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# INTRODUCTION

State statute requires a fiscal note be prepared and accompany a bill or joint resolution as it goes through the legislative process. A fiscal note is a written estimate of the costs, savings, revenue gain, or revenue loss that may result from implementation of requirements in a bill or joint resolution. It serves as a tool to help legislators better understand how a bill might impact the state budget as a whole, individual agencies, and in some instances, local governments. The Legislative Budget Board (LBB) does not prepare fiscal notes for simple or concurrent resolutions, only for bills and joint resolutions.

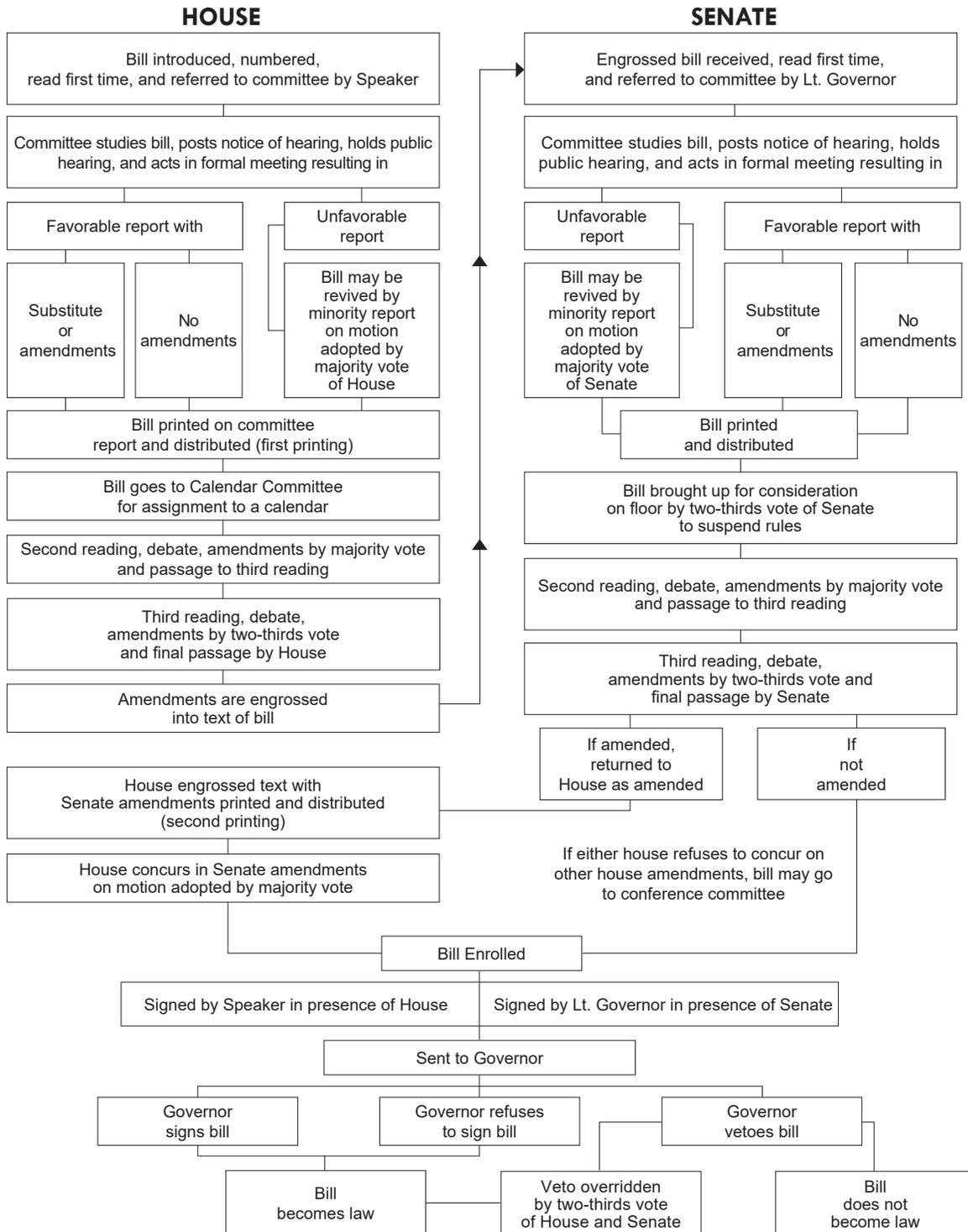
The LBB gathers impact data for fiscal notes from state agencies through a web-based fiscal note system (FNS). Part I of this manual is designed to assist committee clerks in following the legislative and fiscal notes processes. Part II provides instructions for committee clerks for preparing cost estimates and on how to use the FNS. A list of LBB fiscal note coordinators and their telephone numbers is provided in Part III.

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**PART I:  
FOLLOWING THE LEGISLATIVE AND  
FISCAL NOTES PROCESSES**

# BASIC STEPS IN THE TEXAS LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

This diagram displays the sequential flow of a bill from the time it is introduced in the House of Representatives to final passage and transmittal to the Governor. A bill introduced in the Senate would follow a similar procedure in reverse.



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## STAGES OF A BILL

A fiscal note is required for a bill before it can be considered in a House committee or before it can be voted out of a Senate committee. A fiscal note is prepared for each version of a bill, unless there are no changes from one version to the next.

### **INTRODUCED/FILED**

This is the version that is introduced to the legislature and referred to committee before any other actions occur.

### **AS AMENDED**

This is an amended version of the introduced bill. The amendments are attached on a separate sheet. If the amendments are incorporated into the bill text, the bill will be designated as a committee substitute.

### **COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**

This is a replacement for the introduced version and is distinguished with the prefix “CS” placed directly before the normal prefix. For example, “CSHB5” would designate the Committee Substitute for House Bill 5.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

In addition to the fiscal note, the committee report includes a record of the committee’s vote on the bill, the text of the bill as reported by the committee, a detailed bill analysis, an impact statement (if required), and other attachments as necessary.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

These are amendments made on the floor of the originating chamber (House amendments for House bills, Senate amendments for Senate bills) and generally can be obtained most quickly from the House or Senate journal, respectively.

### **ENGROSSED**

This version incorporates all changes made to the proposed legislation when it is passed by the chamber in which it originated. The clerk should examine the floor amendments to determine if the engrossed version differs from the version reported out of committee, because the amendments are incorporated into the bill text, and request an updated fiscal note.

### **AS AMENDED, SECOND HOUSE**

This is a version of the bill as engrossed by the first chamber, amended in committee in the second house. The amendments are attached on a separate sheet. If the amendments are incorporated into the bill text, the bill will be designated as a committee substitute.

### **COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE, SECOND HOUSE**

This is a replacement of the bill as engrossed by the first chamber and is distinguished with the prefix “CS” placed directly before the normal prefix. For example, “CSHB5” would designate the Committee Substitute for House Bill 5.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT, SECOND HOUSE**

In addition to the fiscal note, committee voting report, attached amendments (if any), and bill analysis, the committee report includes the bill as reported out of the committee in the second chamber. This may be the engrossed version, a completely new version (Committee Substitute), or an amended version of the engrossed version.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENTS, SECOND HOUSE**

“As Passed Second House.” These are amendments adopted on the floor of the second chamber and can be obtained from the chamber’s journal or the Texas Legislature Online (TLO) website. It is necessary to examine the floor amendments to determine if they change the fiscal implication from the version reported out of committee, second house, because the amendments are incorporated into the bill text.

### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

When the originating chamber refuses to concur with amendments made by the second chamber, a conference committee is formed to resolve the differences. When and if differences are resolved, a conference committee report incorporating the changes made by the committee is printed.

Under Senate rules, if a bill is sent to a conference committee, the chair of the Senate conferees must request an updated fiscal note unless the report is the engrossed text of either the House or Senate version to which a fiscal note is already attached. The fiscal note is required before adoption of the committee report by the full Senate.

House rules require that a fiscal note on a conference committee report must be submitted to the chief clerk in the House before adoption.

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# FISCAL NOTES RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

## **FISCAL NOTE DEFINITION**

A fiscal note is a written estimate of the costs, savings, revenue gain, or revenue loss that may result from implementation of a bill or joint resolution. It serves as a tool to help legislators better understand how a bill might impact the state budget as a whole, individual agencies, and in some instances, local governments. The Legislative Budget Board (LBB) does not prepare fiscal notes for simple or concurrent resolutions.

## **LEGAL BASIS, RULES, AND REQUIREMENTS**

The LBB is directed by Section 314.001 of the Texas Government Code, as enacted by the Sixty-third Legislature, Regular Session, 1973 to establish a system of fiscal notes identifying the probable impact of each bill or resolution that authorizes or requires the expenditure or diversion of any state funds for any purpose other than those provided for in the general appropriations bill.

