

1-1 By: Taylor S.B. No. 2431  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2019; March 21, 2019, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 16, 2019,  
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 16, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2431 By: Taylor

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

1-22 relating to the creation of a committee to recommend a framework to  
1-23 incorporate digital teaching and learning in public schools.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 39, Education Code, is amended by adding  
1-26 Subchapter O to read as follows:

1-27 SUBCHAPTER O. NEXT GENERATION COMMISSION ON DIGITAL LEARNING

1-28 Sec. 39.601. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "commission"  
1-29 means the Next Generation Commission on Digital Learning.

1-30 Sec. 39.602. NEXT GENERATION COMMISSION ON DIGITAL  
1-31 LEARNING. (a) The Next Generation Commission on Digital Learning  
1-32 is established to develop and make recommendations for establishing  
1-33 a framework for the incorporation of digital teaching and learning  
1-34 in public 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 higher  
1-45 education, or a representative designated by the chair;

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

1-48 (7) the chair of the house of representatives  
1-49 committee on higher education, or a representative designated by  
1-50 the chair; and

1-51 (8) a member of the State Board of Education, as  
1-52 designated by the chair of that board.

1-53 (c) In making appointments under Subsections (b)(1), (2),  
1-54 and (3), the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the  
1-55 house of representatives shall coordinate to ensure that the  
1-56 commission includes at least one of each of the following  
1-57 representatives:

1-58 (1) a parent of or person standing in parental  
1-59 relation to a student enrolled in the public school system;

1-60 (2) an educator in the public school system;

2-1 (3) an educator in a school district that is a  
2-2 participant in the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium under  
2-3 Section 7.0561;

2-4 (4) a member of the business community;

2-5 (5) a member of the civic community;

2-6 (6) a leader in digital teaching and learning; and

2-7 (7) a leader in researching the impact of digital  
2-8 teaching and learning on student performance.

2-9 Sec. 39.603. PRESIDING OFFICER. The governor shall  
2-10 designate the presiding officer of the commission.

2-11 Sec. 39.604. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT. A member of  
2-12 the commission is not entitled to compensation for service on the  
2-13 commission but is entitled to reimbursement for actual and  
2-14 necessary expenses incurred in performing commission duties.

2-15 Sec. 39.605. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND FUNDING.  
2-16 (a) Staff members of the agency shall provide administrative  
2-17 support for the commission.

2-18 (b) Funding for the administrative and operational expenses  
2-19 of the commission shall be provided by appropriation to the agency  
2-20 for that purpose.

2-21 Sec. 39.606. RECOMMENDATIONS. The commission shall develop  
2-22 recommendations under this subchapter to:

2-23 (1) provide a funding proposal to present to the  
2-24 legislature for digital teaching and learning in elementary and  
2-25 secondary schools that includes funding to:

2-26 (A) improve student outcomes through the use of  
2-27 digital teaching and learning technology; and

2-28 (B) provide high-quality professional learning  
2-29 for educators to improve student outcomes through the use of  
2-30 digital teaching and learning technology;

2-31 (2) develop a framework for effective statewide  
2-32 deployment of digital teaching and learning materials in elementary  
2-33 and secondary schools; and

2-34 (3) develop and implement strategies that assist  
2-35 school districts in the adoption and implementation of digital  
2-36 teaching and learning materials.

2-37 Sec. 39.607. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2020, the  
2-38 commission shall prepare and deliver a report to the governor and  
2-39 the legislature that recommends statutory changes to develop a  
2-40 framework to incorporate digital teaching and learning in public  
2-41 schools.

2-42 Sec. 39.608. PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION.  
2-43 (a) The commission may hold public meetings as needed to fulfill  
2-44 its duties under this subchapter.

2-45 (b) The commission is subject to Chapters 551 and 552,  
2-46 Government Code.

2-47 Sec. 39.609. COMMISSION ABOLISHED; EXPIRATION OF  
2-48 SUBCHAPTER. (a) The commission is abolished January 1, 2021.

2-49 (b) This subchapter expires January 1, 2021.

2-50 SECTION 2. The Texas Education Agency is required to  
2-51 implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature  
2-52 appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the  
2-53 legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that  
2-54 purpose, the Texas Education Agency may, but is not required to,  
2-55 implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations  
2-56 available for that purpose.

2-57 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-58 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-59 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-60 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-61 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
2-62 legislative session.

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