

Gonzales' bills signed into law

Gov. Rick Perry has signed five bills into law sponsored by state Rep. Veronica Gonzales, D-McAllen.

Another two bills she co-sponsored were passed into law.

Included in the bills are those that create a new county court in Hidalgo County, allow students in junior colleges to pay summer-school tuition in installments, allow junior colleges to charge students additional fees for taking a class the third time and require municipalities to spend a certain amount of federal funds on colonia lighting.

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