

## **Rep. Gervin-Hawkins' Abbreviated Biography**

Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins is a passionate educator and businesswoman who has been a leader in her community since 1981. She co-founded the Gervin Academy, a charter school where she worked for many years serving over 1,500 students from throughout Bexar County. After serving on various community boards and the Zoning Commission, in 2016 she was elected to the Texas House of Representatives. She serves on the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee, and the Rules and Resolutions Committee. She is a member of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus, and the Texas House Veterans Caucus. She is passionate about reforming our criminal justice system and improving the relationship between the police and the community. She knows the importance of mental health services and the impact mental health plays on the community. She cares deeply about veteran's issues and is a strong supporter of our Armed Forces. As an educator, she is passionate about education and wants to give schools the support they need to help our kids succeed.