



## Adult Education – Senate Bills 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session

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In this struggling economy, Americans are learning the immense value of education. Though Texas has one of the largest workforces in the nation, one out of every five adult Texans lacks a high school diploma. Basic literacy and basic technology and career skills are vital for economic success. Texans must acknowledge that investments in educational services that increase these skills are an investment in our future. Over 10 million Texans need adult educational services, yet only about 100,000 individuals receive them. Innovations in delivering adult education and increased funding are necessary for an educated workforce.

Several bills are making their way through the process that would improve adult literacy, stimulate our Texas workforce through career and technology training and improve our state's dropout rate.

### Critical Adult Education, Dropout and Career Training Senate Bills:

SB 1312 by Shapiro “Adult, Postsecondary Education, and Workforce Development”

Last Action: Scheduled for hearing on April 22, 2009

**Request: Vote SB 1312 out of Senate Higher Education Committee at public hearing on Wednesday, April 22, 2009.**

SB 1313 by Shapiro “Career and Technology Education and Adult Education Funding”

Last Action: Placed on the intent Calendar for Tuesday, April 21, 2009.

**Request: Support and vote for SB 1313 when it comes to the Senate floor.**

SB 1543 by Uresti “Creation of an Interagency Literacy Council”

Last Action: Passed out of Senate Economic Development Committee

**Request: Support and vote for SB 1543 when it comes to the Senate floor.**

SB 1726 by West “Dropout Prevention and Recovery”

Last Action: Passed out of Senate Education Committee

**Request: Support and vote for SB 1726 when it comes to the Senate floor.**

**Please support these bills as they come before you either in committee or on the Senate floor.**

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