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Health and Human Services

Texas Department of State Health Services

DSHS Government Affairs Legislative Update

Department of State Health Services

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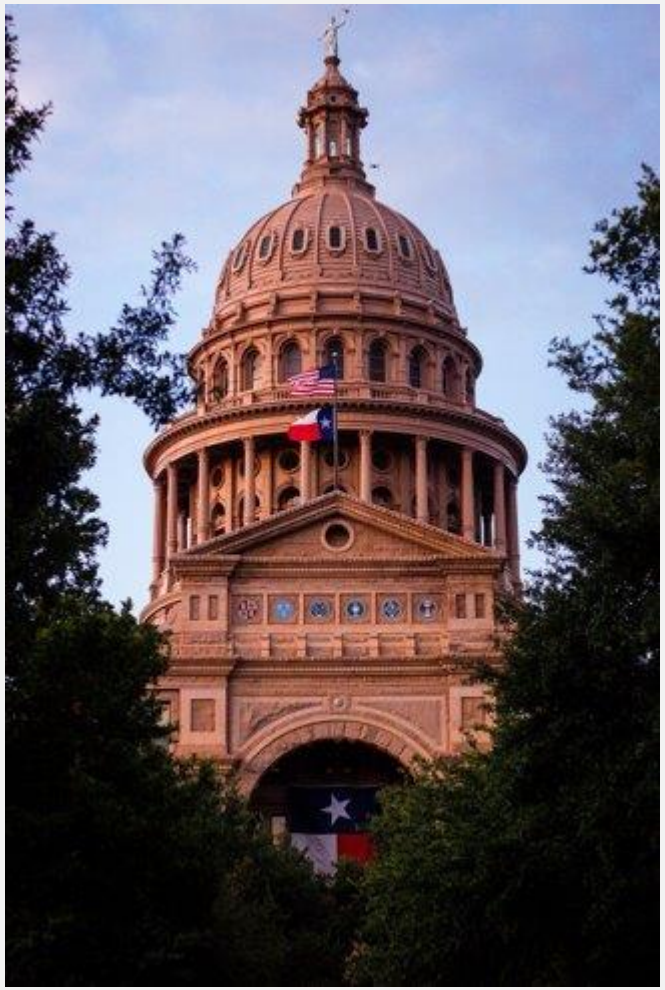
Review of 88th Legislative Session - 2023

Overview

- Status of Legislative Session
- Legislation Passed Affecting Public Health

Status of the Legislature

- Sine Die (Last Day of Regular Session) was on May 29th
- Current Special Session
- Veto Period



Bills Affecting Public Health

- House Bill 12: Expanding Medicaid coverage for post-partum mothers to 12 months.
- House Bill 1575: New training components for community health workers (CHWs).
- Senate Bill 29: COVID vaccine mandates, mask mandates, and required closure of businesses or schools prohibited.
- Senate Bill 812: Requires food allergen awareness in food service establishments.
- House Bill 624: Allows a firefighter to transport a patient in a vehicle other than an EMS vehicle.

Questions?

Thank you!

Legislative Update

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