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Governor Vetoes 35 Bills; Signs State Budget

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry signed the 2010-2011 state budget and vetoed 35 bills two days before Sunday, June 21, the deadline for approving or vetoing legislation passed by the 81st Texas Legis-

lature. The budget leaves the state's \$6.7 billion rainy day fund untouched but includes \$12 billion in federal stimulus money.

Perry said the final outcome of all bills would "move Texas in the right direction."

Now, here are samples of a few bills the governor vetoed:

-HB 130, creating a pre-kindergarten education grant program.

In his veto statement, Perry said a similar grant program already exists, and the new state budget contains \$25 million earmarked for HB 130, so the Texas Education Agency should use those funds to bring 21,000 more students into the existing program.

-HB 821, mandating that television manufacturers collect and recycle a quantity of televisions to be determined annually by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

-HB 1293, creating disclosure requirements and consumer education standards relating to the sale and marketing of life insurance and annuities.

"Although the bill establishes standards of transparency and improvements that are important, I believe it will do more harm than good" because it would create more opportunities for frivolous

lawsuits, Perry said.

-HB 3481, authorizing the expunction of criminal records, including law enforcement case files, 180 days after an arrest if no formal misdemeanor or felony charges have been filed.

-HB 3485, relating to certain county, municipal, district, and other governmental functions, procedures, powers, duties, and services, including certain criminal procedures.

"The bill's provision regarding physician liability was neither debated nor discussed, but rather amended onto this bill late in the session.

"It risks unraveling the progress we made in curtailing excessive liability and ensuring that patients who need physicians will be able to find them," Perry said.

-SB 1440, clarifying guidelines on how the Department of Family and Protective Services takes children into custody. Perry said he vetoed the legislation because it could infringe on the rights of parents and guardians.

-SB 2558, allowing beer and malt beverage tastings to be held in a branded vehicle on the premises of a retailer with a permit to sell alcohol, therefore allowing alcohol consumption in a vehicle.

"The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission would be required to increase its on-site inspections to

ensure the proper precautions are taken to prevent serving to minors and over-consumption," Perry said, in explaining his veto.

And, here are a few samples of bills the governor approved:

-HB 4586, the supplemental appropriations bill that includes \$150 million in funding to help the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston recover from Hurricane Ike.

-HB 4409, reforming the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association "to ultimately reduce the burden of catastrophic storms on the state and eventually establish TWIA as an insurer of last resort," Perry said.

-HB 4765, tripling the small business franchise tax exemption from \$300,000 to \$1 million.

Thereby lowering the tax burden for more than 40,000 small businesses across Texas.

-HB 4294, allowing public schools to purchase electronic textbooks.

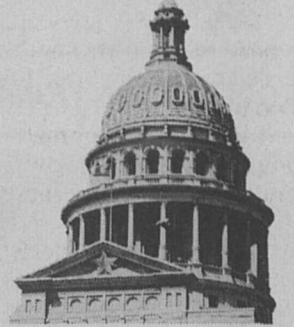
Perry backed up the bill with an executive order that underscores the State Board of Education's role in the electronic textbook approval process.

Website parades tax evaders

Texas' top tax evaders are featured on a new web page posted by the office of the Texas comptroller.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
 By Ed Sterling

The Comptroller's Criminal Investigation Division focuses on tax fraud cases involving sophisticated schemes to dodge sales, motor fuel, tobacco and other taxes.

The site also allows online reporting of suspected tax fraud and highlights indictments and convictions.

Unemployment rate increases

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in May to 7.1 percent and continued to trend below the national rate of 9.4 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported.

U.S. labor statistics show Texas recorded a net loss of 222,600 jobs in the past 12 months, compared with job losses of 5.4 million nationwide during the same period.

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Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

July 18, 1985
 Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Kane of Hallettsville announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janet Ruth Kersh to Warner Glenn Lumpkins, the son of Mrs. Geneva Lumpkins and the late John M. Lumpkins Sr. of Huntsville. The wedding has been scheduled for August 10 at four o'clock in the afternoon at Riverside Baptist Church in Riverside...

Pamela Sue Cranek, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Lester J. Cranek of Garwood, recently won the Imperial Miss 1985 State Photogenic award. The pageant was held in Houston at the Sheraton Crown Hotel...

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney O'Neal Sanford of Garwood announce the birth of their first child, a son,

born on July 6 at 8:02 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The little lad was named Derland O'Neal Sanford and weighed six pounds and eight ounces. Maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Isisah Edwards, Jr. of Garwood and parental grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sanford of Vox Populi. Great grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Lemmie McGrew, Jr...

