

An aerial photograph of the Colorado State Capitol building in Denver, Colorado, during the golden hour of sunset. The Capitol's iconic dome is illuminated by the warm orange and yellow light of the setting sun. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-manicured lawn. In the background, the city skyline is visible, with various skyscrapers and buildings silhouetted against the bright sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of grandeur and official business.

# HPD 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

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## 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature Overview

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- The regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature ended on June 2, 2025. During the regular session, 8,719 bills were introduced and of those, 1,213 bills eventually passed. The Governor vetoed 28 bills.
- The Houston Police Department (HPD) tracked approximately **1,447 bills**, each with a nexus to HPD or law enforcement operations in Texas. Of those tracked bills, over **180** pieces of legislation passed, and nearly all will affect department operations in varying degrees.
- HPD had a strong and constant presence at the Texas Capitol to ensure that any legislation impacting law enforcement in Texas was thoughtful and effective.

# HPD & the Legislature



## Houston Police Department – Legislative Bill Analysis

89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session

Bill Review (TLO): <https://capitol.texas.gov/Home.aspx>

DIVISION ASSIGNED: Choose an item.

UNIT ASSIGNED: Click or tap here to enter text.

ANALYZED BY: Click or tap here to enter text.  
(Rank / Name / Emp#)

BEST PH# / EMAIL: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Bill Number:** Click or tap here to enter text. **Subject:** Click or tap here to enter text. **Related Bill(s):** Click or tap here to enter text.

**New Law:** Y ☐ / N ☐

**BILL SUMMARY** (Do NOT copy bill – brief summary of main points): Click or tap here to enter text.

**DIVISION POSITION** (Select 1): ☐ Support Significant ☐ Support ☐ Support Minimal  
☐ No Position ☐ Oppose Significant ☐ Oppose ☐ Oppose Minimal

**JUSTIFICATION OF DIVISION POSITION:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**ANY RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO BILL?** Click or tap here to enter text.

**DESCRIBE ANY CHANGES FOR HPD TO COMPLY:** (policy and/or procedure effects / training / data collection / etc.)  
Click or tap here to enter text.

**COST EFFECT TO HPD:** Y ☐ / N ☐

If yes, please describe AND complete Fiscal Note Worksheet: Click or tap here to enter text.

Input from Employees

Executive Staff Input

Mayor's Office

Legislative Team

Action at the Legislature

# HPD Participation



# Notable Passed Bills

| Bill Number | Caption                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| HB 33       | “Uvalde Strong Act” - Relating to active shooter incidents at primary and secondary school facilities and other emergencies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| HB 1261     | Relating to the disposition of abandoned or unclaimed property seized by a peace officer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| HB 1902     | Relating to creating the criminal offense of jugging.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| HB 2688     | “DROP Bill” - Relating to the public retirement systems of certain municipalities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| SB 1        | Local Law Enforcement Equipment. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund. It is the intent of the legislature that the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor provide grants to the Houston Police Department for the purchase of 200 police vehicles.                                                                                                                                                           |
| SB 482      | Relating to the offenses of assault, harassment, and interference with public duties committed against certain employees or agents of a utility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| SB 1164     | Relating to emergency detention of certain persons evidencing mental illness and to court-ordered inpatient and extended mental health services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| SB 1646     | Relating to criminal conduct involving the theft, damage, or destruction of copper or brass or involving the unauthorized possession of certain copper or brass material, to transactions of metal recycling entities involving certain copper or brass material, to training on identifying certain copper or brass material, and to studying the effect of certain regulations on incidents of theft of copper or brass material; creating criminal offenses; increasing criminal penalties; providing an administrative penalty. |
| SB 1902     | Relating to the administration of the dealer-issued license plates database and to the removal and transfer of license plates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| SB 3031     | Relating to the punishment for the offense of aggravated assault.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

# SB 1164

Under the expanded criteria of SB 1164, the officer shall take a person into custody, regardless of age, if the officer has reason to believe and does believe that all of the following factors are true:

1. The person appears to have mental illness.
2. Because of that mental illness, the person has **at least one** of the following indicators:
  - a. The person poses a substantial risk of serious harm to self or others.
  - b. The person evidences severe emotional distress and deterioration in their mental condition.
  - c. The person evidences an inability to recognize symptoms of their mental illness or appreciate the risks and benefits of treatment.
3. The person is likely, without immediate detention, to suffer serious risk of harm or to inflict serious harm on another person.
4. There is not sufficient time to obtain a warrant before taking the person into custody.

A person with mental illness only qualifies for emergency detention if all of the above factors are true. A homeless person does not automatically qualify for emergency detention solely by being homeless. An officer encountering a person with possible mental illness shall determine whether each of the emergency detention factors exists.

# After Session

- Legislative changes are evaluated and communicated, either department-wide or to the impacted division or unit
  - Some laws result in specific circulars or training
- Participated in development of the TCOLE Legal Update, mandatory for all peace officers
- Monitor implementation and prepare for next session



# **HPD Legislative Liaisons**

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