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PROCEEDINGS

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**FIFTH DAY**

(Continued)

(Friday, February 7, 2025)

**AFTER RECESS**

The Senate met at 11:00 a.m. and was called to order by Senator Hughes.

## **SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

The following bills and resolutions were introduced, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

**SB 4** by Bettencourt, Alvarado, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini

Relating to an increase in the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district and the protection of school districts against certain losses in local revenue.

To Committee on Local Government.

**SB 40** by Huffman

Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds to pay bail bonds.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 701** by Hughes

Relating to mediation or arbitration of certain billing disputes between health benefit plan issuers or administrators and out-of-network facilities.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 702** by Hughes

Relating to the performance of autopsies on individuals with a history of epilepsy.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 703** by Zaffirini

Relating to the criminal and licensing consequences for the commission of certain offenses by massage establishments, massage schools, massage therapists, and massage therapy instructors.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 704** by Kolkhorst

Relating to the process for filling a vacancy on the board of certain property owners' associations.

To Committee on Local Government.

**SB 705** by Zaffirini

Relating to the air conditioning and refrigeration contractors advisory board.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 706** by Schwertner

Relating to the recognition of a handgun license issued by another state.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 707** by King

Relating to the authority of the legislature to determine that certain federal directives are unconstitutional and to prohibit certain government officers and employees from enforcing or assisting in the enforcement of the directive.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 708** by Alvarado

Relating to the definition of "closing" for purposes of certain private activity bonds.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 709** by Eckhardt

Relating to exempting textbooks purchased, used, or consumed by university and college students from sales and use taxes for limited periods.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 710** by Eckhardt

Relating to the establishment and use of a written electronic communications system accessible to the public by certain municipal entities.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 711** by Hughes

Relating to property owners' associations, including condominium unit owners' associations.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

**SB 712** by Hughes

Relating to the identification of underpayments and overpayments under the Medicaid managed care program.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 713** by Sparks

Relating to the surcharge for the disposal, and the remittance for the storage, of certain waste at the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact waste disposal facility; decreasing the amount of the surcharge and changing how the surcharge and remittance are distributed.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 714** by Sparks

Relating to electricity pricing rules and operating procedures that eliminate or compensate for market distortion caused by certain federal tax credits.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 715** by Sparks

Relating to the applicability of certain generation reliability requirements.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 716** by Sparks

Relating to the issuance of an occupational license to certain out-of-state applicants.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 717** by Sparks

Relating to the additional compensation certain counties pay to judges and justices for extrajudicial services.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 718** by Kolkhorst, Johnson

Relating to creation of the groundwater science, research, and innovation fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 719** by Eckhardt

Relating to a study regarding available beds at inpatient mental health facilities providing acute psychiatric treatment.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 720** by Hall

Relating to the prohibition of lane restrictions on a portion of Interstate Highway 635.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 721** by Hall

Relating to prohibiting the disbursement of certain economic and tax incentives to entities that assist, refer, or otherwise encourage a woman to obtain an abortion.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 722** by Alvarado

Relating to a mobile stroke unit grant program.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 723** by Alvarado

Relating to the release of a tier two form listing hazardous chemicals that is in the possession of a political subdivision of this state.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 724** by Kolkhorst

Relating to providing in-person meeting requirements for governing boards of public institutions of higher education; authorizing a civil penalty.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 725** by Zaffirini

Relating to the regulation of used automotive parts recycling, including the removal of license plates and registration insignia.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 726** by Hughes

Relating to requiring operators of smart devices to provide information to users about the collection of personal data.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 727** by Johnson

Relating to the creation of a small non-road engine purchase incentive program under the Texas emissions reduction plan.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 728** by Johnson

Relating to an incentive program to promote beverage container recycling.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 729** by Johnson

Relating to the operation of rock crushing facilities.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 730** by Campbell

Relating to certain prohibited transactions and logistical support between a governmental entity and an abortion assistance entity or abortion provider for the procurement of an abortion or related services.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 731** by Miles

Relating to required water pressure boosters for certain housing developments that receive an allocation of low income housing tax credits.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 732** by Miles

Relating to required generators or other power sources for certain housing developments that receive an allocation of low income housing tax credits.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 733** by Menéndez

