



83rd Legislative Session – Home Visiting Consortium (HVC) Legislative & Budget Scorecard

Bill	Authors / Sponsors	TexProtects Function	Procedural Process	Current Status
Texas Home Visiting Program Funding SB1	Article II Workgroup/Key Budget Decision Makers: Lt. Governor Dewhurst Speaker Straus Sen. Williams / Sen. Nelson Rep. Pitts / Rep. Zerwas	TP legislative priority: TP secured an additional \$7.9 million in the budget for Texas Home Visiting Programs	Approved in Budget	<i>Signed by Governor</i>
	TexProtects led the effort to secure an additional \$7.9 million for home visiting programs in Texas in addition to the \$17.75 million in the 2014-2015 budget for the Nurse-Family Partnership. The combined \$7.9 million and \$2 million estimated from SB 1836, the vital statistic donation bill, will help serve approximately 2,950 additional families through home visiting over the 2014-2015 biennium.			
Home Visiting Expansion and Accountability Act SB 426	Senator Nelson Sen. Deuell/West (Co-Authors) Representative Zerwas (Sponsor)	TP legislation	Passed Both chambers	<i>Law Effective 9/1/13</i>
	This legislation ensures home visiting (HV) programs set clear standards and that they are accountable for their outcomes, implemented with fidelity to the research model, and evaluated for QI and QA. It also creates a framework that ensures least 75% of state revenues invested in home visiting are directed toward evidence-based programs, and allow up to 25% of the funds to be invested in “Promising Practices.”			
Vital Statistic Donation for Texas HV Program SB 1836	Senator Deuell Representative Zerwas (Sponsor)	TP legislation	Passed Both chambers	<i>Law Effective 6/14/13</i>
	This legislation allows for voluntary donations on copies of birth certificates, marriage licenses and divorce decrees and initial marriage license applications to go towards the Texas Home Visiting Program. Could potentially raise an additional \$2 million per biennium for the THVP.			

** The Home Visitation Consortium (HVC) was organized in 2012 and is facilitated by TexProtects.