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GOVERNMENT REFORM PACKAGE PASSES SENATE

Austin – This week, the Texas Senate passed an unprecedented government reform package. Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) released the following statement:

"It is very important to me that the state be a good steward of its hard-earned taxpayer dollars," said Senator Creighton. "I authored and co-authored these imperative bills to allow Texas government to be as effective, limited and resourceful as possible."

- **Senate Bill 132 - State Agency Savings** - authored by Senator Creighton is an incentive program for agencies to reduce their annual spending. "I was pleased to carry out legislation to amend the State Agency Incentive Program to better encourage state agencies to find savings," said Senator Creighton. "This bill incentivizes state employees to find efficiencies and cost savings, rather than a typical government 'use it or lose it' mentality."
- **House Bill 1290 - State Agency Rules & Regulations** - co-sponsored by Senator Creighton bans a state agency from adding a new rule unless the agency deletes a current rule. "This important legislation limits government and holds state agencies accountable," said Senator Creighton. "This bill requires state agencies to audit current rules and discourages unnecessary regulations within government."
- **Senate Bill 14 - Omnibus Ethics Bill** - co-authored by Senator Creighton is meaningful ethics reform and contains four major pillars including: felon politicians losing their pension and office, disclosure of government contracts, bond counsel and legal referrals, shining a light on lobbyist wining and dining and establishing a clear line between elected officials and lobbyists. "This omnibus ethics bill is unprecedented in scope," said Senator Creighton. "I was an author of this legislation to ensure Texas politicians are held accountable for their actions by strengthening ethics requirements that protect voters, not the financial interests of politicians."

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Senator Brandon Creighton represents Senate District 4, which encompasses Chambers, Jefferson and parts of Montgomery, Harris and Galveston Counties.