

1-1 By: Branch (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 2036
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2013;
1-3 May 10, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
1-4 Education; May 20, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;
1-6 May 20, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>Seliger</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Watson</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Birdwell</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Duncan</u>		X	
1-13	<u>Patrick</u>	X		
1-14	<u>West</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Zaffirini</u>	X		

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2036 By: Watson

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the creation of a commission to identify future higher
1-20 education and workforce needs of this state and make related
1-21 recommendations to address those needs by the state's bicentennial.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 4, Government Code, is amended
1-24 by adding Chapter 490F to read as follows:

1-25 CHAPTER 490F. TEXAS 2036 COMMISSION

1-26 Sec. 490F.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commission"
1-27 means the Texas 2036 Commission.

1-28 Sec. 490F.002. CREATION OF COMMISSION; COMPOSITION. (a)
1-29 The Texas 2036 Commission is created.

1-30 (b) The commission is composed of the following members:

1-31 (1) the presiding officer of the legislative standing
1-32 committee in each house of the legislature with primary
1-33 jurisdiction over higher education;

1-34 (2) the commissioner of higher education;

1-35 (3) the chair of the Texas Higher Education
1-36 Coordinating Board;

1-37 (4) the chair of the Texas Workforce Commission;

1-38 (5) the chair of a governing board of an institution of
1-39 higher education appointed by the governor;

1-40 (6) a trustee of a public junior college district
1-41 appointed by the governor;

1-42 (7) two persons appointed by the lieutenant governor,
1-43 one of whom must possess experience in the field of education; and

1-44 (8) two persons appointed by the speaker of the house
1-45 of representatives, one of whom must possess experience in the
1-46 field of education.

1-47 (c) Appointed members of the commission serve for two years
1-48 and may be reappointed.

1-49 (d) Appointments to the commission shall be made without
1-50 regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or
1-51 national origin of the appointee.

1-52 (e) A vacancy in an appointed office of the commission shall
1-53 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

1-54 Sec. 490F.003. OFFICERS. The members serving under Section
1-55 490F.002(b)(1) shall serve as presiding officers of the commission
1-56 and are entitled to vote on all matters before the commission.

1-57 Sec. 490F.004. COMPENSATION. A member of the commission
1-58 serves without compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for
1-59 actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing functions as a
1-60 member of the commission, subject to any applicable limitation on

2-1 reimbursement provided by the General Appropriations Act.

2-2 Sec. 490F.005. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at the
2-3 call of the presiding officers and as provided by commission rule.

2-4 Sec. 490F.006. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION. (a) The
2-5 commission may adopt rules as necessary for its procedures.

2-6 (b) The commission, with an emphasis on the changing
2-7 demographics of this state, shall:

2-8 (1) assess and identify future higher education and
2-9 workforce needs in the state and the state's ability to meet those
2-10 needs; and

2-11 (2) develop recommendations for meeting those needs by
2-12 the state's bicentennial in 2036, including recommendations for
2-13 achieving the following goals by that date:

2-14 (A) attaining a state workforce in which at least
2-15 60 percent of its workers hold a postsecondary credential,
2-16 certificate, or degree of value in the workplace;

2-17 (B) increasing by at least three the number of
2-18 institutions of higher education designated as research
2-19 institutions under the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's
2-20 accountability system;

2-21 (C) ensuring the alignment of workforce
2-22 development with higher education in this state;

2-23 (D) increasing the college-attending population
2-24 in this state to a level that is comparable to the best performing
2-25 states on that measure;

2-26 (E) improving the affordability of higher
2-27 education in this state while maintaining excellence; and

2-28 (F) ensuring the global competitiveness of the
2-29 state workforce.

2-30 Sec. 490F.007. REPORTS. Not later than January 1 of each
2-31 odd-numbered year, the commission shall report to the legislature
2-32 its assessment of the state's ability to meet the future higher
2-33 education and workforce needs of this state and its recommendations
2-34 for meeting those needs, including by achieving the goals
2-35 prescribed by Section 490F.006(b)(2).

2-36 Sec. 490F.008. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires and the
2-37 commission is abolished January 1, 2037.

2-38 SECTION 2. The governor, the lieutenant governor, and the
2-39 speaker of the house of representatives shall make the appointments
2-40 required by Section 490F.002, Government Code, as added by this
2-41 Act, not later than November 1, 2013.

2-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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