

LEGISLATIVE IMPLEMENTATION, 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 2025

Bill Type	Bill Number	Author	Caption/Description	Effective Date	Implementation
HB	29	Gerdes, S	Relating to water losses reported by certain municipally owned utilities to the Texas Water Development Board.	29-May-2025	TCEQ is responsible for enforcement of the new requirements. A Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with TWDB and rulemaking to adopt the MOU will be required. The MOU should outline schedules for TWDB to report noncompliance to TCEQ and the necessary documentation for TCEQ to initiate enforcement.
HB	149	Capriglione, G	Relating to the regulation of the use of artificial intelligence systems in this state.	1-Jan-2026	<p>Implementation will require activities including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of TCEQ Operating Policies and Procedures, and, as necessary, TCEQ GAP chapters, forms, and related documentation, to conform with HB 149 provisions. • Review of existing agency guidance and disclaimers to ensure that they do not conflict with the provisions of HB 149. • Staff education and training • Development and revision of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), as necessary, to conform with HB 149. • Reporting, as required, in accordance with the provisions of HB 149.

HB	150	Capriglione, G	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Cyber Command (Command) as a component institution of The University of Texas System and the transfer to it of certain powers and duties of the Department of Information Resources.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ will be required to provide reports, formerly reported to DIR, to the Command.
HB	609	Vasut, C	Relating to the cleaning of a structure used to grow oysters for cultivated oyster mariculture.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ initiated amendment with renewal of the general permit in September 2024 to allow sufficient processing time for the renewal and incorporate legislation proposed under HB 3604 (88th Legislature).
HB	1237	Guillen, R	Relating to the renewal by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of certain expired occupational licenses and registrations.	1-Sep-2025	The bill requires rulemaking to amend 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 30, Occupational Licenses and Registrations. Additionally, TCEQ will need to amend current procedures to meet the requirements of the bill.

HB	1238	Guillen, R	Relating to the inspection of the location of a proposed Class I injection well.	1-Sep-2025	Implementation of the bill will require changes to the Underground Injection Control Program procedures for site inspections. Rulemaking is not necessary to implement the bill. <i>HB 1238 is complete.</i>
HB	1500	Bell, K	Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Information Resources, including the composition of the governing body of the department.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ will provide an agency data governance report assessing the data governance program. The report is due to DIR June 1 on even-numbered years.
HB	2080	Gerdes, S	Relating to the review of the duties of a groundwater conservation district by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	20-Jun-2025	TCEQ will need to amend its rules at Title 30, Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 293.23 to incorporate the changes to statute listed in the bill summary above. For any petitions that are filed after the effective date of the statute, TCEQ will need to develop interim procedures for addressing the bill changes before rulemaking is finalized.

HB	3229	Lambert, S	Relating to recycling of certain renewable energy components.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ will conduct rulemaking in 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 37, Financial Assurance, and Chapter 328, Waste Minimization and Recycling, to require an annual report containing an inventory of unrecycled components, an estimated timeline to recycle these materials, and a cost estimate to recycle or dispose of the recyclable materials prepared by an independent professional engineer licensed in Texas.
HB	3333	Morales, E	Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain stream segments, stream assessment units, and drainage areas.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ will revise all applicable permit application technical review standard operating procedures to incorporate the discharge prohibition criteria.
HB	3512	Capriglione, G	Relating to artificial intelligence training programs for certain employees and officials of state agencies and local governments.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ is developing an AI training program. The program must be certified by DIR prior to implementation.
HB	3810	Alders, D	Relating to the dissolution of the Rose City Municipal Utility District.	20-Jun-2025	The bill will require TCEQ to change the status of the District to "dissolved" in TCEQ's databases and update mapping data.

HB	4112	Landgraf, B	Relating to the storage or disposal of high-level	1-Sep-2025	Implementation will begin September 1, 2025 with activities that will memorialize the legislation and update tracking mechanisms to facilitate long-term implementation.
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HB	4219	Capriglione, G	Relating to a governmental body's response to a request for public information.	1-Sep-2025	Office of Administrative Services will work with Office of Legal Services to update the public information request process to comply with the changes of HB 4219. <i>HB 4219 is complete.</i>
HB	4413	Paul, D	Relating to mass balance attribution of renewable biomass feedstocks used to produce renewable chemicals.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ will conduct rulemaking to amend 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 328, Waste Minimization and Recycling. Rule amendments will include new and revised definitions and the inclusion of renewable chemicals to the existing mass balance rules.