The statute requires that the fiscal impact be projected for the five-year period that begins on the effective date of the bill or resolution and shall state whether or not the impact will continue thereafter. The director of the LBB may choose to project the fiscal impact beyond the five-year period. In addition to the estimate, the fiscal note identifies the portions of the bill that would create the fiscal impact.

The statute also requires a fiscal note for any bill or joint resolution that would have statewide impact on all units of government of the same type or class, such as all cities or all counties. For example, a bill that would authorize or require the expenditure of local funds or propose an increase, decrease, or new local tax, fee, license charge or penalty would require a fiscal note.

## **HOUSE RULES**

House rules require that any bill or joint resolution that authorizes or requires the expenditure or diversion of any state funds for any purpose, or that has a statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class and that authorizes or diverts local funds or fees, must have attached a fiscal note signed by the director of the Legislative Budget Board. Under House rules, a fiscal note, when required, must be distributed to committee members before a bill is laid out before a committee.

## **EXCERPTS FROM HOUSE RULES RELATING TO FISCAL NOTES, RULE 4, SECTION 33. FISCAL NOTES**

- (a) If the chair of a standing committee determines that a bill or joint resolution, other than the general appropriations bill, authorizes or requires the

expenditure or diversion of state funds for any purpose, the chair shall send a copy of the measure to the Legislative Budget Board for the preparation of a fiscal note outlining the fiscal implications and probable cost of the measure.

- (b) If the chair of a standing committee determines that a bill or joint resolution has statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class and authorizes or requires the expenditure or diversion of local funds, or creates or impacts a local tax, fee, license charge, or penalty, the chair shall send a copy of the measure to the Legislative Budget Board for the preparation of a fiscal note outlining the fiscal implications and probable cost of the measure.
- (c) In preparing a fiscal note, the director of the Legislative Budget Board may utilize information or data supplied by any person, agency, organization, or governmental unit that the director deems reliable. If the director determines that the fiscal implications of the measure cannot be ascertained, the director shall so state in the fiscal note, in which case the fiscal note shall be in full compliance with the rules. If the director of the Legislative Budget Board is unable to acquire or develop sufficient information to prepare the fiscal note within 15 days of receiving the measure from the chair of a committee, the director shall so state in the fiscal note, in which case the note shall be in full compliance with the rules.
- (d) If the chair determines that a fiscal note is required, copies of the fiscal note must be distributed to the members of the committee not later than the first time the measure is laid out in a committee meeting. The fiscal note shall be attached to the measure on first printing. If the measure is amended by the committee so as to alter its fiscal implications, the chair shall obtain an updated fiscal note, which shall also be attached to the measure on first printing.
- (e) All fiscal notes shall remain with the measure throughout the entire legislative process, including submission to the governor.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES (PART OF RULES)**

It is current practice that a senate fiscal note may be used by a house committee for a senate measure if the measure has not been amended since the preparation of that fiscal note. If the measure has been amended since the senate fiscal note

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# FISCAL NOTES RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

was prepared, the chair of the house committee should request a new fiscal note from the Legislative Budget Board.

## **RULE 4 SECTION 32 (b) (5)**

- (b) All committee reports must be in writing and shall:
  - (5) indicate whether a copy of a bill or resolution was forwarded to the Legislative Budget Board for preparation of a fiscal note or other impact statement, if applicable.

## **RULE 12 SECTION 1 (a) (1) (E)**

Section 1. Printings of Bills and Joint Resolutions —

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, all bills and joint resolutions shall be printed and a copy provided to each member at each of the following stages in the parliamentary progress of the bill or joint resolution:
  - (1) at the time of the committee report on the bill or joint resolution, which shall be known as “First Printing” and which shall consist of:
    - (E) a copy of the latest fiscal note.

## **RULE 2 SECTION 1 (a) (16)**

- (a) The chief clerk shall also: (16) request fiscal notes on house bills and joint resolutions with senate amendments and distribute fiscal notes on house bills and joint resolutions with senate amendments and conference committee reports as required by Rule 13, Sections 5 and 10.

## **RULE 13 SECTION 5 (b)**

- (b) When a house bill or joint resolution, other than the general appropriations bill, with senate amendments is returned to the house, the chief clerk shall request the Legislative Budget Board to prepare a fiscal note outlining the fiscal implications and probable cost of the measure as impacted by the senate amendments. A copy of the fiscal note shall be made available to each member before any action can be taken on the senate amendments by the house.

## **RULE 13 SECTION 10 (c)**

- (c) Before action can be taken by the house on a conference committee report on a bill or joint resolution, other than the general appropriations bill, a fiscal note outlining the fiscal implications and probable cost of the conference committee report shall be submitted to the chief clerk, and a copy of the fiscal note shall be made available to each member.

## **SENATE RULES**

Senate rules require fiscal notes for all bills and joint resolutions. Senate rules allow a bill to be heard without a fiscal note; however, the fiscal note must be distributed before a final vote on the measure can be taken.

## **EXCERPTS FROM SENATE RULES RELATING TO FISCAL NOTES, RULE 7.09 (b-h) FISCAL NOTES**

- (b) Prior to a final vote by a committee to report any bill or joint resolution, except the general appropriations bill, there shall be attached a fiscal note signed by the director of the Legislative Budget Board.
- (c) If a bill or joint resolution is amended by a committee, the committee chair shall obtain an updated fiscal note. The chair may require that the updated fiscal note be distributed to the committee members prior to the final vote to report the measure.
- (d) Prior to a motion to concur in House amendments, an updated fiscal note shall be distributed to all members if the director of the Legislative Budget Board determines that a House floor amendment has altered the policy implications of the bill or resolution, except the general appropriations bill.
- (e) An updated fiscal note shall be distributed to all members prior to a motion to adopt a conference committee report on any bill or joint resolution, other than the general appropriations bill; provided that an updated fiscal note is not required on a conference committee report if the text of the report is the engrossed text of either the House or Senate version and the report has attached a fiscal note outlining the fiscal implications of that version of the measure.
- (f) A fiscal note for a bill or joint resolution which authorizes or requires the expenditure or diversion of any state funds for any purpose shall estimate the fiscal implications and probable cost of the measure each year for the first five years after the implementation of its provisions and state whether there will be a cost involved thereafter. The fiscal note shall include the number of additional employees considered in arriving at the probable cost.
- (g) A fiscal note for any bill or joint resolution which imposes, increases, decreases, or repeals any state tax or fee shall estimate the fiscal implications of the measure for the first five years after the implementation of its provisions and state whether there will be fiscal implications thereafter. The committee chair to which

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## FISCAL NOTES RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

the bill or resolution was referred may request the director of the Legislative Budget Board to include with the fiscal note a tax equity note estimating the general effects of the proposal on the distribution of tax and fee burdens among individuals and businesses.

- (h) A fiscal note for any bill or joint resolution which has impact on units of local government of the same type or class shall estimate the fiscal implications and probable cost of the measure to the affected unit or units of local government each year for the first five years after the implementation of its provisions and state whether there will be a cost involved thereafter. As used in this rule, “unit of local government” means county, city, town, school district, conservation district, hospital district, or any other political subdivision or special district.

### **RULE 7.09 (q-t)**

- (q) In preparing a fiscal note or an impact statement, the director of the Legislative Budget Board may use information or data supplied by any person, agency, organization, or governmental unit that the director deems reliable. The director shall state the sources of information or data used and may state the extent to which the director relied on the information or data in preparing the fiscal note or impact statement. If the director is unable to acquire or develop sufficient information to prepare a fiscal note within 15 days after receiving a bill or joint resolution, the director shall prepare the fiscal note stating that fact, and the fiscal note shall be in full compliance with the rules. If the director determines that the fiscal or other implications of a bill or joint resolution cannot be ascertained, the director shall prepare the fiscal note stating that fact, and the fiscal note shall be in full compliance with the rules.
- (r) The director of the Legislative Budget Board shall forward a copy of each fiscal note or impact statement to the author or sponsor of the affected bill or joint resolution.
- (s) All fiscal notes and impact statements shall be signed by the director of the Legislative Budget Board and shall remain with the measure throughout the entire legislative process, including submission to the Governor.
- (t) For any statement or analysis required by this rule, the Senate Committee on Administration may adopt such

