

New Laws Effective September 1, 2016

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The following bills take effect September 1, 2016. To see a full list of bill effective dates from the 84th Legislature (2015), please see the Library's [Effective Dates for Bills](#) page.

- **HB 735**
Relating to the collection of information regarding the number of alternatively fueled vehicles registered in this state.
- **HB 2154**
Relating to the functions and operation of the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
*This Act takes effect September 1, 2015, except Section 21 takes effect September 1, 2016.
- **HB 2718**
Relating to a program to allow faith- and community-based organizations to offer supplemental assistance to certain recipients of public assistance.
- **HB 2804**
Relating to evaluation of public school performance.
*This Act takes effect immediately, except Section 3 takes effect September 1, 2015, Section 4 takes effect September 1, 2016, and Section 5 takes effect September 1, 2017.
- **SB 195**
Relating to prescriptions for certain controlled substances, access to information about those prescriptions, and the duties of prescribers and other entities registered with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration; authorizing fees.
*This Act takes effect September 1, 2016, except Sections 481.003(a), 481.076(c), 481.0761(a), (e), and (f), and 481.352, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, and Section 481.0761(g), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, take effect immediately.
- **SB 200**
Relating to the continuation and functions of the Health and Human Services Commission and the provision of health and human services in this state.
*This Act takes effect September 1, 2015, except Article 3 takes effect January 1, 2016, excluding Sections 3.02(b) and 3.42, which take effect September 1, 2015; Sections 1.23(a), (b), and (c) take effect September 1, 2016; and Sections 1.16 through 1.19 and 1.23(d) and (e) take effect September 1, 2017.
- **SB 206**
Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Family and Protective Services and procedures applicable to suits affecting the parent-child relationship, investigations of child abuse and neglect, and conservatorship of a child; affecting fee amounts and authorizing an administrative penalty.
*This Act takes effect September 1, 2015, except Section 69 of this Act has no effect and Sections 42.050(d) and 42.052(f-1), Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, take effect September 1, 2016.
- **SB 208**
Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Workforce Commission.
*This Act takes effect September 1, 2015, except Sections 4, 6, 7, 8, and 19 take

effect September 1, 2016, and Section 26 has no effect.

- **SB 304**
Relating to certain violations committed by long-term care facilities, including violations that constitute the abuse and neglect of residents.
*This Act takes effect immediately, except Sections 242.061(a-2) and (a-3), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, take effect September 1, 2016.
- **SB 1496**
Relating to background checks conducted by the Department of Family and Protective Services for certain child-care providers.
- **SB 1512**
Relating to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles fund.