

Interim Hearings – Week of November 9, 2020

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Charge: Digital Learning: Assess the Texas Virtual School Network and the new Texas Home Learning System to evaluate effectiveness of each and recommend model legislation to improve digital learning options for students, families, and educators.

- [In-Person and Online Learning Go Together](#) (Policy Brief), Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, August 2020
- [Virtual School Policies](#) (Policy Snapshot), Education Commission of the States, December 2019
- [Report to the 83rd Legislature](#) (Charge 3 – Virtual schools), Senate Committee on Education, January 2013
- [COVID-19 Support: Texas Home Learning](#), Texas Education Agency
- [Texas Virtual School Network](#), Texas Education Agency

Charge: Special Education: Evaluate ongoing strategies to continuously improve special education services for students in public schools, including methods for educating students in a remote setting, as well as the Texas Education Agency's corrective action plan.

- ["Governor Abbott, TEA \[Texas Education Agency\] Establish Targeted Education Funds for Families of Students with Cognitive Disabilities](#) (Press Release)," Office of the Texas Governor, October 21, 2020
- [Letter from Laurie VanderPloeg, Director, Office of Special Education Programs, United States Department of Education, to the Honorable Mike Mbrath, Commissioner, Texas Education Agency](#) (Includes an enclosure – OSEP's Analysis of the Texas Education Agency's Implementation of its Corrective Action Response), October 19, 2020
- [Annual State Application Under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Act as Amended in 2004 for Federal Fiscal Year 2019](#), Texas Education Agency, May 17, 2019
- [Special Education: Varied State Criteria May Contribute to Differences in Percentages of Children Served](#), United States Government Accountability

Office, April 2019

- *House Bill 2130: Study of Statewide Assessment Program in Relation to Students in Special Education Programs* (Report to the Texas Legislature), Texas Education Agency, January 30, 2019
- *Report to the Governor of Texas and Texas Legislature*, Continuing Advisory Committee for Special Education, January 2019
- *Letter from Mike Mbrath, Commissioner of Education, Texas Education Agency to Laurie VanderPloeg, Director, Office of Special Education Programs, United States Department of Education* (Includes documentation related to the Texas Education Agency's implementation of the Corrective Action Response), December 21, 2018
- *Letter from Ruth E. Ryder, Acting Director, Office of Special Education Programs, United States Department of Education, to the Honorable Mike Mbrath, Commissioner, Texas Education Agency* (Response to the Texas Education Agency Corrective Action Response), October 19, 2018
- *Special Education Strategic Plan*, Texas Education Agency, April 23, 2018

Charge: Monitoring: Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Education passed by the 86th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:

- *House Bill 3*, relating to public school finance and public education.
- *There's a New School Finance Law in Texas..Now What?*, Center for Public Policy Priorities, March 2020
- *HB 3 Implementation Update* (Presentation to House Committee on Public Education), Texas Education Agency, October 28, 2019
- *Minimum Salary Schedule Increase Pursuant to House Bill 3 (HB3) and House Bill 3 (HB3) Implementation: Salary Increases* (Correspondence to the Administrator Addressed), Texas Education Agency, June 11, 2019
- *HB 3 by Huberty: A True School Finance Overhaul*, Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, June 2019
- *House Bill 3*, Texas Education Agency
- *House Bill 3906*, relating to the assessment of public school students, including the development and administration of assessment instruments, and technology permitted for use by students.
 - *House Bill 3906*, Texas Education Agency

Charge: Examine best practices by school districts and charters in providing education during the COVID-19 pandemic, including methods of delivery for education. Highlight

the best practice responses to challenges such as a lack of electronic devices and broadband/internet connection, as well as methods utilized to ensure students maintain growth throughout the academic year.

- *"Will the Pandemic Change the Way We Deliver K-12 Education?"*, *State Legislatures*, National Conference of State Legislatures, October 6, 2020
- *Learning in Real Time: How Charter Schools Serve Students During COVID-19 Closures*, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, August 2020
- *COVID-19: Education Bill Tracking Database*, National Conference of State Legislatures, July 17, 2020
- *Public Education's Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic*, National Conference of State Legislatures, May 4, 2020
- *COVID-19 Pandemic* (COVID-19 Outline Series; State Legislative Development on Key Issues: Assessments and Accountability, Finance, In-Person Learning, Student Health and Wellness, Student Transitions, Teachers, and Virtual/Hybrid Learning), Education Commission of the States