Relating to the creation of a medical cannabis research program; authorizing fees.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 734** by Menéndez

Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, delivery, sale, and research of medical cannabis for medical use by patients with certain medical conditions and the licensing of medical cannabis organizations; authorizing a fee.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 735** by Menéndez

Relating to Holocaust education and training provided to students enrolled at public schools and public institutions of higher education.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 736** by Menéndez

Relating to use of compost in landscaping, capital construction, and road maintenance projects by the Texas Department of Transportation.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 737** by Menéndez

Relating to the duties of the Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee and the collection, maintenance, and disclosure of maternal health records regarding miscarriage and lack of access to therapeutic termination of pregnancy.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 738** by Menéndez

Relating to the use of unclaimed lottery prize money to benefit the child-care services program administered by the Texas Workforce Commission.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 739** by Kolkhorst

Relating to the definition of authorized peace officer for purposes of certain laws governing the installation and use of tracking equipment and access to certain communications.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 740** by Perry

Relating to certain proceedings by the Public Utility Commission of Texas regarding water or sewer service.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 741** by Huffman

Relating to human trafficking, prostitution, and child pornography and to the prosecution of sexual or assaultive offenses or the prosecution of a failure to stop or report those offenses; amending and harmonizing certain statute of limitations provisions; creating a criminal offense; increasing a criminal penalty.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 742** by Schwertner

Relating to the adequacy and effectiveness of managed care plan networks.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 743** by Schwertner

Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to establish and operate a guaranteed income program.

To Committee on Local Government.

**SB 744** by Campbell

Relating to the enforcement of the prohibition on passing a school bus using images and video from a school bus infraction detection system.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 745** by Kolkhorst

Relating to enhancing the criminal penalty for the offense of intoxication manslaughter in certain circumstances.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 746** by Zaffirini

Relating to guardianship matters.

To Committee on Jurisprudence.

**SB 747** by King

Relating to public school policies and programs regarding the production or distribution of certain intimate visual material by public school students.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 748** by Zaffirini

Relating to the regulation of laser hair removal.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 749** by Kolkhorst

Relating to the adoption of an ad valorem tax rate by certain special districts and voter approval of a proposed ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate.

To Committee on Local Government.

**SB 750** by Eckhardt, Flores, Parker, Zaffirini

Relating to the exemption of tuition and laboratory fees at public institutions of higher education for certain paramedics.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 751** by Eckhardt

Relating to applicability of civil service status to emergency medical services personnel in certain municipalities.

To Committee on Local Government.

**SB 752** by Menéndez

Relating to measures to ensure the safety of individuals with disabilities during an emergency situation at public postsecondary institutions.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 753** by Middleton

Relating to prohibiting certain conduct by physicians and health care providers involving gender transitioning and gender reassignment procedures and treatments for children; creating a criminal offense.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 754** by Middleton

Relating to informed consent requirements before the provision of health care services.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 755** by Middleton

Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for firearms, ammunition, and other related items sold during a limited period.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 756** by Middleton

Relating to repealing certain offenses involving toll violations.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 757** by Middleton

Relating to the review, funding, and continuation of degree and certificate programs at public institutions of higher education based on certain performance standards.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 758** by Middleton

Relating to the definition of a governmental body for the purposes of the public information law.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 759** by Cook

Relating to the disclosure of certain fees by a landlord.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 760** by Kolkhorst

Relating to an application for a ballot to be voted by mail submitted by certain residents of an assisted living facility, a nursing facility, or an intermediate care facility.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 761** by J. Hinojosa

Relating to rights of crime victims and the enforcement of those rights; authorizing a civil penalty.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 762** by Campbell

Relating to the display of flags in public schools.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 763** by Alvarado

Relating to the renewal and review of standard permits for certain concrete plants.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 764** by Zaffirini

Relating to the procedure for a hearing by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation on the denial of an electrician's license or disciplinary action against an electrician.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 765** by Kolkhorst

Relating to the confidentiality of fraud detection and deterrence information under the public information law.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 766** by Zaffirini

Relating to the correction of references to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 767** by Sparks

Relating to creating a database of the firefighting equipment in the state available for use in responding to wildfires.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 768** by Menéndez

