PROCLAMATION

CREATION OF HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND ENRICHMENT

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 16(b), Rules of the House of Representatives, I, Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby create the House Select Committee on Educational Opportunity and Enrichment.

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND JURISDICTION.
The committee is created to consider issues and matters that broadly affect educational opportunities for K-12 students in Texas and make recommendations for:

(1) Ensuring all Texas youths enjoy equal educational opportunity and the freedom to obtain a quality education, regardless of circumstance;

(2) Improving outcomes for Texas public school students and meaningfully supporting educators and educational institutions; and

(3) Modernizing assessment and accountability measures for Texas schools educating K-12 students.

SECTION 2. REPORTING.
The committee shall submit an initial report, no later than August 11, 2023, in the same manner as an interim study committee under Rule 4, Section 61, Rules of the House of Representatives. The initial report shall include, but is not limited to, identification of the current menu of choices available to K-12 students in Texas and highlighting of options for providing additional educational opportunities to K-12 students. As necessary, the committee may submit additional reports in the same manner.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP, AUTHORITY, AND DURATION.
The committee shall have 15 members and shall have the same authority and duties conferred on standing committees under the Rules of the House of Representatives. The committee expires on the date the 89th Legislature convenes.

The following members are hereby appointed to the House Select Committee on Educational Opportunity and Enrichment:

Brad Buckley, Chair
Barbara Gervin-Hawkins, Vice-Chair
Trent Ashby
Keith Bell
Harold Dutton
James Frank
Cody Harris
Cole Hefner
Gina Hinojosa
Ken King
Oscar Longoria
Will Metcalf
Matt Shaheen
James Talarico
Gary VanDeaver

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