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## How Did Texas Children Fare in the 80th Legislative Session? TexProtects Bill Scorecard

TexProtects was instrumental in providing the research and information as the basis of 11 bills, 10 of which were passed or amended to other legislation:

<b>SB 156 &amp; HB 424</b>	<b>Senator Shapiro, Representative Madden</b>	<i>Passed</i>
Expansion of the Dallas-piloted Nurse Families Partnership Program to 11 communities throughout Texas serving 2000 families.		
<b>SB 1411 &amp; HB 3505</b>	<b>Senator West, Representative Hartnett</b>	<i>Passed</i>
Requiring high-quality, increased judicial training for Family Court Judges on child abuse, attachment, bonding, and appropriate placements for removals.		
<b>HB 662, SB 1188 &amp; HB 3015</b>	<b>Senator Uresti, Representative Dukes</b>	<i>Passed</i>
Protects the Child abuse trust fund from General Revenue uses and allocates funds to child abuse prevention programs.		
<b>HB 723, SB 1941 &amp; HB 2670</b>	<b>Senator Duell, Representative Giddings</b>	<i>Passed</i>
Provides DFPS access to foster home backgrounds on police dispatch calls for domestic disturbances as a part of home verification check before placing a child in the home. Shared database of dispatch calls integrated into SB 758.		
<b>SB 1410 &amp; HB 3756</b>	<b>Senator West, Representative Naishtat</b>	<i>Portions Amended SB 758</i>
Although pay increases and major caseload reductions were eliminated from passage, increased educational requirements were implemented in SB 758.		
<b>SB 758 &amp; HB 2140: Includes 18 TP recommendations (attached)</b>	<b>Sen. Nelson and Rep. Rose</b>	<i>Passed</i>
Repealed mandatory privatization and limited privatization efforts to a pilot study not to exceed 5% of substitute care. Maintains CPS as Conservatorship manager to ensure oversight and safety of children. Includes multiple issues regarding extensive System Improvement plan and more.		
<b>SB 1826: To be continued as 2008 Interim Charge</b>	<b>Senator Carlos Uresti</b>	<i>Died</i>
Imposes “No Pre-Trial Release” of sex offenders awaiting trial and requires hearing to be scheduled within 3 days to prevent offenders from re-offending victims while out on bond.		

*Black font denotes TexProtects original proposed/ initiated bills*

*Blue font denotes passed bills TP did not initiate, but where our recommendations were incorporated*