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Senate Committee on Higher Education

Charge: Improvements in teacher preparation and certification programs

- ["NCTQ's New Report on Teacher Preparation: What Does it Mean for Texas?"](#) *Teach the Vote*, June 18, 2014 and [Teacher Prep Review 2014 Report](#), National Council on Teacher Quality, June 2014
- ["Education Dept. to Move Forward With Plans for Improving Teacher Preparation,"](#) *Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 25, 2014
- [Preparing and Licensing Effective Teachers](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, November 1, 2013

Charges: Impact of technology on education instruction

- "5 Things Researchers Have Discovered About MOOCs" (blog), *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 27, 2014
- *MOOCs: Expectations and Reality*, Center for Benefit-Cost Studies of Education, May 2014
- "The 6 Most Important Technologies To Impact Teaching and Learning in the Next 5 Years," *Campus Technology*, February 3, 2014
- *NMC Horizon Report > 2014 Higher Education Edition*, New Media Consortium, January 28, 2014
- "What 5 Tech Experts Expect in 2014," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, January 6, 2014
- *Grade Change: Tracking Online Education in the United States*, BABSON Survey Research Group, January 2014

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House Select Committee on [Economic Development Incentives](#)

Topic: Overall examination of the use of incentives as an economic development tool

- "Prove it!" *State Legislatures*, National Conference of State Legislatures, January 2014
- *Texas Emerging Technology Fund: FY 2013 Legislative Report*, Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism, August 2013
- *Interim Report to the 83rd Legislature*, Select Committee on Economic Development, February 3, 2013
- *Texas Enterprise Fund: 2013 Legislative Report*, Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism, 2013
- *Evidence Counts: Evaluating State Tax Incentives for Jobs and Growth*, Pew Center on the States, April 2012
- *Tax-Related State and Local Economic Development Programs*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, March 2012
- *Economic Development in Texas: Programs and Incentives*, TTARA Research Foundation, September 2011
- *Economic Development and Tourism - Incentive Programs*, Office of the Governor

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House Select Committee on [Child Protection](#)

- [Committee Meeting Handouts](#) (Hearing packets), House Select Committee on Child Protection, July 1, 2014

Topic: Child welfare system: regulatory policy and contract oversight

- *Contract Oversight and Support (COS)*, Texas Department of Family & Protective Services
- *DFPS Contracting Policies*, Texas Department of Family & Protective Services
- *Contracting with DFPS to Provide Residential Child Care*, Texas Department of Family & Protective Services, June 20, 2014

Topic: Foster and kinship families

- *Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report with Hearing Materials* (Issues 2, 3, 4, 5), Texas Department of Family & Protective Services, June 2014
- *Recommendation to propose rule changes in 40 TAC ch. 749, Minimum standards for child placing agencies, relating to foster home screenings and verifications and the supervision of foster homes*, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Council, April 4, 2014
- *Foster Care*, Texas Department of Family & Protective Services
- *Kinship Care*, Texas Department of Family & Protective Services
- *Foster Care Redesign* (Improving Child and Youth Placement Outcomes: A System Redesign), Texas Department of Family & Protective Services
- *Interim Report to the 83rd Texas Legislature* (Charge 1 – Foster Care Redesign), House Committee on Human Services, January 2013
- *Interim Report to the 83rd Legislature* (Charge 9C – Foster Care Redesign), Texas Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, December 2012

Topic: Child welfare system: reporting maltreatment

- "Fostering Neglect," *Texas Observer*, May 29, 2014
- *Safeguarding Children in Texas Foster Care*, (See *Oversight and Monitoring Foster Homes*), Texans Care for Children, April 2014

Joint Committee on *Human Trafficking*

Topics: Ways to further combat human trafficking along the Texas border and region, Services available to victims

- *Introduction to Human Trafficking: A Guide for Texas Education Professionals*, Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force, Office of the Attorney General, July 2014

- "Texas Officials Consider Next Steps in Fight Against Child Trafficking," *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, June 29, 2014
- *Assessing the Threat of Human Trafficking in Texas*, Texas Department of Public Safety, April 2014