

Texas Criminal Justice Coalition

Final Results on KEY Policies

2009

Dear Friend,

As you know, Sunday was the last day in the Texas legislative veto period. We are thrilled to report to you that the vast majority of smart-on-crime policies we supported have become a reality!

Below is a list of bills that either became law (31) or were vetoed (3).

Again, thank you so much for all of your hard work as well as for supporting our efforts and the efforts of other advocates. Please keep an eye out for our newsletter, which will include more comprehensive information about these bills and the work we still have ahead of us.

All the best,

The TCJC Team

Bill Updates

- [Policies that Protect Youth and Communities by Improving Juvenile Justice](#)
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Policies that Protect Youth and Communities by Improving Juvenile Justice

[HB 1232](#) [Menendez]: Relating to establishing a local behavioral health intervention pilot project. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSHB 1629](#) [Naishtat, Madden]: Relating to the care and protection of foster children committed to or released under supervision by the Texas Youth Commission. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[HB 1630](#) [Naishtat]: Relating to the eligibility of certain individuals for child health plan coverage or medical assistance on placement, detention, or commitment in and release from certain facilities or other settings.

- **Signed by the Governor!**

[HB 1688](#) [Castro]: Relating to the rules governing a motion for new trial in juvenile cases.- **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSHB 2386](#) [Castro]: Relating to the sealing of juvenile records. -**Signed by the Governor!**

[HB 3316](#) [McClendon, Madden, Hodge]: Relating to venue for certain offenses committed at Texas Youth Commission facilities. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[HB 3689](#) [McClendon, Kolkhorst, Isett, Madden]: Relating to the functions and continuation of the Texas Youth Commission and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and to the functions of the Office of Independent Ombudsman for the Texas Youth Commission. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSHB 4451](#) [McReynolds, Miller, S., Marquez]: Relating to continuity of care services for youth with mental illness or mental retardation who are discharged or paroled from the Texas Youth Commission. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[SB 518](#) [Harris]: Relating to providing access to certain information relating to the discretionary transfer of a child from a juvenile court to a criminal court.

- **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSSB 839](#) [Hinojosa]: Relating to the punishment for a capital felony committed by a juvenile whose case is transferred to criminal court.

- **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSSB 1374](#) [West]: Relating to annual reports by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission on the operations and conditions of probation services in this state. - **Signed by the Governor!**

**Policies that Rebuild Confidence in the Criminal Justice System
& Ensure Innocent Individuals Are Not Sent to Prison**

[CSHB 498](#) [McClendon, Thompson, Gallego, Hodge, Pierson]: Relating to the creation of a commission to investigate and prevent wrongful convictions.

- **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSHB 1736](#) [Anchia, Davis, Y., Branch, Hodge, Isett]: Relating to the compensation of persons wrongfully imprisoned. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[HB 2058](#) [Gallego, Miklos, Hodge, Lucio III, Christian]: Relating to the standards for attorneys representing indigent defendants in capital cases. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSSB 1091](#) [Ellis, Duncan]: Relating to the establishment of the capital writs committee and the office of capital writs. - **Signed by the Governor!**

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[CSSB 1681](#)

[Hinojosa]: Relating to requiring the corroboration of certain testimony to support a criminal conviction. - **Filed without the Governor's signature.**

Policies that Save Money by Providing Alternatives to Incarceration & Increase Public Safety

[HB 93](#) [Hodge, Guillen]: Relating to the restoration of good conduct time forfeited during a term of imprisonment. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSHB 666](#) [Gutierrez, Moody, Hodge, Leibowitz]: Relating to certain court costs used to fund drug court programs. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSSB 112](#) [Ellis]: Relating to deferred prosecution programs for certain military service members and veterans. - **Amended to [SB 1940](#) - Signed by the Governor!**

[SB 633](#) [Seliger]: Relating to the number of counties or municipalities necessary to establish a regional drug court program. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSSB 1206](#) [Hinojosa]: Relating to the release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice of certain inmates who complete a rehabilitation program. - **Vetoed.**

[SB 1557](#) [Duncan]: Relating to the early identification of criminal defendants who are or may be persons with mental illness or mental retardation. - **Signed by the Governor!**

Policies that Strengthen Criminal Justice Practices

[HB 2289](#) [Madden, McReynolds, Marquez] Relating to discharging or releasing inmates from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at or near certain department facilities. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[HB 3649](#) [Marquez, Hodge, Madden]: Relating to a policy regarding the receipt of books by mail by an inmate in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[HB 3653](#) [Marquez, Olivo, King, S., Madden, Ortiz, Jr.]: Relating to the use of restraints to control the movement of pregnant women confined in certain correctional facilities in this state. - **Signed by the Governor!**

Note: For both HB 3653 & HB 3654, we would like to commend the efforts of the Texas Jail Project and its partnership with the ACLU of Texas.

[HB 3654](#) [Marquez, Olivo, King, S., Ortiz, Jr.]: Relating to certain duties of and reports submitted to the Commission on Jail Standards regarding county jail inmates who are pregnant. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSSB 1120](#) [West]: Relating to reports on racial profiling in connection with motor vehicle stops; providing a penalty. - **Amended to [HB 3389](#) - Signed by the Governor!**

Policies that Encourage Economic and Workforce Development by Reducing Re-Entry Barriers

[HB 963](#) [Guillen]: Relating to a criminal history evaluation letter determining occupational license eligibility. - **[SB 809](#) amended to bill -Signed by the Governor; effective immediately!**

[CSHB 1711](#) [Turner, S., Guillen, Martinez, A., Veasey, Marquez]: Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to establish a comprehensive reentry and reintegration plan for offenders released or discharged from a correctional facility. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSHB 2161](#) [Turner, S., Marquez]: Relating to the issuance of a personal identification certificate to present or former inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[HB 2808](#) [Thompson]: Relating to the power of a licensing authority to revoke, suspend, or deny a license on the basis of certain criminal proceedings. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[CSHB 3226](#) [Madden, Edwards, McReynolds, Christian]: Relating to the payment of

temporary housing costs for certain inmates who are eligible for parole. - **Signed by the Governor!**

[HB 3481](#) [Veasey, Hodge]: Relating to the right to an expunction of records and files relating to a person's arrest. - **Vetoed.**

[SB 223](#) [West]: Relating to allowing a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision to be eligible for a pardon. - **Vetoed.**