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Texas Legislature Passes More Bills by Senator César J. Blanco

Austin, Texas – Six bills authored by Senator César J. Blanco (El Paso) have received approval by both, the Texas Senate and Texas House of Representatives, and await the Governor’s signature. This group of bills includes:

- **SB2261** provides better hands-on training for Department of Family and Protective Services caseworkers.

"DFPS caseworkers are crucial in protecting children and families from abuse and neglect. By ensuring caseworkers have better hands-on training, they can better serve our most at-risk kids and families."

- **SB2258** promotes uniform election dates in Fort Stockton.

"In the small town of Fort Stockton, having multiple elections in May and November has left a burden on the city and its elections. SB2258 allows the City of Fort Stockton to change May election dates to the uniform election date in November to save taxpayer dollars and improve voter turnout."

- **HB587** respectfully retires U.S. and Texas flags and honors deceased veterans

"The process of retiring United States flags is a ceremonial and important process as a symbol of respect for the United States. This bill will ensure that both U.S. and Texas flags can be respectfully retired with Veterans laid to rest."

- **SB2518** bolsters the bilingual education workforce.

"With over 1 million English learners in Texas, we need to ensure our teacher workforce has the resources needed to support ALL students. Senate Bill 2518 will help public school teachers earn their Bilingual Education Certification without taking them away from the classroom."

- **HB1633** cuts parking fines for disabled Veterans.

"Current law imposes hefty fines on disabled veterans who wrongly park in disabled parking spots. HB1633 cuts these parking fines for disabled veterans who unknowingly park in wrong spaces."

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- **HB2802 improves communication to help Texans keep their health benefits**

“Since the expiration of the federal public health emergency (PHE), millions of Texans need to recertify their eligibility to guarantee they are not at risk of losing their Medicaid benefits. This bill will enhance existing communication with Medicaid families so Texans aren’t kicked off their benefits.”

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