

** REVISION **

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Public Education
TIME & DATE: 9:30 AM, Wednesday, May 11, 2016
PLACE: E2.036
CHAIR: Rep. Jimmie Don Aycok

The committee will meet to hear invited and public testimony regarding the following interim charge:

Review current policies and rules to protect students from inappropriate teacher-student relationships. Examine efforts by the Texas Education Agency, school districts, law enforcement and the courts to investigate and prosecute educators for criminal conduct. Recommend needed improvements to promote student safety, including examining current criminal penalties, superintendent reporting requirements, teacher certification sanctions and the documentation provided in school district separation agreements. Review school employee training and educational efforts to promote student safety.

The committee will recess after invited and public testimony on the charge above, then reconvene at 12:30 p.m. to hear invited and public testimony regarding the following interim charge:

Examine the accessibility to broadband services for schools, libraries, and institutions of higher education. Study the feasibility and affordability of providing scalable broadband to schools and other public institutions. Research federal and state funding opportunities to support increased access to broadband. Review innovative efforts by school districts to integrate technology in the classroom. Explore ways to enhance high-tech digital learning opportunities in the classroom to improve student achievement and fulfill future workforce demands.

The committee will hear invited testimony only regarding the following interim charge:

Conduct legislative oversight and monitoring of the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction.

Public testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes.

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance, such as a sign language interpreter, are requested to contact Stacey Nicchio at (512) 463-0850, 72 hours prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.