



## Texas School Medicaid/SHARS Legislative Watch – 89th Regular Session

This document provides a summary of bills introduced during the 89th Texas Legislative Session that may impact the School Health and Related Services (SHARS) program. The purpose of this data is to provide an overview of proposed legislation that could influence SHARS policy, funding, oversight, or service delivery at the district level.

The table includes key details to help stakeholders understand the intent, progress, and implications of each bill. Columns are explained below to support consistent interpretation:

### Status / Movement

This column reflects each bill's most recent action at the time of this documents creation within the legislative process:

- Filed / Introduced – The bill has been submitted and awaits committee referral or review.
- In Committee / Referred to Committee – The bill is under consideration or review by the appropriate committee.
- Engrossed – The bill has passed in its original chamber and is under review in the opposite chamber.
- Committee Report – The bill has been voted out of committee with recommendations for advancement.
- Passed / Signed / Vetoed – Final legislative outcomes (if applicable).

*Please note: Legislative status may change rapidly. Updates should be cross-referenced with the Texas Legislature Online (TLO) for real-time tracking.*

### Operational Impact Level

This column provides a general sense of how significantly the bill may affect the administration or implementation of SHARS and related district-level responsibilities:

- High – Expected to require changes to operations, policy guidance, or stakeholder communication.
- Moderate – May affect related services or policies, with potential for future operational implications.
- Indirect – Not focused on SHARS but could create downstream effects that warrant monitoring.

### Relevance to SHARS

This column offers a brief explanation of how the bill connects to SHARS, whether through eligibility criteria, funding mechanisms, program oversight, or intersecting service areas such as special education or school-based health care.



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### Actions Potentially Impacting School Medicaid/SHARS

Bill #	Author(s)	Caption Summary	Status / Movement	Primary Impact Area	Companion Bill(s)	Operational Impact Level	Relevance to SHARS	Notes
<b>HB 2129</b>	Moody	SHARS admin, integrity, and student services provision.	Introduced	Program administration, audit	None	High	Strengthens oversight and integrity mechanisms within SHARS.	Proposes more HHSC oversight and systemic integrity updates.
<b>SB 1952</b>	Paxton et al.	Clarifies HHSC as SHARS lead; roles of TEA, LEAs, ESCs.	Engrossed in Senate	Program governance	None	High	Establishes HHSC as lead SHARS agency and clarifies TEA/ESC roles.	Aligns SHARS governance back to historical structure.
<b>HB 5262</b>	González, Mary	Creates SHARS Program Advisory Council.	Introduced	Stakeholder governance	None	Moderate	Creates formal input mechanism for SHARS stakeholders.	Would establish formal district-level input.
<b>HB 1257</b>	Bryant	Educator pay, finance reform, includes SHARS reimbursement expansion.	Introduced	School finance + SHARS	None	Moderate	Broadens SHARS reimbursement expectations tied to finance reform.	Could drive new SHARS reimbursement expectations.
<b>HB 564</b>	Cortez	Medicaid autism coverage, includes SHARS.	Introduced	Medical eligibility (autism)	SB 563	Moderate	Expands SHARS eligibility to include autism-related services.	Adds autism services under SHARS-eligible coverage.
<b>SB 563</b>	Menéndez	Companion to HB 564 – Medicaid autism services.	Introduced	Medical eligibility (autism)	HB 564	Moderate	Same as HB 564 – autism coverage under Medicaid/SHARS.	Matches HB 564.

<b>HB 1025</b>	Shaheen	Creates Inspector General for Education; includes SHARS investigations.	Introduced	Oversight and investigations	None	High	Authorizes SHARS investigations, increasing regulatory scrutiny.	Could increase enforcement or scrutiny of SHARS usage.
<b>SB 149</b>	Menéndez	Adjusts special education funding; considers prior SHARS eligibility.	Introduced	Special education funding	HB 2419	Moderate	Considers SHARS eligibility in FSP group funding adjustments.	Addresses FSP group funding implications tied to SHARS.
<b>HB 2419</b>	González, Mary	Companion to SB 149 – special education funding.	Introduced	Special education funding	SB 149	Moderate	Same SHARS eligibility implications for special education funding.	Similar to SB 149; emphasis on funding realignment.
<b>HB 500</b>	Bonnen	Supplemental appropriations; includes SHARS funding to TEA.	House Committee Report	Budget appropriation	None	High	Appropriates significant SHARS funds via TEA.	Section 3.02 provides SHARS funding to TEA.
<b>HB 2377</b>	Howard	Grants for school districts to improve student physical/mental health and safety.	Introduced	Student health, safety funding	None	Moderate	May enable new SHARS-eligible services in health or mental health.	Schools could expand supports that overlap with SHARS.
<b>SB 1395</b>	Hall	Changes governance of School Health Advisory Councils (SHACs).	Filed	SHAC oversight	None	Moderate	Could influence local SHARS service decisions and priorities.	May shape local policy development on Medicaid-based services.
<b>SB 568</b>	Bettencourt	Special education compliance, monitoring, and funding.	Filed	Special education oversight	None	High	Tied to special ed accountability; may increase SHARS reporting pressure.	Could impact how SHARS aligns with state funding and monitoring.
<b>SB 260</b>	Huffman	Increased school safety allotment under Foundation School Program.	Filed	School safety	None	Indirect	May shift resources away from or toward SHARS-aligned services.	Might influence staffing/funding priorities.
<b>SB 598</b>	West	Also increases school safety allotments; similar to SB 260.	Filed	School safety	None	Indirect	Same potential indirect impact as SB 260.	Related to school safety, with potential indirect effects on Medicaid services.

**These bills** have demonstrated momentum during April/May 2025, with several advancing through one chamber and awaiting consideration in the other.