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House Committee on [Criminal Jurisprudence](#)

Charge 2: Effectiveness of deferred adjudication and orders for non-disclosure; extending use of expunction of criminal records history

- [Texas Progressive Interventions and Sanctions Bench Manual](#), Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Community Justice Assistance Division, January 2014
- [Criminal Records in the Digital Age: A Review of Current Practices and Recommendations for Reform in Texas](#), William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law, The University of Texas School of Law, March 2013
- [Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature, Deferred Adjudication](#), House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, December 2010

Charge 4: Association between co-occurring serious mental illness and substance use disorders and parole revocation among TDCJ inmates; dual mental health diagnosis

- [An Overview of Offenders with Behavioral Disorders](#): Parole Board Member Training (Power Point), The Council of State Governments Justice Center, February 13, 2014
- [Guidelines for the Successful Transition of People with Behavioral Health Disorders from Jail and Prison](#), Council of State Governments Justice Center, November 2013
- ["A New Approach to Reduce Recidivism Among Incarcerated Adults with Behavioral Health Disorders," Book of the States 2013](#), Council of State Governments, 2013
- ["Co-occurring Psychiatric and Substance Dependence Disorders as Predictors of Parolee Time to Rearrest," Journal of Offender Rehabilitation](#), 2011

- [Evidence-based and Promising Practices for Individuals with Co-Occurring Disorders in Criminal Justice Settings](#), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA)
- [Integrated Care for Individuals with Co-Occurring Disorders in Criminal Justice Settings](#), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA)

Charge 5: Current pecuniary loss thresholds associated with graffiti offenses; existing Graffiti Abatement Programs

- ["Graffiti Sentencing Reform Faces Uphill Fight," Texas Tribune](#), April 2, 2013
- [Graffiti Abatement Programs in Texas](#), Texas Attorney General
- [Texas Penal Code 28.08](#), Graffiti

Charge 7: Utilization of community supervision in state jail felonies and effectiveness of state jail in light of its original purpose

- [Who is in State Jail?, Who Entered State Jail?, Who Exited State Jail?](#) (Fiscal Year 2012), Legislative Budget Board, February 2013
- ["Talking Points: Safe Alternatives to State Jail Will Increase Cost Savings, Public Safety, and Personal Responsibility,"](#) including history of state jail system in Texas, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, December 2012
- [Interim Report to the 81st Texas Legislature, Charge 3 - State Jail](#), House Committee on Corrections, January 2009

House Select Committee on [Fiscal Impact of Texas Border Support Operations](#)

Topic: Invited testimony from agencies and organizations participating in Border Support Operations

- [Gov. Perry deploys Texas National Guard troops to border](#), July 21, 2014
- [Gov. Perry, Lt. Gov. Dewhurst and Speaker Straus direct DPS to immediately begin law enforcement surge operations along Texas-Mexico Border; joint letter to Colonel Steven C. McCraw, Director, Texas Department of Public Safety \(border security\), June 18, 2014](#)

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Joint Committee on [Coastal Barrier System](#)

Topic: Feasibility and desirability of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system

- ["Action Urged on Building Storm Surge Barrier System," Bay Area Houston Magazine](#), July 1, 2014

- "Coastal barrier system: 'It's a no-brainer' ," *The Citizen*, June 10, 2014
- "Speakers Present Hurricane Surge Proposals to Deer Park CAC," *Deer Park Broadcaster*, June 12, 2014
- SSPEED Center Phase III: Developing a Houston-Galveston Area Protection System (H-GAPS) (Deer Park CAC Presentation), The SSPEED Center, June 2, 2014 and The Ike Dike: A Coastal Barrier System Protecting the Houston/Galveston Region from Hurricane Storm Surge (Deer Park CAC Presentation), Texas A&M University, Galveston Campus, June 2, 2014
- "Will we have surge protection when the next big storm hits?," *Bay Area Houston Magazine*, May 28th, 2014
- Rice Wins \$3.1M to Develop Storm Strategy for Houston-Galveston, Rice University, March 11, 2014
- "Study To Review Texas Hurricane Protection Ideas," *Insurance Journal*, March 11, 2014
- *SSPEED Center 2014 Report*, Severe Storm Prediction, Education and Evacuation from Disasters (SSPEED) Center, 2014
- *Ike Dike*, Texas A&M University, Galveston Campus
- *Bay Area Coastal Protection Alliance*

