

2025 Texas Legislative Issues For Defense Communities

***Keith Sledd – Chair
Governor’s Committee to Support the Military***

2024 GCSM Report

2024 Report for Governor's Committee to Support the Military

- GCSM submitted the final report to the Governor's office on 23 September 2024.
- Released by Governor's Office on 16 December 2024.

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Education, Health Care, and Quality of Life

- ★ 1. Mitigate City/County Impact of Lost Property Tax Revenue for Disabled Veteran Exemption
- ★ 2. Concurrent Jurisdiction for Juvenile Crime
3. Funding for Military Child Education Coalition
4. Texas Temporary License/Certifications for Military Spouse Licensure
- ★ 5. Enhanced Employment Support for Military Spouses

Workforce Development

6. Increase Integration Between Texas Educational Providers and Military Installation/Industry Skill Requirements

Encroachment and Infrastructure

- ★ 7. Fully Fund the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant
8. Encroachment on Military Installations and Training Areas
9. Countering Foreign Adversary Ownership of Texas Public or Private Property to Protect Military Installations/Missions

2025 Session Military & Veterans Bills (1 of 2)

- Total of 88 bills filled relating to Military or Veterans as of 4 Feb 2024.
- Tracking 35 particular bills.

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2025 Military & Veterans Legislation Tracker - 20250204

Bill	Description	Author	Action	Out of House Committee	Voted on By House	Out of Senate Committee	Voted on By Senate	Governor Action	Notes
HB241	Relating to a state employment preference for certain individuals who reside with veterans with a disability.	Guillen	17-Jan						
HB244	Relating to the applicability of the law governing the provision of state aid to certain local governments disproportionately affected by the granting of ad valorem tax relief to disabled veterans.	Guillen	17-Jan						
HB572	Relating to the purchase of military service credit in the Employees Retirement System of Texas.	Bell, Cecil	17-Jan						
HB617	Relating to the prohibition of housing discrimination on the basis of veteran status and to the enforcement of that prohibition.	Lopez, Ray	17-Jan						
HB710	Relating to the recognition of occupational licenses and government certifications issued in other states; authorizing a fee.	Harrison	17-Jan						
HB761	Relating to fee waivers for certain hunting and fishing licenses for honorably discharged veterans.	Leo Wilson	17-Jan						
HB851	Relating to the determination and reporting of the number of residence homesteads of certain property owners for which the owner is receiving certain ad valorem tax benefits.	Schofield	17-Jan						
HB879	Relating to the licensing of certain military veterans as health care providers.	Frank	17-Jan						
HB906	Relating to a temporary teaching certificate for certain military service members and first responders.	Shaheen	17-Jan						
HB930	Relating to certain requirements for activation of the Texas National Guard into active combat duty.	Cain	17-Jan						
HB1023	Relating to the design and issuance of specialty license plates to honor members of the military and for recipients of certain military awards.	Wilson	17-Jan						
HB1055	Relating to the college, career, or military readiness outcomes bonus under the Foundation School Program.	Bhojani	17-Jan						
HB1079	Relating to the inclusion of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and Leadership Officer Training Corps programs as public school career and technology education programs and the indicator of achievement for military readiness under the public school accountability system.	Curry	17-Jan						
HB1309	Relating to the applicability of the law governing the provision of state aid to certain local governments disproportionately affected by the granting of ad valorem tax relief to disabled veterans and to the effect of the receipt of such aid on the maintenance and operations ad valorem tax rate of a local government.	Hickland	17-Jan						
HB1383	Relating to the applicability of the law governing the provision of state aid to certain local governments disproportionately affected by the granting of ad valorem tax relief to disabled veterans.	Buckley	17-Jan						3

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HB1388	Relating to an indicator of achievement for military readiness under the public school accountability system.	Buckley	17-Jan						
HB1487	Relating to the removal of a fee for the issuance of an original, duplicate, modified, or renewed license to carry a handgun.	Louderback	17-Jan						
HB1557	Relating to waiver programs for certain veterans provided by toll project entities.	Moody	17-Jan						
HB1803	Relating to the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; authorizing fees.	Harless	17-Jan						
HB1861	Relating to the minimum requirements for state employee positions.	Cole	17-Jan						
HB1867	Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for the siblings of certain military personnel.	Raymond	17-Jan						
HB1895	Relating to the operation or expansion of a wind-powered generation facility.	Patterson	17-Jan						
HB1932	Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homesteads of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.	Lopez, Janie	17-Jan						
HB1947	Relating to civil and criminal liability for engaging in certain conduct involving a critical infrastructure facility; creating criminal offenses.	Luther	17-Jan						
HB2032	Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the appraised value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of such a veteran based on the disability rating of the veteran.	Campos	23-Jan						Enabled by HJR119
HB2210	Relating to inclusion of the United States Space Force in United States military and veteran statutory definitions.	Bumgarner	29-Jan						
HB2314	Relating to an exception for certain school districts to the requirement that an armed security officer be present at a public school campus.	Garcia	29-Jan						Amend from ISD to Campus
HB2337	Relating to the concurrent jurisdiction of this state over United States military installations with respect to certain subject matters.	Frank	3-Feb						
HJR117	Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.	Lopez, Janie	17-Jan						
HJR119	Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of such a veteran based on the disability rating of the veteran.	Campos	22-Jan						
SB150	Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination; authorizing civil penalties.	Meneendez	3-Feb	Economic Development					
SB247	Relating to the applicability of the law governing the provision of state aid to certain local governments disproportionately affected by the granting of ad valorem tax relief to disabled veterans.	Flores	3-Feb	Finance					
SB252	Relating to protections for certain military dependents enrolled in a public school.	Flores	3-Feb	Education					
SB498	Relating to the Licensed Professional Counselors Compact; authorizing fees.	Sparks	3-Feb	Business & Commerce					
SB899	Relating to the provision of state aid to certain local governments disproportionately affected by the granting of ad valorem tax relief to disabled veterans and surviving spouses of certain armed services members.	Blano	24-Jan						4

Historical GCSM Successes

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)**



QUESTIONS