Relating to a study regarding the effects of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals on public health.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 769** by Menéndez

Relating to a report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding enrollment and success in higher education for students with disabilities.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 770** by Menéndez

Relating to creating a reimbursement program to reimburse certain supplemental nutrition assistance program recipients for the cost of certain food delivery service fees.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 771** by J. Hinojosa

Relating to a credit or refund for diesel fuel taxes paid on diesel fuel used in this state by auxiliary power units or power take-off equipment.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 772** by J. Hinojosa

Relating to the designation of a portion of U.S. Highway 281 as the Ernesto Soliz Cantu Memorial Highway.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 773** by Eckhardt

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of real property owned by certain charitable organizations.

To Committee on Local Government.

**SB 774** by Eckhardt

Relating to excused absences from public school for students with a menstrual disorder.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 775** by Eckhardt

Relating to endometriosis and menstrual disorders education and informational materials for public school students.

To Committee on Education K-16.



**SB 776** by Hughes

Relating to the award of compensatory damages caused by certain delays under governmental construction contracts.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 777** by Hughes

Relating to compensation and employment condition standards by municipal charter or collective bargaining agreement and to impasse resolution in collective bargaining with certain political subdivisions.

To Committee on Local Government.

**SB 778** by Schwertner

Relating to the establishment and administration of the Texas Strategic Bitcoin Reserve; making an appropriation.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 779** by Middleton

Relating to common law public nuisance claims.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 780** by Parker

Relating to the homeland security activities of certain entities, including the establishment and operations of the Homeland Security Division in the Department of Public Safety.

To Committee on Border Security.

**SB 781** by King

Relating to certain files maintained by a law enforcement agency regarding certain employees of the agency.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 782** by King

Relating to a severance tax exemption for oil and gas produced from certain restimulation wells; providing a civil penalty.

To Committee on Finance.

**SB 783** by Menéndez

Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the construction or alteration of residential or commercial buildings.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 784** by King

Relating to the transfer of certain public school students who are children of peace officers.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 785** by Flores

Relating to the regulation of new HUD-code manufactured housing.

To Committee on Local Government.

**SB 786** by Alvarado

Relating to authorizing school districts to provide funding using money received under the Foundation School Program to community-based organizations for purposes of reimbursing private employers for paid internships provided to certain students in career and technology education programs in the district.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 787** by Alvarado

Relating to a requirement to report through the Public Education Information Management System the number of student deaths occurring on a school district or open-enrollment charter school campus.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 788** by Alvarado

Relating to permissible accountability interventions for certain school districts with low-performing campuses.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 789** by Alvarado

Relating to the eligibility requirements for grants under programs of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 790** by Alvarado

Relating to the procedure for resolving certain customer complaints before the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

To Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 791** by Alvarado

Relating to the offense of public consumption of alcoholic beverages during certain hours.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 792** by Alvarado

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of sexual assault.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 793** by Alvarado

Relating to the prohibition on the possession of a firearm by a person following the person's conviction of certain family violence misdemeanors.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 794** by Alvarado

Relating to the method used to select engineers and general contractors for certain transportation-related construction projects.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 795** by Alvarado

Relating to creation of the gulf coast protection account to be administered by the General Land Office.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 796** by Alvarado

Relating to the construction of certain concrete batch plants.

To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 797** by Eckhardt

Relating to the unlawful installation or use of a tracking device.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 798** by Eckhardt

Relating to authorizing an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties to be used for transportation projects.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SB 799** by Menéndez

Relating to the installment of electric school buses and solar panels in Texas public schools.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 800** by Zaffirini

Relating to a public institution of higher education's orientation on the institution's sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking policy.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 801** by Menéndez

Relating to the issuance of a certified birth record to a homeless individual.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 802** by Menéndez

Relating to educational and informational materials provided through the Thriving Texas Families Program.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 803** by West

Relating to a hearing for an alleged violation of community supervision by a defendant and the manner in which that defendant is required to appear before the court.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 804** by Hughes

Relating to transportation to school for a child required to attend school as a condition of probation.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 805** by Hughes

Relating to the establishment by regional education service centers of regional school district health coverage advisory committees.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 806** by Hughes

Relating to enrolling a public school student in a virtual education program as an alternative to expulsion.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 807** by Zaffirini

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of fraudulent use or possession of credit card or debit card information.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 808** by West

Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of the possession, manufacture, transport, repair, or sale of a machine gun or a machine gun conversion device.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 809** by West

Relating to the carrying of a firearm by a person who is a member of a criminal street gang; increasing a criminal penalty.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 810** by Hughes

Relating to protection for a public school employee's use of terms consistent with biological sex.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SB 811** by Hughes

Relating to health coverage for school district and open-enrollment charter school employees under interlocal contracts.

