research Report

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- HB 51 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the creation and promulgation of certain standard forms for statewide use in criminal actions.
Companions: HB 2680 Canales, Terry(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed
- HB 64 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the expunction of arrest records and files relating to certain criminal offenses.
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed
- HB 93 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the inclusion of a magistrate's name on certain signed orders.
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed
- HB 161 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the procedure for rearrest and adjustment of the bond amount in certain criminal cases.
Companions: HB 362 Moody, Joe(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed
- HB 173 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the release on bail of a defendant arrested following a violation of a condition of community supervision.
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed
- HB 178 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to a credit toward payment of costs for a defendant confined in jail or another facility before sentencing.
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed

- HB 179 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to a special bill of review to reform a final judgment of forfeiture of a bail bond.
Companions: HB 668 Canales, Terry(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed
- HB 182 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to criminal asset forfeiture proceedings.
Companions: SB 156 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed
- HB 196 Stephenson, Phil(R) Relating to allowing justice and municipal courts to access the financial responsibility verification program.
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed
- HB 221 Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara (D) Relating to the standards for attorneys representing indigent defendants in certain capital felony cases.
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed
- HB 229 Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara (D) Relating to the temporary confidentiality and automatic expunction of records and files relating to certain nonviolent misdemeanor offenses.
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed
- HB 300 Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to inquest summary reports certified by justices of the peace.
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed
- HB 301 Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to fees collected by a justice court.
Last Action: 11-12-18 H Filed
- HB 332 Nevarez, Poncho(D) Relating to the eligibility of a retired or former judge for assignment in certain proceedings.
Last Action: 11-13-18 H Filed
- HB 343 Nevarez, Poncho(D) Relating to the annual state salary supplement for certain county judges.

Companions: HB 1167 Nevarez, Poncho(D) (Refiled
from 85R
Session)

Last Action: 11-13-18 H Filed

HB 344 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the age of criminal responsibility
and to certain substantive and procedural
matters related to that age.

Last Action: 11-13-18 H Filed

SB 40 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to locations, terms, sessions, and
procedures for conducting court proceedings.

Last Action: 11-12-18 S Filed

SB 41 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to exemptions to reporting and list
requirements for certain attorneys ad litem,
guardians ad litem, mediators, and
guardians.

Last Action: 11-12-18 S Filed

SB 171 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the amount of the fee paid by a
defendant for a peace officer's services in
executing or processing an arrest warrant,
capias, or capias pro fine.

Companions: SB 342 Perry, Charles(R) (Refiled
from 85R
Session)

Last Action: 11-13-18 S Filed

SB 172 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to certain procedures applicable to a
person arrested for an out-of-county offense.

Last Action: 11-13-18 S Filed

SB 173 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to requiring the state to reimburse
counties for certain costs incurred in
confining certain persons arrested following
release from the Texas Department of
Criminal Justice.

Last Action: 11-13-18 S Filed

SB 174 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to certain duties of a sheriff
regarding a county jail prisoner's health
benefits coverage information.

Last Action: 11-13-18 S Filed

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