

1-1 By: Taylor of Galveston S.B. No. 2144
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 29, 2017, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 1, 2017,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 1, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	<u>Taylor of Galveston</u>	X		
1-9	<u>Lucio</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Bettencourt</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Campbell</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Hall</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Huffines</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Hughes</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Seliger</u>	X		
1-16	<u>Taylor of Collin</u>	X		
1-17	<u>Uresti</u>	X		
1-18	<u>West</u>	X		

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2144 By: Taylor of Galveston

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the creation of a commission to recommend improvements
1-23 to the public school finance system.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 42, Education Code, is amended by adding
1-26 Subchapter L to read as follows:

1-27 SUBCHAPTER L. TEXAS COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE

1-28 Sec. 42.601. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "commission"
1-29 means the Texas Commission on Public School Finance.

1-30 Sec. 42.602. TEXAS COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE.

1-31 (a) The Texas Commission on Public School Finance is established
1-32 to develop and make recommendations for improvements to the current
1-33 public school finance system or for new methods of financing public
1-34 schools.

1-35 (b) The commission is composed of 15 members, consisting of
1-36 the following:

1-37 (1) four members appointed by the governor;

1-38 (2) three members appointed by the lieutenant
1-39 governor;

1-40 (3) three members appointed by the speaker of the
1-41 house of representatives;

1-42 (4) the chair of the senate committee on education, or
1-43 a representative designated by the chair;

1-44 (5) the chair of the senate committee on finance, or a
1-45 representative designated by the chair;

1-46 (6) the chair of the house of representatives
1-47 committee on public education, or a representative designated by
1-48 the chair;

1-49 (7) the chair of the house of representatives
1-50 committee on appropriations, or a representative designated by the
1-51 chair; and

1-52 (8) a member of the State Board of Education, as
1-53 designated by the chair of that board.

1-54 (c) In making appointments under Subsections (b)(1), (2),
1-55 and (3), the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the
1-56 house of representatives shall coordinate to ensure that the
1-57 commission includes at least one of each of the following
1-58 representatives:

1-59 (1) an administrator in the public school system or an
1-60 elected member of the board of trustees of a school district;

2-1 (2) a member of the business community; and
2-2 (3) a member of the civic community.

2-3 Sec. 42.603. PRESIDING OFFICER. The governor shall
2-4 designate the presiding officer of the commission.

2-5 Sec. 42.604. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT. A member of
2-6 the commission is not entitled to compensation for service on the
2-7 commission but is entitled to reimbursement for actual and
2-8 necessary expenses incurred in performing commission duties.

2-9 Sec. 42.605. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND FUNDING.
2-10 (a) Staff members of the agency shall provide administrative
2-11 support for the commission.

2-12 (b) Funding for the administrative and operational expenses
2-13 of the commission shall be provided by appropriation to the agency
2-14 for that purpose.

2-15 Sec. 42.606. RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) The commission shall
2-16 develop recommendations under this subchapter to address issues
2-17 related to the public school finance system, including:

2-18 (1) the purpose of the public school finance system
2-19 and the relationship between state and local funding in that
2-20 system;

2-21 (2) the appropriate levels of local maintenance and
2-22 operations and interest and sinking fund tax effort necessary to
2-23 implement a public school finance system that complies with the
2-24 requirements under the Texas Constitution; and

2-25 (3) policy changes to the public school finance system
2-26 necessary to adjust for student demographics and the geographic
2-27 diversity in the state.

2-28 (b) The commission may establish one or more working groups
2-29 composed of not more than five members of the commission to study,
2-30 discuss, and address specific policy issues and recommendations to
2-31 refer to the commission for consideration.

2-32 Sec. 42.607. REPORT. Not later than December 31, 2018, the
2-33 commission shall prepare and deliver a report to the governor and
2-34 the legislature that recommends statutory changes to improve the
2-35 public school finance system, including any adjustments to funding
2-36 to account for student demographics.

2-37 Sec. 42.608. PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION.
2-38 (a) The commission may hold public meetings as needed to fulfill
2-39 its duties under this subchapter.

2-40 (b) The commission is subject to Chapters 551 and 552,
2-41 Government Code.

2-42 Sec. 42.609. COMMISSION ABOLISHED; EXPIRATION OF
2-43 SUBCHAPTER. (a) The commission is abolished January 8, 2019.

2-44 (b) This subchapter expires January 8, 2019.

2-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-46 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-47 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-48 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-49 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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