

1-1 By: Taylor of Galveston S.B. No. 1771
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 24, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 28, 2015,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0;
 1-5 April 28, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Garcia	X			
1-12 Huffines	X			
1-13 Kolkhorst	X			
1-14 Rodríguez	X			
1-15 Seliger			X	
1-16 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. Sections 7.0561(b), (c), (d), and (j), Education
 1-24 Code, are amended to read as follows:
 1-25 (b) The Texas High Performance Schools Consortium is
 1-26 established to inform the governor, legislature, State Board of
 1-27 Education, and commissioner concerning methods for transforming
 1-28 public schools in this state by improving student learning through
 1-29 the development of innovative, next-generation learning standards
 1-30 and assessment and accountability systems.
 1-31 (c) From among school districts and eligible
 1-32 open-enrollment charter schools that apply using the form and in
 1-33 the time and manner established by commissioner rule, the
 1-34 commissioner may select not more than 30 [20] participants for the
 1-35 consortium. The districts selected by the commissioner must
 1-36 represent a range of district types, sizes, and diverse student
 1-37 populations, as determined by the commissioner in accordance with
 1-38 commissioner rule. To be eligible to participate in the
 1-39 consortium, an open-enrollment charter school must have been
 1-40 awarded a [an exemplary] distinction designation under Subchapter
 1-41 G, Chapter 39, during the preceding school year.
 1-42 (d) The number of students enrolled in consortium
 1-43 participants may not be greater than a number equal to 10 [five]
 1-44 percent of the total number of students enrolled in public schools
 1-45 in this state according to the most recent agency data.
 1-46 (j) The [~~With the assistance of the~~] school districts and
 1-47 open-enrollment charter schools participating in the consortium[~~and~~
 1-48 ~~the commissioner~~] shall submit reports concerning the performance
 1-49 and progress of the consortium to the governor, [~~and~~] the
 1-50 legislature, the State Board of Education, and the commissioner not
 1-51 later than December 1 of each even-numbered year[~~, 2012, and not~~
 1-52 ~~later than December 1, 2014~~]. [~~The report submitted not later than~~
 1-53 ~~December 1, 2012, must include any recommendation by the~~
 1-54 ~~commissioner concerning legislative authorization for the~~
 1-55 ~~commissioner to waive a prohibition, requirement, or restriction~~
 1-56 ~~that applies to a consortium participant. That report must also~~
 1-57 ~~include a plan for an effective and efficient accountability system~~
 1-58 ~~for consortium participants that balances academic excellence and~~
 1-59 ~~local values to inspire learning and, at the state level,~~
 1-60 ~~contingent on any necessary waiver of federal law, may incorporate~~
 1-61 ~~use of a stratified random sampling of students or other objective~~

2-1 ~~methodology to hold consortium participants accountable while~~
2-2 ~~attempting to reduce the number of state assessment instruments~~
2-3 ~~that are required to be administered to students. The commissioner~~
2-4 ~~shall seek a federal waiver, to any extent necessary, to prepare for~~
2-5 ~~implementation of the plan if enacted by the legislature. This~~
2-6 ~~subsection expires January 1, 2018.]~~

2-7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-11 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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