

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Public Education
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Monday, August 12, 2024
PLACE: E2.010
CHAIR: Rep. Brad Buckley

The chair may limit testimony time and the number of testifying witnesses to ensure consideration of posted business, especially if testimony would cause the public hearing to extend past 6:00 p.m.

Invited testimony on both charges will be heard prior to public testimony.

The House Committee on Public Education will meet to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 88th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

- HB 1605, relating to instructional material and technology, the adoption of essential knowledge and skills for certain public school foundation curriculum subjects, and the extension of additional state aid to school districts for the provision of certain instructional materials; authorizing a fee;
- HB 2209, relating to establishing the Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership (R-PEP) program and creating an allotment and outcomes bonus under the Foundation School Program to support the program; and
- SB 2124, relating to an advanced mathematics program for public school students in middle school.

Consider issues and matters to increase educational opportunities in Texas to ensure that students and families have increased options to attend a high-quality school, regardless of circumstance. Evaluate the use of education savings accounts in other states and make recommendations for a Texas program, including suggestions on eligibility and prioritization of applicants.

Electronic public comment will be available for:

Implementation of HB 1605 (HQIM)
Implementation of HB 2209 (R-PEP)

Implementation of SB 2124 (Advanced Math Pathways)
Educational Opportunity

For those persons who will be testifying, information for in-person witness registration, can be found here:

<https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/HWRSPublic/About.aspx>

A live video broadcast of this hearing will be available here:

<https://house.texas.gov/video-audio/>

Instructions related to public access to the meeting location are available here: <https://house.texas.gov/committees/public-access-house-committee-meetings/>

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<https://comments.house.texas.gov/home?c=c400>

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