HB	4748	Curry, P	Relating to multiple award of contracts with indefinite delivery and indefinite quantity terms.	1-Sep-2025	The agency will have to update Procurement and Contracts guidance documents to enable TCEQ program areas to use the new multiple award purchasing method. The agency will need to document the justification for using this procurement method and document the best value for the state. This documentation will need to be retained in the contract file, and the records retention schedule may need to be updated.
HB	5061	Leach, J	Relating to prohibiting certain activities by contractors and vendors of state agencies.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ will update the agency's contract templates to include a term or certification ensuring that vendors comply with this statute. <i>HB 5061 is complete.</i>
HB	5195	Capriglione, G	Relating to the modernization of state agency systems, including the improvement of online access to services and the reduction of paperwork requirements.	1-Sep-2025	Agencies are required to assess their online platforms for improved user accessibility, navigation, and efficiency. Agencies must consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exchanging paper requirements for digital alternatives • complying with accessibility standards • improving responsiveness for mobile and desktop users • adopting best practices for search functionality, page load speed, and service integration. The agency is required to submit a report to DIR, each odd-numbered year, detailing steps taken, to address the topics above.
HB	5196	Capriglione, G	Relating to telework for state employees.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ's OPP 15.05, Workforce Policy, retitled Workforce and Telework Policy, has been revised to incorporate the bill's requirements and the Telework Agreement <i>HB 5196 is complete.</i>
HB	5320	Guillen, R	Relating to the combination of the Starr County Drainage and Groundwater conservation districts.	1-Sep-2025	Coordination across TCEQ programs is required to ensure compliance with TWC Chapters 36, 49, and 59. TCEQ will need to update Central Records and other records for the dissolution of Starr County GCD and the new SCDGCD. Groundwater Section staff will need to create new GCD-Supervision files and update the Water Districts Database (WDD/WUD).

HB	5331	Dean, J	Relating to the enforceability of certain state agency and local government contract language regarding required security incident notifications.	20-Jun-2025	TCEQ will update contract language. <i>HB 5331 is complete.</i>
HB	5629	Wilson, T	Relating to the occupational licensing of military spouses.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ will conduct a rulemaking to amend 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 30, Occupational Licenses and Registrations. TCEQ will also need to update policies and procedures to implement the bill as well as update webpages.
SB	7	Perry, C	Relating to the oversight and financing of certain water infrastructure matters under the jurisdiction of the Texas Water Development Board.	1-Sep-2025	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and TCEQ will need to enter into an agreement to transfer funds.

SB	14	King, P	Relating to reforming the procedure by which state agencies adopt rules and impose regulatory requirements and the deference given to the interpretation of laws and rules by state agencies in certain judicial proceedings.	1-Sep-2025	To the extent possible, TCEQ drafts rules in plain language. This will continue to be implemented by TCEQ's Texas Register Rule Team and program areas to ensure that rules are drafted in plain language.
SB	565	Perry, C	Relating to a compliance agreement for the suspension of an enforcement action against a regional water supply, sewer, wastewater treatment, or solid waste disposal service for certain violations.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ's enforcement staff can currently utilize compliance agreements. Enforcement SOP Chapter 1: General Information, will be updated to include the expanded compliance agreement eligibility criteria. The agency will also revise the section relating to Compliance Agreements for Regionalization located under Statutes with Specific Direction for TCEQ Enforcement Initiation upon next revision of the Enforcement Initiation Criteria (EIC).
SB	616	Schwertner, C	Relating to aquifer storage and recovery projects that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.	24-May-2025	Implementation will require changes to 30 TAC Chapter 331. The program currently plans to address SB 616 and SB 1061 in a combined rulemaking. SB 616 requires rules implementing the amendment to the Texas Water Code to be adopted no later than March 1, 2026.

SB	740	Perry, C	Relating to certain proceedings by the Public Utility Commission of Texas regarding water or sewer service.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ expects to amend 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 291.142 and 291.143 to add municipally owned utilities, counties, water supply or sewer service corporations, public utility agencies, improvement districts, and conservation and reclamation districts as eligible for appointees to serve as temporary managers.
SB	763	Alvarado, C	Relating to the renewal and review of standard permits for certain concrete plants.	1-Sep-2025	To implement this requirement, the commission will adopt rules to amend 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 116, Subchapter F (Standard Permits).
SB	1061	Parker, T	Relating to procedural requirements for uranium mining production area authorizations.	1-Sep-2025	Implementation will require changes to 30 TAC Chapter 331. Additionally, TCEQ staff will review and make necessary revisions to Class III production area authorization application forms, procedures and template documents. The program currently plans to address SB 616 and SB 1061 in a combined rulemaking.
SB	1080	West, R	Relating to the issuance of a provisional occupational license to certain applicants with criminal convictions.	27-May-2025	conduct a rulemaking to amend 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 30, Occupational Licenses and Registrations and update policies, procedures, and RG 521, <i>Consequences of Criminal Convictions for Occupational Licenses</i> .