Gilbert Alvarado, son of Gilbert and Janie Alvarado, received his diploma on June 26 as a diesel technician and auto diesel engine technician at Universal Technical Institute in Houston. He is a 1984 graduate of Rice High School in Altair. He is the grandson of Richard and Lena Alvarado of Eagle Lake and Lilo and Pauline Gutierrez of Wallis...

D. Cordell Austin, 71, of Portland, passed away on July 10 at 3:20 a.m. at the Corpus Christi Hospital in Corpus Christi. The funeral was held at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 12 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake with Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in

Chesterville Cemetery...

Peggy Tesch, 38, of Rosenberg, passed away at 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, June 26, at her home in Columbus. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 29, at Sheridan Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Hessong officiating. Burial followed in Cheatham Cemetery under the direction of Kubena Funeral Home of Hallettsville...

Joyce (Zeigler) Street, 56, of Coldsprings, formerly of Baytown, passed away on Saturday, July 13 at 2:30 a.m. at Diagnostic Hospital in Houston. Services were conducted on Monday, July 15 at St. Johns Methodist Church in Baytown with graveside services at Cold Springs.

Jocketz of Eagle Lake, is receiving six weeks training at the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps summer camp at Fort Hood...

The Humble Service Station at Altair had their formal grand opening of the station last Saturday. Harvey Lamascus is the manager...

A miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. James E. Adkins, a recent bride, was held in Lissie...

Miss Linda Glueck and John Frnka, Jr. were married at Weimar Methodist Church Tuesday of last week...

Arthur Behrens is the new manager of the Shell Service Station in Eagle Lake...

Sam Davidson was elected chairman at the annual Chesterville Cemetery Association meeting held July 16...

The Cubs and Braves are tied for first place in local little league play. Final games of the season will be played Monday night with the Cubs against the Sox and the Cards tangle with the Braves...

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Mascheck were in Austin last week to attend a Management Workshop conducted by the University of Texas.

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

Nine Sentenced In District Court

Nine individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Thursday, June 18. They included:

James E. Beauchamp, Jr., theft, two or more convictions. Sentenced to 365 days in county jail.

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Jerry Decoline, burglary of building. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$600, and \$500 restitution.

Delfino Hernandez, evading arrest/detention using vehicle. Sentenced to 270 days in county jail.

Mark A. Jenkins, driving while intoxicated/open alcoholic container, 3rd or more. Sentenced to 10 years ID-TDCJ, probated for five years, fined \$1,000, and 10 days in jail C.O.P.

Jesus Lopez, forgery financial instrument. Sentenced to nine months state jail.

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Stephen J. Marshall, forgery financial instrument. Sentenced

to 14 months state jail.

David Thomas Moore, criminal mischief. Sentenced to 365 days in county jail, \$1,867 restitution.

Isaac Gonzales Sanchez, unauthorized duplication recording. Sentenced to 120 days in jail.

Leonard Ray Schriefer, driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more. Sentenced to 240 days county jail, fined \$1,000 and one year driver's license suspension.

Seventeen Sentenced In County Court

Seventeen individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Wednesday, June 17. They included:

Eric A. Clemente, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350, plus court costs.

Sandra Jean Hilscher, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$200.

Christopher Lee Kansteiner, terroristic threat. Reduced to Class C, fined \$250.

Michael Lujan, Jr., driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined \$500, one-year driver's license suspension, \$200 restitution.

Lauren Novack, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 180 days in county jail, probated one year, fined \$750, 50 hours of community service.

Britni Payne, interfere with public servant duties. Sentenced

to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$350, 50 hours community service, ordered to attend AA once a week.

Saray DeJesus Rosales, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250, 25 hours community service, ordered to attend drug program.

Shane Jared Villarreal, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250, plus court costs, 25 hours community service, ordered to attend drug class.

Russell Allen West, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to six months deferred adjudication, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Jennifer J. Baker, bail jumping and fail to appear. Fined \$300 plus court costs.

Jennifer J. Baker, reckless driving. Fined \$200 plus court costs.

Cody M. Besch, theft. Sentenced to 120 days in jail.

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Rigoberto Burrisqueta, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 90 days in county jail, 90-day driver's license suspension.

Michelle Lynn Clavier, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in county jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Benito Gerardo Diaz-Arevalo, wrongful/fictitious/alterd/ob-

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