



**AGC-Texas Building Branch
Legislative issues for 2021 Session**

Offense

1. Contractors not liable for design defects – **SB 219 (Hughes), HB 1418 (Leach)**
2. Omnibus pandemic bill, business liability/insurance protections for contractors – **SB 6 (Hancock), HB 3659 (Leach)**
3. Uniform general conditions (UGCs) for K-12 building construction – **SB 338 (Powell), HB 965 (Lucio III)**
4. Deductibility of PPP loans for state franchise tax – **SB 372 (Hancock), HB 1195 (Geren)**
5. Shorten statute of repose for public work from 10 yrs (+2) to 5 yrs (+1) – **HB 3069 (Holland)**
6. Tuition revenue bonds (TRBs) for higher ed construction – **SB 758 (Seliger), HB 449 (Turner)**
7. Local preemption on private business (sick leave, scheduling, benefits, crim background) – **SB 14 (Creighton)**
8. Clean up court confusion re: quantum meruit claims against contractors ((*Skyline v. ISC Acquisition* – 5th Ct of Appeals, Dallas (2018)) – **HB 3355 (Schofield)**
9. Close CGL coverage gap for attorney's fees due to *In Re Nalle* case – **HB 2416 (Gervin-Hawkins)**
10. Modernizing/simplifying lien laws – **HB 2237 (Burrows)**
11. Reform litigation abuse over commercial vehicular accidents – **SB 17 (Taylor), HB 19 (Leach)**
12. Fix from last session's "right to repair" construction defects bill – **HB 3221 (Leach), SB 1781 (Creighton)**
13. Fix from last session's contingency lawyers bill on construction defects– **HB 1974 (Canales), SB 1821 (Huffman)**
14. Fix last session's certificate of merit bill re: design-build problems – **HB 3162 (Martinez)**

Defense

- Construction defects bills from last session (defend HBs 1734, 1999, 2826 from 2019)
- Worker group initiatives
- Immigration, e-verify
- Disruptive procurement changes (CMAR, pre-qualification, job order contracting)