



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 Amend H.B. No. 21 by adding the following appropriately
2 numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS
3 of the bill accordingly:

4 On Page 26, line 10 add a new Section 33 and renumber the
5 remaining sections appropriately.

6 SECTION 33. Study on weights, allotments, efficiencies and
7 operation of schools.

- 8 (1) TEXAS COMMISSION ON SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING, WEIGHTS,
9 ALLOTMENTS, OPERATIONS AND EFFICIENCY. (a) The Texas
10 Commission on School District Funding, Weights,
11 Allotments, Operations and Efficiency is established to
12 develop and make recommendations for a new system of
13 funding and operation of Texas schools.
14 (b) The Commission is composed of 15 members, consisting
15 of the following:
16 (1) four members appointed by the governor;
17 (2) three members appointed by the lieutenant governor;
18 (3) three members appointed by the speaker of the house
19 of representatives;
20 (4) the chair of the senate committee on education, or a
21 representative designated by the chair;
22 (5) the chair of the senate committee on higher
23 education, or a representative designated by the
24 chair;
25 (6) the chair of the house of representatives committee
26 on public education, or a representative designated
27 by the chair;

(7) the chair of the house of representatives committee on higher education, or a representative designated by the chair;

(8) a member of the State Board of Education, as designated by the chair of the board

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

(1) a parent or person standing in parental relation to a student enrolled in the public school system;

(2) an educator in the public school system;

(3) a member of the business community

(4) a member of the civic community

(5) a member of an organization affected by the operation of school year operations

(6) a researcher on school finance and the operation of schools

(7) a leader in research concerning the operation of schools in other states and countries

PRESIDING OFFICER. The governor shall designate the presiding officer of the commission.

COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT. A member of the commission is not entitled to compensation for service on the commission but it entitled for reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing commission duties.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND FUNDING.

(a) Staff members of the agency shall provide administrative support for the commission.

(b) Funding for the administrative and operational expenses of the commission shall be provided to the agency for that purpose.

RECOMMENDATIONS. The commission shall develop recommendations under this subchapter to address:

- (1) The purpose of the funding system of public education including foundational support as well as categorical programs and targeted funding.
- (2) The appropriate level of funding based on demographics, geography and costs of education in various parts of the state.
- (3) Equity of funding among and within school districts.
- (4) School facilities funding
- (5) The appropriate level of state funding as well as local school district funding
- (6) Promotion of innovation as well as advanced academic learning and college readiness
- (7) Recommendations on school district operations including the school calendar, first and last dates of instruction.
- (8) School district operating costs and mechanisms to improve school district efficiencies.

REPORT. The commission shall report recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the house of representatives by December 1 2018.

COMMISSION ABOLISHED. The Commission is abolished January 1, 2019. This Subchapter expires January 1, 2019.