

HB 3 Overview Video Transcript

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[Commissioner Mike Morath shows up on screen and begins to speak]

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Hi, I am Mike Morath, Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency. It is an exciting time for Texas public education. Our Legislature just passed House Bill 3—a comprehensive reform of our school finance system.

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I’d like to thank Governor Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Patrick, Speaker Bonnen, Representative Huberty, Senator Taylor, and all of their staff. Without their tireless work and their commitment to improving public education for our students none of this would’ve been possible.

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But what passed was fairly complex. So, I am excited today to talk about a new web series from TEA, House Bill 3 in 30. The web series is designed to bring clarity to this transformational piece of public education legislation to help us all collectively implement it in ways that are most helpful for our students.

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House Bill 3 is a massive reform of public education in Texas. It supports teachers and rewards teaching excellence.

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It focuses on learning and student outcomes in major ways. The bill prioritizes early literacy, it improves college, career, and military readiness. It increases special education support. It expands learning opportunities.

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HB 3 is more than just money. It sets up a focus on how we support our students to improve teaching and learning.

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But it is also money. A lot of money. It increases funding and equity. House Bill 3 impact on education is massive. But it makes this impact all while reducing and reforming property tax collections throughout the state.

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These changes are all pretty amazing. But there are a lot of them. The bill is over 300 pages long and it can be difficult to wade through. That’s why we at TEA launched our House Bill 3 in 30 series. We are committed to helping school districts get clear information about what House Bill 3 requires. So that the

quality of implementation is such that we truly transform and change the trajectory of our system for our kids.

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So, each week, from now through October, TEA will release a video and series of resources that delve deeply into one aspect of the bill.

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The videos and related resources will be available on our website (tea.texas.gov/hb3). You can actually go to our website (tea.texas.gov/hb3) now and see a schedule of all of the topics that we will cover between now and the end of the year.

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If you have any questions that you'd like us to address in those deep dives, please send us an email (hb3info@tea.texas.gov).

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Thank you for all of your support of Texas public education. I hope that the resources we provide about House Bill 3 help you continue to improve the great work that happens in our classrooms every day.

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God bless you for all that you do for our kids.

[Dialogue ends]

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