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Where things stand at the capitol:

We're entering a critical stretch in the legislative session. This **Thursday marks the final day for the House to vote House bills out on second reading**—a procedural but powerful deadline. In practical terms, that means **Tuesday is the last day the Calendars Committee can place a House bill on the daily agenda** for it to have a chance. Many bills will effectively die on Tuesday if they're not scheduled, or Thursday at midnight if they're scheduled but stuck too far down the list to be heard.

That said, as seasoned watchers of the Texas Legislature know, **a bill's death isn't always the end**. Many ideas will be revived by attaching them to **Senate bills**, which the House can still consider in the coming weeks. So while deadlines matter, don't count anything out just yet.

Bills We're Watching Closely:

Below are the pieces of legislation **we believe could have an impact on Texas public school athletics** and may be **of particular interest to coaches and athletic administrators**:

- **House Bill 2 – Education Funding**

This major funding package is currently being considered by the **Senate Committee on K-16 Education**, but it has not yet been set for a public hearing. Senate Chairman Brandon Creighton recently emphasized the importance of careful, strategic deliberation over HB 2, stating, "Every dollar must be deployed to maximize impact… Settling for less than the strongest, most effective package would be a disservice." We'll continue tracking this bill closely, as school funding has a direct impact on athletic programs and facilities.

- **House Bill 19 – November Election Mandate & Tax Cap**

Still sitting in the **House Ways & Means Committee**, HB 19 proposes moving all local elections to November and limiting debt service to no more than 20% of average property tax collections. These changes could significantly impact how school districts finance facilities, including athletic

infrastructure. Even if the bill misses this week's deadlines, **it could still be inserted into other legislation**.

- **Senate Bill 1191 – GPA Standardization**

SB 1191 has **passed the Senate** and is set for a **House committee hearing on Tuesday**. The bill would require a **standard method for calculating student GPA statewide**, which could affect academic eligibility for student-athletes. This is a key issue to monitor, particularly for high school coaches and academic advisors.

Special thanks to our colleagues at the Texas School Alliance for tracking and sharing this critical information.

As always, **THSCA is committed to keeping our members informed about legislative activity that affects athletics, coaching, and the student-athletes we serve**.