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Joint Budget Hearings Now Under Way at the Capitol

On August 22, the first Legislative Budget Board-Governor's Office public hearing on funding requests for the 2014-15 biennium was held at the Capitol. These hearings will continue through September and are the *one* opportunity for the public to comment on budget proposals for education, health care, and other critical state services before the regular legislative session starts in January 2013.

Listed below are the scheduled hearings for the agencies overseeing key state services for low- and moderate-income Texans, and all of us. Clicking on the name of the agency will take you to the agency's budget proposal, or "Legislative Appropriations Request," for 2014-15. The following agencies have not listed their hearing dates yet – Department of Agriculture, responsible for nutrition programs; the Texas Education Agency, in charge of state aid to local school districts and charter schools, as well as adult education; the Department of Criminal Justice, responsible for adult probation (community supervision) programs, incarceration, and parole supervision; and the Juvenile Justice Department, which operates state-operated secure facilities and halfway houses, parole services, and assistance for local juvenile probation departments.

Before going to testify, and for other updates and changes to the schedule, see the Legislative Budget Board's website for hearings listed by [agency](#) or [date](#).

Date & Time	Agency	Location
Thursday, Aug. 30; 10:00 to 11:30 AM	Teacher Retirement System : public education, workers/retirees, pensions & health care	Room E2.028, Capitol Complex
Monday, Sept. 10; 10:00 to 11:00 AM	Public Utility Commission : System Benefit Fund/Low Income Utility Assistance Program	Room 140, Reagan Building, 105 W. 15 th St, Austin TX
Monday, Sept. 10; 1:00 to 4:00 PM	Dept. of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services : Early Childhood Intervention and autism services for children; vocational rehabilitation for adults; SSI/SSDI disability determination	Room 140, Reagan Building, 105 W. 15 th St, Austin TX
Tuesday, Sept. 11; 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Dept. of Aging and Disability Services : community care, nursing facility, and other long-term care services; State Supported Living Centers	Room 140, Reagan Building, 105 W. 15 th St, Austin TX
Wednesday, Sept. 12; 10:00 to 11:30 AM	Attorney General: Child Support Enforcement	Room 140, Reagan Building, 105 W. 15 th St, Austin TX



Thursday, Sept. 13; 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.	Dept. of Family & Protective Services : child protective services staffing and programs; foster care and adoption payments; prevention of abuse/neglect/delinquency; adult protective services; child care regulation	Room 140, Reagan Building, 105 W. 15 th St, Austin TX
Thursday, Sept. 20; 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Dept. of State Health Services : community health services, including primary care, WIC Nutrition, family planning, behavioral health, substance abuse prevention/intervention/treatment, EMS/Trauma Care; Immunizations; HIV/STD Prevention; Kidney Health Care; Children with Special Health Care Needs; Mental Health State Hospitals	Room 140, Reagan Building, 105 W. 15 th St, Austin TX
Thursday, Sept. 20; 10:00 to 11:30 AM	Workforce Commission: subsidized child care; employment services; job training	Room E2.028, Capitol Complex
Thursday, Sept. 20; 2:00 to 3:30 PM	Employees Retirement System: state employees/retirees pensions & health care	Room E2.028, Capitol Complex
Friday, Sept. 21; 1:30 to 4:30 PM	Health & Human Services Commission : Medicaid acute care, CHIP; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/TANF cash assistance, family violence services, eligibility determination system for public benefits	Room 140, Reagan Building, 105 W. 15 th St, Austin TX
Monday, Sept. 24; 10:00 to 11:30 AM	Higher Education Coordinating Board : Texas GRANTS and other college financial aid programs	E2.028, Capitol Complex
Monday, Sept. 24; 1:00 to 4:00 PM	Public Community/Junior Colleges	Room E2.028, Capitol Complex

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