

# Interim Hearings - Week of November 14, 2016

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#### House Committee on [General Investigating & Ethics](#)

Charge 1: Ethics laws governing public officers and employees

- ["Major Transparency Bill Headed Back to Legislature for 'Cleanup' ," San Antonio Express-News, May 28, 2016](#)
- ["Analysis: Ethics Reform —if Texas Voters Really Want It," Texas Tribune, March 25, 2016](#)
- [A Guide to Ethics Laws for State Officers and Employees, Texas Ethics Commission, Revised September 15, 2015](#)
- [State Officers and Employees, Texas Ethics Commission](#)
- [State Officer & Employee Publications & Guides, Texas Ethics Commission](#)

#### House Committee on [Pensions](#)

Charge: Immediate and long-term fiscal impact to the state of the unfunded liabilities for the Law Enforcement and Custodial Officer Supplemental Retirement Fund (LECOS) as part of the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS)

- [Overview: Law Enforcement & Custodial Officer Supplemental Retirement Fund, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, August 31, 2015](#)
- [Benefits for State Employees and Public and Higher Education Employees: Legislative Primer, Texas Legislative Budget Board, October 2014](#)
- [The Feasibility of Adding Select Populations to the Law Enforcement and Custodial Officers Supplemental Retirement Fund \(LECOSRF\), Employees Retirement System of Texas, September 1, 2014](#)
- [Law Enforcement and Custodial Officer Supplemental Retirement Fund of the Employees Retirement System of Texas, Annual Actuarial Valuation - Funding as of August 31, 2013, Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company, November 21, 2013](#)

- *Keeping a Sharp Eye On Public Pension Obligations*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, December 2012
- *Interim Report to the 81st Texas Legislature* (Charge 6 -Law Enforcement & Custodial Officers Supplemental Retirement Fund), House Committee on Pensions and Investments, January 2009

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## House Committee on [County Affairs](#)

Topic: Improvements to Child Protective Services such as salary increases, employee retention, recruitment of qualified employees, and additional suggestions on ways to decrease turnover and create better outcomes within the agency

- *Letter to Senator Jane Nelson, Senate Finance Chair, from Commissioner H.L. Whitman, Jr., Texas Department of Family and Protective Services* (revising plan to address Child Protective Services issues, \$12,000 pay raise, additional caseworkers and investigators), October 27, 2016
- *Governor Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Patrick and Speaker Straus Direct DFPS to Take Immediate Action to Protect Texas Children; Letter to Commissioner Hank Whitman, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services* (Child Protective Services), October 12, 2016
- *Child Welfare Financing SFY 2014: A Survey of Federal, State, and Local Expenditures*, Texas Fact Sheet, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Casey Family Programs, and Child Trends, October 2016
- *Commissioner Whitman Submits Letter Outlining Proposals for CPS Overhaul to Governor Abbott; Letter to Governor Greg Abbott from Commissioner H.L. Whitman, Jr., Texas Department of Family and Protective Services* (Child Protective Services 10-point plan), July 5, 2016
- *Child Protective Services: Dallas County Management Review*, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, May 2016
- *Progress Report to the Sunset Advisory Commission: Child Protective Services Transformation*, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, April 2016
- *An Introduction to Child Welfare Funding, and How States Use It*, Child Trends, January 2016
- *Child Maltreatment 2014*, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, January 2016
- *Child Protective Services Business Plan, Fiscal Year 2016*, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, October 2015
- *Child Protective Services (CPS) Reports and Presentations*, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Topic: Improvements to criminal justice system such as diversion practices, increasing training provided to jail staff, improving Texas' racial profiling policies, and additional suggestions on ways to better the criminal justice system

- *From Incarceration to Reentry: A Look at Trends, Gaps, and Opportunities in*

*Correctional Education and Training*, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), October 2016

- *Committee Meeting Handouts - DPS Racial Disparities*, House Committee on County Affairs, September 20, 2016
- *Interim Hearings - Week of September 19, 2016*, House Committee on County Affairs, Legislative Reference Library, September 9, 2016
- *Prioritizing Treatment Over Punishment: An Overview of Mental Health Diversion from Jail in Texas*, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin, June 2016
- *Risk, Not Resources: Improving the Pretrial Release Process in Texas*, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin, June 2016
- *President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing: One-Year Progress Report*, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, May 2016
- *2015 Traffic Stop Data Report*, Texas Department of Public Safety, 2016
- *Racial Disparities in Texas Department of Public Safety Traffic Stops, 2002-2014*, Frank R. Baumgartner, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, et al., November 18, 2015
- *Overincarceration of People with Mental Illness: Pretrial Diversion Across the Country and the Next Steps for Texas to Improve its Efforts and Increase Utilization*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, June 2015
- *Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing*, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, May 2015
- *Pretrial Diversion (State Laws)*, National Conference of State Legislatures, May 13, 2015