

Searching for Bills via Texas Legislature Online

To search for bills on the state of Texas website as demonstrated during TxCFR 2021 Capitol Connection, follow the instructions below:

Step 1: Go to <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Home.aspx> and search for bills using keywords that are of interest. Ideas include, families, parenting, parents, foster care, divorce, children, etc. Once you type in your keyword, hit "Go".

The screenshot shows the Texas Legislature Online homepage. The 'Search Legislation' section is highlighted with a green circle. It includes a search bar with '80(R) - 2007' entered, a 'Go' button, and a 'Word/Phrase' radio button. Below the search bar are links for 'Additional Searches' such as 'Bill Lookup', 'Constitution', 'Bill Search', 'Reports', 'Amendments', 'View Votes', 'Sections Affected', 'Administrative Code', and 'Legislative Archive System'. There are also links for 'How Do I ...' and 'My TLO'.

Step 2: Read through the bill excerpts.

The screenshot shows the search results page for '80(R) SB 758 - Enrolled Version - Fiscal Note'. The page displays the bill number and title, followed by an excerpt. The excerpt states: 'Excerpt: School Prekindergarten Programs. The bill would not be anticipated to have significant fiscal implications for funding distributed under the Foundation School Program. Maximum Adoption Subsidy Payment. DFPS indicates that setting the maximum adoption subsidy payment at the minimum amount paid to a foster parent for the service level of a child who would have remained in paid foster care through age 17 would be cost neutral (foster care savings would equal adoption subsidy costs). Therapeutic Family Visits. DFPS estimates 5,885 children under the age of two would require six therapeutic visits supervised by a licensed psychologist.'

Step 3: I usually write down the bills that I'm interested in for easy reference later if I want to follow up on the bill.

Step 4: Later, if you want to follow up on the bill, go to <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/BillNumber.aspx> and enter the number of the bill you are interested in and hit "Submit".

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www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/BillNumber.aspx

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Bill Lookup

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Bills: 80R Go

* Please enter a valid bill number. Use format such as HB 4, SJR 56, HR 143.

Enter a bill number. Examples are HB 4, SJR 56, HR 143.

Bill Number: SB 999 Legislature: 80(R) - 2007

Information Type: [Dropdown] Submit Reset

Bill Status Hotline
877-824-7038 (in Texas only, toll-free)
512-463-2182 (outside of Texas)

Hotline hours and availability
Session:
Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., or until the Legislature adjourns for the day.
Interim:
Telephone lines are closed.
Visit the [Legislative Reference Library](#) website for more information concerning the hotline.

Tips on Finding A Bill
1. Use [Bill Lookup](#) when you already know the bill number.
2. Use [Text Search](#) when you do not know the bill number but know content.
3. Use [Bill Search](#) to search using multiple criteria such as author, committee, subject, or action.

Document Formats
Bill text, fiscal notes, and bill analyses are available in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. If you do not have the Adobe Acrobat reader, select this link to [download](#) the viewer.
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FTP Downloads
A [FTP site](#) is available as an alternative to accessing text of documents through a web browser.

Step 5: On the next page, hit "Text" tab at the top (other tabs will give you additional information as well).

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www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=80R&Bill=SB999

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Bill: SB 999 Legislative Session: 80(R) Council Document: 80R 6779 KKA-F [Add to Bill List](#)

Last Action: 05/22/2007 H Placed on General State Calendar

Caption Version: House Committee Report
Caption Text: Relating to possession of or access to a child in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship during or after military deployment of the child's parent.

Author: Eltife
Coauthor: Van de Putte
Sponsor: Dutton
Cosponsor:

Subjects: Family--Parent & Child (10355)
Military & Veterans (10535)
CHILD CUSTODY (54378)

Senate Committee: Jurisprudence
Status: Out of committee
Vote: Ayes=6 Nays=0 Present Not Voting=0 Absent=1

House Committee: Juvenile Justice & Family Issues
Status: Out of committee
Vote: Ayes=6 Nays=0 Present Not Voting=0 Absent=3

Actions: (descending date order)
Viewing Votes: [Most Recent Senate Vote](#)

Description	Comment	Date	Time	Journal Page
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Step 6: Here you will find the bill, information about money, analysis of different versions of the bill, information about testimonies, etc.

The screenshot shows the Texas Legislature Online Bill Lookup page for Bill SB 999. The page is titled "Texas Legislature Online Text" and includes a navigation bar with links to Home, My TLO, House, Senate, Legislation, Search, Committees, and Calendars. The current bill is SB 999, and the legislative session is 80(R). The author is Eltife. The page displays a table of bill versions and associated documents. The "Analysis" column is highlighted with a green circle.

Version	Bill	Fiscal Note	Analysis	Witness List	Summary of Cmte Action
Introduced					
Senate Committee Report					
Engrossed					
House Committee Report					

Additional Documents: [HRO Bill Analysis](#)

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How to Find your Representatives

The screenshot shows the Texas Legislature Online website during the 87th Legislature Regular Session. The page has a dark blue header with the Texas Capitol dome logo and navigation links. A sidebar on the left lists links for the Texas House and Texas Senate. The main content area is divided into several sections: Search Legislation, Additional Searches, How Do I..., My TLO, Access Mobile Version of TLO, Legislative Activity, Legislative Process, Redistricting, Who Represents Me?, and Capitol Complex Information. The 'Who Represents Me?' section is circled in green and contains a form with fields for Address, City, and ZIP Code, along with a Submit button and a Privacy Policy link.

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Search Legislation

Legislature: [87(R) - 2021]

☒ Word/Phrase ☐ Bill Number

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Access Mobile Version of TLO

Access a [mobile version](#) of TLO. Who Represents Me, and DistrictViewer on an iPhone, iPad, or other mobile device. From the mobile device browser, enter [www.txlegis.com](#). NOTE: Some applications or features within an application may not be accessible on all mobile devices.

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Texas Advocacy Playbook by Marlene S. Lobberecht, M.S., CFCS, CFLE:

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