

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: State Legislative Update

DATE: August 13, 2021

During the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, Government & Public Affairs (GPA) will provide an update on the 87th Texas Legislative Second Special Session. The session began on Saturday, August 7th with a 17-item agenda. The Governor's priorities this session include all of those he called in the first called session, as well as six additional issues. The Second Special Session will convene for a period of 30 days and bills are limited to the topics in the Governor's call.

Governor Abbott's proclamation for a second special session included the following:

- Bail reform
- Election integrity
- ***Federal COVID-19 relief appropriations***
- ***Public education during pandemic***
- Border Security
- Social media censorship
- Article X funding
- Family violence prevention
- Transgender youth sports
- Abortion-inducing drugs
- 13th check for retired teachers
- Critical race theory
- Appropriations
- ***Primary elections***
- ***Radioactive waste***
- ***Employment***
- ***State legislative quorum***

****New items added to the call***

As of today, the Senate has passed many of the Governor's priorities, such as transgender youth sports, critical race theory, abortion-inducing drugs, social media censorship, retired teacher 13th check and bail reform, while the House has yet to reach a quorum to take any significant action. Enough Democratic members of the Texas House have remained absent from the capitol in protest of the election reform bills to break quorum.

The IGR Committee will receive a briefing on the impacts to Bexar County of the election reform legislation from Jacquelyn Callanen, Bexar County Elections Administrator. On April 6th, 2021,

Bexar County passed a resolution expressing opposition to legislative efforts which would restrict voting and alienate voters.

The staff briefing will discuss other items relevant to the City of San Antonio and its partners and actions being taken by City staff and consultants to advance the Council-approved 87th State Legislative Program.