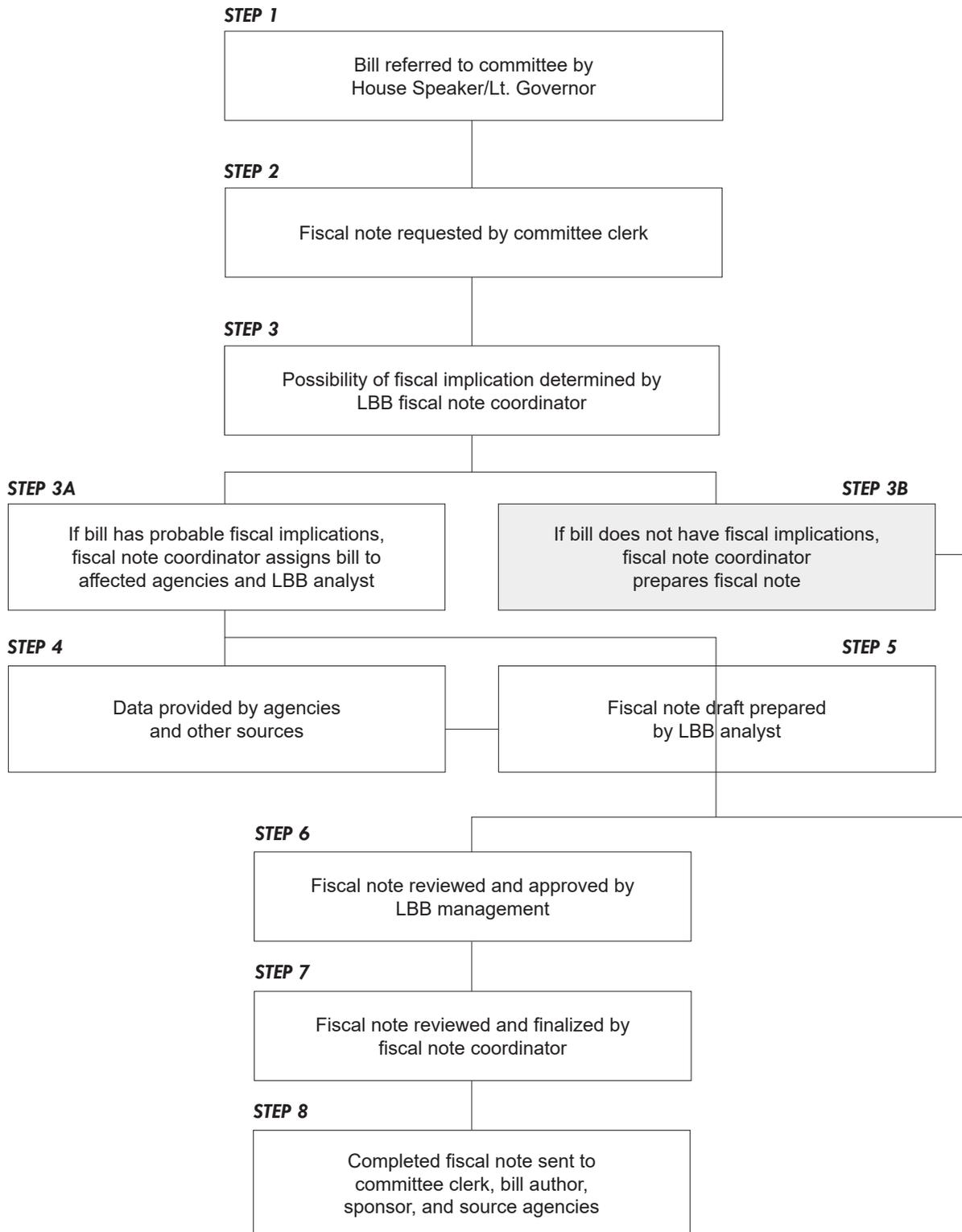
necessary forms and procedures as are required to ensure that all members of the Senate are informed as to the impact of proposed legislation on the state or other unit of government. The committee may authorize the director of the Legislative Budget Board to develop the format for fiscal notes and impact statements and submit the suggested forms to the committee for its approval.

### **RULE 7.12 (b) (5)**

- (b) Every committee report printing on a bill or resolution shall include:
  - (5) any fiscal note on the bill or resolution, including any updated fiscal note required by Rule 7.09.

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# BASIC STEPS IN THE FISCAL NOTES PROCESS



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### STEP 1

Bill is referred to committee by the house speaker or the lieutenant governor.

### STEP 2

Soon after a bill is referred to committee, the committee clerk, acting on behalf of the committee chair, electronically requests a fiscal note from the LBB via the web-based fiscal note system. It is the committee's responsibility to request fiscal notes on any bill that meets the criteria specified in the House and Senate rules. Requests should be made as soon as possible after referral to ensure that LBB staff have sufficient time to produce an estimate.

Once a fiscal note request is made, the web-based fiscal note system routes the request to the LBB fiscal note coordinator assigned as liaison to the committee.

### STEP 3

When a fiscal note request is received by the LBB, the fiscal note coordinator determines, with assistance from affected analysts, whether a bill would have fiscal implications.

### STEP 3A

If the bill is likely to have fiscal implications, the coordinator assigns the request to affected agencies and the appropriate LBB analyst(s). An electronic copy of the bill, along with a request for assistance in making the cost estimate, is sent to each affected agency and LBB analyst via the LBB's web-based fiscal note system.

Note: Immediately prior to the start of the legislative session, the director of each state agency is asked to name an agency contact who will be responsible for receiving fiscal note requests from the LBB and providing timely responses. Each agency will be able to download *Guide to Fiscal Notes* from the LBB website.

### STEP 3B

If it appears that the bill would have no fiscal implication (NFI), the process skips to Step 6.

### STEP 4

Agencies respond to the LBB with a brief fiscal analysis of the bill, focusing on the anticipated changes in agency programs and/or operations that would be necessary if the bill were implemented. The agency reports to the LBB detailed explanation of both the bill's fiscal impact and the method of finance. **Agency estimates exclude costs caused by inflation** so that the fiscal implications resulting from proposed legislation can be more accurately identified.

**Agency estimates include only direct impacts; secondary impacts are excluded from fiscal note estimates.** For example, a provision that requires all young children to be immunized at a state cost of \$1 per child (the direct cost/fiscal implication) may possibly reduce future state expenditures on treatment for disease (a secondary fiscal implication). In this example, only the \$1 cost per immunization is included in the estimate.

### STEP 5

The LBB analyst considers all information submitted by the affected agencies and other sources in producing an accurate estimate. A worksheet is completed and the analyst creates a draft fiscal note.

### STEP 6

The draft fiscal note is reviewed by the analyst's manager for approval.

### STEP 7

Once the draft fiscal note is approved it is sent to the coordinator to finalize, and then sent to the LBB director to approve; the rules provide that the LBB director is responsible for all fiscal note estimates. LBB estimates may agree or differ with information provided by state agencies.

### STEP 8

Once a fiscal note is completed and approved by the Director, the fiscal note coordinator sends it electronically to the clerk of the committee that made the request, the author/sponsor of the bill, and source agencies.

In most instances, Steps 2 through 8 are repeated each time the bill is changed by a committee or on the floor of either chamber.

If the bill is amended or substituted in the committee to which it was initially referred, the committee clerk, acting on behalf of the committee chair, needs to request an updated fiscal note for the amended/substituted bill.

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## IMPACT STATEMENTS

In addition to the preparation of fiscal notes, House and Senate Rules direct the LBB to prepare several types of impact statements. Each statement provides specific information (described below) not contained in the corresponding fiscal note.

Under Senate rules, the director of the LBB determines whether an impact statement is required. Under House rules, the committee chair makes that determination. Other differences between the Senate and House rules are noted below.

### ► **Updates to Fiscal Notes and Impact Statements.**

Any time a bill is changed (amended, substituted, etc.), there is a requirement that the fiscal note be updated. If an impact statement was prepared for the introduced version of the bill, there is also a requirement that the impact statement be updated each time the bill is changed.

## HOUSE AND SENATE IMPACT STATEMENTS

### **ACTUARIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Provides estimates of proposed legislative changes in public pension funds. Prior to the Seventy-fourth Legislative Session, 1995, similar impact statements were prepared by the Pension Review Board. Subsequently, the LBB assumed ultimate responsibility for the production of these impact statements, although the Pension Review Board remains an important source of information.

► Requested by the House only if legislation would affect the financing, membership, or benefits of a pension plan.

► Prepared for Senate bills if the LBB determines the legislation would affect the financing, membership, or benefits of a pension plan.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Provides estimates of proposed legislative changes in prison capacity. These impact statements are necessary if a bill changes sanctions applicable to adults convicted of felony crimes. Under Senate rules, these impact statements would also apply to juvenile justice bills.

► Requested by the House only if a provision of the bill would change sanctions applicable to adults convicted of a felony crime.

► Prepared for Senate bills if the LBB determines that the bill would change sanctions applicable to adults convicted of a felony crime or would apply to juveniles who have been adjudicated for misdemeanor or felony conduct.

