

1-1 By: Taylor of Galveston S.B. No. 1200
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2015; March 17, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 16, 2015,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 16, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1200 By: Taylor of Galveston

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the creation of a commission to recommend a new system
1-23 for student assessment and public school accountability.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 39, Education Code, is amended by adding
1-26 Subchapter N to read as follows:

1-27 SUBCHAPTER N. TEXAS COMMISSION ON NEXT GENERATION ASSESSMENTS AND
1-28 ACCOUNTABILITY

1-29 Sec. 39.501. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "commission"
1-30 means the Texas Commission on Next Generation Assessments and
1-31 Accountability.

1-32 Sec. 39.502. TEXAS COMMISSION ON NEXT GENERATION
1-33 ASSESSMENTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY. (a) The Texas Commission on Next
1-34 Generation Assessments and Accountability is established to
1-35 develop and make recommendations for new systems of student
1-36 assessment and public school accountability.

1-37 (b) The commission is composed of 15 members, consisting of
1-38 the following:

1-39 (1) four members appointed by the governor;

1-40 (2) three members appointed by the lieutenant
1-41 governor;

1-42 (3) three members appointed by the speaker of the
1-43 house of representatives;

1-44 (4) the chair of the senate committee on education, or
1-45 a representative designated by the chair;

1-46 (5) the chair of the senate committee on higher
1-47 education, or a representative designated by the chair;

1-48 (6) the chair of the house of representatives
1-49 committee on public education, or a representative designated by
1-50 the chair;

1-51 (7) the chair of the house of representatives
1-52 committee on higher education, or a representative designated by
1-53 the chair; and

1-54 (8) a member of the State Board of Education, as
1-55 designated by the chair of that board.

1-56 (c) In making appointments under Subsections (b)(1), (2),
1-57 and (3), the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the
1-58 house of representatives shall coordinate to ensure that the
1-59 commission includes at least one of each of the following
1-60 representatives:

- 2-1 (1) a parent or person standing in parental relation
- 2-2 to a student enrolled in the public school system;
- 2-3 (2) an educator in the public school system;
- 2-4 (3) an educator in a school district that is a
- 2-5 participant in the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium under
- 2-6 Section 7.0561;
- 2-7 (4) a member of the business community;
- 2-8 (5) a member of the civic community;
- 2-9 (6) a leader in student assessment development and
- 2-10 use; and
- 2-11 (7) a leader in research concerning student assessment
- 2-12 and education outcomes.

2-13 Sec. 39.503. PRESIDING OFFICER. The governor shall

2-14 designate the presiding officer of the commission.

2-15 Sec. 39.504. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT. A member of

2-16 the commission is not entitled to compensation for service on the

2-17 commission but is entitled to reimbursement for actual and

2-18 necessary expenses incurred in performing commission duties.

2-19 Sec. 39.505. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND FUNDING.

2-20 (a) Staff members of the agency shall provide administrative

2-21 support for the commission.

2-22 (b) Funding for the administrative and operational expenses

2-23 of the commission shall be provided by appropriation to the agency

2-24 for that purpose.

2-25 Sec. 39.506. RECOMMENDATIONS. The commission shall develop

2-26 recommendations under this subchapter to address:

2-27 (1) the purpose of a state accountability system and

2-28 the role of student assessment in that system;

2-29 (2) opportunities to assess students that:

2-30 (A) provide actionable information for a parent

2-31 or person standing in parental relation to a student, an educator,

2-32 and the public;

2-33 (B) support learning activities;

2-34 (C) recognize application of skills and

2-35 knowledge;

2-36 (D) measure student educational growth toward

2-37 mastery; and

2-38 (E) value critical thinking;

2-39 (3) alignment of state performance standards with

2-40 college and career readiness requirements in collaboration with the

2-41 Texas Workforce Commission and Texas Higher Education Coordinating

2-42 Board;

2-43 (4) policy changes necessary to enable a student to

2-44 progress through subject matter and grade levels on demonstration

2-45 of mastery; and

2-46 (5) policy changes necessary to establish a student

2-47 assessment and public school accountability system that meets state

2-48 goals, is community based, promotes parent and community

2-49 involvement, and reflects the unique needs of each community.

2-50 Sec. 39.507. REPORT. (a) The commission shall prepare and

2-51 deliver a report to the governor and the legislature that

2-52 recommends statutory changes to improve systems of student

2-53 assessment and public school accountability not later than

2-54 September 1, 2016.

2-55 (b) In preparing the report, the commission shall consider

2-56 the recommendations of the Texas High Performance Schools

2-57 Consortium established under Section 7.0561, including

2-58 recommendations related to innovative, next-generation learning

2-59 standards and assessment and accountability systems.

2-60 Sec. 39.508. PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION.

2-61 (a) The commission may hold public meetings as needed to fulfill

2-62 its duties under this subchapter.

2-63 (b) The commission is subject to Chapters 551 and 552,

2-64 Government Code.

2-65 Sec. 39.509. COMMISSION ABOLISHED; EXPIRATION OF

2-66 SUBCHAPTER. (a) The commission is abolished January 1, 2017.

2-67 (b) This subchapter expires January 1, 2017.

2-68 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-69 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

3-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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