

THBI Bill Report
Friday, March 5, 2021
New Legislation and Summaries

Below is the list of bills added to this week's THBI Bill Report along with their summary:

HB 1, by Bonnen

Summary: General Appropriations Bill - appropriations for the 2022-2023 biennium

Track: Budget and Tax Policy

Engagement Level - B1

HB 2, by Bonnen

Summary: Supplemental Appropriations Bill - supplemental appropriations and reductions for fiscal year ending August 31, 2021

Track: Budget and Tax Policy

Engagement Level - B1

HB 2504, by Jessica Gonzalez

Summary: Coverage of prescription drugs for serious mental illnesses, prohibiting a plan from requiring a "fail-first".

Track: Insurance

Engagement Level - B2

HB 2668, by Price

Summary: Requires plans and PBMs to apply discounts, vouchers, etc. towards enrollee's out-of-pocket max. Amends Ch 1369 of Insurance Code relating to prescription drugs.

Companion to SB 523 by Senator Buckingham.

Track: Insurance

Engagement Level - B1

HB 2782, by Dean

Summary: Businesses' civil liability for COVID-19 exposure - limited liability.

Track: COVID-19 and Infectious Diseases

Engagement Level - A3

HB 2822, by Hull

Summary: Amends the enacting statute of the Health and Human Services Commission and the agency's Medicaid managed care program statute in the Government Code. The bill prohibits the executive commissioner from requiring clinical, nonpreferred, or other prior authorization for antipsychotic prescription drugs for adult patients under the prior authorization for certain prescription drugs and Medicaid managed care program if certain criteria are met. Companion to Senator Buckingham's SB 674.

Track: Pharmaceutical

Engagement Level - B1

SB 827, by Kolkhorst

Summary: Pricing and cost-sharing requirements for prescription insulin.

Track: Insurance

Engagement Level - B1

SB 875, by Hancock

Summary: Drug price disclosure - establishes an industry fee. Companion to Representative Oliverson's HB 1033.

Track: Pharmaceutical

Engagement Level - B1

SB 928, by Zaffirini

Summary: Maintenance and production of electronic public info by a gov body/state entity. Defines electronic pub info in statute. Companion to Representative Capriglione's HB 1810 and Senator Johnson's SB 729.

Track: Disclosure and Privacy

Engagement Level - E1

SB 968, by Kolkhorst

Summary: Public health disaster and public health emergency preparedness and response - PPE manufacturer contracts.

Track: COVID-19 and Infectious Diseases

Engagement Level - A3

SB 984, by Schwertner

Summary: Public health disaster and public health emergency preparedness and response. Establishes a reserve, or regional reserves, of PPE to support a response to public health disasters.

Track: COVID-19 and Infectious Diseases

Engagement Level - A3

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Budget and Tax Policy

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 1 **Author:** Bonnen -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action 03/01/2021 H Referred to Appropriations
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: General Appropriations Bill.
House Committee: Appropriations (In)
Senate Committee:
Comment: General Appropriations Bill - appropriations for the 2022-2023 biennium

87(R) HB 2 **Author:** Bonnen -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action 03/01/2021 H Referred to Appropriations
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.
House Committee: Appropriations (In)
Senate Committee:
Comment: Supplemental Appropriations Bill - supplemental appropriations and reductions for fiscal year ending August 31, 2021

87(R) HB 1556 **Author:** Murphy -- Engagement Level - E1
Last Action 02/03/2021 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the Texas Economic Development Act.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Texas Economic Development Act. Amends Ch 313 of Tax Code

87(R) SB 1 **Author:** Nelson -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action 03/08/2021 S Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: General Appropriations Bill.
House Committee:
Senate Committee: Finance (In)
Comment: General Appropriations Bill - appropriations for the 2022-2023 biennium

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COVID-19 and Infectious Diseases

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 797 **Author:** Howard -- Engagement Level - A2
Last Action 03/10/2021 H Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to allowing home and hospice agencies to administer certain vaccines.
House Committee: Public Health (In)
Senate Committee:
Comment: Home hospice agencies to administer vaccines

87(R) HB 906 **Author:** Krause -- Engagement Level - A3
Last Action 03/01/2021 H Referred to State Affairs
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to a prohibition on orders issued during a declared state of disaster that distinguish between essential and nonessential services.
House Committee: State Affairs (In)
Senate Committee:
Comment: Prohibition on orders issued - essential and nonessential services

87(R) HB 1989 **Author:** Thierry -- Engagement Level - A2
Last Action 02/22/2021 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the state reserve of personal protective equipment for health care workers and essential personnel.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Creates a state reserve for PPE and defines essential personnel. Companion to SB 437 and HB 2270.

