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Senator José Menéndez Files Bills Promoting Education, Equality and Justice

San Antonio, Texas - State Senator José Menéndez issued the following statement on eight bills filed today at the Texas Capitol.

Senator José Menéndez released the following statement:

“Today we filed legislation that will make our education system stronger by focusing on students and their well-being, along with bills that will ensure justice and equality for all Texans. Throughout the duration of COVID-19, we have witnessed rising mental health concerns. It is imperative that we provide our students the tools and resources they need, and empower schools to address bullying and the school to prison pipeline. My passion continues since passing David's law and we continue to do our work to combat bullying and education safe environment for our children and school personnel. Today we filed legislation that put us on a path toward a more just and equal state. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting these pieces of legislation, which will help make Texas a better place for all.

Education Reform:

- SB 405 - This bill will require students to take at least one mental health course in high school to learn more about mental illnesses and healthy coping mechanisms.
- SB 406 - This bill will require school board and trustee members to take a course on trauma informed school care to better help their students and teachers
- SB 407 - This bill will ensure schools and school districts track bullying and cyberbullying incidents and use this information to adopt preventative measures to help students.

Equality and Justice:

- SB 408 - This bill will ensure each public university has an adequate number of polling locations on their campus in relation to their student population.
- SB 409 - This bill will ensure that rape kits from deceased victims will be tracked.
- SB 410 - This bill establishes a Texas Redistricting Commission whom will be responsible for the process of drawing legislative districts.

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