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Today's Committee Meetings on the LRL website is a calendar of interim committee hearings with links to agendas. Below are resources related to upcoming Interim Hearings.

March 17th

House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Topic: Qualifications and term length of appellate court judges; appointment of regional presiding judges

- Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report, Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct, November 25, 2013
- Annual Statistical Report for the Texas Judiciary, Texas Court System, September 01, 2013

March 24th

House Committee on Human Services

Charge: Monitor and evaluate implementation of \overline{SB} 7, 83rd Legislature, R.S., including agency preparations for the statewide rollout of STAR+PLUS

- STAR+PLUS (Overview, Handbook, External Quality Review Organization Reports), Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- Medicaid Managed Care Initiatives (STAR+PLUS, Long-Term Services and Supports), Texas Health and Human Services Commission

March 25th

House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

Topic: Classifying 17-year-olds as adults in the criminal justice system

- "Court Tosses Out Sentence for Austin Killer," Austin American Statesman, March 12, 2014
- "N.Y., N.C. Consider Changes to Juvenile Justice Laws," USA Today, March 1, 2014
- Juvenile Age of Jurisdiction and Transfer to Adult Court Laws (map), National Conference of State Legislatures, Jan. 10, 2014
- Mandatory Sentencing 17 year-olds in Adult Court Is There a Better
 Alternative for Wisconsin's Youth and Taxpayers?, A Joint Report by: The John
 K. MacIver Institute for Public Policy & The Texas Public Policy Foundation,
 October 23, 2013
- State Trends Legislative Victories from 2011-2013 Removing Youth from the Adult Criminal Justice System, Campaign for Youth Justice, October 2013
- "Sixteen States Have Shielded More Juveniles from Adult System Since 2011," Chronicle of Social Change, October 10, 2013

Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

Topic: Status report from Texas Juvenile Justice Department to include a discussion of its use of facilities, specifically the utilization of the Corsicana Facility and the purposed commitment of state committed juveniles to the formerly closed Crockett Facility, and the agencies budget overruns

- "Closing Corsicana: Lessons from a Juvenile Lock-Up," Texas Tribune, February 12, 2014
- Evaluation of State-Operated High Restriction Facilities: Facility Closure Recommendation, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, June 2013

March 26th

House Select Committee on Criminal Procedure Reform

Topic: Paperless charging system for processing criminal cases

- Electronic Misdemeanor Charging Document Exchange Project, Alaska Court System, September 24, 2013
- "Digital courtrooms to be rolled out nationally," U.K. Mnistry of Justice, June 28, 2013
- "eCharging and eDWI save time and money in Brooklyn Park and statewide," Minnesota Sun-Post, February 18, 2013
- The eCharging Pilot: a Report to the Minnesota Supreme Court, Mnnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, September 18, 2009

House Committee on Public Education

Charge: Implementation of HB 5, 83rd Legislature, R.S., creation of additional rigorous mathematics and science courses to meet needs of state's workforce

- House Bill 5, Texas Education Agency
- Proposed State Board of Education Rules (Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter A, Required Curriculum), Texas Education Agency
- "Despite New Law, Algebra II Still a College Requirement," Texas Tribune, March 4, 2014
- "Nelsen: Valley Could Lose Its College-ready Culture," Rio Grande Guardian, Warch 4, 2014
- "High School Freshmen Have New Graduation Standards This Fall," Houston Chronicle, February 25, 2014
- "State Nixes Algebra 2 for Most Students, Offers Other Math Options," San Antonio Express-News, January 31, 2014

Charge: Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) in the tested grades

• Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, Texas Education Agency

March 27th

House Select Committee on Business & Industry

Charge: State of the Texas economy

- Texas Economy in Focus: Comptroller's Economic Outlook, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, updated March 7, 2014
- "Economists project a strong 2014 for Texas," Dallas Morning News, December 26, 2013
- State of the Texas Economy: An Annual Update, Richard W. Fisher, December 19, 2013
- 2014 Economic Outlook: Still Good to be Texas, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, December 16, 2013
- "2014 Economic Forecast", Part One: Austin, Part Two: Houston and Part Three: Dallas, Texas CEO, November 2013

Charge: Economic impact of credit card and identity theft

- Identity Theft: Trends and Issues, Congressional Research Service, January 16, 2014
- Victims of Identity Theft, 2012, U.S. Department of Justice, December 2013
 2013 LexisNexis True Cost of Fraud Study, LexisNexis, September 2013