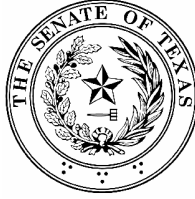


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## Senate Bill 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Called Session of the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
*by Senator Florence Shapiro*

### Teacher Compensation and Quality

- Provides \$2,000 salary increases for all teachers, school nurses, counselors, and librarians.
- Allows educational employees the option to set aside a portion of their salary (in an amount determined by the employee) tax-free each year to cover health insurance premiums.
- Rewards educators who demonstrate excellence through student achievement in locally designed plans to provide payments to teachers who improve student performance. It also provides investments in initiatives to improve teacher quality such as mentors, instructional coaches, targeted professional development, and incentives to educators who teach in hard-to-staff schools and subjects.

### High Schools

- Establishes a High School Allotment, funded at a rate of \$500 per student in grades 9-12, to be spent on initiatives to decrease dropouts rates, promote graduation and preparation for post-secondary education.
- Allows schools to receive funding for non-traditional instructional schedules for students at-risk of dropping out of school.
- Aligns curriculum standards between public and higher education, strengthens course requirements to better prepare students for post-secondary education, and institutes a P-16 College Readiness Strategic Action Plan.
- Measures schools on their progress toward college readiness.
- Develops courses through dual enrollment allowing all high school students to graduate with college credit in core courses. Provides opportunities for advanced students, to prepare for the rigors of college, through the Texas Governor's School Program.

### Accountability & Efficiency

- Measures students' annual improvement and progress toward graduation as well as English Language Learners' progress toward proficiency in English.
- Holds schools accountable for unacceptable performance providing consequences, assistance, and intervention to ensure improvement.
- Establishes electronic student records system to allow for the rapid transfer of records among public schools and higher education institutions.
- Provides easy access to districts' financial data on-line and a summary of the proposed budget to taxpayers.
- Strengthens campus management by creating Principal Leadership Academies.