

Focus

Today's school business operations are very complex – ranging from enrollment projections to state funding formulas. Add a legislative session with political and financial stress to the mix and who knows what will happen or how it might affect your school district.

During the past sessions of the Legislature, the Texas Association of School Business Officials, in cooperation with the Austin consulting firm of Moak, Casey & Associates provided subscribers with revenue estimates and comprehensive information on education-related legislation. In addition, subscribers often received daily reports and customized revenue estimates for each major legislative proposal that would affect school district revenues.

During the 2009-10 school year, the Legislative Information Pipeline **Interim Service** will provide subscribers with detailed analytical information regarding the potential effects of legislative and administrative actions. This timely information will enable school officials to communicate more effectively and make sound decisions regarding finances, new programs, accountability, and possible changes in the school revenue structure.

Sign up early for the **81st Interim Service** to obtain the maximum level of available information.

Included Services

Subscribers to the **81st Interim Service** will receive:

- ⇒ Early updates on the major issues, including TEA studies and the prospects and outcomes for legislative action.
- ⇒ Three-year financial projections that include estimates for state assistance and local tax revenue based on subscriber-supplied information.
- ⇒ Detailed reports on implementation of school finance provisions, including new proposed and adopted rules.
- ⇒ Projections of impact for all major proposals on school finance.
- ⇒ Regular reports on newly introduced education legislation and detailed updates on the progress of major education-related studies.
- ⇒ Two major workshops:
 1. The first will focus on the proposals of the interim committees and review current issues and impacts.
 2. The second will provide a preview of the 82nd Legislature and related activities.

Cost

Fees for the Legislative Information Pipeline **Interim Service** are based on the size of the school district:

- Fewer than 500 students \$3,400
- 500 to 5,000 students \$3,800
- More than 5,000 students \$4,900

Consultants

Moak, Casey & Associates brings a unique combination of skills and experience to those concerned about public school finance and information systems. Over the past 40 years, Lynn Moak and Dan Casey have been involved in every major decision impacting Texas public school finance. Assisting Lynn and Dan is a strong support team which includes Joe Wisnoski, Amanda Bright Brownson, Bob Popinski, Maria Whitsett, Kathy Mathias Jenna Kelley-Landes and Lisa Wilson. Those seeking assistance have come with many issues and questions — some very large and some very small. Regardless of the dimensions of the issues or the point of view of the client, Moak, Casey & Associates provides honest, impartial analyses.

As experts in Texas public education finance, Moak, Casey & Associates has developed the ability to track and analyze legislation, build multi-year financial models, deal with large databases, and work effectively with state administrative agencies. To those concerned about the impact of current or future school finance legislation, Moak, Casey & Associates offers detailed technical models capable of producing bottom-line results. To those researching financial issues, they are capable of complex analyses, with access to the largest integrated school finance database in the state.

About TASBO

An independent, not-for-profit 501(c)3 professional association, the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) is one of the state and province affiliates of the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) which serves members from the United States, Canada, and more than 20 other nations.

Established in 1946, TASBO began as a forum for exchanging ideas and sharing information about school business operations in Texas. In the early years, TASBO was operated by volunteers throughout the state, but as the Association's membership and services grew, a center of operations was founded in Austin in 1986. TASBO celebrated the opening of its new Austin headquarters in August 2000.

The mission of the Texas Association of School Business Officials is to serve as THE trusted resource for school business and operations.

Currently, TASBO has more than 5,200 members and 29 regional affiliates, representing more than 900 school districts in Texas.

TASBO operates under an elected board of directors and an executive director, who are all veteran school business officials.



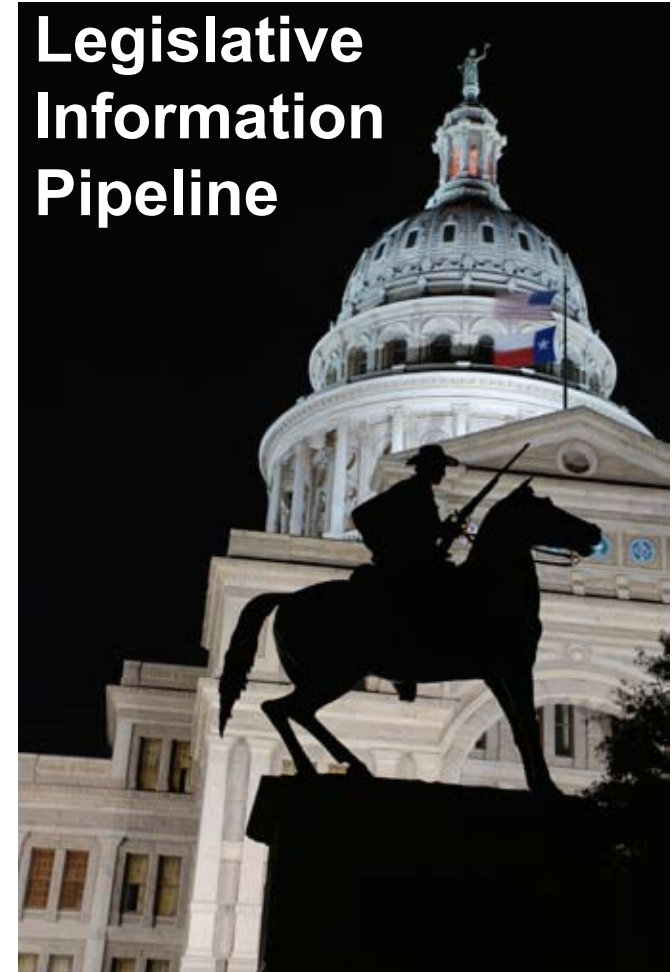
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The 81st legislative session brought a number of changes that will have a significant impact on school district business operations. Some of these include modified school finance formulas, the use of federal stimulus dollars to help finance the foundation school program, and legislative changes that will require major modifications to the financial accountability system, including a new efficiency study to be conducted by the Comptroller's office. In addition, the legislature has created a new select committee that will study school finance formulas in preparation for next session.

With the assistance of TASBO and Moak, Casey & Associates, the Legislative Information Pipeline Interim Service will provide your district with information about school finance-related issues as they are implemented at the agency level. It will also keep you abreast of the latest developments with respect to the select committee. This should save you time and keep your district ahead in the planning process.

Legislative Information Pipeline



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