

Interim Hearings - Week of October 13, 2014

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Senate Committee on [Higher Education](#)

Charge: Alignment between high school and freshman level college coursework, specifically mathematics (including Algebra II) and science courses

- [The Condition of College & Career Readiness 2014](#) (Texas), and [ACT Profile Report – State](#) (Graduation Class 2014: Texas), The ACT, 2014
- [Presentation: New Texas Success Initiative Assessment: Creating a single statewide college-readiness standard \(pdf\)](#) (Pages 9-12), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, March 26, 2014
- [College for All: Gaps Between Desirable and Actual P-12 Math Achievement Trajectories for College Readiness](#), Educational Researcher, March 2012

Charge: Use of dual credit coursework and other secondary school programs for college credit

- [Onramps: Accelerating Success](#), Civitas Learning Space, June 3, 2014
- [Research Study of Texas Dual Credit Programs and Courses](#), American Institutes of Research, March, 2011
- [A Study of Dual Credit Access and Effectiveness in the State of Texas](#), Greater Texas Foundation, May 2011

Charge: Implementation of legislation, specifically, the following:

- [SB 414](#), 83rd Legislature, R.S. (2013), relating to a study and report regarding authorizing certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs to address regional workforce needs
- [Assessing the Potential to Expand Community College Baccalaureate Programs in Texas](#), Rand Corporation, August 28, 2014
- [SB 62](#), 83rd Legislature, R.S. (2013), relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of entering students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education
- [Know More About Your College Vaccine Requirements](#) and [Meningococcal Vaccine Requirements](#), Texas Department of State Health Services
- [SB 28](#), 82nd Legislature, R.S. (2011), relating to eligibility for a TEXAS grant and to administration of the TEXAS grant program
- [Texas Grant](#), College for All Texans, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- [TEXAS Grant College Readiness Reform Act \(pdf\)](#) (SB 28), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- [HB 1244](#), 82nd Legislature, R.S. (2011), relating to developmental education and the assessment of student readiness under the Texas Success Initiative and to students enrolled in developmental education at public institutions of higher education
- [Developmental Education/Texas Success Initiative](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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Joint Interim Committee on [Education Policy for a Skilled Workforce](#)

Charge: Career and technical education's impact on high school graduation, transitions to postsecondary education, industry-based certification, a postsecondary certificate, or an associate's degree

Charge: High school career and technical education, career exploration, and curricula that align with postsecondary programs and employer-based training

- *Workforce: Capitalizing on our Human Assets*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, July 23, 2014
- *The Pathways to Prosperity Network: a State Progress Report, 2012-2014*, Jobs for the Future, June 2014
- *Career and Technical Education: States Aligning Education to Meet Workforce Needs, Progress of Education Reform*, Education Commission of the States, April 2014
- *Career Readiness Assessments Across the States: a Summary of Survey Findings*, Center on Education Policy, October 2013
- *How Career and Technical Education Can Help Students Be College and Career Ready: A Primer*, College & Career Readiness & Success Center, American Institutes of Research, March 2013

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

Topics: Financial tools, permitting process, key tax incentives, and needs for small businesses

- *An Audit report on the Texas Enterprise Fund at the Office of the Governor*, State Auditor's Office, September 2014
- *Incentives & Financing*, Texas Economic Development Corporation
- *Guides and Resources*, Texas Secretary of State
- *Obtain Business Licenses & Permits* (Texas), The U.S. Small Business Administration
- *Small Business Incentives*, Texas Economic Development Corporation
- *Start a Business*, Texas Economic Development Corporation
- *Tax Code Chapter 313 — Value Limitation and Tax Credits*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- *The Texas Business Advisor*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

House Committees on [Land & Resource Management](#) and [Urban Affairs](#) (Joint Hearing, 10:30 A.M.)

Examine population growth in Texas and evaluate Texas' preparedness to respond to future growth and ensure economic stability

- *Demographic Trends in Texas: Implications for the Future of Real Estate* (presentation), Office of the State Demographer, October 2, 2014

- "Why Everybody is Moving to Texas," CNN Mney, September 29, 2014
- Texas Population Characteristics, Trends, and Projections (presentation), Office of the State Demographer, August 5, 2014
- "Water Planners Focus on Bigger Texas, Not a Hotter One," *Texas Tribune*, July 14, 2014
- "Some Worry Traffic Issues Will Stem Texas' Growth," *Texas Tribune*, July 9, 2014
- "Everything's Bigger, and Still Getting Bigger, in Texas," *U.S. News & World Report*, May 22, 2014
- "Texas Isn't Just Leading the Nation in Job Growth—It's Doing it More Equitably, Too," *Washington Post*, March 7, 2014
- "Coming to Our Census," *Texas Monthly*, March 2014
- "Texas Trails for Fastest-Growing State, but More Than 1,000 People a Day Have Still Been Moving There," PolitiFact, *Austin American-Statesman*, January 16, 2014
- Texas Population Projections, 2010 to 2050 (presentation), Office of the State Demographer, January 2013
- The Texas Population is constantly growing..., Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Texas QuickFacts from the US Census Bureau

House Committee on Urban Affairs, 1:00 P.M

Charge: Strategies to address chronic graffiti problem

- "Graffiti Sentencing Reform Faces Uphill Fight," *Texas Tribune*, April 2, 2013
- *Effective Approaches for Reducing Graffiti in Texas*, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, 2013
- *Graffiti Abatement Programs in Texas*, Texas Attorney General

Charge: Recommendations in report by Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services (TCCVS), homeless veterans

- *Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services Second Report*, Texas Veterans Commission, October 1, 2014
- *The 2013 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress, Section 5: Homelessness Among Veterans*, U.S. Department of Department of Housing and Urban Development, November 2013

Charge: Legislative oversight and monitoring of agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction

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House Committee on [Public Education](#)

Charge: School district governance, effective relationship between board and superintendent

- [School Superintendents: Vital or Irrelevant?](#), Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings Institution, September 2014
- [Does School Board Leadership Matter?](#), Thomas B. Fordham Institute, March 2014
- [Framework for School Board Development](#), State Board of Education/Texas Education Agency, Revised July 2012
- [Office of School Governance](#), Texas Education Agency
- [K-12 State Governance Database](#), Education Commission of the States

Charge: Role of the Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) in serving school districts

[History of HCDE](#), Harris County Department of Education

House Committee on [Licensing & Administrative Procedures](#)

Charge: Evaluate and consider cost-saving technologies and programs used by the Department of Licensing and Regulation to increase efficiencies and access to those with licensing occupations.

- [Strategic Plan for the Fiscal Years 2015-2019](#) and [Additional Plans](#) (Impact of Technology on Current Agency Operations), Texas Commission of Licensing & Regulation and the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation, June 2014

Charge: Expand the right of individuals to challenge occupational licensing rules and regulations; identify occupational licenses that may not be necessary for public safety or health.

- [Rulemaking](#), Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
- [Licensing and Regulations – Occupations](#) and [State Health Services Council – Rules in Progress](#), Texas Department of State Health Services
- [Licensing and Proposed Rule Changes](#), Texas Medical Board, Texas Physician Assistant Board, State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

Charge: Effect of [HB 3038](#), 83rd Legislature, R. S. on multi-state auction companies, as well as business-to-business auctions.

- [Auctioneers](#), Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
- [Auctioneer Education Advisory Board Meeting Open Forum on House Bill 3038](#), Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, August 28, 2014

Charge: Legislative oversight and monitoring of the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 83rd Legislature.