



District of Innovation

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Background

- House Bill 1842 from the 84th Legislative Session
- Allows traditional public schools flexibilities currently available to public charter schools
- Acceptable accountability rating required



Common Flexibilities

- School Start Date
- Teacher Certification Requirements for CTE
- Probationary Teacher Contracts
- 90% Student Attendance for Credit at High School
- Site-Based Decision Making Requirements



Non-Allowable Exemptions

- Powers and Duties of School Boards, Superintendents, and Principals
- PEIMS
- Criminal History Checks
- Special Programs
- Academic and Financial Accountability
- Open Meetings
- Public Records
- Purchasing
- Nepotism
- State and Federal Laws outside of Texas Education Code



Steps in the Process

- Board Passes a Resolution to Initiate the Process
- Board Holds a Public Hearing
- District Advisory Committee is Formed
- Develop an Innovation Plan
- Submit the Plan to the Commissioner of Education
 - *Plan does not require approval*
- Post the Plan for 30 Days
- Advisory Committee Approves the Plan in an Formally Called, Open Meeting
- Board of Trustees Approves the Plan by at Least 2/3 Majority Vote



District Advisory Committee

- Faculty Community Advisory Committee (FCAC)
 - *Need to add campus and district administrative staff*
- Members Must be Able to:
 - Write a comprehensive plan
 - Clearly Articulate the Purpose of the Plan
 - Persuade the School Community of the Value of the Plan



After Board Approval

- District Notifies the Commissioner of the Board's Approval of the Innovation Plan
- Review Legal and Local Policies Affected by the Plan
 - *Work with TASB to Amend Applicable Policies*
- Plan is in effect for five years
- May be Amended, Rescinded, or Renewed in the Same Manner Required for Initial Adoption

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