**82nd Texas Legislative Session**

**Brief Bill Summary**

Below is a brief summary of bills that passed the House and the Senate and impact Higher Education. This list is not necessarily exhaustive. I have divided these by subject; however, some bills may relate to multiple subjects. I know that many of us have diverse portfolios, so I wanted to include bills that might have any impact. I hope I caught most of them. Thanks to our GR person for her help with this.

Bills can be looked up from the front page of the Capitol Website: <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>.

**General**

SB 1179 (Nelson/Harper Brown) – relating to the elimination of certain required reports prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education and other obsolete provisions of law

SB 1327 (Watson/D. Howard) – relating to the confidentiality of information obtained by a compliance office of an institution of higher education

**Academic Affairs**

HB 736 (Diane Patrick/West) – relating to required online information regarding public institutions of higher education

HB 1244 (Castro/West) – relating to developmental education and the assessment of student readiness under the Texas Success Initiative and to students enrolled in developmental education at public institutions of higher education

HB 3468 (Diane Patrick/Shapiro) – relating to the assessment of public school students for college readiness and developmental education courses to prepare students for college-level coursework

SB 162 (Shapiro/Branch) – relating to developing a developmental education plan for students entering public institutions of higher education

HB 1797 (Naishtat/Rodriguez) – relating to a person’s eligibility to obtain a license in social work and to an exemption from the licensing requirement

HB 2631 (Branch/Zaffirini) – relating to the advanced research program

HB 2910 (Branch/Zaffirini) – relating to agreements between the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and certain organizations for increasing degree completion rates

HB 3025 (Branch/Zaffirini) – relating to measures to facilitate the timely completion of degrees by students of public institutions of higher education

SB 36 (Zaffirini/Branch) – relating to methods for increasing student success and degree completion at public institutions of higher education

SB 773 (Zaffirini/Gallego) – relating to telecommunications service discounts for educational institutions, libraries, hospitals and telemedicine centers

SB 866 (Deuell/Jim Jackson) – relating to the education of public school students with dyslexia, the education and training of educators who teach students with dyslexia, and the assessment of students with dyslexia attending an institution of higher education

SB 1619 (Duncan/Aycock) – relating to participation of public high school students in college credit programs

SB 1726 (Zaffirini/Branch) – relating to the development of measurable learning outcomes for undergraduate courses at public institutions of higher education

SB 1736 (Van de Putte/Davis) – relating to the establishment of the College Credit for Heroes program

**University/Student Affairs**

HB 33 (Branch/Zaffirini) – relating to measures to increase the affordability of textbooks used for courses at public and private institutions of higher education

HB 399 (Castro/Zaffirini) – relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to offer personal financial literacy training

HB 452 (Lucio III/Lucio) – relating to temporary housing between academic terms for certain postsecondary students who have been under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services

HB 2758 (Pena/Zaffirini) – relating to mandatory emergency alert systems at institutions of higher education

HB 2937 (Lewis/Zaffirini) – relating to access to the criminal history record information of certain individuals by public or private institutions of higher education and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

SB 602 (Rodriguez/Marquez) – relating to confidential information under the public information law and to procedures and deadlines under the public information law in relation to the redaction of certain confidential information by a governmental body

SB 1107 (Davis/C. Howard) – relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of entering students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education

SB 1414 (Duncan/Eiland) – relating to sexual abuse and child molestation training and examination for employees of certain programs for minors held on campuses of institutions of higher education; providing penalties

**Financial Aid**

HB 1163 (Keffer/Hegar) – relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain peace officers and firefighters

HB 3470 (Diane Patrick/Ogden) – relating to the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program

HB 3577 (Gonzales/Zaffirini) – relating to eligibility requirements for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant

HB 3578 (Gonzales/Zaffirini) – relating to clarification of the authorized uses for loans under public institutions of higher education emergency loan programs

HB 3708 (Hochberg/Zaffirini) – relating to measures regarding high school completion and enrollment in higher education

SB 28 (Zaffirini/Branch) – relating to eligibility for a TEXAS grant and to the administration of the TEXAS grant program

SB 29 (Zaffirini/Branch) – relating to the eligibility of certain postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to participate in health benefit programs at public institutions of higher education

SB 639 (Van de Putte/Branch) – relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain military personnel, veterans and dependents residing in this state

SB 851 (Zaffirini/Branch) – relating to a uniform deadline for student financial assistance for public institutions of higher education other than public junior colleges

**Finance and Human Resources**

HB 9 (Branch/Zaffirini) – relating to student success-based funding for and reporting regarding public institutions of higher education.

SB 5 (Zaffirini/Branch) – relating to the administration and business affairs of public institutions of higher education

HB 1341 (Walle/Zaffirini) – relating to the manner of payment of tuition and mandatory fees at public institutions of higher education

HB 2999 (Lewis/Zaffirini) – relating to a fixed tuition rate program for certain students who transfer to a state university after completing an associate degree program

SB 176 (Huffman/Branch) – relating to student eligibility for tuition rebates offered by general academic teaching institutions

SB 32 (Zaffirini/Branch) – relating to the consolidation of related higher education programs governing tuition, fee exemptions, and waivers respective to specific target populations

SB 701 (Watson/Strama) – relating to high-value data sets of state agencies posted on the Internet

HB 51 (Lucio III/Hinojosa) – relating to energy efficiency standards for certain buildings and to high-performance design, construction, and renovation standards for certain buildings and facilities of institutions of higher education

HB 1728 (Keffer/Harris) – relating to energy savings performance contracts and energy efficiency planning

SB 898 (Carona/Cook) – relating to energy efficiency programs in institutions of higher education and certain governmental entities

SB 74 (Nelson/Branch) – relating to the disposition of surplus or salvage data processing equipment of a university system or an institution or agency of higher education