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The Battalion

Legislature OKs funding reform

Richards pledges to sign school finance bill; state district court will review plan Monday

From Staff and Wire Reports

AUSTIN — The Legislature on Thursday approved a billion-dollar bill designed to satisfy a Texas Supreme Court order to reform financing of public schools.

The House approved the plan 92-57, and the Senate followed 21-10.

Gov. Ann Richards said she would sign the bill into law.

The plan would cost the state \$1.3 billion over two years and shift hundreds of millions of dollars in local property tax money from wealthier to poorer school districts.

Richards and House Speaker Gib Lewis said they believed the legislation would pass court muster.

State Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, voted for the measure after voting no on every other public school bill before the House during this session but said he was not pleased with the bill.

"From day one, I've been opposing the way the direction of the bill's been heading," he said. "I've done everything in my power to get the bill in decent shape."

"But we're out of time, and we faced a tough choice: Either vote for the bill or let the courts take over our schools like they did the prisons. I just couldn't do that to Brazos County."

Ogden said that there were a lot of problems with the bill.

"A provision of the bill called for a county advisory committee, and it in effect would have created a county school board," he said. "It would have eliminated the power of local school boards."

However, that provision was removed from the bill, Ogden said.

"I'm still not comfortable with what the bill says," he said. "I'm not sure about it. I had to make the decision between that bill or the courts though. Decisions aren't going to be getting any easier."

The state faces a Monday hearing before State District Judge F. Scott McCown, who oversees the case and ordered an alternative plan to be drawn up by a court-appointed expert.

"It's a solution that will meet the requirements of the courts," said Lewis, D-Fort Worth. "I think it's a solution to have quality education throughout the state of Texas."

Richards said, "This Legislature tried very hard, did a good job (and) produced a bill that I'll sign."



Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, voted in favor of the school finance bill Thursday.



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A Fair to remember

Jason Bobruk, of Huntsville, sets up his exhibit for the 17th Annual Brazos Valley Regional Science and Engineering Fair in the Zachry lobby Thursday afternoon. Bobruk's experiment was to determine the effects that different mirrors and liquids have on solar collectors. He found that a saline solution is most effective. The fair is for area junior and senior high school students. The exhibits will be on display for public viewing in Zachry until 4 p.m. today. An awards ceremony will follow at 7 p.m.

Health Center puts emphasis on patient, doctor teamwork

Editor's Note: The Battalion will run a weekly column on better health habits provided by the education department at A.P. Beutel Health Center.

You and your doctor are partners in your health care. Your doctor depends on you as the patient for the important basic information about your health. Remember, the doctor's advice is good only if you follow it.

As a patient, you have two roles. First, you are seeking help because you are sick or injured or you want to stay well. You must honestly and clearly tell the doctor what he or she needs to know and to submit to an appropriate examination.

Second, as you must manage your own health care, you must learn as much as you can about your state of health. If you do not get full explanations and clear instructions from your doctor, the best medical opinion might be of little help.

Be sure to provide complete and accurate information about your health history. Writing down the facts ahead of time, when possible, will prepare you to make better use of the time

spent with your doctor.

Be direct about your major concerns. Do not discount your worry or pain and do not be afraid to mention the little things that have been troubling you, even if they seem unrelated to your major complaint. Your health is at stake.

Your doctor will examine you, and if he or she needs additional information, he or she might prescribe medical lab tests, x-ray exams or other special exams.

In some cases, your physician might want the professional opinion of one or more colleagues. Be patient with your doctor — it is for your own good.

If tests are ordered, make sure you know the purpose of the tests, what you must do to be properly prepared for them and whether there are any associated risks. Some tests might not be absolutely necessary, but are done as a precaution.

The doctor's knowledge of your particular case comes from you. Your doctor might not be able to give you a complete diagnosis during your first visit.

In Advance

New York playwright will give talk Monday

New York playwright Harry Newman will speak about the integration of the theater at 7:30 Monday night in 124 Blocker.

Newman is a co-founder of the Non-Traditional Casting Project which is dedicated to increasing the position of ethnic, female and disabled art-

ists in the performing arts.

Monday's talk will address how to effect change in the American theater through integration.

Newman is the first of several who will participate in a Guest Artist Series invited by Charles Gordone.

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