

SENATE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Higher Education
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Monday, October 13, 2014
PLACE: E1.012 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Kel Seliger

The Senate Higher Education Committee will take up the following charges:

Examine and make recommendations regarding alignment between high school coursework and expectations in freshman level college coursework. Study the impact of particular coursework, specifically mathematics (including Algebra II) and science courses, as predictors of college readiness and success.

Review and make recommendations regarding the use of dual credit coursework and other secondary school programs for college credit, including the academic rigor of such programs and predictive value for college success.

Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Higher Education, 83rd Legislature, Regular and Called Sessions, and make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance and/or complete implementation. Specifically, monitor the following:

- SB 414, relating to a study and report regarding authorizing certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs to address regional workforce needs;
- SB 62, relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of entering students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education;
- SB 28 (2011), relating to eligibility for a TEXAS grant and to administration of the TEXAS grant program; and
- HB 1244 (2011), relating to developmental education and the assessment of student readiness under the Texas Success Initiative and to students enrolled in developmental education at public institutions of higher education.

Public testimony will be limited to three (3) minutes. If submitting written testimony, please provide ten (10) copies with your name on each to the committee clerk.