HB 1952:

Sec. 37.0181.  PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REGARDING DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES. (a) Each principal or other appropriate administrator who oversees student discipline shall, at least once every three school years, attend professional development training regarding this subchapter, including training relating to the distinction between a discipline management technique used at the principal's discretion under Section 37.002(a) and the discretionary authority of a teacher to remove a disruptive student under Section 37.002(b).

(b) Professional development training under this section may be provided in coordination with regional education service centers through the use of distance learning methods, such as telecommunications networks, and using available agency

SB 124:

Relating to the punishment for the offense of tampering with certain governmental records based on certain reporting for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subdivision (2), Subsection (c), Section 37.10, Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the governmental record was:

(A) a public school record, report, or assessment instrument required under Chapter 39, Education Code, data reported for a school district or open-enrollment charter school to the Texas Education Agency through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) described by Section 42.006, Education Code, under a law or rule requiring that reporting, or [was] a license, certificate, permit, seal, title, letter of patent, or similar document issued by government, by another state, or by the United States, unless the actor's intent is to defraud or harm another, in which event the offense is a felony of the second degree;

SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Section 39.03, Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor, except that an offense is a felony of the third degree if the public servant acted with the intent to impair the accuracy of data reported to the Texas Education Agency through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) described by Section 42.006, Education Code, under a law requiring that reporting.
HB 1541:

**Sec. 37.0022. REMOVAL BY SCHOOL BUS DRIVER.**

(a) The driver of a school bus transporting students to or from school or a school-sponsored or school-related activity may send a student to the principal's office to maintain effective discipline on the school bus. The principal shall respond by employing appropriate discipline management techniques consistent with the student code of conduct adopted under Section 37.001.

(b) **Section 37.004** applies to any placement under Subsection (a) of a student with a disability who receives special education services.

HB 1009:

**Designation of a School Marshall**

relating to the creation of a new category of law enforcement officer who shall be designated a school marshal, the training and appointment of certain employees of a school district or open-enrollment charter school as school marshals, and the rights, restrictions, limitations, and responsibilities of school marshals; authorizing the imposition of a fee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Protection of Texas Children Act.

SB 914:

SECTION 1. **Section 29.005**, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The committee may determine that a behavior improvement plan or a behavioral intervention plan is appropriate for a student for whom the committee has developed an individualized education program. If the committee makes that determination, the behavior improvement plan or the behavioral intervention plan shall be included as part of the student's individualized education program and provided to each teacher with responsibility for educating the student.

SB 1114:

**Restricts Citations Issued to Students**

SECTION 1. **Article 45.058**, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

(i) If a law enforcement officer issues a citation or files a complaint in the manner provided by Article 45.018 for conduct by a child 12 years of age or older that is alleged to have occurred on school property or on a vehicle owned or operated by a county or independent school district, the officer shall submit to the court the offense report, a statement by a witness to the alleged conduct, and a statement by a victim of the alleged conduct, if any. An attorney representing
the state may not proceed in a trial of an offense unless the law enforcement officer complied with the requirements of this subsection.

SECTION 1. Article 45.058, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

(i) Notwithstanding Subsection (g) or (g-1), a law enforcement officer may not issue a citation or file a complaint in the manner provided by Article 45.018 for conduct by a child younger than 12 years of age that is alleged to have occurred on school property or on a vehicle owned or operated by a county or independent school district.

SECTION 2. Section 25.0915, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A court shall dismiss a complaint or referral made by a school district under this section that is not made in compliance with Subsection (b).

code of conduct must:
(1) specify the circumstances, in accordance with this subchapter, under which a student may be removed from a classroom, campus, or disciplinary alternative education program, or vehicle owned or operated by the district;

Sec. 37.085. ARRESTS PROHIBITED FOR CERTAIN CLASS C MISDEMEANORS. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a warrant may not be issued for the arrest of a person for a Class C misdemeanor under this code committed when the person was younger than 17 years of age.

6. Subsection (a), Section 37.124, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person other than a primary or secondary grade student enrolled in the school commits an offense if the person, on school property or on public property within 500 feet of school property, alone or in concert with others, intentionally disrupts the conduct of classes or other school activities.

(a) Except as provided by Section 37.125, a person other than a primary or secondary grade student commits an offense if the person intentionally disrupts, prevents, or interferes with the lawful transportation of children:
(1) to or from school on a vehicle owned or operated by a county or independent school district; or
(2) to or from an activity sponsored by a school on a vehicle owned or operated by a county or independent school district.

SECTION 8. Section 52.031, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsections (d), (f), (i), and (j) to read as follows:

(a-1) A child accused of a Class C misdemeanor, other than a traffic offense, may be referred to a first offender program established under this section prior to the filing of a complaint with a criminal court.

(d) A law enforcement officer taking a child into custody for conduct described by Subsection (a) or before issuing a citation to a child for an offense described by Subsection (a-1) may refer
the child to the law enforcement officer or agency designated under Subsection (b) for
disposition under the first offender program and not refer the child to juvenile court for the
conduct or file a complaint with a criminal court for the offense only if:

SB 1556:
Sec. 37.1081. SCHOOL SAFETY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.
(a) The Texas School Safety Center, in consultation with the School Safety Task Force
established under Section 37.1082, shall develop a school safety certification program.
(b) The Texas School Safety Center shall award a school safety certificate to a school district
that:
(1) has adopted and implemented a multihazard emergency operations plan as required under
Section 37.108 and that includes in that plan:
(A) measures for security of facilities and grounds;
(B) measures for communication with parents and the media in the event of an emergency;
and
(C) an outline of safety training for school employees;