



2018 ELECTION RECAP &
86TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION
PREVIEW



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Announcements

Nurse Day 2019 - *Caring for Texas*

- February 18th & 19th 2019
- Sign up on TNA's website - texasnurses.org

Vision for NLAC's Future

- ✓ Frequent legislative & regulatory updates
- ✓ PAC solicitations & election updates
- ✓ Grow exponentially
- ✓ Wider breadth of subject area expertise



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Nursing Legislative Agenda Coalition

2018 Elections - Primaries

- Democrats set a nearly quarter-century record for primary turnout
- A handful of incumbents lost their primary races:
 - Sens. Huffines and Estes, Reps. Faircloth, Dukes, Villalba, Arevalo, and Alonzo

2018 Elections - General

- Voter turnout looked more like a presidential election
 - 2014: 4.6 million;
 - 2016: 9 million;
 - 2018: 8.3 million
- Texas had the sixth-highest increase in turnout
- Texas is still lags behind voter turnout nationwide

2018 Elections - General

- Beto vs. Cruz and Down-Ballot Voting
- Senate: Two seats flipped from R to D (19-12)
- House: Twelve seats from R to D (83-67)
- Notable Losses:
 - Matt Rinaldi (ICE)
 - Ron Simmons (Bathrooms)

86th Session – Senate

- ❑ Seliger becomes the swing
- ❑ Patrick demotes Seliger
- ❑ Seliger explains demotion
- ❑ Patrick's aide says Seliger can lose that committee, too
- ❑ Seliger says Patrick's aide can kiss his behind
- ❑ Seliger loses new chair



86th Session – Senate HHS

- Schwertner



86th Session – Senate HHS

- Four returning members:
 - ▣ Chair Lois Kolkhorst
 - ▣ Vice Chair Charles Perry
 - ▣ Dawn Buckingham
 - ▣ Boris Miles
- Five new members:
 - ▣ Pete Flores (F)
 - ▣ Nathan Johnson (F)
 - ▣ Beverly Powell (F)
 - ▣ Kel Seliger
 - ▣ Donna Campbell

86th Session – House

- Speaker Dennis Bonnen
 - ▣ Brother Greg is a neurosurgeon
 - ▣ Speaker Pro Tem under Straus
 - ▣ School Finance
 - ▣ Property Taxes



86th Session - House Public Health

- New Chair: Ms. T
 - Democrat
 - HD 141: North Houston
 - 45 years in the legislature (just had 80th birthday)
 - Last served as Chair of Local & Consent



86th Session – Public Health

- Five returning members
 - ▣ Four Price
 - ▣ J.D. Sheffield
 - ▣ Garnet Coleman
 - ▣ Bobby Guerra
 - ▣ Bill Zedler
- Six new Members
 - ▣ Chair Thompson
 - ▣ Vice Chair John Wray
 - ▣ Steve Allison
 - ▣ James Frank
 - ▣ Eddie Lucio III
 - ▣ Lina Ortega



86th Legislative Session

Likely Healthcare Related Issues

86th Session Issues

General

- Sunset
- Mental Health

Nursing

- NLAC
- APRN Alliance
- TxENA

86th Session Issues – General

- Sunset
 - ▣ Last Session
 - ▣ Texas Medical Board
 - ▣ Behavioral Health Executive Committee

86th Session Issues – General

- Mental Health
 - ▣ Mental Health Consortium (SB 10)
 - ▣ Loan Repayment Program
 - ▣ ERPOs (HB 131)

86th Session Issues – NLAC Agenda

- APRNs
 - ▣ FPA
 - ▣ AAs
 - ▣ CSII
- Nurse Education
 - ▣ NSRP + NFLRP
- Workplace Violence
- School Nurses
 - ▣ Asthma Medication
- Public Health Coalition

86th Session Issues – APRN Alliance

- TNA – Safe Harbor; Budget
- TNP – PAA Meetings; Concussions; Workers Comp
- TxANA – Dental Anesthesia

86th Session Issues – TxENA

- Freestanding Emergency Medical Centers (FEMCs)
 - ▣ Not same code as hospitals. Why is this important?
 - ▣ Same requirements placed on hospitals don't apply
 - Safe Patient Handling & Mobility
 - Workplace Safety Procedures
 - Nurse Staffing Committees
 - Mandatory Overtime Prohibition

86th Session Issues - TxENA

- 2017 DSHS Report
 - 24% of nurses say their FEMC is unsafe
 - 33% say ineffective at preventing violence
 - 25% do not have reporting policies
 - 5.6% of nurses say they would report

86th Session Issues - TxENA

- GETAC current makeup:
 - ▣ Association of emergency physicians
 - ▣ Association of emergency medical directors
 - ▣ Fire chiefs association
 - ▣ Private EMS association
 - ▣ Air services medical association
 - ▣ Firefighters association
 - ▣ Hospital association



Questions?

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