

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES - 84TH LEGISLATURE

Young Conservatives of Texas (YCT) releases its legislative agenda each session with the hope that Texas legislators will support bills that promote effective, limited government. Our priorities also shape our endorsement and legislative ratings process. They are designed to make clear to challengers and incumbents alike the foundational principles that guide our organization.

Below are YCT's "Top Legislative Priorities for the 84th Legislative Session:

FAVOR

1. Repealing tuition "deregulation" of public universities.¹
2. Eliminating all so-called "gun-free zones," especially those in place at public universities, and allowing students with a CHL permit to carry on campus.
3. Encouraging improvement in our public school system through competition by passing universal school choice.
4. Putting an end to all state government benefits granted to illegal immigrants, starting with repealing in-state tuition for illegal immigrants.
5. Requiring zero-based budgeting for all government agencies.
6. A constitutional amendment requiring that no governing entity raises spending more than the combined growth of population and rate of inflation.
7. Ending all diversions from designated funds, taxes, and fees.
8. Expanding scope of practice for trained, licensed, and regulated medical professionals, allowing them to practice to the full extent of their training.
9. Any legislation that prevents municipalities and counties from enacting overbearing regulations that encroach on personal liberties and property rights.
10. Transferring the Public Integrity Unit away from the Travis County District Attorney's office.

OPPOSE

1. All new taxes and fees.
2. The expansion of Medicaid in Texas in any form.
3. Our State's franchise tax and property tax.
4. Any efforts for a statewide smoking ban.
5. Any effort to enact amnesty for those here illegally, regardless of age.
6. Targeting individuals and organizations for political purposes through campaign finance law or expanding the reach of the Texas Ethics Commission.
7. Arbitrary DWI checkpoints and "no refusal" policies.
8. Any effort to reduce the authority of the State Board of Education.
9. Budget gimmicks (i.e. support "Truth in Budgeting").
10. Any expansion of regulated gambling.²

¹ HB 3015 - 78R

² YCT believes that the issue of the expansion of gambling has little to do with liberty and everything to do with increasing the size and scope of government. As such, YCT opposes the regulated practice of gambling in the State of Texas. Regulated gambling would create large, expensive bureaucratic agencies that would grow government exponentially and cost the state billions of dollars.