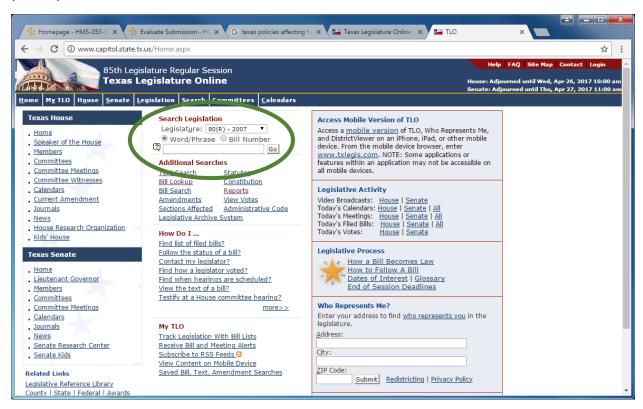
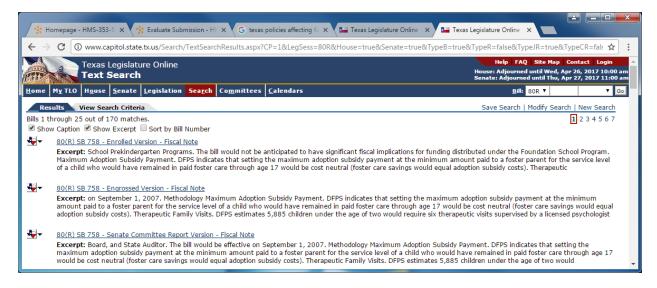
## **Searching for Bills via Texas Legislature Online**

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 <a href="http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Home.aspx">http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/Home.aspx</a> 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".

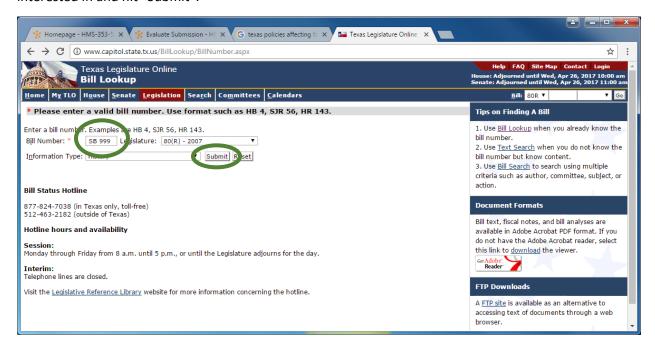


Step 2: Read through the bill excerpts.

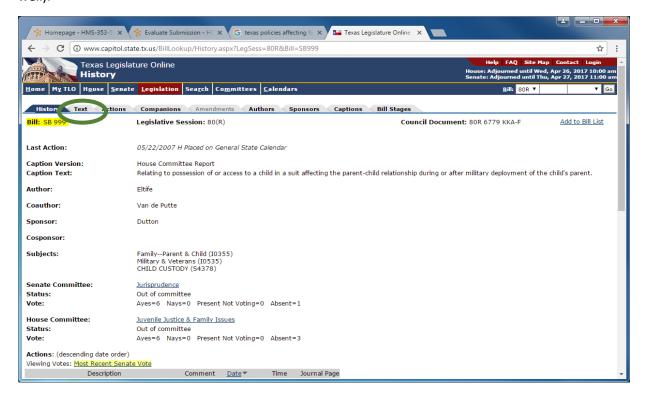


Step 3: I usually write down the bills that I'm interested in for easy reference later if I want to follow up on the bill.

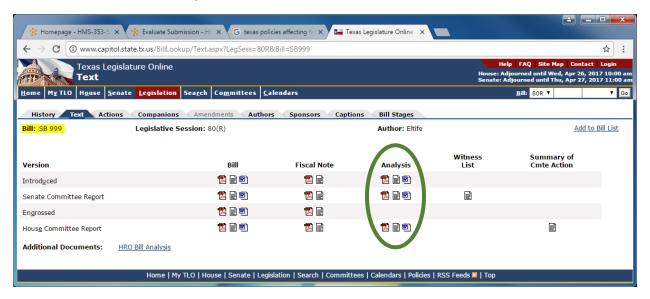
Step 4: Later, if you want to follow up on the bill, go to <a href="http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/BillNumber.aspx">http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/BillNumber.aspx</a> and enter the number of the bill you are interested in and hit "Submit".



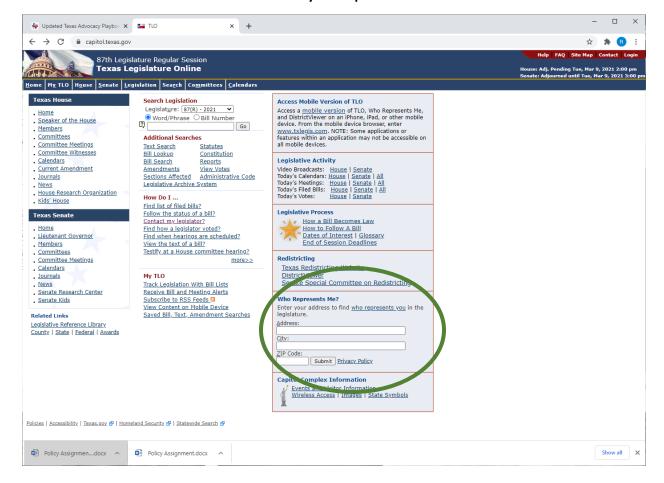
Step 5: On the next page, hit "Text" tab at the top (other tabs will give you additional information as well).



Step 6: Here you will find the bill, information about money, analysis of different versions of the bill, information about testimonies, etc.



## **How to Find your Representatives**



## **Getting Involved**

Texas Advocacy Playbook by Marlene S. Lobberecht, M.S., CFCS, CFLE: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7a2160\_d4b71c4d829a4bceb8de9d0b9341772e.pdf