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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Jeff Coyle, Director of Government & Public Affairs

SUBJECT: State Legislative Update

DATE: January 8, 2021

During the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, Government & Public Affairs (GPA) will provide an update on the 87th Texas Legislative Session, which begins Tuesday, January 12th. Destined to be a session unlike any other, the update will include:

- Recap of opening day of the Texas Senate and Texas House
- Review of how the Legislature will operate during the pandemic
- Summary of bills filed-to-date that are relevant to the City of San Antonio
- Recap of recent activity regarding the City's top priorities; police reform, public health, broadband, and local decision making

To date, the Senate and House have filed over 1,200 bills. During the first 60 days of session, or before March 12th, lawmakers are prohibited from passing any legislation, unless the Governor declares it an emergency item. Governor Abbott is expected to give his State of the State address in the next few weeks.