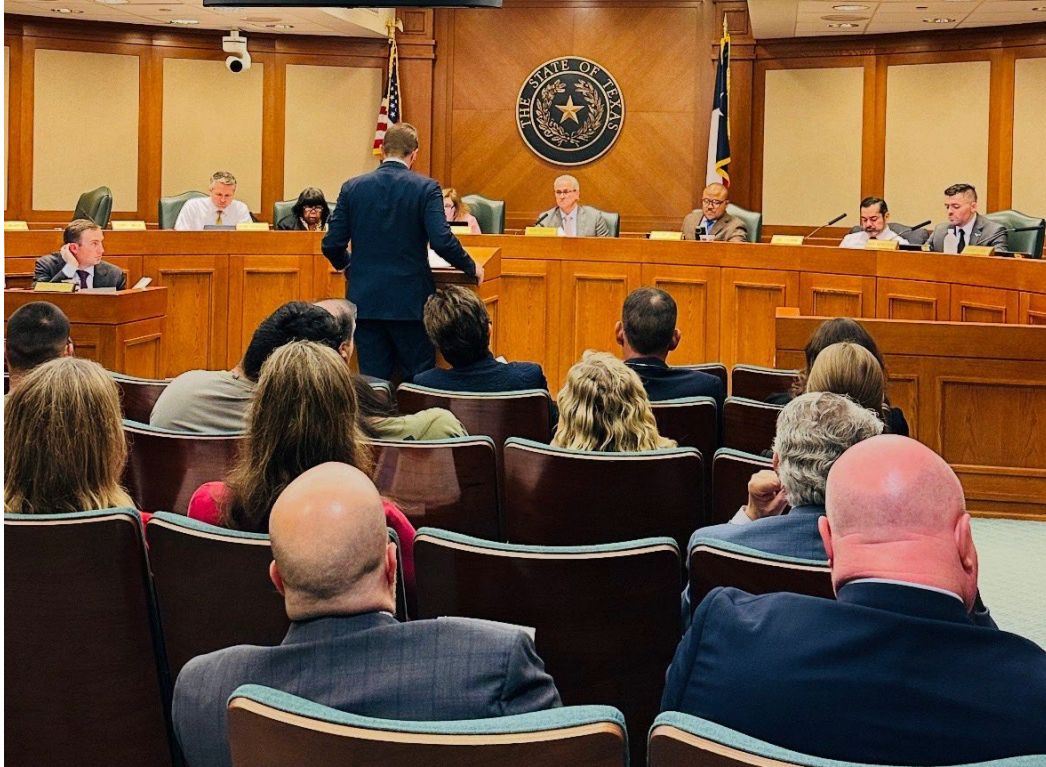


Dear Friends,

A lot happened this week so let's get right to it. This week I laid out 7 of my bills in committee hearings. I'm going to highlight some of them below for you.

[House Bill 1760](#) is unfortunately a bill that came to us out of tragedy. This bill, Lauren and CJ's law, is named after a bright, young couple who were killed by a drunk driver on while crossing the street on the way to a Mavericks basketball game. To make matters worse, the driver, who had previous DWI's, would serve only 4 months in prison for his crime. The families of Lauren and CJ not only had to live with the heartache of losing a child, but also the distress of a justice system that failed them. HB 1760 seeks to prevent such injustices by mandating a minimum 5 year prison sentence for intoxication manslaughter. When a life is lost due to another's reckless, dangerous and illegal behavior, we must ensure that the punishment fits the crime and that justice is served. I look forward to this bill be voted on by the full House soon and ultimately becoming law.



I also laid out [House Bill 1762](#) which will ensure that illegal aliens convicted of crimes are not eligible for community supervision or deferred adjudication. We must ensure that those who have violated both our criminal and immigration laws are held accountable for their actions, and this bill helps reinforce the integrity of our justice system.

Lastly, I laid out [House Bill 778](#) in the House Committee on Insurance. This bill is simple. If an insurance plan covers gender reassignment procedures and treatments then they must also cover the short and long-term side effects as well as treatment for those who want to reverse those procedures. We heard from several courageous individuals who have detransitioned and bravely share their stories. Their voices matter and their experiences are real. And they deserve to have the care they need to heal.