### **EQUALIZED EDUCATION FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT**

Provides an analysis of the equity implications associated with a proposed legislative change in state aid to school districts under the Foundation School Program.

► Requested by the House only if a bill proposes to change the school funding formulas.

► Prepared for Senate bills if the LBB determines the bill would change the school funding formulas.

### **HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT STATEMENT**

Provides an estimate of the implications resulting from creating or changing the classification, mission, or governance of an institution of higher education.

► The director of the LBB will request this only if a bill proposes to establish a new institution of higher education, open graduate programs at institutions that heretofore have been only undergraduate institutions, convert two-year colleges into four-year colleges, or move one institution from one university system to another. (Only required by Senate Rules.)

### **OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT STATEMENT**

Estimates the impact of proposed policy changes on public access to government information or to the transaction of public business.

► The director of the LBB will request this only if provisions of the bill would reduce public access to government records and meetings. (Only required by Senate Rules.)

### **TAX/FEE EQUITY NOTES<sup>1</sup>**

Provides an analysis of how a proposed increase/decrease in taxes/fees affects taxpayers in the state. It calculates both the initial impact and the final impact.

► Requested only if a statewide tax or fee is affected. For House and Senate bills, the committee chair determines whether to request this.

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<sup>1</sup>Supplemental Information Regarding Economic Effects of Tax Changes is provided by the LBB upon request. These statements are prepared by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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## IMPACT STATEMENTS

### ***WATER DEVELOPMENT POLICY IMPACT STATEMENT***

Provides estimates of changes resulting from the creation of water districts under provisions of Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution. The Water Development Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality are an important source of information in preparing these documents.

► Requested only if a bill is affected by Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution.

(Only required by House Rules; however, if a House bill is changed in the Senate and an impact statement had been created when the bill was in the House, the LBB should request an updated impact statement.)

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q. Who can request a fiscal note?**

A. Under House rules, the committee chair is responsible for requesting a fiscal note, although the committee clerk, acting on behalf of the committee chair, usually carries out the actual request. Senate rules require fiscal notes for all bills; these are requested by committee clerks. There is no formal procedure in the rules for fiscal note requests other than those from a committee. An author or sponsor is not authorized to request a fiscal note unless he or she is the chair of the committee to which that bill is referred.

► See information under Conference Committee Report subheading on page 3 of this document for special provisions relating to requesting a fiscal note for a conference committee report.

### **Q. Can a fiscal note be requested on bills not formally amended and substituted?**

A. A fiscal note may only be requested at those points in the legislative process laid out in the House and Senate rules.

Under House rules, a committee chair requests a fiscal note on bills or joint resolutions which authorize or require the expenditure or diversion of any state funds for any purpose, or which have a statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class and that authorize or divert local funds or fees. The committee chair requests an updated fiscal note if the legislation is amended in committee and may request a fiscal note on any Senate bill or joint resolution referred to a House committee.

Under Senate rules, fiscal notes are required for all bills (except the General Appropriations Bill) and joint resolutions prior to a final committee vote. The committee chair requests an updated fiscal note if the legislation is amended in committee. An updated fiscal note is also required prior to a motion to concur with House amendments if the director of the LBB determines that one is necessary.

### **Q. Does the LBB prepare fiscal notes on bills and resolutions?**

A. The House and Senate rules require the LBB to prepare fiscal notes on bills and joint resolutions according to specified criteria. The LBB does not prepare fiscal notes on simple or concurrent resolutions.

### **Q. If a bill does not appropriate funds, why is there an impact?**

A. The fiscal note provides cost and revenue information. The Senate Finance Committee or House Committee on

Appropriations determines, subject to approval through the legislative process, how much of the cost indicated on the fiscal note should be funded, if any.

► A bill not appropriating money for implementation does not prevent the fiscal note from reflecting the full costs associated with the bill.

► Bill language limiting expenditures to amounts appropriated does not eliminate costs on a fiscal note.

The estimated cost of a program is distinct from the amount appropriated through the legislative process. The fiscal note is not binding on the appropriation process.

### **Q. Is there an impact if a bill authorizes but does not require a program to be implemented?**

A. This question often arises when bill language states that a program “may be implemented” instead of “shall be implemented.”

► For estimates of impact to the state, the LBB treats “may” and “shall” in the same way: it is assumed the program would be implemented. This serves two purposes:

1. It provides the legislature with information regarding the potential costs of the proposed legislation.
2. It provides a specific dollar amount that the legislature can use when deciding how much, if any, of the program costs to fund through the appropriation process.

► For estimates of impact to local government, the LBB does not make an assumption regarding the number of units of local government that would choose to implement an optional program. In these instances, the LBB provides an example of the impact that might occur to units of local government.

### **Q. If an agency resubmits information regarding a bill’s impact, is the LBB obligated to use the latest information?**

A. No, the LBB uses the information it believes to be most accurate and reliable. If an agency resubmits information that differs substantially from that agency’s original submission, the LBB will evaluate that information and use whichever submission is determined to be most accurate and reliable. The LBB is not obligated to use agency estimates of costs, impacts, caseloads, etc.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q. Do fiscal notes reflect costs to state funds only, or do they reflect costs to the Texas economy as a whole?**

A. Fiscal note estimates only address the direct effect a bill would have on state government expenditures or revenues.

► Provisions of a bill that potentially could reduce future state expenditures or that might have an effect on the current Texas economy (e.g., jobs created, lowering the number of Texans who are unemployed) are considered secondary fiscal implications.

► Secondary fiscal implications are not included in fiscal note estimates.

### **Q. What is the baseline for preparing fiscal note estimates?**

A. Fiscal note estimates are based on law in effect at the time the estimates are produced, and on the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE) released at the beginning of the legislative session. The fiscal note estimates assume that no changes will be made to law other than those resulting from the bill's implementation. They further assume that the BRE will remain unchanged.

For example, if a sales tax exemption for certain businesses was set to expire during the upcoming biennium, the BRE for the upcoming biennium would include the additional sales tax revenue that would result from the expiration of the tax exemption. If a bill were to extend the sales tax exemption, sales tax revenue would be less than the amount included in the BRE. Therefore, even though the bill would allow taxpayers to continue to receive the same tax exemption, the baseline for the fiscal note estimate is based on revenue that would have been collected if the bill's provisions were not implemented. Thus, the fiscal note estimate in this example would reflect a revenue loss.

### **Q. How do fiscal notes and the appropriation process go together?**

A. The fiscal note is a statement of a bill's potential fiscal impact. A bill provides the legal basis for certain actions to take place, but generally does not appropriate funds to implement its provisions. If a bill does not specifically appropriate funds, but would require an appropriation in order to implement its provisions, it is the responsibility of the bill author to bring the legislation before the House Committee on Appropriations or the Senate Finance Committee to seek funding. The fiscal note attempts to assist in this process. The House Committee on Appropriations, Senate Finance Committee, or Conference Committee may choose to fund the legislation at the level estimated on the

fiscal note or at an alternate level, or may choose not to fund the bill at all.

► The appropriation of funds by bill language or a contingency rider in the appropriations bill does not define the amount of cost included in the fiscal note estimate. For example, the fiscal note on a bill appropriating \$200,000 to implement a program that is estimated to cost \$500,000 would still indicate \$500,000 in costs. The fiscal note would recognize that \$200,000 was appropriated; however, funding of the program would require an additional \$300,000.

► A bill not appropriating funds for implementation does not prevent the fiscal note from reflecting the full costs associated with the bill.

### **Q. How are fiscal notes distributed?**

A. Fiscal notes are delivered directly to the requesting committee's chair or clerk. This is usually accomplished via the LBB's web-based fiscal note system, however, if a fiscal note is completed close to the deadlines specified in the rules,<sup>2</sup> the LBB will hand-deliver a hard copy of the fiscal note to the committee. An electronic copy of the fiscal note will also be forwarded to the author and sponsor of the bill or resolution and to source agencies.

### **Q. How can I get a copy of a fiscal note that is not yet published on the web?**

A. A copy of the fiscal note is not available until the bill is heard in committee. Request the fiscal note from the committee staff or author/sponsor of the bill.

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## COMMONLY USED FISCAL NOTE TERMS

### **ACCOUNT**

A special accounting entity within the General Revenue Fund that keeps a separate and distinct balance at the end of each fiscal year.

►An account is not a fund (see “Dedicated Funds” and “Funds”).

### **ACT**

A bill passed by the legislature, signed by the governor, and recorded with the Secretary of State.

### **APPROPRIATED**

Refers to the dollars or associated full-time equivalent (FTE) staff positions authorized for specific fiscal years and to the provisions for spending authority.

### **ARTICLE**

A major division of a bill.

### **BIANNUAL**

Occurring twice a year.

### **BIENNIAL**

Occurring every two years.

