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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: DPROA, David Elliston, Dwight Walker, Boux Bland and Ken Seguin

FROM: Randy Elliston

SUBJECT: Legislative Update

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

As reported in June, the 86<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Texas Legislature concluded on May 27, 2019. At this time there is still no indication the Governor will call a special session. As of the June report there were two bills we had been tracking that passed but were still awaiting Governor signature. Those bills have both been signed by the Governor and are listed below.

**Since last report the following bills we closely monitored have final action to report:**

*SB 322 by Huffman, relating to the evaluation and reporting of investment practices and performance of certain public retirement systems.* This has a lot of oversight, evaluation, and reporting requirements for the systems.

This bill passed the Senate on a vote of 31 yeas and 0 nays. It also passed the House with a vote of 144 yeas and 0 nays and 2 present not voting. This bill primarily deals with investment practices and performance reports required of a public retirement system. **It was sent to the Governor on 5-25-2019 and was signed on 6-10-2019.** This bill takes effect immediately.

Link to bill:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/86R/billtext/pdf/SB00322F.pdf#navpanes=0>

**Bills Not Related to State Pensions:**

*HB 1552 By Paul, relating to the weapons proficiency of and the carrying of a handgun by qualified retired law enforcement officers.* This is a cleanup of Texas Statute to lineup with federal LEOSA statute.

This bill was passed by the House on local and consent calendar and passed by the Senate on local and uncontested calendar. **It was sent to the Governor on 5-29-2019 and was signed on 6-14-2019** This bill takes effect on 9-1-2019.

Link to bill:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/86R/billtext/pdf/HB01552F.pdf#navpanes=0>

If you have any questions regarding these bills, please contact me.

**Pension Review Board of Texas:**

The Texas Pension Review Board met on June 27, 2019. The most notable issue from this board meeting was Stephanie V. Leibe has been appointed by Governor Abbott to serve as chair of the PRB replacing Josh McGee. Josh McGee’s term does not expire until 2021 but he will be leaving which will create a vacancy on the board.

The following link will provide background information on Ms. Leibe.

<https://www.prb.state.tx.us/about/board/board-members/stephanie-v-leibe/>.

Link to video of PRB meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSL-6ELhC4Y>

Link to PRB meeting packet: <https://www.prb.state.tx.us/txpen/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019.06.27-Final-Packet.pdf>

The Texas Pension Review Board will hold its next meeting October 17, 2019.

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