



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

July 20, 2017

Ms. Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate  
State Capitol Room, 2E.22  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms. Spaw:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 8, and Article III, Section 40, of the Texas Constitution and under his power as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott is submitting a message to the senate.

A copy of the governor's message to the senate is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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**MESSAGE**

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**TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, FIRST CALLED SESSION:**

WHEREAS, the people of Texas through their state constitution have placed the power to call the legislature into special session in the hands of the governor; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 85th Texas Legislature, First Called Session, have now convened to consider items presented to them by the governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 8 and Article III, Section 40 of the Texas Constitution, do hereby present the following subjects to the 85th Texas Legislature, First Called Session, for consideration:

Legislation to increase the average salary and benefits (including TRS-Care) of Texas teachers; and legislation to provide a more flexible and rewarding salary and benefit system for Texas teachers.

Legislation establishing a statewide commission to study and recommend improvements to the current public school finance system; and other legislation relating to school finance, including Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction (ASATR).

Legislation to empower parents of children with special needs or educational disadvantages to choose an educational provider that is best for their child.

Legislation reforming the laws governing ad valorem property taxes.

Legislation using population growth and inflation to establish a spending limit for state government.

Legislation using population growth and inflation to establish a spending limit for political subdivisions.

Legislation protecting the private property rights of land owners from political subdivision rules, regulations, or ordinances that interfere with, delay, or restrict private property owners' ability to use or enjoy their property.

Legislation expediting the issuance of permits by political subdivisions and reforming the laws governing the issuance of permits by political subdivisions.

Legislation preventing political subdivisions from imposing on private property additional or enhanced regulations that did not exist at the time the property was acquired.

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Legislation preempting local regulation of the use of hand-held mobile communication devices while driving.

Legislation regarding the use of multi-occupancy showers, locker rooms, restrooms, and changing rooms.

Legislation prohibiting state or local government entities from deducting labor union or employee organization membership fees or dues from the wages of public employees.

Legislation prohibiting financial transactions between a governmental entity and an abortion provider or affiliate of the abortion provider.

Legislation restricting health plan and health benefit plan coverage for abortions.

Legislation strengthening the laws applicable to the reporting of abortions and abortion complications to the State.

Legislation enhancing patient protections contained in the procedures and requirements for do-not-resuscitate orders.

Legislation enhancing the detection, prosecution, and elimination of mail-in ballot fraud.

Legislation continuing the operation and expanding the duties of the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force to ensure action is taken to reduce the maternal mortality rate in Texas.

Legislation adjusting the scheduling of Sunset Commission review of state agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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WHEREAS, the previous message sent by the governor to the Senate and House of Representatives of the 85th Texas Legislature, First Called Session, contained subjects that include the item stated below; and

WHEREAS, for the sake of clarity, I am issuing this message.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 8 and Article III, Section 40 of the Texas Constitution, do hereby present the following subject to the 85th Texas Legislature, First Called Session, for consideration:

Legislation reforming the authority of municipalities to annex territory, to exert control over territory, or to regulate the use of annexed land or land in a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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