### **BIENNIUM**

The two-year period beginning on September 1 and ending on August 31 of odd-numbered years, for which Texas’ general state appropriations are made. A biennium is identified by the two fiscal years of which it consists (e.g., 2016–17 biennium).

### **BILL**

A proposed new law or amendment to existing law that is introduced for legislative consideration. A bill that is enrolled by the legislature and not vetoed by the governor becomes law on the bill’s effective date.

### **BUDGETED**

Refers to the planned level of expenditures, performance, or number of staff positions for a particular year.

### **DEDICATED FUNDS**

Revenue sources or comptroller-designated funds restricted for specific purposes. These include both constitutionally and statutorily dedicated funds.

►“Accounts” are often mistakenly referred to as “Funds.”

### **ENGROSSED**

A bill that has been passed by the chamber of the legislature in which the bill was originally filed.

### **ENROLLED**

A bill that has been passed by both chambers of the legislature. After enrollment, a bill is sent to the governor for signature or veto.

### **FISCAL YEAR (FY)**

September 1 through August 31 and is specified by the calendar year in which the fiscal year ends (e.g., September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 is fiscal year 2018).

►The federal fiscal year is October 1 through September 30.

### **FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)**

Unit of measure that represents the monthly average number of state employees working 40 hours a week.

### **FUND**

A constitutionally or statutorily authorized repository of revenue that is used for financing appropriations and that consists of either an independent fiscal entity with a self-balancing set of accounts (e.g., State Highway Fund) or a category of revenues or receipts (e.g., federal funds).

### **GENERAL REVENUE FUND**

The fund (No. 001) that receives state tax revenues and fees available for general spending purposes and is certified as such by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

### **GENERAL REVENUE–DEDICATED FUNDS**

Accounts whose balances are counted as General Revenue by the Comptroller of Public Accounts for certification of the state budget but must be used for the purposes identified in general law to the extent such funds are appropriated in the General Appropriations Act.

### **GENERAL REVENUE–RELATED FUNDS**

The General Revenue Fund (No. 001), Available School Fund (No. 002), State Textbook Fund (No. 003), and Foundation School Fund (No. 193). Also included are the hotel tax transfers to the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Division of the Office of the Governor and the sporting goods sales tax transfers to Parks and Wildlife Department.

►This narrow definition applies for fiscal note purposes only.

### **NO FISCAL IMPLICATION (NFI)**

When stated on a fiscal note, means that implementing the provisions of the bill would not require any additional resources from the state, nor would there be any state revenue impact.

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## COMMONLY USED FISCAL NOTE TERMS

### ***NO SIGNIFICANT FISCAL IMPLICATION (NSFI)***

When stated on a fiscal note, means that the change in resources necessary to implement a program is insignificant relative to the budget of the affected agency and could be reasonably absorbed within an agency's current appropriation level.

### ***SPECIAL FUNDS***

Non-General Revenue Funds that have retained their revenue dedication.

### ***STATUTE***

A law enacted by the legislature and generally codified in government codes with other legislation on the same subject.

### ***DOCUMENT ABBREVIATIONS***

FN – Fiscal Note

Act – Actuarial Impact Statement

CJ – Criminal Justice Impact Statement

EEFIS – Equalized Education Funding Impact Statement

HEd – Higher Education Impact Statement

Open – Open Records Impact Statement

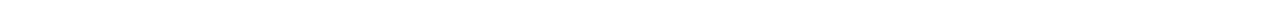
Supp – Supplemental Information Regarding Economic Effects of Tax Changes

Tax – Tax/Fee Equity Note

WDev – Water Development Policy Impact Statement



**PART II:  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES**



## CONTACTS FOR FISCAL NOTES

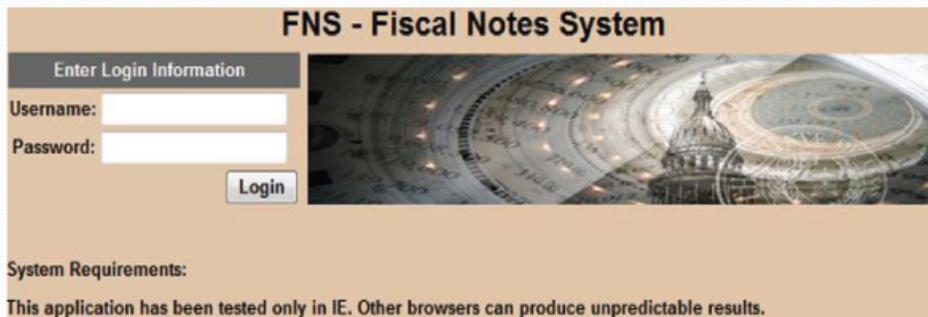
Fiscal Notes Help Desk Number: (512) 936-4033

Email Contact: [LBB.Applications@lbb.state.tx.us](mailto:LBB.Applications@lbb.state.tx.us)

For immediate 24-7 response, please call the Fiscal Notes Help Desk Number. For less urgent issues, use the email contact. You should receive a response to your email by the end of the next business day.

## Logon Screen

- Below is the new Fiscal Notes Logon screen.



**FNS - Fiscal Notes System**

Enter Login Information

Username:

Password:

Login

**System Requirements:**  
This application has been tested only in IE. Other browsers can produce unpredictable results.

- Type your username and password and click the Login button to log into the system.

# News Tab

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News Admin Requests Completions (Current Revision) Views Help Contact Us Logout

### Welcome to the new Fiscal Notes System Test by sandy

**FNS PAGER (monitored 24/7 during session): (512) 936-4033**  
**EMAIL (monitored during normal work hours): [LBB.Applications@lbb.state.tx.us](mailto:LBB.Applications@lbb.state.tx.us)**

This is a new interface on the fiscal notes system. The functionality of the system is essentially the same, with a few upgrades to navigation and functionality. Below is a list of new enhancements:

**News Screen**  
Information that needs to be seen by all Committees will be entered here. It will be the first screen you see when you enter the system.

**Committee Distribution List**  
Instead of always forwarding your email notifications, use this option to set up a distribution list for your committee.

**Add All New Bills**  
With one click of the button, you can request all Introduced/Engrossed bills referred to your committee.

**Attach Bill Text to Bill Request**  
You can attach a PDF of the bill text for committee subs/amendments.

**Modify the Bill Text for a Bill**  
Did you forget to attach a bill text to the sub/amendment? Did you attach the wrong bill text to a sub/amendment? You can correct it without calling the coordinator.

**Contact Us**  
Stuck? Have a problem? See a typo? Click the Contact Us button to get the pager phone number or to contact us via email.

**Logout**  
When you finish with the application, you can click the logout button and it will clear all information and navigate to the login page.

**If you need any assistance you may call the Fiscal Notes pager (24/7) at (512)936-4033 during session. Or if it is a less urgent issue, you may click the Contact Us button at the top of the screen to send us an email.**

## Committee Screen

- The top portion of the screen contains the following items:
  - Session drop down. This drop down defaults to the current session.
  - If you belong to one committee, that committee is displayed to the right of the session drop down.

85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION Public Health (H) Hello, TestCommittee!

Help Contact Us Logout

If you belong to more than one committee, a committee drop down is displayed to the right of the session drop down.

- Help button
- Contact Us button
- Logout button

## Admin – Committee Information

- This screen lists all of the committees, the committee coordinators, and committee contacts.

News Admin Requests Completions (Current Revision) Views

Committee Information Committee Distribution List Delete Committee Request Modify Bill Text

Print View Email All Committees Email Selected Committees Select All Clear Selection

Committee Name	Coordinator (C)/Contact	Pager	Phone	Fax
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Livestock (H)	<a href="#">Scott Dudley (C)</a> <a href="#">Jim Terrell</a>	403-9182	(512) 463-1903 (512) 463-0762	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Rural Affairs (S)	<a href="#">Scott Dudley (C)</a> <a href="#">Catherine Hearn</a> <a href="#">Raenetta Nance</a>	403-9182	(512) 463-1903 (512) 463-0340 (512) 463-0340	(512) 463-2293
<input type="checkbox"/> Border & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)	<a href="#">Cynthia Lopez (C)</a> <a href="#">Brenda Tso</a> <a href="#">David Wilkie</a>	867-2046	(512) 936-1604 (512) 463-1211 (512) 463-1211	(512) 463-1221
<input type="checkbox"/> Business & Commerce (S)	<a href="#">Jeannette Odell (C)</a> <a href="#">Daniel Madru</a> <a href="#">Ellen Scholl</a> <a href="#">STas62 Test</a> <a href="#">Tatum Regan</a>	867-2047	(512) 475-2900 (512) 463-0365 (512) 463-0345 (512) 293-6161 (512) 463-0365	(512) 475-2015 (512) 475-2902

- The Print View button will allow you to print this list.
- The boxes to the left of the Committee Name will allow you to select the committee.

