



## **Policy News You Can Use**

### **July 2025: End of Session Recap, TNF Relief Effort & Legislative Updates**

The 89th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature concluded on June 2, 2025, with several significant wins for the nursing profession.

Among NLAC's priorities, the following bills passed:

- HB 2187: Improving statutes for nurse staffing and the prohibition on mandatory overtime;
- SB 268 (vetoed by the Governor): Standardizing board procedures for referral of complaints against providers;
- SB 920: Providing access to over-the-counter medications for public school students whose parents consent to dispensation;
- HB 3801: Standardizing healthcare workforce planning through collaboration between executive branch licensing, health, and workforce agencies in the Health Professions Workforce Coordinating Council;
- HB 2851: Creating a centralized application system for schools of nursing (to be implemented over several biennia);
- HB 3800: Requiring the development of a resource guide for state nursing programs and industry best practices;
- HB 2856: Requiring a feasibility study on developing regional clinical coordination portals.

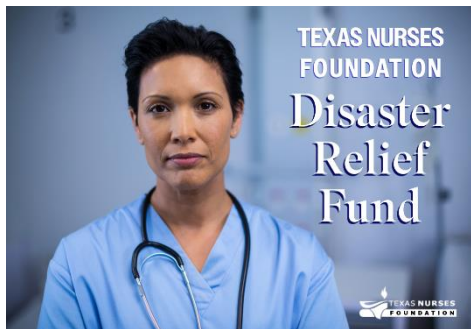
NLAC's budget priorities, extending historic funding for nursing education, were also approved and incorporated into the state's budget.

To learn more and see a detailed analysis of the 89th Regular Legislative Session, check out TNA's official [End of Session Report](#).



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## TNF Announces Disaster Relief Fund



The Texas Nurses Association and Texas Nurses Foundation extend our deepest sympathies to everyone affected by the devastating July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend floods across Texas, especially in Kerr County and 20 other disaster-declared counties. We recognize that nurses not only serve on the frontlines of disaster relief but are often directly impacted by themselves. To support those facing hardship, the Texas Nurses

Foundation has launched the Disaster Relief Fund, with all donations going directly to nurses in affected counties. To apply for assistance, please [click here](#), and to learn more about donating to the cause, [click here](#). We stand with you during this difficult time—united in care, compassion, and strength.

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## Special Session Began July 21

The first called Special Session is underway! The Legislature will meet to consider disaster relief, redistricting, and whether to regulate hemp derive THC products sold in the state, among other things. The call for the session is light on health issues; however, public health advocates may want to watch the legislation addressing THC regulation. With several substantive issues on the agenda, it would not be surprising to see the Governor call a second special session. Stay tuned!

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## Lifting of the Moratorium on Fundraising

For advocates who are interested in fundraising for candidates for the 2026 election, it is important to know that the moratorium on fundraising—imposed by Texas law during the Regular Session—lifted on June 23, 2025. Candidates can continue to fundraise, even as the Special Session is in progress (another interesting wrinkle in Texas campaign finance and ethics laws).

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## Resources

- [Legislative Reference Library of Texas](#): The online library has a wide variety of information including historical documents, research, and journals of the Legislature.
  - [Texas Legislature Online](#): Provides information about representatives, senators, committees, and hearings. Includes the option to search for past and pending bills.
  - [Texas Register](#): The rule proposals and adoptions from the Texas BON and other state regulatory agencies can be found here. The website is updated weekly on Fridays.
  - [Texas Tribune](#): A statewide newspaper that informs Texans on local elections, legislation, and more.
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## Upcoming Events

- **2025 TNA District 4 Annual Mock Trial - October 20, 2025**
  - TNA District 4 is pleased to announce the 44th Annual Mock Trial Event. We invite you to join us for an informative session that will showcase a typical patient care scenario and explore the implications of nursing actions within a legal context. [Learn more and register today!](#)

*If your NLAC organization/association is having an open event or you know of a relevant activity/event, please send the information to TNA Government Affairs Coordinator [Andrew Kovach](#) for inclusion in upcoming issues of *Nursewatch*.*



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