To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 812** by Hughes

Relating to the grievance procedure in public schools.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 813** by Hughes

Relating to the creation of grievance boards with concurrent jurisdiction over certain appeals involving the administration of public education.

To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 814** by Zaffirini

Relating to automatic orders of nondisclosure of criminal history record information for certain misdemeanor defendants following successful completion of a period of deferred adjudication community supervision.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 815** by Schwertner

Relating to use of artificial intelligence in utilization review conducted for health benefit plans.

To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 816** by Huffman

Relating to authorizing the disclosure of certain electronic customer data by a provider of an electronic communications service or a remote computing service in certain immediate life-threatening situations.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SB 817** by Miles

Relating to air quality permits for certain concrete plants and crushing facilities.  
To Committee on Natural Resources.

**SB 818** by Bettencourt

Relating to the establishment of the Health Impact, Cost, and Coverage Analysis Program; authorizing a fee.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 819** by Kolkhorst, Bettencourt, Campbell, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Middleton, Parker, Sparks

Relating to renewable energy generation facilities; authorizing fees.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 820** by Miles

Relating to the establishment of the sickle cell disease registry.  
To Committee on Health and Human Services.

**SB 821** by Zaffirini

Relating to the essential knowledge and skills for the public school foundation curriculum and social studies curriculum.  
To Committee on Education K-16.

**SB 822** by Middleton

Relating to the prohibited manufacture, processing, possession, distribution, offer for sale, and sale of cell-cultured protein.  
To Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 823** by Middleton

Relating to required labeling of meat, poultry, shrimp, and certain related food products.  
To Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs.

**SB 824** by Middleton

Relating to the public information law.  
To Committee on Business and Commerce.

**SB 825** by Middleton

Relating to an annual study on the economic, environmental, and financial impact of illegal immigration in this state.  
To Committee on Border Security.

**SCR 12** by A. Hinojosa

Urging Congress to amend the Internal Revenue Code to make spaceports eligible for tax-exempt private activity bonds.  
To Committee on Economic Development.

**SJR 1** by Huffman

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail for an illegal alien charged with an offense punishable as a felony.  
To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SJR 2** by Bettencourt, Alvarado, Birdwell, Blanco, Campbell, Cook, Creighton, Eckhardt, Flores, Gutierrez, Hagenbuch, Hall, Hancock, A. Hinojosa, J. Hinojosa, Huffman, Hughes, King, Kolkhorst, Menéndez, Middleton, Nichols, Parker, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Sparks, West, Zaffirini

Proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district.

To Committee on Local Government.

**SJR 5** by Huffman

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail under limited circumstances to a person accused of certain violent or sexual offenses or of continuous trafficking of persons.

To Committee on Criminal Justice.

**SJR 33** by Miles, Cook

Proposing a constitutional amendment to permit additional uses of certain dedicated general revenue transferred each fiscal year to the state highway fund.

To Committee on Transportation.

**SJR 34** by Hughes

Proposing a constitutional amendment protecting the right of parents to raise their children.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 35** by Johnson

Proposing a constitutional amendment to repeal the constitutional provision providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage, and to change certain terminology used to refer to the parties to a marriage.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 37** by Birdwell

Proposing a constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 38** by Birdwell

Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the authority of the governor to veto a bill passed by both houses of the Texas Legislature with a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of each house.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**SJR 39** by Birdwell

Proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to override a veto of the governor following a regular session of the legislature.

To Committee on State Affairs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to a previously adopted motion, the Senate at 11:21 a.m. adjourned until 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

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**APPENDIX**

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**SENT TO SECRETARY OF STATE**

February 6, 2025

**SCR 11**