87(R) HB 2270 **Author:** Turner, John -- Engagement Level - A2
Last Action 02/24/2021 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the state reserve of personal protective equipment for health care workers and essential personnel.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Creates a state reserve for PPE and defines essential personnel. Companion to SB 437 and HB 1989.

87(R) HB 2316 **Author:** Turner, John -- Engagement Level - A1
Last Action 02/25/2021 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to a COVID-19 vaccine public awareness campaign.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: COVID-19 vaccine awareness campaign.

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87(R) HB 2782	Author: Dean -- Engagement Level - A3
Last Action	03/03/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to businesses' civil liability for COVID-19 exposure.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Businesses' civil liability for COVID-19 exposure - limited liability.
87(R) SB 115	Author: Lucio -- Engagement Level - A3
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to public health laboratory testing capabilities in certain counties.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Health & Human Services (In)
Comment:	Health laboratory testing capabilities
87(R) SB 264	Author: Menéndez -- Engagement Level - A1
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Research Consortium to Cure Infectious Diseases (TRANSCEND); authorizing the issuance of bonds.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Health & Human Services (In)
Comment:	Establishment of TRANSCEND
87(R) SB 437	Author: Blanco -- Engagement Level - A2
Last Action	01/26/2021 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the state reserve of personal protective equipment for health care workers and essential personnel.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Creates a state reserve for PPE and defines essential personnel
87(R) SB 968	Author: Kolkhorst -- Engagement Level - A3
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to public health disaster and public health emergency preparedness and response; providing a civil penalty.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Public health disaster and public health emergency preparedness and response - PPE manufacturer contracts.
87(R) SB 984	Author: Schwertner et al. -- Engagement Level - A3
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to public health disaster and public health emergency preparedness and response, including the operation of the Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Public health disaster and public health emergency preparedness and response. Establishes a PPE reserve

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03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Texas Research Consortium to Cure Infectious Diseases (TRANSCEND) and authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund collaborative research on and development of infectious disease treatments and cures for humans.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:**

Health & Human Services (In)

Comment:

Establishment of TRANSCEND



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Disclosure and Privacy

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 1810	Author: Capriglione -- Engagement Level - E1
Last Action	02/10/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to maintenance and production of electronic public information under the public information law.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Maintenance and production of electronic public info by a gov body/state entity. Defines electronic pub info in statute.
87(R) SB 16	Author: Nelson et al. -- Engagement Level - E2
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Finance
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to prohibitions on the dissemination by a state agency of an individual's personal data.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Finance (In)
Comment:	Prohibits state agencies from selling personal data. Amends the Gov Code. Could be a vehicle.
87(R) SB 729	Author: Johnson -- Engagement Level - E1
Last Action	02/22/2021 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to maintenance and production of electronic public information under the public information law.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Maintenance and production of electronic public info by a gov body/state entity. Defines electronic pub info in statute.
87(R) SB 928	Author: Zaffirini -- Engagement Level - E1
Last Action	03/02/2021 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to maintenance and production of electronic public information under the public information law.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Maintenance and production of electronic public info by a gov body/state entity. Defines electronic pub info in statute.

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Highlighted bills are
Medicaid expansion bills.

