

Special Sessions - 88th Legislature – Final Recap

Regular Session Ended **Monday, May 29, 2023 (140th day)**

Last day of the 88th Regular Session (sine die).

Four Special Sessions Have Occurred Since End of Regular Session

1st Special Session from May 29, 2023 - June 27, 2023

2nd Special Session from Jun 27, 2023 - July 13, 2023

3rd Special Session from October 9, 2023 - November 7, 2023

4th Special Session from November 7, 2023 - December 5, 2023

Source: <https://lrl.texas.gov/sessions/sessionyears.cfm>

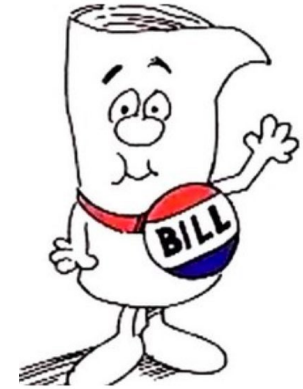


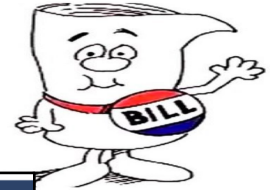
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Source for Session Bill Information and Statistics - <https://capitol.texas.gov/Reports/General.aspx>

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88th 4th Called Session Topics

Source: <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-announces-fourth-special-session-agenda>

EDUCATION:

- Legislation relating to primary and secondary education, including the establishment of an **education savings account** program, the certification, compensation, and health coverage of certain public school employees, the public school finance system, special education in public schools, measures to support the education of public school students that include certain educational grant programs, reading instruction, and early childhood education, the provision of virtual education, and public school accountability.
- Legislation related to **school safety measures** and related state funding mechanisms.

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BORDER SECURITY:

- Legislation to do more to **reduce illegal immigration by creating criminal offenses for illegal entry into this state from a foreign nation and illegal reentry or presence following denial of admission**, exclusion, deportation, or removal; authorizing the removal of illegal immigrants from Texas; and providing indemnification and immunity for public officials, employees, or contractors in connection with the foregoing.
- Legislation to **impede illegal entry into Texas by providing more funding for the construction, operation, and maintenance of border barrier infrastructure**, and additional funding for the Department of Public Safety for border security operations, including additional overtime expenses and costs due to an increased law enforcement presence to preserve public safety and security in the Colony Ridge development in Liberty County, Texas.

4th Called Session Overview

**Texas Legislature
Legislative Statistics
Report Date: 2/8/2024**

88th Legislature - 4rd Called Session - 2023										
Status	HB	HCR	HJR	HR	SB	SCR	SJR	SR	Total HB & SB	Total
Introduced	111	21	7	123	42	9	1	85	153	399
Passed	0	11	0	118	2	5	0	84	2	220
Vetoed	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	0

Source: <https://capitol.texas.gov/Reports/Report.aspx?ID=legislativestatistics>

Bills Passed the House and Senate in the 4th Called Session

<https://capitol.texas.gov/Reports/Report.aspx?LegSess=884&ID=passed>

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The link above provides information on bills that passed by the House or Senate for the 88th Legislature 4th Called Session

SB 3

Author: Huffman
Sponsor: Jetton, Jacey | Bonnen | Cain | DeAyala | Kitzman
Last Action: 12/18/2023 E Effective on
Caption: Relating to an appropriation to provide funding for the construction, operation, and maintenance of border barrier infrastructure and border security operations, including funding for additional overtime expenses and costs due to certain increased law enforcement presence.

SB 4

Author: Perry
Sponsor: Spiller | Hefner | Bell, Keith | Hunter | Geren
Last Action: 12/18/2023 E Effective on
Caption: Relating to prohibitions on the illegal entry into or illegal presence in this state by a person who is an alien, the enforcement of those prohibitions and certain related orders, including immunity from liability and indemnification for enforcement actions, and authorizing or requiring under certain circumstances the removal of persons who violate those prohibitions; creating criminal offenses.

Audit Bill(s) of Potential Interest - Passed

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Note: Listings are not intended to be all inclusive – item tracked by SAIAF.

Bill (s) – Audits/Internal Auditing/Sunset Category – Bills Listed Passed in Regular Session

- SB 1659 Passed in Regular Session – Bill Became Effective Immediately on 6/18/2023
- Relating to the sunset review process and certain governmental entities subject to that process.

