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## **GUILLEN ANNOUNCES WINS FROM SPECIAL SESSION** *Highlights Retired Teacher Healthcare and Public Ed Funding*

**AUSTIN** - Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas), along with his fellow Representatives, ended the Special Session after passing important legislation on issues including reducing retired teacher's health insurance costs and increasing education funding.

**"During the special session, we made some positive strides," said Guillen. "We secured \$300 million for public education, \$212 million for retired teachers, and we cracked down on mail-in ballot fraud."**

H.B. 21, signed into law earlier this month, puts over \$300 million towards public schools. This includes measures to phase out the "small-size district adjustment," a formula that decreases state funding to small school districts, as well as increased funding for schools to teach students with autism and dyslexia. H.B. 21 also contains a provision appropriating an additional \$212 million to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas' health plan coverage for teachers, also called TRS-Care. The money is earmarked to reduce deductibles, and some premiums, for teachers on the plan.

In a win for Texas mothers, the legislature, with Guillen as a sponsor, passed S.B. 17, extending the work of the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force. The task force works to reduce maternal mortality in Texas. Guillen also supported passage of S.B. 5, which increases penalties and strengthens mail-in ballot laws to help prevent election fraud, and S.B. 20 and S.B. 60, which extend the sunset date for the boards that license doctors, social workers, and others.

**"I am proud of all the hard work the legislature put in to pass these measures," Guillen remarked, "and I look forward to continue working to further help address the critical needs of South Texas."**

*Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at [ryanguillen.com](http://ryanguillen.com), [facebook.com/representative.guillen](https://facebook.com/representative.guillen), and [twitter.com/ryanguillen](https://twitter.com/ryanguillen)*

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