General Medicaid

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 105	Author: Ortega -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	02/25/2021 H Referred to Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the use of promotoras and community health workers in Medicaid managed care.
House Committee:	Human Services (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Use promotoras community health workers
87(R) HB 131	Author: Bernal -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	02/25/2021 H Referred to Appropriations
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the creation of a Medicaid buy-in program for certain low-income individuals through the expansion of Medicaid under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:	Appropriations (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Medicaid buy-in program low-income; expansion eligibility Medicaid
87(R) HB 143	Author: Bernal -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	02/25/2021 H Referred to Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:	Human Services (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Expansion eligibility Medicaid
87(R) HB 171	Author: Bernal -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	02/25/2021 H Referred to Appropriations
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:	Appropriations (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons
87(R) HB 389	Author: Israel -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	02/25/2021 H Referred to Appropriations
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:	Appropriations (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons

87(R) HB 398	Author: Bucy -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	02/25/2021 H Referred to Appropriations
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:	Appropriations (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons
87(R) HB 509	Author: Beckley -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Appropriations
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal matching funds are available.
House Committee:	Appropriations (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Expansion eligibility Medicaid
87(R) HB 510	Author: Beckley -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to a Medicaid buy-in program for Medicaid recipients with increased household income from employment.
House Committee:	Human Services (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Medicaid buy-in program Medicaid recipients
87(R) HB 511	Author: Beckley -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to a Medicaid buy-in program for Medicaid recipients with increased household income from employment with a small business.
House Committee:	Human Services (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Medicaid buy-in program Medicaid recipients
87(R) HB 512	Author: Beckley -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to a Medicaid buy-in program for employees of small businesses.
House Committee:	Human Services (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Medicaid buy-in program small business
87(R) HB 513	Author: Beckley -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties.
House Committee:	Human Services (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Expansion eligibility Medicaid counties

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87(R) HB 734	Author: González, Jessica -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Appropriations
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain persons who are lawfully present in the United States.
House Committee:	Appropriations (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Medicaid eligibility persons
87(R) HB 922	Author: Reynolds -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to a "Texas Way" to reforming and addressing issues related to the Medicaid program, including the creation of an alternative program designed to ensure health benefit plan coverage to certain low-income individuals through the private marketplace.
House Committee:	Human Services (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Medicaid and Medicaid alternatives
87(R) HB 1730	Author: Larson -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	02/09/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal matching money is available.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Expansion of Medicaid eligibility if federal matching money is available.
87(R) HB 1741	Author: Guerra -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	02/09/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal matching money is available.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Expansion of Medicaid eligibility if federal matching money is available.
87(R) HJR 9	Author: Reynolds -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Appropriations
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:	Appropriations (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Affordable care act
87(R) HJR 23	Author: Israel -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Appropriations
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:	Appropriations (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Proposing constitutional amendment expand

87(R) HJR 24	Author: Bucy -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Appropriations
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:	Appropriations (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Proposing constitutional amendment expand
87(R) HJR 86	Author: Larson -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	02/09/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal matching money is available.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Expansion of Medicaid eligibility if federal matching money is avail. Constitutional amendment subject to voter approval
87(R) SB 38	Author: Zaffirini -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Health & Human Services (In)
Comment:	Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons
87(R) SB 118	Author: Johnson et al. -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Health & Human Services (In)
Comment:	Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons
87(R) SB 119	Author: Johnson et al. -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Health & Human Services (In)
Comment:	Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons
87(R) SB 171	Author: Blanco -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to a report regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates and access to care.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Health & Human Services (In)
Comment:	Report regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates

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87(R) SB 217**Author:** West -- Engagement Level - B3**Last Action**

03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to expanding eligibility for medical assistance to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and ensuring the provision of quality care under and the effectiveness of the medical assistance program.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:**

Health & Human Services (In)

Comment:

Expanding eligibility medical assistance

87(R) SB 521**Author:** Blanco -- Engagement Level - B3**Last Action**

01/29/2021 S Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain persons who are lawfully present in the United States.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Medicaid eligibility expanded to persons who are lawfully present in the U.S.

