

SENATE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Education
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Tuesday, September 13, 2016
PLACE: E1.028 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Larry Taylor

The Senate Committee on Education will meet to take up the following interim charges:

Evaluate digital learning opportunities in classrooms and examine existing barriers to schools' ability to provide a digital learning environment. In particular, study the availability of affordable broadband access to school districts across Texas. Examine different options for improving access to broadband service in all areas of the state, for districts and student homes. Make recommendations on a statewide plan for building the necessary infrastructure to provide a competitive, free-market environment in broadband service.

Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Education and make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, and/or complete implementation. Specifically, monitor the following:

- Legislation to establish criteria for alternative measures of assessments to meet high school graduation requirements.

Public testimony will be limited to two minutes.