## Admin Screen – Committee Information

- The Email All Committees button will open up a dialog box that will have all of the contacts listed in the To: field. You can then fill out the subject and message and click the Send button to send an email to all the committees.

**Email Committee Members**

From: Michelle.Taylor@lbb.state.tx.us

To: Candace Hargenrader (EXCHANGE.SEN.S7500AE)  
Chametha Grayson (Chametha.Grayson@tlc.state.tx.us)  
Ryan LaRue (EXCHANGE.SEN.S7500AF)  
Jim Terrell (Jim.Terrell\_HC@house.state.tx.us)  
Catherine Hearn (EXCHANGE.SEN.S7505AD)  
Raenetta Nance (Raenetta.Nance\_SC@senate.state.tx.us)

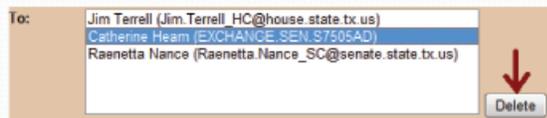
Subject:

Message:

- The Email Selected Committees button will open up a dialog box that will have all of the members from the selected committees listed in the To: field. You can then fill out the subject and message and click the Send button to send an email to all members of the selected committees.



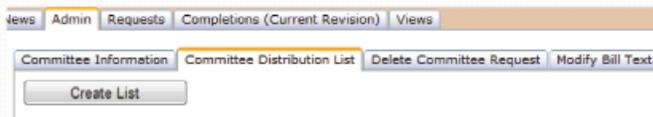
- If you want to remove a person from the To: list, you can click on their name and then click the delete button.



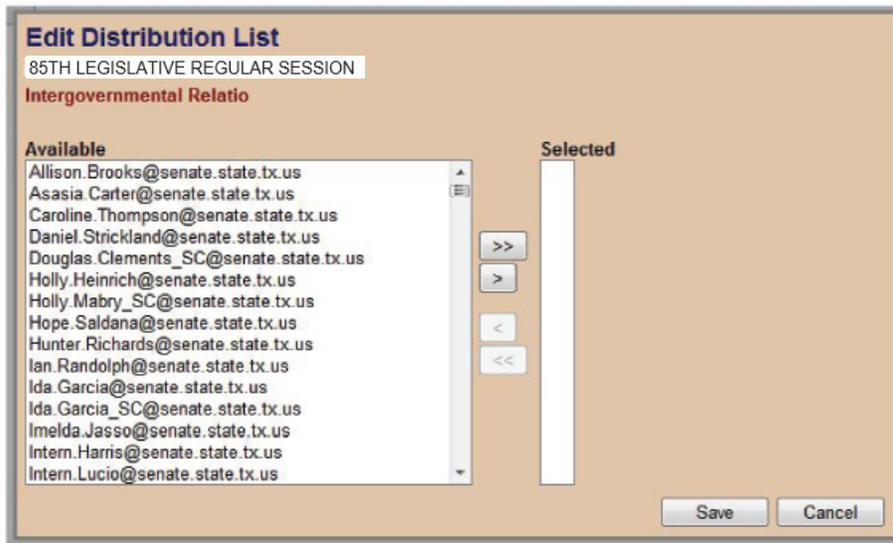
- The coordinator/contact names are mailto links. You can click on the name and your email client will open. You can then send your email message.

## Admin Screen – Committee Distribution List

- To create a distribution list for your committee, click the Create List button.

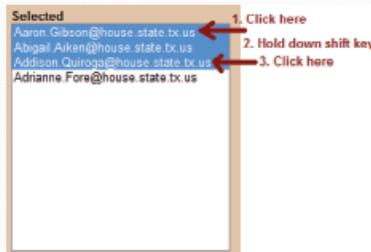


- The Edit Distribution List pop-up will display



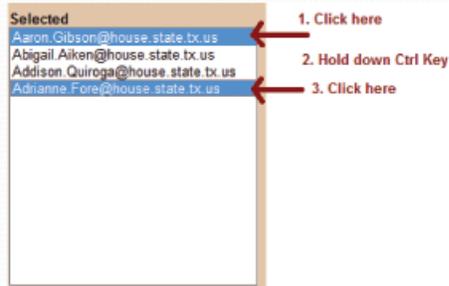
## Admin Screen – Committee Distribution List (con't)

- The 4 buttons between the Available List and the Selected List have the following functions:
-  Move all members from the Available List to the Selected List
-  Move selected members from the Available List to the Selected List
-  Remove selected members from the Selected List
-  Remove all members from the Selected List
- If you want to select a block of members in either the Available List or the Selected List, click on the first members name, hold down the Shift key, and click on the second members name. This will highlight the members that you clicked on and everyone in between.



## Admin Screen – Committee Distribution List

- If you want to select a non-contiguous block of members in either the Available or Selected List, click on the first members name, hold down the Ctrl key, and click on the second members name. This will highlight the members that you clicked on and everyone in between.



- Once you have moved the appropriate members to the Selected List, click the Save button.
- The updated list will display on the screen.

Edit List		Email Distribution List	
Name	Email	Phone Number	
Aaron Gibson	<a href="mailto:Aaron.Gibson@house.state.tx.us">Aaron.Gibson@house.state.tx.us</a>	(512)463-0645	
Abigail Aiken	<a href="mailto:Abigail.Aiken@house.state.tx.us">Abigail.Aiken@house.state.tx.us</a>		
Addison Quiroga	<a href="mailto:Addison.Quiroga@house.state.tx.us">Addison.Quiroga@house.state.tx.us</a>		
Adrienne Fore	<a href="mailto:Adrienne.Fore@house.state.tx.us">Adrienne.Fore@house.state.tx.us</a>	(512)463-0727	

## Admin Screen – Delete Committee Request

- Click the Bill Numbers drop down if you need to filter by bill number.

The screenshot shows the 'Delete Committee Request' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: News, Admin, Requests, Completions (Current Revision), and Views. Below these are sub-tabs: Committee Information, Committee Distribution List, Delete Committee Request (selected), and Modify Bill Text. A dropdown menu labeled 'All Bill Numbers' is highlighted with a red arrow and the text 'click here to filter'. Below the dropdown is a table with columns for 'Delete', 'Bill', 'Version', and 'Comments'. The table contains the following rows:

Delete	Bill	Version	Comments
<a href="#">Delete</a>	HB44	Intro	
<a href="#">Delete</a>	HB96	Intro	
<a href="#">Delete</a>	HB164	Intro	
<a href="#">Delete</a>	HB272	Intro	
<a href="#">Delete</a>	HB310	Intro	
<a href="#">Delete</a>	HB310	1st Cmte Rep, Amend	
<a href="#">Delete</a>	HB344	Intro	
<a href="#">Delete</a>	HB353	Intro	
<a href="#">Delete</a>	HB427	Intro	

- When you see the bill you want to delete, click in the text box to the right of the bill number and enter your comments. Then, click the Delete link to the left of the bill number.

This close-up shows the row for bill HB310 (1st Cmte Rep, Amend). The 'Delete' link is highlighted with a red arrow and the text 'click here'. To the right of the bill number is a text input field containing the placeholder text 'enter comments here'.

- The request will be deleted and you will no longer see it in the list.

## Admin Screen -- Attach Bill Text

The screenshot shows the 'Attach Bill Text' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: News, Admin, Requests, Completions (Current Revision), and Views. Below these are sub-tabs: Committee Information, Committee Distribution List, Delete Committee Request, and Modify Bill Text (selected). The main content area contains a form with a dropdown menu, a text input field, a 'Browse...' button, and an 'Attach' button. Below the form is a 'Find' button. A red text box contains the following instructions: 'You must click the Attach button to attach the bill text. Attaching will overwrite the previously save document.'



## Admin Screen – Modify Bill Text

- After clicking the Open button, you must click the Attach button to attach the bill text to the request.

F:\CWW FAQ.pdf

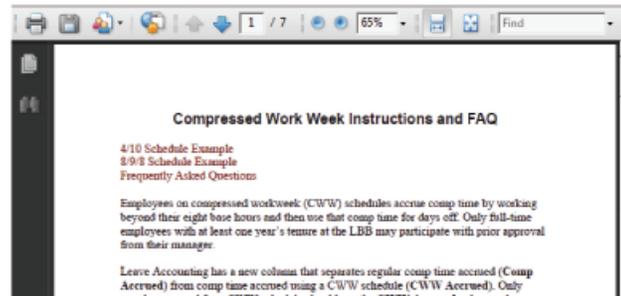
**You must click the Attach button to attach the bill text.  
Attaching will overwrite the previously save document.**

- Please note: Attaching the file will overwrite the previously save document.**
- After clicking the Attach button, a successful message will display, the bill text box will clear out, and the pdf will load on the screen.

