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## Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick Statement: Top Legislative Priorities On-Track

AUSTIN – Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued this statement today applauding the Texas Senate for its hard work in already passing 26 of his 30 priorities bills for the 88th Legislative Session:

"At the beginning of this legislative session, I laid out the strongest, most conservative agenda ever brought forward in the Texas Senate. Once again, the Texas Senate is firing on all cylinders and has already passed 26 of my 30 priority bills. Final bills are set to pass this week. Texans should know that their Senators are working hard to deliver for them. I am so proud of their work. All credit goes to the Senators.

"I look forward to the Texas House's swift passage of these needed reforms so Texas can continue to be America's juggernaut for centuries to come."

## **Priority Bills Already Passed:**

Senate Bill 1 – State Budget – Will pass today

- Senate Bill 2 Restoring Illegal Voting to a Felony
- Senate Bill 3 Increasing the Homestead Exemption to \$70,000
- Senate Bill 4 Adding Additional Property Tax Relief
- Senate Bill 5 Increasing the Business Personal Property Tax Exemption
- Senate Bill 6 Adding New Natural Gas Plants
- Senate Bill 7 Continuing to Improve the Texas Grid
- Senate Bill 8 Empowering Parental Rights Including School Choice
- Senate Bill 9 Teacher Pay Raise Empowering Teacher Rights
- Senate Bill 10 Supplemental Funding for Retired Educators
- Senate Bill 12 Banning Children's Exposure to Drag Shows

Senate Bill 13 – Protecting Children from Obscene Books in School Libraries

Senate Bill 14 – Ending Child Gender Modification

Senate Bill 15 – Protecting Women's College Sports

Senate Bill 16 – Banning Critical Race Theory (CRT) in Texas Universities

Senate Bill 19 - Creating the Texas University Fund

Senate Bill 20 – Removing District Attorneys Who Refuse to Follow Texas Law

Senate Bill 21 - Removing Judges Who Refuse to Follow Texas Law

Senate Bill 22 – Assisting Rural Law Enforcement Funding – Increasing Pay and Needed Equipment

Senate Bill 23 – Creating A Mandatory 10-Year Prison Sentence for Criminals Committing Gun Crime

Senate Bill 24 – Thriving Texas Families Act

Senate Bill 25 – Creating New Scholarships for Nursing Students

Senate Bill 26 – Expanding Local Mental Health Care Access Through Innovation and Accountability

Senate Bill 28 – Addressing Texas' Future Water Needs

Senate Bill 29 – Banning Local COVID-19 Mandates

Senate Bill 30 – Supplemental Budget

The Texas Senate has also passed Senate Bill 2424 – State Authority to Enforce Our Border. Those with criminal records crossing illegally could face up to life in prison. All others crossing illegally could face jail time just for crossing.

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