

Interim Hearings - Weeks of February 13 and 20, 2012

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Friday, February 17th, 2012

House Committee on Public Education

Charge 3: Charter school system in Texas, successes and failures in Texas and other states, comparison of charter school educational outcomes with traditional schools, best practices

- [Charter-School Management Organizations: Diverse Strategies and Diverse Student Impacts](#), Mathematica Policy Research, Center on Reinventing Public Education, November 2011
- [Do Charter Schools Improve Student Achievement? Evidence From a National Randomized Study](#), Mathematica Policy Research, U.S. Department of Education, December 2011
- [The Evaluation of Charter School Impacts: Final Report](#), U.S. Department of Education, Institute for Educational Research, June 2010
- [Evaluation of New Texas Charter Schools \(2007-10\): Final Report](#), Texas Center for Educational Research, Prepared for Texas Education Agency, July 2011
- [Measuring Up to the Model: A Ranking of State Charter School Laws](#), Second Edition, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, January 2011

Tuesday, February 21st, 2012

House Committee on Higher Education

Charge 2: Transfer pathways within the state's higher education system, impact of transferability on timely degree completion, and the "2+2" model as a low-cost degree option

- [Affordability and Transfer: Critical to Increasing Baccalaureate Degree Completion](#), The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, June 2011
- [Implementing Statewide Transfer & Articulation Reform: An Analysis of Transfer Associate Degrees in Four States](#), Center for the Study of Community Colleges, April 2011
- [Improving Student Transfer from Community Colleges to Four-Year Institutions - The Perspective of Leaders from Baccalaureate-Granting Institutions](#), The College Board, July 2011
- [Promising Practices in Statewide Articulation and Transfer Systems](#), Western

Interstate Commission for Higher Education, June 2010

- *Transfer and Articulation from Community Colleges to Four-Year Institutions: Hope on the Horizon*, The SOURCE on Community College Issues, Trends & Strategies, October 9, 2011
- *Transfer Policies and Resources*, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

House Committee on Technology

Charge 2: Benefits and financial costs associated with modernizing 911 call centers to connect dispatchers with callers using mobile means of communication during a time of emergency.

- *A Basis for Public Funding Essential to Bringing a Nationwide Next Generation 911 Network to America's Communications Users and First Responders*, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, September 2011
- *Funding Emergency Communications: Technology and Policy Considerations*, Congressional Research Service, January 5, 2012
- *Next Generation 911: Reports*, Commission on State Emergency Communications
- *Research Success Stories: Next Generation 911*, U.S. Department of Transportation, Intelligent Transportation Systems

Charge 3: Federal broadband expansion programs in rural areas

- *Bringing Broadband to Rural America: Update to Report on Rural Broadband Strategy*, Federal Communications Commission, June 17, 2011
- *Broadband Availability in Urban vs. Rural Areas*, National Broadband Map, September 2011
- *Broadband Landscape* (broadband maps), Connected Texas
- *The Broadband Landscape in the State of Texas: Assessment at a State, Regional & Local Level, and Recommendations for Broadband Expansion*, Connected Texas, March 2011

House Committee on Appropriations

Topic: Invited testimony from Comptroller of Public Accounts, Legislative Budget Board, and State Auditor's Office

Wednesday, February 22nd, 2012

House Committee on Government Efficiency & Reform **CANCELLED**

Charge 2: Utilization of alternative project delivery methods, such as design-build and construction-manager-at-risk, since **HB 1886**, 80th Legislature

- *Design-Build and Alternative Project Delivery Issues in Texas*, Texas Council of Engineering Companies, November 2007

- *A Guidebook for the Evaluation of Project Delivery Methods*, Transit Cooperative Research Program, April 2009

Charge 3: Interagency agreements and charges for providing information or personal identification documents

- *A Call to Action: Information Exchange Strategies for Effective State Government*, National Association of State Chief Information Officers, April 2011
- *Protecting Texans' Identities: The Challenges of Securing Privacy in Transparent Government*, Texas Comptroller, December 2010
- *The State of Texas Improves Information Sharing Through Adoption of National Information Exchange Model Standards*, UniSys, 2008