

House Bill 2036
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

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(2) the commissioner of higher education;

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(4) the chair of the Texas Workforce Commission;

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

(6) a trustee of a public junior college district appointed by the governor;

(7) two persons possessing experience in the field of higher education appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(8) two persons appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom must possess experience in the field of higher education.

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Sec. 490F.003. OFFICERS. The commission shall elect one of its members to serve as chair for a term of two years. The chair is entitled to vote on all matters before the commission.

Sec. 490F.004. COMPENSATION. A member of the commission serves without compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing functions as a member of the commission, subject to any applicable limitation on reimbursement provided by the General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 490F.005. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at the call of the chair and as provided by commission rule.

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

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

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

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

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

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