<https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/BillStages.aspx?LegSess=88R&Bill=SB1659>



Recap of Audit Bill(s) of Interest - Did Not Pass

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Bill (s) – Audits/Internal Auditing/Sunset Category – Bills Listed Did Not Pass in Regular Session

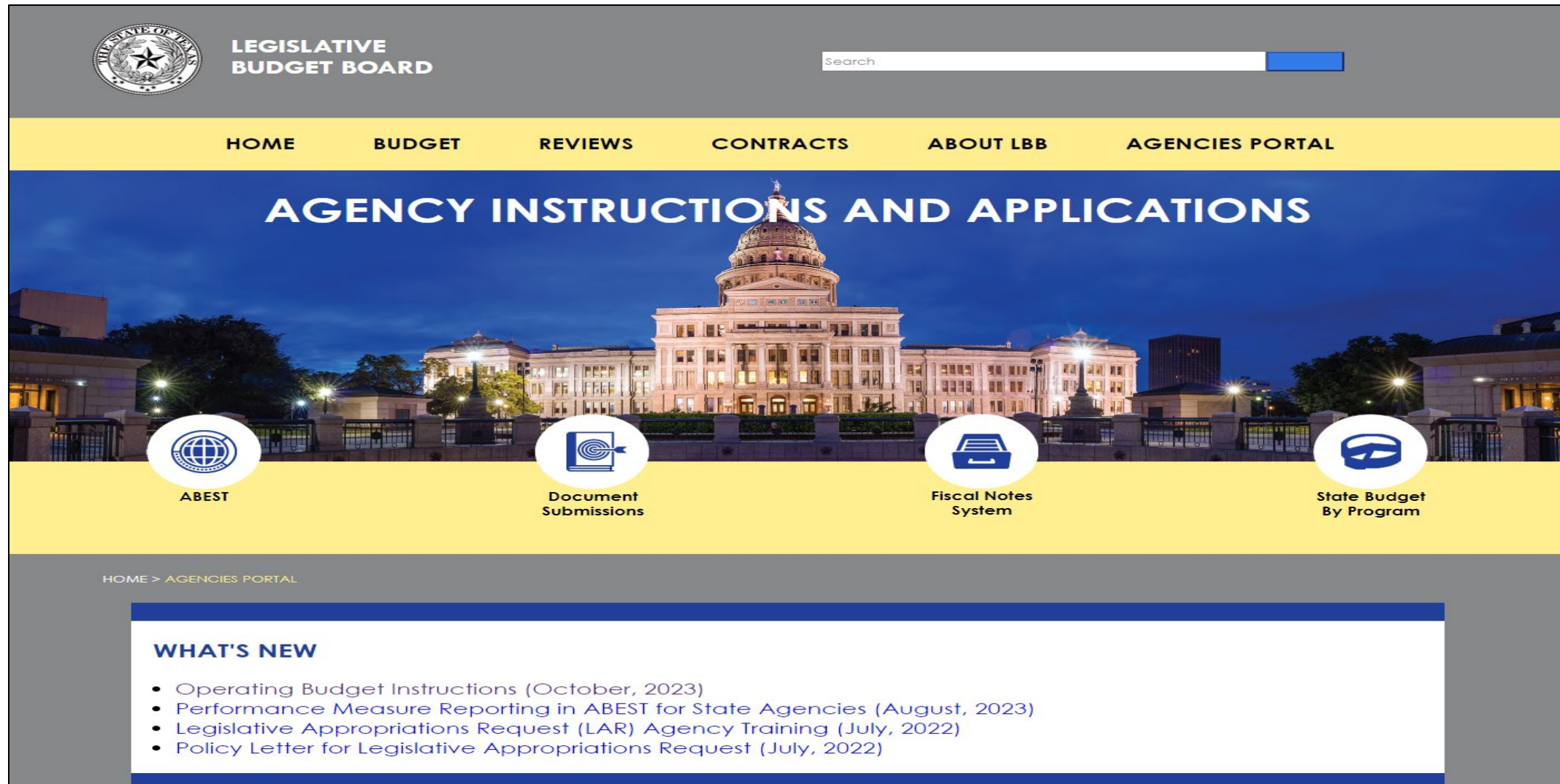
- HB 537 - Relating to public access to the audit records of certain governmental entities.
Filed 11/14/2022 - Author Wu
- SB 165 - Relating to parental rights in public education and to audits of school district curricula by the Texas Education Agency. Filed 11/14/2022- Author Campbell
- SB 1299 – Relating to the conduct of efficiency audits of state agencies.
Companion Bill is HB 3116 – Tracking bill phase for primary and companion bill.