CWW FAQ.pdf was successfully uploaded.

HB310 1st Cmte Rep. Amend

**You must click the Attach button to attach the bill text.  
Attaching will overwrite the previously save document.**



## Requests Screen -- Add a Bill

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**Requests**

### Add Bill

Bill Number:

Version:

Bill Text:    **You must click the Attach button to attach the bill text.**

Request Types:  FN

Comments:

## Requests Screen – Add a Bill

- In the Add Bill screen, select a bill from the drop down list. If the bill isn't in the list, you can type the bill number in the Bill Not in Committee box and click the Get Versions button.

**Add Bill**

Bill Number:  Bill Not in Committee:

- When you either select a bill or type the bill in the Bill Not in Committee dialog and click the Get Versions button, the Version field will enable. Click the arrow and select a Version.

Version:

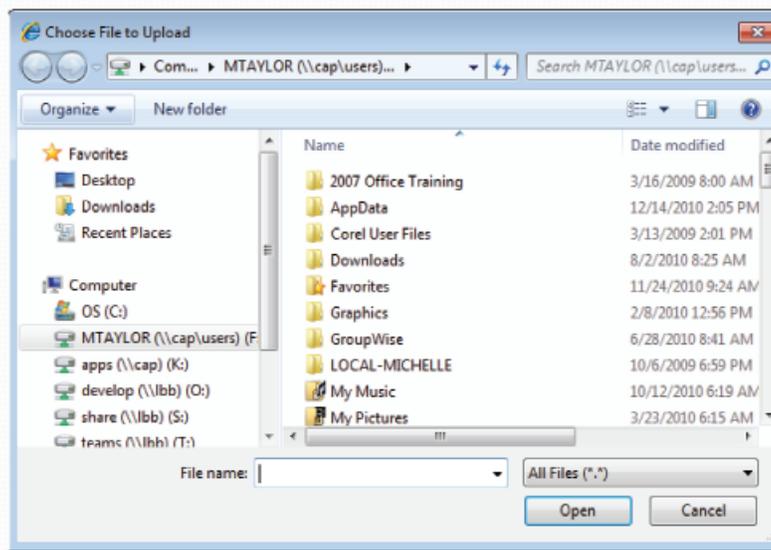
- If you select any version except for Intro or Engrossed, the bill text field and buttons will enable.

Bill Text:    You must click the Attach button to attach the bill text.

- The new fiscal notes system allows you to attach the bill text to substituted and amended bills. Please use this feature as it will decrease the turnaround time for processing.
- **PLEASE NOTE – You can only upload .pdf files.**

## Requests Screen – Add a Bill

- To attach the bill text, click the browse button. In the Choose File to Upload dialog box, navigate to the correct directory, select the bill, and click the Open button.



- **PLEASE NOTE – You can only upload . pdf files.**

## Requests Screen – Add a Bill

- After clicking the Open button, you must click the Attach button to attach the bill text to the request.

**Bill Text:** FACWW FAQ.pdf   You must click the Attach button to attach the bill text.

- After clicking the Attach button, the following message will appear:

**CWW FAQ.pdf was successfully uploaded.**

and the bill text box will clear out.

**Bill Text:**    You must click the Attach button to attach the bill text.

- Select the request type, and if you are assigned to a House committee and it's applicable, the appropriate impact statements.

- House Committee:

**Request Types:**  FN  ACT  CJ  EEFIS  TAX  WDEV

- Senate Committee:

**Request Types:**  FN

## Requests Screen – Add a Bill

- If applicable, add comments.

**Comments:**

- Click the Add to List button.

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Help Contact Us Logout

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Requests

Add New Bill Add All New Bills Send to LBB Cancel

Bill Number	Version	FN	Comments	Attachment
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> SB4880	Intro	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is the Comments Section and you can <a href="#">More...</a>	

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Help Contact Us Logout

Finance (S)

Requests

Add New Bill Add All New Bills Send to LBB Cancel

Bill Number	Version	FN	Comments	Attachment
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> SB4880	Intro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comments can be inserted here	
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> SB6611	Intro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> SB6618	Intro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		



## Requests Screen

- Each pending request will be displayed as a row on the table of the requests screen.

Bill Number	Version	FN	ACT	CJ	EEFIS	TAX	WDEV	Comments	Attachment
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> hb123	1st Cmte Rep, Amend	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is test comments. I'm making the co <a href="#">More...</a>	CWW FAQ.pdf				
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> hb234	Intro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is a short comment.					
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> hb345	1st Cmte Rep, Sub	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

- Click the Edit link to edit the bill version, impact statements (if applicable), comments, or attachments (if applicable)
- Click the Delete link to delete the bill from the row. The bill request will not be processed.
- Please note – if you add the wrong bill, you will not be able to change the bill number. You must delete the row and add a new request.
- If impact statements are available, you can check/uncheck them from the grid.
- If you comment is more than 40 characters, you will see a More... link in the Comments column.

## Requests Screen – Edit a Request

- When you click the Edit link, the information will display on an Edit Bill tab.
- If the Bill text has been attached to the request, a message will display at the bottom  
**Bill Text attached: CWW FAQ.pdf**
- If you change the version to Intro or Engross and the request has an attachment, the attachment will be deleted.
- If you change the version to something other than Intro or Engross and the request will have an attachment, the following message will display:

**Please verify that [filename] is the correct bill text for [version] .**

- When you have finished your changes, click the Save Changes button.

## Requests Screen – Delete a Request

- If you add a request by mistake, but you haven't submitted the request to the LBB, you can delete the request prior to submission.

Bill Number	Version	FN	ACT	CJ	EEFIS	TAX	WDEV	Comments	Attachment
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> hb123	1st Cmte Rep, Amend	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is test comments. I'm making the co <a href="#">More...</a>	CWW FAQ.pdf				
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> hb234	Intro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is a short comment.					
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> hb345	1st Cmte Rep, Sub	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						

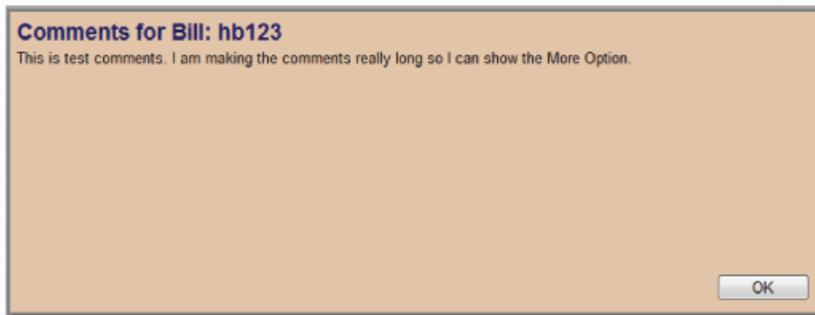
- To delete the request prior to LBB submission, click the delete link. **Please Note: The system will not ask for verification.**

Bill Number	Version	FN	ACT	CJ	EEFIS	TAX	WDEV	Comments	Attachment
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> hb123	1st Cmte Rep, Amend	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is test comments. I'm making the co <a href="#">More...</a>	CWW FAQ.pdf				
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> hb234	Intro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is a short comment.					

## Requests Screen - Comments

- If want to read the comments, click the More link (if comments are more than 40 characters) and a pop-up box with the full comments will display.

Bill Number	Version	FN	ACT	CJ	EEFIS	TAX	WDEV	Comments	Attachment
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> hb123	1st Cmte Rep, Amend	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is test comments. I'm making the co <a href="#">More...</a>	CWW FAQ.pdf				
<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> hb234	Intro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is a short comment.					



- Click OK when you are

## Requests Screen – Send to LBB/Cancel

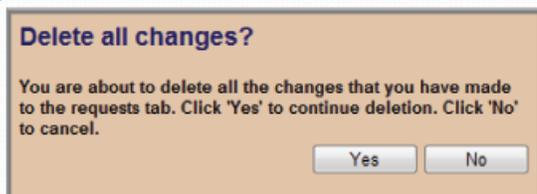
- After adding all of your requests to list, you can click on the Send to LBB button.



- If all of are processed and submitted, you'll see the following message below:



- Click OK. The News, Admin, Completions, and View tabs will reappear. The Session drop down, committee drop down (if applicable), and the Logout button will become enabled.
- If you change your mind and want to delete all requests, click the cancel button. You will see the following message:



- Click Yes and the News, Admin, Completions, and View tabs will reappear. The Session drop down, committee drop down (if applicable), and the Logout button will become enabled. Click No and "Delete all changes?" pop-up will disappear.

