HB 463  (Ballinger-23rd)  Bill Link
Revises the name of the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board to "Sexual Offender Risk Review Board." Among other provisions, the bill also provides for punishment for certain tiers of sexual offenses, including in certain circumstances, life imprisonment.
Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 469  (Houston-170th)  Bill Link
Directs the Department of Education to evaluate and share best practices with public schools and school systems for the development of crisis response mapping data. The department will work with all state and local governmental entities to facilitate proper communication and sharing of pertinent information relating to threats, warnings, and developing situations. The department will evaluate best practices in the development, acquisition, and implementation of crisis response mapping data by September 1, 2023.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the House Education Committee. The bill rests in House Rules Committee.

HB 479  (Hutchinson-106th)  Bill Link
Provides that a legally separated spouse can petition for adoption of a child.
Status: House Judiciary Committee

HB 499  (Hitchens-161st)  Bill Link
Provides a court the discretion to require either one spouse, or both spouses, to pay child support for a disabled child who has become an adult but lacks the ability to take care of themselves independently. The spouses can be in a divorce proceeding, living separately, or in state of separation. A "disabled child" is defined to be an individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and that meets a disability under state or federal law. The bill allows for modification of the award for child support if there has been a substantial change in the child's ability to provide support for themselves. The court can direct one or both parents to maintain life insurance for the benefit of a disabled child who has become an adult, but lacks the ability to take care of themselves independently.
Status: House Juvenile Justice Committee

HB 527  (Barnes-86th)  Bill Link
Requires that schools have non-audio, visual displays, alarms, or other suitable devices installed at each exterior door of a public school facility capable of clearly indicating to persons located inside the facility within sight of such door that it is properly secured; and electronic message boards installed at critical locations within a public school facility capable of displaying critical safety information to occupants of such facility.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 535  (Thomas-65th)  Bill Link
Provides for the issuance of a card to each student who is a certified unaccompanied homeless youth that includes information on the rights of and benefits for such youth.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 554  (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
Prohibits the furnishing of a semiautomatic assault weapon to a person under the age of 21 years.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 565  (Smith-18th)  Bill Link
Extends the lifetime maximum cash assistance available through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program from 48 months to 60 months effective July 1, 2023. The bill increases the resource limit of an applicant to $5,000, excluding the value of a vehicle if it is used for activities related to work, training, or education. If there is an additional vehicle not used for these purposes, a $4,650 exclusion is applied.