87(R) SJR 11**Author:** Zaffirini -- Engagement Level - B3**Last Action**

03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:**

Health & Human Services (In)

Comment:

Expansion eligibility Medicaid to persons

87(R) SJR 14**Author:** Johnson | et al. -- Engagement Level - B3**Last Action**

03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:**

Health & Human Services (In)

Comment:

Proposing constitutional amendment expand

87(R) SJR 15**Author:** Alvarado -- Engagement Level - B3**Last Action**

03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:**

Health & Human Services (In)

Comment:

Proposing constitutional amendment expand

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Higher Education

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 15	Author: Thompson, Senfronia -- Engagement Level - D2
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Higher Education
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the creation of the Brain Institute of Texas; granting authority to issue bonds.
House Committee:	Higher Education (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Brain Institute of Texas. CPRIT like model for brain research.
87(R) HB 324	Author: Howard -- Engagement Level - D2
Last Action	02/25/2021 H Referred to Higher Education
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Computational Health Research Institute.
House Committee:	Higher Education (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Establishment the Computational Health Research Institute
87(R) HB 449	Author: Turner, Chris -- Engagement Level - D1
Last Action	02/25/2021 H Referred to Higher Education
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at certain public institutions of higher education.
House Committee:	Higher Education (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	the issuance of tuition revenue bonds
87(R) HB 2252	Author: Oliverson -- Engagement Level - D2
Last Action	02/24/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to prohibitions on the use of grant money awarded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas to procure or obtain organs from a hospital located in China.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Prohibitions on use grant money awarded by CPRIT. Amends enacting chapter of CPRIT in the Health and Safety Code.
87(R) HJR 5	Author: Thompson, Senfronia -- Engagement Level - D2
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Higher Education
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and the dedication of bond proceeds to the Brain Institute of Texas research fund established to fund brain research in this state.
House Committee:	Higher Education (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Brain Institute of Texas. The issuance of bonds for institution funding

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01/15/2021 S Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to matching private grants given to enhance additional research activities at public institutions of higher education.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Matching private grants in university research re: vaccines and pharmaceuticals



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Immunizations

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 325	Author: Howard -- Engagement Level - A2
Last Action	02/25/2021 H Referred to Public Health
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the immunization data included in and excluded from the immunization registry.
House Committee:	Public Health (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Immunization data - request to be excluded from
87(R) SB 468	Author: Zaffirini et al. -- Engagement Level - A2
Last Action	01/26/2021 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the immunization data included in and excluded from the immunization registry.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Immunization data - request to be excluded from
87(R) SB 636	Author: Seliger -- Engagement Level - A2
Last Action	02/09/2021 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to requirements for and the transparency of epidemiological reports and certain immunization exemption information and reports.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Requirements and transparency on epidemiological reports and immunization exemption reports.

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Incentive Programs/EcoDevo

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) SB 74	Author: Miles -- Engagement Level - C2
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the contract terms of certain grants awarded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Health & Human Services (In)
Comment:	Contract terms grants awarded by CPRIT
87(R) SB 150	Author: Powell -- Engagement Level - C2
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Business & Commerce
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the procedure for adoption by a state agency of rules that may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Business & Commerce (In)
Comment:	Procedure adoption by agency rules; notification



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Insurance

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 40 **Author:** Talarico -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action 02/25/2021 H Referred to Insurance
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to a cap on the monthly price of insulin and insulin supplies.
House Committee: Insurance (In)
Senate Committee:
Comment: Cap on monthly price insulin supplies

87(R) HB 82 **Author:** Lucio III -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action 02/25/2021 H Referred to Insurance
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to pricing of and health benefit plan cost-sharing requirements for prescription insulin.
House Committee: Insurance (In)
Senate Committee:
Comment: Pricing health benefit plan cost-sharing

87(R) HB 410 **Author:** Johnson, Julie -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action 03/09/2021 H Scheduled for public hearing on . . .
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to preauthorization of certain benefits by certain health benefit plan issuers.
House Committee: Insurance (In)
Senate Committee:
Comment: Preauthorization benefits

87(R) HB 1667 **Author:** Thierry -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action 02/08/2021 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to a limit on cost-sharing requirements imposed by a health benefit plan for certain prescription insulin.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Limit on cost-sharing requirements imposed on prescription insulin.

87(R) HB 1701 **Author:** Price -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action 02/09/2021 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to pricing of and health benefit plan cost-sharing requirements for prescription insulin.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Pricing and cost-sharing requirements for prescription insulin.