## Completions Tab

- This tab allows you to view the fiscal notes and impact statements for the bills assigned to your committee. The left side of the tab contains a drop down for the bills/versions. Select the bill/version from the drop down and click the Find button.
- The system will pull up the fiscal note and the impact statements (if available) for the bill/version that you selected. Click on the appropriate button and the fiscal note or impact statement will display on the right side of the screen.

## Views Tab

- This tab displays the bills assigned to your committee. The top of the tab contains the drop downs that allow you to filter and sort your bills. You also have the option to print. The list of bills that meet the criteria will display below the drop downs.

Bill	Version	Type	Revision	Complete	Revised
HB352	Not Requested				
SB39	Not Requested				

- You will get the following message, if no bills match the criteria:

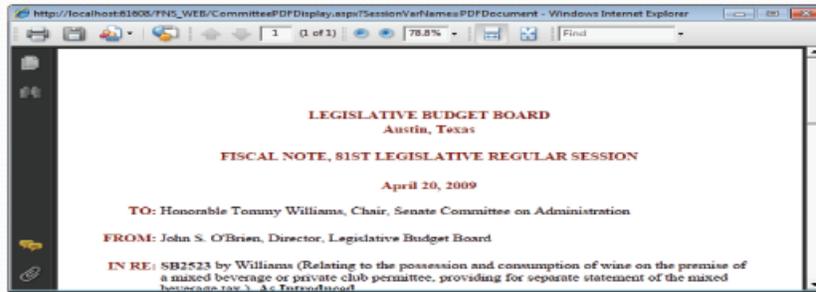
**No documents found that match this criteria. Please try again.**

- If a fiscal note or impact statement is available, the item will appear as a link in the list.

Hearing	Bill	Version	Type	Revision
1/20/2009 3:00:00 PM	SB318	Intro	<a href="#">FN</a>	Original
1/20/2009 3:00:00 PM	SB2251	Intro	<a href="#">FN</a>	Original
1/20/2009 3:00:00 PM	SB2307	Intro	<a href="#">FN</a>	Original
1/20/2009 3:00:00 PM	SB2523	Intro	<a href="#">FN</a>	Original
1/20/2009 12:00:00 AM	SB1756	1st Cmte Rep, Amend	<a href="#">FN</a>	Original
1/20/2009 12:00:00 AM	SB2251	1st Cmte Rep, Sub	<a href="#">FN</a>	Original
1/20/2009 12:00:00 AM	SB2307	1st Cmte Rep, Sub	<a href="#">FN</a>	Original

↑ link to fiscal note or impact statement

- Click the link to open the fiscal note or impact statement in a new window.



- The Print View button will open another browser window and display the list of bills that meet your criteria. Click the Print button in the new browser window to send the list to the printer.

Print Close Window

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Finance Committee Assigned Bills by Bill Number

Bill	Version	Type	Revision	Complete	Revised
HB4003	Engross	FN	Original		
HB4904	Engross	FN	Original		
HB4820	Engross	FN	Original		
HB9701	Engross	FN	Original		
HJR4810	Engross	FN	Original		
HJR4811	Engross	FN	Original		
HJR4815	Engross	FN	Original		
HJR4878	Engross	FN	Original		
SB4811	Intro	FN	Original		
SB4848	Intro	FN	Original		
SB4854	Intro	FN	Original		
SB4856	Intro	FN	Original		
SB4880	Intro	FN	Original		

## Help

- For more information on the Fiscal Notes application, click the Help button. The fiscal notes help will open in a new browser window.

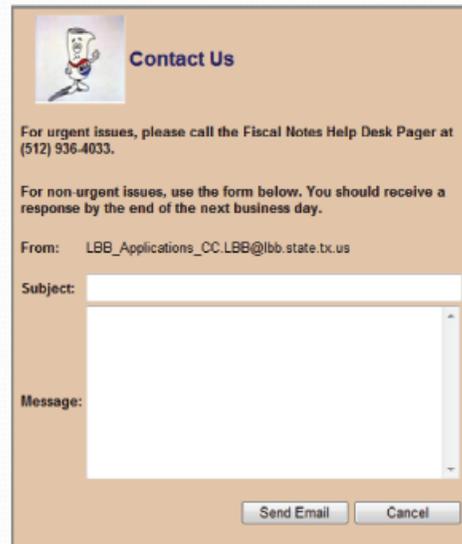


## Contact Us

- Click the Contact Us button to display a pop-up box of contact information.



- If you want immediate 24-7 assistance, call the FNS Help Desk number.
  - If you want assistance within the next business day, click the LBB Applications link.
- When you click the Contact Us button, the system will display a pop-up form. Fill out the subject and message and then click the Send Email button. You should receive a response by the end of the next business day.

A screenshot of a "Contact Us" pop-up form. The form has a header with a cartoon character and the text "Contact Us". Below the header, there is a message: "For urgent issues, please call the Fiscal Notes Help Desk Pager at (512) 936-4033. For non-urgent issues, use the form below. You should receive a response by the end of the next business day." The form also displays the email address "From: LBB\_Applications\_CC.LBB@lbb.state.tx.us". There are input fields for "Subject:" and "Message:". At the bottom, there are "Send Email" and "Cancel" buttons.

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**PART III:  
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
FISCAL NOTE COORDINATOR  
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

# LBB COORDINATOR COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

## HOUSE COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	FN COORDINATOR	PHONE
Administration	Kevin Kavanaugh	463-9205
Agriculture and Livestock	Scott Zaskoda	463-7793
Appropriations	Kevin Kavanaugh	463-9205
Business and Industry	Cindy Lopez	936-1604
Corrections	Fisher Reynolds	463-5630
County Affairs	Jesse Ancira	463-1030
Criminal Jurisprudence	Fisher Reynolds	463-5630
Culture, Recreation and Tourism	Scott Zaskoda	463-7793
Defense and Veterans' Affairs	Shan Lewis	463-1028
Economic and Small Business Development	Cindy Lopez	936-1604
Subcommittee on Small Business Development	Cindy Lopez	936-1604
Elections	Shan Lewis	463-1028
Energy Resources	Scott Zaskoda	463-7793
Environmental Regulation	Scott Zaskoda	463-7793
Government Transparency and Operation	Shan Lewis	463-1028
Higher Education	Tedd Holladay	463-9954
Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education and Workforce Readiness	Tedd Holladay	463-9954
Homeland Security and Public Safety	Fisher Reynolds	463-5630
Human Services	Karen Carlson	463-1177
Insurance	Alison Gilliam	463-2193
International Trade and Intergovernmental Affairs	Shan Lewis	463-1028
Investments and Financial Services	Cindy Lopez	936-1604
Subcommittee on State and Local Bonded Indebtedness	Cindy Lopez	936-1604
Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	Shan Lewis	463-1028
Juvenile Justice and Family Issues	Fisher Reynolds	463-5630
Land and Resource Management	Scott Zaskoda	463-7793
Licensing and Administrative Procedures	Cindy Lopez	936-1604
Natural Resources	Scott Zaskoda	463-7793
Subcommittee on Special Water Districts	Scott Zaskoda	463-7793
Pensions	Alison Gilliam	463-2193
Public Education	Tedd Holladay	463-9954
Subcommittee on Educator Quality	Tedd Holladay	463-9954
Public Health	Karen Carlson	463-1177
Redistricting	Shan Lewis	463-1028
Special Purpose Districts	Jesse Ancira	463-1030
State Affairs	Alison Gilliam	463-2193
Transportation	Alison Gilliam	463-2193
Subcommittee on Long-term Transportation Infrastructure Planning	Alison Gilliam	463-2193
Urban Affairs	Jesse Ancira	463-1030
Ways and Means	Kevin Kavanaugh	463-9205
Subcommittee on Property Taxation	Kevin Kavanaugh	463-9205
Select Committees		
Emerging Issues in Texas Law Enforcement	Fisher Reynolds	463-5630
State and Federal Power and Responsibility	Shan Lewis	463-1028

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## SENATE COMMITTEES

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Administration	Kevin Kavanaugh	463-9205
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Business and Commerce	Cindy Lopez	936-1604
Criminal Justice	Fisher Reynolds	463-5630
Education	Tedd Holladay	463-9954
Finance	Kevin Kavanaugh	463-9205
Health and Human Services	Karen Carlson	463-1177
Higher Education	Tedd Holladay	463-9954
Intergovernmental Relations	Jesse Ancira	463-1030
Natural Resources and Economic Development	Scott Zaskoda	463-7793
State Affairs	Alison Gilliam	463-2193
Transportation	Alison Gilliam	463-2193
Veterans Affairs and Military Installations	Shan Lewis	463-1028
Subcommittee on Border Security	Shan Lewis	463-1028