The Public Education Committee took action on multiple bills yesterday. Passed out of committee and headed to the House floor were:

- [HB 2](#): Historic school funding with targeted, strategic investments
- [SB 2](#): Educational Savings Accounts
- [HB 6](#): Teacher Bill of Rights (Rep Leach authored)
- [HB 27](#): Requiring Personal Financial Literacy as part of Social Studies curriculum
- [HB 100](#): Ensuring Texas students have access to high quality instruction materials
- [HB 117](#): Creating the Governor’s Task Force on early childhood education
- [HB 121](#): Improving measures for ensuring public school safety
- [HB 124](#): Increasing school safety allotment to \$37,000 per campus
- [HB 1458](#): Allowing school districts to hire qualified reserve law enforcement officers
- [HB 1481](#): Prohibiting the use of personal smart devices in classrooms
- [HB 2196](#): Relating to the provision of virtual education in public schools

We also passed multiple bills on the House floor this week that are now headed to the Senate.

- [HJR 1](#) & [HB 9](#): \$250,000 Personal Property Exemption for Businesses
- [HJR 4](#): Banning New Taxes on Financial Transactions
- [HB 22](#): Eliminating Property Tax on Intangible Personal Property
- [HB 195](#): Property tax transparency bill

- [HB 13](#) & [HB 143](#): Two statewide solutions addressing communications issues and fire risks encountered in the investigation of the Panhandle wildfires.

THIS WEEK IN THE TEXAS CAPITOL

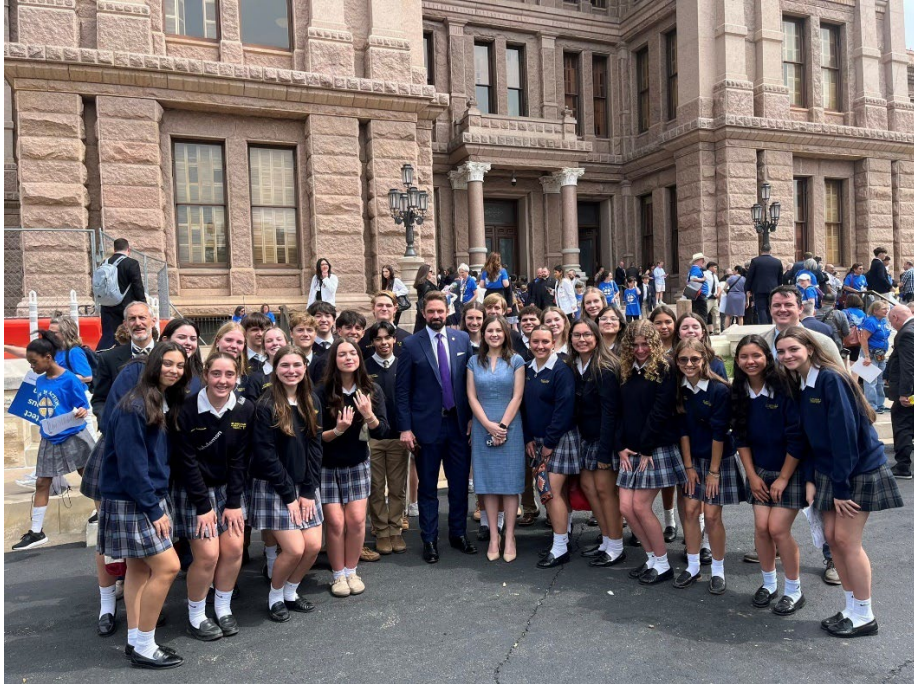
On April 1 and 2 we celebrated Collin County Days at the Capitol and had groups from all over HD 67 visit with us.





It was also wonderful to welcome over 1,000 faithful Texans to the Capitol for Catholic Advocacy Day – including a great group of students from John Paul II Catholic School in New Braunfels – the alma mater of my amazing and longtime Committee Clerk, Cassidy Wood!





NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Floor Schedule:

- Monday: Convene at 3pm
- Tuesday: Convene at 10am
- Wednesday: Convene at 10am
- Thursday: Convene at 9am

Rep Leach Authored Bills:

- [HB 748](#) – Relating to the enforceability of NDA's involving child sexual abuse
House Floor – 4/8
- [HB 2498](#) - Relating to the consequences of a criminal conviction on a person's
eligibility for an occupational license
Corrections Committee – 4/9

(more likely to be announced later today)

As always, if I or my staff can help in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out!

All My Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Leach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and the last name "Leach" written in a single continuous stroke.

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