

The House Committee on Public Education

85th Legislature

August 8, 2018

9:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on July 27, 2018, the House Committee on Public Education met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Huberty, at 9:12 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Huberty; Allen; Bohac; Deshotel; Gooden; King, Ken; and Koop.

A quorum was present.

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(Representative Dutton now present.)

The committee discussed recent issues that have developed with the public school accountability system.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Bernal now present.)

(Representative VanDeaver now present.)

(Representative Meyer now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The committee considered the following interim charge:

Review current state mechanisms for identifying and rewarding educators through state-level strategies. Examine how providing additional funding to enhance compensation in districts facing a shortage of experienced, highly rated teachers would affect retention and teacher quality, in addition to whether it would encourage teachers to provide additional services through extracurricular activities, tutoring, and mentoring.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The committee considered the following interim charge:

Review the charter school system in Texas. Determine if changes are needed in the granting, renewal, or revocation of charter schools, including the timeline for expansions and notification of expansions to surrounding districts. Review the educational outcomes of students in charter schools compared to those in traditional schools, and to what extent schools participate in the alternative accountability system. Monitor the implementation of facilities funding for charter schools. Consider differences in state funding for charter schools compared to their surrounding districts and the impact on the state budget. Consider admissions policies for charters, including appropriate data collection to assess demand for additional charter enrollment, compliance with access by students with disabilities and the effect of exclusions of students with criminal or disciplinary histories. Consider differences in charter and district contributions to the Teacher Retirement System on behalf of their employees and make appropriate recommendations to support the retirement benefits of all public school teachers.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

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At 5:52 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Huberty, Chair

Amy Peterson, Clerk