

Amend CSSB 1031 (House committee printing) as follows:

(1) Immediately following SECTION 6 of the bill (page 4, between lines 26 and 27), insert the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Chapter 39, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter A to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A. COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

Sec. 39.001. SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY. (a) The Select Committee on Public School Accountability is established to conduct a comprehensive review of the public school accountability system.

(b) The committee is composed of 15 members appointed as follows:

(1) the presiding officers of the standing committees of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over public education;

(2) one member of the senate, appointed by the lieutenant governor;

(3) one member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(4) the commissioner;

(5) the commissioner of higher education;

(6) one public school teacher, one public school principal, and one public school district superintendent, each currently employed in this state and each appointed jointly by the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives;

(7) two persons each of whom is currently employed as an educator in a public school in this state and each appointed jointly by the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives;

(8) one representative from the business community or the public, appointed by the lieutenant governor;

(9) one representative from the business community or the public, appointed by the speaker of the house of

representatives; and

(10) two representatives from the business community and the public, at least one of whom has one or more children who currently attend public school in this state, appointed by the governor.

(c) The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives shall make the appointments required by Subsection (b) in a timely fashion to permit the committee to comply with Section 39.002(a).

Sec. 39.002. COMMITTEE MEETINGS. (a) Not later than October 1, 2007, the committee shall hold an organizational meeting.

(b) The presiding officers described by Section 39.001(b)(1) serve as co-chairs of the committee.

(c) Committee meetings shall be held at the call of the co-chairs.

Sec. 39.003. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT. (a) A member of the committee is entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing committee duties.

(b) A legislative member of the committee is entitled to reimbursement from the appropriate fund of the house of the legislature in which the member serves.

(c) A member other than a legislative member is entitled to reimbursement from funds appropriated to the committee.

Sec. 39.004. COMMITTEE STAFF. Staff members of the standing committees described by Section 39.001(b)(1) shall serve as the staff of the committee.

Sec. 39.005. OBJECTIVES OF STUDY. (a) The committee shall conduct a comprehensive review of the public school accountability system. In conducting its review, the committee shall study the mission, organizational structure, design, processes, and practices of similar accountability systems in other states and the requirements established by federal law.

(b) A review under this section must include a thorough study of:

(1) each element of the accountability system prescribed by this chapter, with special emphasis on:

(A) the indicators used to determine accreditation status;

(B) rewards and incentives for campus excellence; and

(C) the responsibilities of the commissioner in assisting and, if necessary, imposing sanctions on districts that do not meet state performance standards;

(2) the extent to which the accountability system is aligned with the requirements prescribed by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. Section 6301 et seq.);

(3) the extent to which the accountability system reflects the public education mission, objectives, and goals provided by Chapter 4;

(4) the extent to which the accountability system meets public expectations;

(5) the extent to which the accountability system fairly and accurately reports the effectiveness of educators, instructional programs, support services, and financial expenditures and the impact of these elements on student achievement;

(6) the methods available to monitor the progress of each public school student, with special emphasis on methods to monitor demonstrable growth in academic achievement;

(7) the performance indicators that would successfully measure the effectiveness of the campus teaching and learning environment, including the effect of student discipline on that environment;

(8) the effectiveness of the accountability system in reporting the performance of open-enrollment charter schools and alternative education programs;

(9) the implementation of statewide assessment instruments, including specifically end-of-course assessment instruments;

(10) the extent to which the accountability system measures the performance of districts and campuses on important indicators and aspects of the educational process, other than student scores on standardized assessment instruments;

(11) the extent to which the accountability system clearly and accurately reports to parents and interested persons the overall performance of districts and campuses; and

(12) the extent to which the accountability system considers the different student demographics of districts and campuses.

(c) The committee shall conduct public hearings throughout the state and solicit testimony about the accountability system from parents of public school children and other interested persons. At least one public hearing must be held at a public school during a time that public school students are able to attend the hearing.

(d) The commissioner shall ensure that the committee has access to any documentation and agency personnel the committee requests.

(e) The Legislative Budget Board, comptroller, state auditor, and any other state agency, official, or personnel shall cooperate with the committee in carrying out its duties under this subchapter.

(f) The committee may coordinate the study under this subchapter with any other legislative study, as appropriate.

Sec. 39.006. REPORT. (a) Not later than December 1, 2008, the committee shall provide a report that:

(1) states the findings of the study conducted under this subchapter; and

(2) includes any recommendations for statutory changes.

(b) The report must be approved by a majority of the committee members. A member who disagrees with any part of the report may attach a dissenting statement to the report.

Sec. 39.007. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires January 13, 2009.

(2) In SECTION 17 of the bill (page 23, line 22), between "SECTION 17." and "Section", insert "(a)".

(3) In SECTION 17 of the bill (page 23, between lines 22 and 23), insert the following:

(b) Effective September 1, 2011, Subchapters C, D, and E,

Chapter 39, Education Code, are repealed.

(4) In SECTION 20 of the bill (page 24, line 20), strike "This Act" and substitute "Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this Act".