Other Audit Related Bills – Bills Listed Did Not Pass in Regular Session: HB 1570 – Sunset, HB 3217 DIR, SB 987 – Recovery Audit Comptroller, & SB 2432 -SAO

Helpful LBB Link and Overview of Information on Texas Budget Cycle

Source: https://www.lbb.texas.gov/Agencies_Portal.aspx





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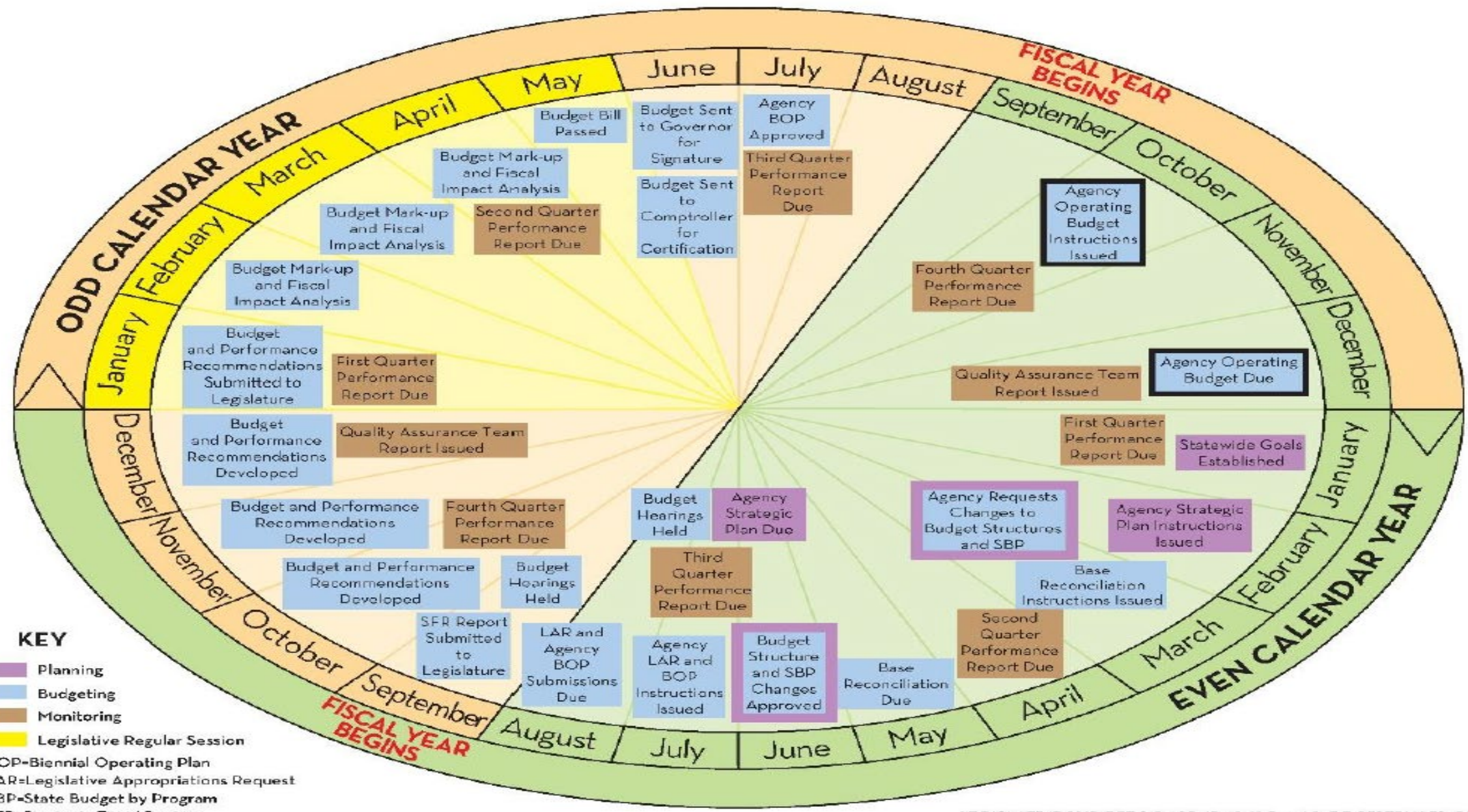
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