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House Committee on [Homeland Security & Public Safety](#)

Topic: Storage of ammonium nitrate and authority of first responders to inspect and respond to safety concerns

- [Committee Meeting Handouts, Draft legislation on ammonium nitrate and Tier II Program](#), House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety, July 1, 2014
- [Ammonium Nitrate in Texas](#) (ammonium nitrate in Texas database, best practices for ammonium nitrate storage facilities), Texas Department of Insurance, State Fire Marshal's Office
- [Tier II Chemical Reporting Program](#), Texas Department of State Health Services
- [Interactive: Texas Ammonium Nitrate Facilities](#), *Texas Tribune*, May 10, 2013

Topic: Driver Responsibility Program

- "Driver Program Relies on Lender Fined by Feds," *Texas Tribune*, July 17, 2014
- "Despite Changes, Driver Surcharge Program Faces Opposition," *Texas Tribune*, April 14, 2014
- [Driver Responsibility Program](#), Texas Department of Public Safety

Topic: Update regarding ongoing border operations

- "Gov. Perry Deploys Texas National Guard Troops to Border," Governor Rick Perry, July 21, 2014
- "Gov. Perry, Lt. Gov. Dewhurst and Speaker Straus Direct DPS to Immediately Begin Law Enforcement Surge Operations along Texas-Mexico Border," Joint Letter to Colonel Steven C. McCraw, Director, Texas Department of Public Safety, Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, and Speaker Joe Straus, June 18, 2014

House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures & Finance

Topic: Potential revenue from new and existing sources

- "The Gas Tax is Running on Empty," *Bloomberg Businessweek*, July 17, 2014
- "Transportation Funding Still Driving Blind," *Houston Chronicle*, July 16, 2014
- Transportation Funding and Finance Legislation Database, National Conference of State Legislatures, last updated July 15, 2014
- Overview of Selected Transportation Taxes and Fees, State Highway Fund Appropriations, and Federal Highway Funds (presentation), Legislative Budget Board, June 24, 2014
- *Public-Private Investment Models for Roadway Infrastructure*, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, June 2014
- "Texas Road Funding Woes Nab the Spotlight," *Texas Tribune*, May 20, 2014
- Gas Tax Facts, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, May 8, 2014
- *Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Fees*, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, March 2014

Legislative Budget Board

Topic: Report and testimony from the Comptroller of Public Accounts regarding the financial condition of the state

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Joint Interim Hearing Defense & Veterans' Affairs and Licensing & Administrative Procedures

Topic: Study the implementation of all legislation from the 83rd Regular Session that seeks to develop a model to require state agencies regulating occupational licenses which require an apprenticeship to credit veterans' relevant military experience toward the apprenticeship requirements.

- "Abbott proposes waiving several state licensing requirements for veterans," *Killeen Daily Herald*, July 22, 2014
- "TDLR Helping Military Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses Get Licensed

to Work in Texas" (Press release), Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, March 25, 2014

- 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 60, Subchapter K, Licensing Provisions Related to Military Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses, *Procedural Rules of the Commission and the Department*, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, effective January 1, 2014
- Information for Military Service Members, Veterans and Spouses, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

Topic: Alternative certification programs that give returning military service men and women credit for skills learned and time served while on active duty.

- Witness Testimony of Mr. Andres Alcantar, Chairman, Texas Workforce Commission, Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives, November 6, 2013
- *The Fast Track to Civilian Employment: Streamlining Credentialing and Licensing for Service Members, Veterans, and their Spouses*, Executive Office of the President, February 2013
- *College Credit for Heroes: Report to the 83rd Legislature and Governor Rick Perry*, Texas Workforce Commission, November 11, 2012
- Texas Troops to Teachers and Alternative Certification Programs (ACP)
- Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)
- College Credit for Military Service, American Council on Education
- Navy Cool (Credentialing Opportunities On-line), United States Navy and Army Cool (Credentialing Opportunities On-line), United States Army