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87(R) HB 1935	Author: Bucy -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action	02/16/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to emergency refills of insulin and insulin-related equipment or supplies.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Allowing pharmacists to provide an emergency refill of insulin and insulin-related equip or supplies.
87(R) HB 2090	Author: Burrows -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	02/23/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to health care cost disclosures by health benefit plan issuers and third-party administrators.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Health care cost disclosures by healthplan issuers. Creates new chapter in Insurance Code. Defines historical net price.
87(R) HB 2504	Author: González, Jessica -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to health benefit plan coverage of prescription drugs for serious mental illnesses.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Coverage of prescription drugs for serious mental illnesses, prohibiting a plan from requiring a "fail-first".
87(R) HB 2668	Author: Price -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action	03/03/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the effect of certain reductions in a health benefit plan enrollee's out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drugs on enrollee cost-sharing requirements.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Requires plans and PBMs to apply discounts towards OOP max. Amends Ch 1369 of Ins Code relating to pres. drugs
87(R) SB 76	Author: Miles -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Business & Commerce
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to a limit on cost-sharing requirements imposed by a health benefit plan for certain prescription insulin.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Business & Commerce (In)
Comment:	Limit on cost-sharing requirements imposed
87(R) SB 166	Author: Blanco -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Business & Commerce
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to a limit on cost-sharing requirements imposed by a health benefit plan for certain prescription insulin.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Business & Commerce (In)
Comment:	Limit on cost-sharing requirements imposed

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01/29/2021 S Filed

Caption Version:

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Caption:

Relating to the effect of certain reductions in a health benefit plan enrollee's out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drugs on enrollee cost-sharing requirements.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Requires plans and PBMs to apply discounts towards OOP max. Amends Ch 1369 of Ins Code relating to pres. drugs

87(R) SB 827**Author:** Kolkhorst | et al. -- Engagement Level - B1**Last Action**

02/26/2021 S Filed

Caption Version:

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Caption:

Relating to pricing of and health benefit plan cost-sharing requirements for prescription insulin.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Pricing and cost-sharing requirements for prescription insulin.



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Pharmaceutical

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 456 **Author:** Shaheen -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action 02/25/2021 H Referred to Public Health
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the dispensing of certain drugs by physicians.
House Committee: Public Health (In)
Senate Committee:
Comment: Dispensing drugs by physicians

87(R) HB 907 **Author:** Johnson, Julie -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action 03/01/2021 H Referred to Insurance
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to prior authorization for prescription drug benefits related to the treatment of chronic and autoimmune diseases.
House Committee: Insurance (In)
Senate Committee:
Comment: Prior authorization prescription drug

87(R) HB 1033 **Author:** Oliverson -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action 03/04/2021 H Referred to Insurance
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to prescription drug price disclosure; authorizing a fee; providing an administrative penalty.
House Committee: Insurance (In)
Senate Committee:
Comment: Drug price disclosure - est. an industry fee. HHSC bill request.

87(R) HB 1093 **Author:** Lucio III -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action 03/04/2021 H Referred to Insurance
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the regulation of pharmacy benefit managers and health benefit plan issuers in relation to prescription drug coverage.
House Committee: Insurance (In)
Senate Committee:
Comment: Regulation of pharmacy benefit managers. Amends Insurance code that addresses prescription drug coverage.

87(R) HB 1584 **Author:** Lucio III -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action 02/04/2021 H Filed
Caption Version: Introduced
Caption: Relating to the authority of an providers right to redispense.
House Committee:
Senate Committee:
Comment: Authority of providers right to re-dispense, compounding prescription drugs and devices

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87(R) HB 2185	Author: Parker -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	02/24/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the promotion of off-label uses of certain drugs, biological products, and devices.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Prohibits disciplinary action for promotion of off-label use by pharma manufacturers.
87(R) HB 2346	Author: Klick -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action	02/25/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the determination of prescription drug reimbursement amounts under the Medicaid vendor drug program.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Determination prescription drug reimbursement. Companion to SB 299.
87(R) HB 2822	Author: Hull -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action	03/04/2021 H Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the availability of antipsychotic prescription drugs under the vendor drug program and Medicaid managed care.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Prohibits the executive commissioner from requiring prior auth for antipsychotic pres drugs for adult patients
87(R) SB 299	Author: Hinojosa -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Health & Human Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the determination of prescription drug reimbursement amounts under the Medicaid vendor drug program.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Health & Human Services (In)
Comment:	Determination prescription drug reimbursement
87(R) SB 674	Author: Buckingham -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action	02/12/2021 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the availability of antipsychotic prescription drugs under the vendor drug program and Medicaid managed care.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Prohibits the executive commissioner from requiring prior auth for antipsychotic pres drugs for adult patients
87(R) SB 679	Author: Kolkhorst -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action	02/12/2021 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the regulation of pharmacy benefit managers and health benefit plan issuers in relation to prescription drug coverage.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Regulation of pharmacy benefit managers. Amends Insurance code that addresses prescription drug coverage.

