

***2025 (Draft)***  
***Texas Legislative Issues***  
***For Defense Communities***

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# *Governor's Committee to Support the Military*

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- Chartered by GOV Abbott on September 5, 2019 with first report due on December 1, 2019.
- GCSM Committee consists of 22 members chartered to:
  - ✓ study and make recommendations on how best to maintain and enhance military value at existing military installations in Texas;
  - ✓ study and make recommendations on how best to make Texas a more attractive destination for additional military missions;
  - ✓ collaborate with local governments and chambers of commerce to explore surrounding civilian infrastructure and identify competing and complementary needs between private development, the rights of private landowners, and military necessities;
  - ✓ examine the 2005 criteria used by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission and identify strategies to avoid future base closures; and
  - ✓ coordinate with the Texas Military Preparedness Commission and Texas Military Values Task Force.
- Augmented by the Auxiliary Military Spouse Task Force of up to 7 military spouses tasked to study and report on how best to enhance quality of life for military families in Texas.

## ***Education, Health Care, and Quality of Life***

1. Mitigate City/County Impact of Lost Property Tax Revenue for Disabled Veteran Exemption
2. Funding for Military Child Education Coalition
3. Tax Exemptions for Military Spouse Businesses
4. Concurrent Jurisdiction for Juvenile Crime

## ***Workforce Development***

5. Encourage Investment in Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Certification/Degree Programs

## ***Encroachment and Infrastructure***

6. Fully Fund the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant
7. Prevent Encroachment of Military Installations, Training, Areas & Airspace:
  - Foreign Investment/Acquisition of Adjacent Land/Facilities
  - Wind Generation Facilities
  - Development

# *Historical GCSM Successes*

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## ***Education, Health Care, and Quality of Life***

1. Licensure/Certification Transfer and Acceptance for Military Spouses and Teachers **(2019)**
2. Early Enrollment in School for Children of Service Members **(2019 & 2023)**
3. Create Texas Education Agency Military Webpage **(2019)**
4. Funding for Military Child Education Coalition **(2021)**
5. Create State Council for Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children **(2021)**
6. Defense Manpower Data for Texas School A-F Accountability Ratings **(2023)**

## ***Workforce Development***

7. Create Online Information Repository for Servicemembers and Family Members **(2019)**

## ***Encroachment and Infrastructure***

8. Allow TXDOT Interagency Contracts with Military Installations **(2021 & 2023)**
9. Fully Fund the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant **(2019, 2021, & 2023)**
10. Prohibits Operation of Non-Military Unmanned Aircraft over Military Installations **(2021)**
11. Add US Army CID and USAF OSI to Texas Criminal Code as recognized LEOs **(2021)**