SB	1145	Birdwell, B	Relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to issue permits for the land application of water produced from certain mining and oil and gas extraction operations.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ will issue permits for land application of produced water that is treated for beneficial use and requires TCEQ to adopt standards for treated produced water land application, including standards for the protection of surface water and groundwater.
SB	1169	Hinojosa, A	Relating to public utility agencies.	20-May-2025	TCEQ rulemaking will be required to amend rules in 30 Tex. Administrative Code Chapter (30 TAC). 291. Specifically, update or add definitions in 291.3 for retail public utility, water and sewer utility, and public utility agency. In addition, add the new temporary manager and receiver requirements in 30 TAC 291.142 and 291.143.
SB	1302	Kolkhorst, L	Relating to eligibility for a general permit to discharge waste into or adjacent to waters in this state.	1-Sep-2025	Implementation of the intent of the bill will memorialize the legislation and update tracking mechanisms to facilitate long-term implementation.
SB	1662	Zaffirini, J	Relating to notice provided to certain public drinking water supply systems before water quality testing.	1-Sep-2025	The PWS Investigator Manual will be updated and re-distributed to investigative staff and management to ensure that the notification requirements are met during all PWS complaint investigations of groundwater facilities across the state. SB 1662 is complete.

SB	1663	Zaffirini, J	Relating to notification procedures concerning groundwater contamination.	1-Sep-2025	SB 1663 will be implemented by both TCEQ and TGPC. Implementation for the bill will be conducted by TCEQ's Impact Evaluation Team (IET), which is facilitated by WAD's Groundwater Section. IET will update the internal IET Protocol guidance document, which describes how notifications will be made for groundwater contamination cases.
SB	1818	Hancock, K	Relating to the issuance of a provisional license to certain military service members, military veterans, and military spouses to engage in business or occupation in this state.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ will conduct a rulemaking to amend 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 30, Occupational Licenses and Registrations. TCEQ will also need to update policies and procedures to implement the bill as well as update webpages. Additionally, TCEQ would need to update the Occupational Licensing Electronic Application (OLEA) database.

SB	1964	Parker, T	Relating to the regulation and use of artificial intelligence systems and the management of data by governmental entities.	1-Sep-2025	<p>Implementation will require activities including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of TCEQ Operating Policies and Procedures, and, as necessary, TCEQ GAP chapters, forms, and related documentation, to conform with SB 1964 provisions. • Review of existing agency guidance and disclaimers to ensure that they do not conflict with the provisions of SB 1964. • Staff education and training. • Development and revision of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), as necessary, to conform with SB 1964. • Reporting, as required, in accordance with the provisions of SB 1964
SB	2037	Sparks, K	Relating to permit application review and contested case procedures for environmental permits involving a project to construct or modify a liquefied natural gas export terminal.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ will need to create and implement, by rule, an expedited permit application review process for a project to construct or modify a liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminal, with unique triggers and procedures for contested case hearings (CCH).

SB	2078	Kolkhorst, L	Relating to the regulation of composting facilities by certain counties.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ's compost application form for a notice of intent (TCEQ-00651) will be revised to include a question asking the applicant to confirm they will meet the requirements of the statute at the proposed facility. SB 2078 is complete.
SB	2124	Zaffirini, J	Relating to publication of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee's annual report.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ's Groundwater Section will work with the Environmental Law Division to change all dates in the Texas Administrative Code to conform with the publication date required by SB 2124.
SB	2351	Alvarado, C	Relating to the construction, expansion, or modification of certain concrete plants under a standard permit.	24-May-2025	The commission intends to amend 30 TAC Chapter 116, Subchapter F to incorporate the requirements of this bill.
SB	2476	Nichols, R	Relating to transfer of the ownership rights of the Woodlawn Water Supply Corporation to the Angelina and Neches River Authority.	24-May-2025	Once documentation has been submitted by Angelina and Neches River Authority, TCEQ's database of record will be updated.
SB	2514	Hughes, B	Relating to establishing the hostile foreign adversaries unit at the Department of Public Safety and training, prohibitions, and reporting requirements designed to combat foreign influence and foreign adversary operations; creating a criminal offense.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ required to update Employee Ethics policy.

SB	2662	Perry, C	Relating to the enforcement of drought contingency plans by water and sewer utilities and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.	30-May-2025	TCEQ's current model Drought Contingency Plans (DCPs) already include reasonable procedures for the enforcement of mandatory water use restrictions. Implementation of this legislation will be limited to coordinating with the TWDB and PUCT to develop a process and timeline for updating those model DCPs every five years.
SB	2885	Flores, P	Relating to the use of reclaimed water that has been treated to meet certain standards as part of an aquifer storage and recovery project.	1-Sep-2025	TCEQ will need to develop rules that must establish treatment standards for reclaimed water to be injected into underground sources of drinking water. TCEQ will need to develop forms and guidance, and update internal procedures, as necessary.