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03/01/2021 S Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to prescription drug price disclosure; authorizing a fee; providing an administrative penalty.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Drug price disclosure - est. an industry fee.



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RareDiseases and Orphan Drugs

Legislature: 87th Legislature**87(R) HB 1586****Author:** Lucio III -- Engagement Level - B2**Last Action**

02/04/2021 H Filed

Caption Version:

Introduced

Caption:

Relating to specialty prescription drug coverage.

House Committee:**Senate Committee:****Comment:**

Specialty prescription drug coverage. Specialty drug defined. Amends Ch 1369 of Ins Code relating to pres. drugs.



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Healthcare, Telehealth and Telemed

Legislature: 87th Legislature

87(R) HB 4	Author: Price et al. -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Public Health
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to telemedicine, telehealth, and technology-related health care services.
House Committee:	Public Health (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Telemed expansion - top priority for the Speaker. Vehicle for telemed bills moving forward.
87(R) HB 280	Author: Cortez -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action	02/25/2021 H Referred to Public Health
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to an action plan to expand telemedicine medical services and telehealth services and increase access to critical medical care and health care services in this state.
House Committee:	Public Health (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Action plan to expand telemedicine medical
87(R) HB 472	Author: White -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action	02/25/2021 H Referred to Public Health
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to services provided by freestanding emergency medical care facilities.
House Committee:	Public Health (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Services provided by freestanding emergency
87(R) HB 501	Author: Wu -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to liability limits in a health care liability claim.
House Committee:	Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Liability limits health care liability claim
87(R) HB 515	Author: Oliverson et al. -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Insurance
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the reimbursement and payment of claims by certain health benefit plan issuers for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.
House Committee:	Insurance (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Reimburse. payment claims by health benefit plan issuers

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87(R) HB 522	Author: Johnson, Julie et al. -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Insurance
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the reimbursement and payment of claims by certain health benefit plan issuers for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.
House Committee:	Insurance (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Reimburse. payment claims by health benefit plan issuers
87(R) HB 571	Author: Gates -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Pensions, Investments & Financial Services
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the establishment of a bundled-pricing program to reduce certain health care costs in the state employees group benefits program.
House Committee:	Pensions, Investments & Financial Services (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	est of a bundled-pricing program to reduce certain health care costs in the state employees group benefits prog.
87(R) HB 602	Author: Hinojosa -- Engagement Level - B3
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Insurance
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the provision of comprehensive health care benefits coverage through a publicly funded program to be known as the Healthy Texas Program; authorizing a fee.
House Committee:	Insurance (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Provision comprehensive health care benefits
87(R) HB 974	Author: Price et al. -- Engagement Level - B1
Last Action	03/01/2021 H Referred to Public Health
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to telemedicine, telehealth, and technology-related health care services.
House Committee:	Public Health (In)
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Telemed expansion - top priority for Texas e-Health Alliance
87(R) SB 228	Author: Blanco et al. -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action	03/03/2021 S Referred to Business & Commerce
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to the reimbursement and payment of claims by certain health benefit plan issuers for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	Business & Commerce (In)
Comment:	Reimburse. payment claims by health benefit plan issuers
87(R) SB 412	Author: Buckingham et al. -- Engagement Level - B2
Last Action	01/25/2021 S Filed
Caption Version:	Introduced
Caption:	Relating to telemedicine, telehealth, and technology-related health care services.
House Committee:	
Senate Committee:	
Comment:	Telemed expansion - top priority for e-Health. Companion to HB 974