



Bills Related to COVID-19 Filed by Democratic House Members*

(as of December 18, 2020)

HB 34	Rep. Terry Canales <i>(D-Edinburg)</i>	Grants presumptive coverage for first responders who contract COVID-19 during the course of employment.
HB 47	Rep. Terry Canales <i>(D-Edinburg)</i>	Grants presumptive coverage for school district employees who contact COVID-19 during the course of employment.
HB 87	Rep. Ron Reynolds <i>(D-Missouri City)</i>	Requires employers to provide paid sick leave to employees
HB 89	Rep. Terry Canales <i>(D-Edinburg)</i>	Exempts disinfectant cleaning supplies, face masks and disposable gloves from sales and use taxes for a limited period.
HB 144	Rep. Mary González <i>(D-Clint)</i>	Ensure that students with disabilities in Texas public schools recoup lost services and progress by enacting a statutory requirement for school districts to review the impact of COVID-19 school closures and plan for necessary compensatory services.
HB 145	Rep. Eddie Rodriguez <i>(D-Austin)</i>	Repeals the waiting week for unemployment benefits.
HB 157	Rep. Eddie Rodriguez <i>(D-Austin)</i>	Expanding viability of the Shared Work program.



HB 325	Rep. Donna Howard <i>(D-Austin)</i>	Adjusts the state immunization registry from an “opt-in” to an “opt-out” system.
HB 332	Rep. James Talarico <i>(D-Round Rock)</i>	Permits schools to use compensatory education allotment funds to pay for social-emotional learning programs.
HB 351	Rep. James Talarico <i>(D-Round Rock)</i>	Sets statewide requirements for air filtration in schools and child care facilities that align with national standards.
HB 396	Rep. Joe Moody <i>(D-El Paso)</i>	Makes nurses employed by a state agency or political subdivision eligible for workers’ compensation if they contract a case of COVID-19 during the course of employment that results in disability or death.
HB 495	Rep. Gene Wu <i>(D-Houston)</i>	Allows a child-care facility to provide notice on the percentage of children at the facility who are immunized, the percentage of employees at the facility who are immunized and the facility’s handwashing policy.
HB 522	Rep. Julie Johnson <i>(D-Carrollton)</i>	Allows for the reimbursement and payment of claims by certain health plans for telemedicine and telehealth.
HB 619	Rep. Senfronia Thompson <i>(D-Houston)</i>	Requires the development of a strategic plan to support and improve the child-care workforce, with a focus on the racial, gender and pay inequities that exist in the workforce.
HB 637	Rep. Terry Canales <i>(D-Edinburg)</i>	Ensures that public safety employees are covered if they contract COVID-19.



HB 678	Rep. Philip Cortez <i>(D-San Antonio)</i>	Matches federal PREP act language allowing pharmacists to immunize children ages three and up without a prescription.
HB 699	Rep. Jon Rosenthal <i>(D-Houston)</i>	Expands the existing Education Code regarding excused absences from school attendance to include students with serious or life-threatening illnesses.
HB 728	Rep. Eddie Lucio III <i>(D-Brownsville)</i>	Creates a study on laboratory capacity in counties adjacent to the Texas-Mexico border.
HB 797	Rep. Donna Howard <i>(D-Austin)</i>	Allows home and hospice agencies to administer certain vaccines.

**Note: There are many other bills that have been filed by Democratic Members that intersect the impacts of COVID-19 that were not included on this list because they have been championed for years unrelated to the pandemic.*