



SUMMARY of the 87TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION of 2021

140 days of REGULAR SESSION (Jan. 12, 2021 - May 31, 2021)



6,927 Total House & Senate Bills Filed

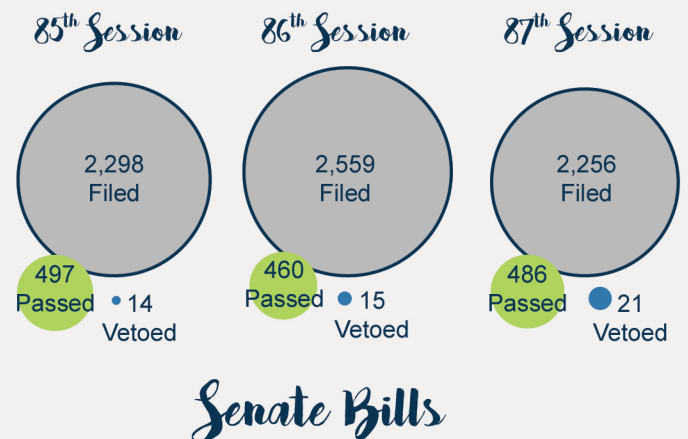
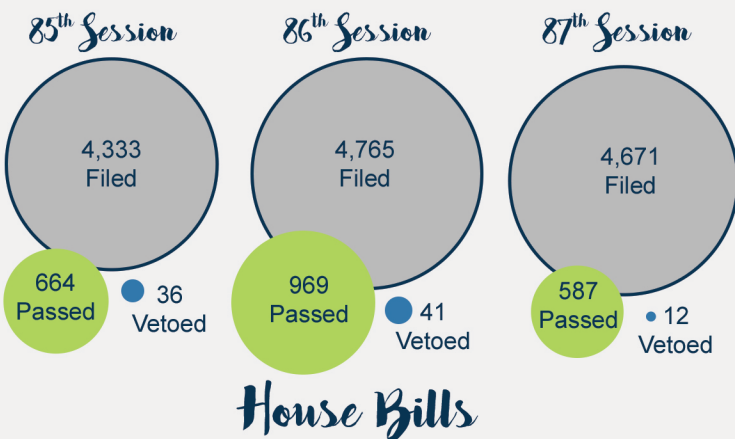


1,073 Bills Sent to the Governor

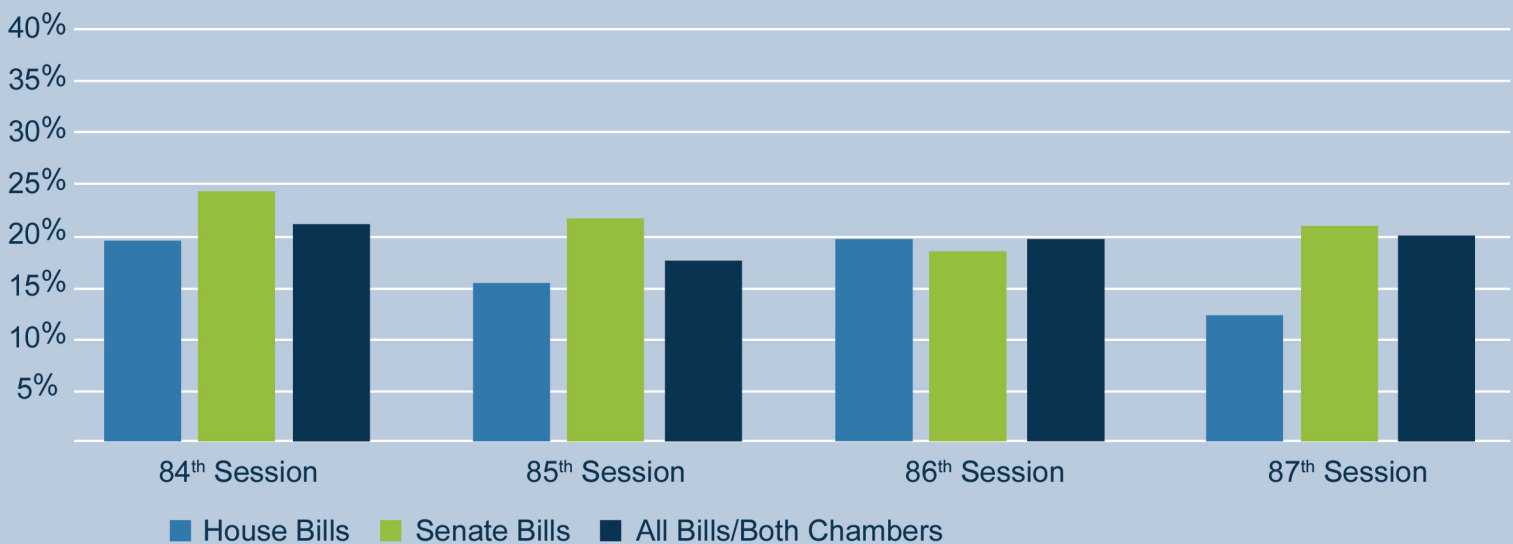


1,052 Bills will Become Texas Law

HOUSE & SENATE BILLS FILED, PASSED & VETOED (84th-86th Sessions)



BILLS that PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS (84th-87th Sessions)



TRS SUCCESSFUL *this* SESSION, *even while* MOST WERE NOT

The 2021 Legislature was one of the most unusual sessions for the TRS, and we are thrilled with the remarkable level of success we have experienced this year. Please see page 2 for some of the specific bills that the TRS actively engaged in and/or closely monitored in this session. While it is important to celebrate our successes, the work is not done. We must always be on the lookout for opportunities to engage civic leaders and key stakeholders and promote the practice of radiology. The 2022 Interim will be no different. You can visit www.txad.org/page/SuccessfulBills for a brief recap.



TRS SUCCESSES *in the* 87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION *of* 2021



SB 1065

Breast Imaging

Expands the definition of mandated coverage for diagnostic imaging for breast cancer to include a broader array of services & screening coverage.



SB 1028

Colorectal Screening

Expands coverage requirements by health plans for colorectal screenings, including imaging.



HB 1445

Medical Billing Services

Clarifies in statute that the provision of third-party billing services for medical claims would not be subject to sales tax.

TRS scored BIG this SESSION!

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6 of 6 issues affecting our discipline resulted in a favorable outcome

The TRS promoted positive policy changes & prevented negative outcomes that could have harmed the practice of radiology.

Visit www.txrad.org/legislative to read about these bills in more detail.



HB 3459

Prior Authorization

Gives physicians "gold card" status and exception from preauthorization requirements if they can ensure they are meeting a 90% approval standard to retain that status.



HB 2029

Scope Expansion

Would have given independent practice authority to mid-level providers and allow them to practice medicine without supervision. TRS worked with other groups to ensure the bill did not receive a vote.



HB 1616

Interstate Compact (Physicians)

Creates a voluntary, expedited pathway to licensure for qualified physicians who wish to practice in multiple states through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

KEEP *the* MOMENTUM GOING!

Be a part of the successful legislative work that the TRS & TRS PAC are doing on your behalf. Learn more about the TRS PAC today at www.txrad.org/pac. Thank you for your support!