



Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees Agenda Document

Meeting Date: July 22, 2024

Agenda Item: DOI Final Amended Plan

Background Information:

House Bill 1842, passed during the 84th Legislative Session, permits Texas public school districts to become Districts of Innovation (DOI) and to obtain exemption from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code. The DOI plan was adopted by the board on March 29, 2022 and amendments were adopted on June 20, 2022 and February 19, 2024.

Administrative Consideration:

An amendment to a plan of innovation may be made at any time during the term on the plan. The district-level committee must hold a public meeting to consider the final version of the proposed plan then approved by a majority vote of the committee members. This meeting was held on May 9, 2024 and was approved by a unanimous vote. It is then presented to the Board of Trustees for approval by a 2/3 majority.

This amendment would exempt the district from TEC Section 21.003. The current state teacher certification requirements could potentially inhibit the District's ability to hire teachers to teach in areas of need for a school district. In order to enable more students to obtain the educational benefit of effective teachers, the District will establish its own local qualification requirements and its own requirements for training of professionals and experts to teach such courses in lieu of the certification requirements set forth in law. The innovative strategy proposes to grant eligibility to employees who are within one calendar year of completing a degree which would enable them to obtain a statement of eligibility through an alternative certification teaching program recognized by the Texas Education Agency. The employee must have also demonstrated proficiency and effectiveness as a classroom instructor and be recommended by a supervising campus principal.

Budgetary Consideration:

None at this time.

Supporting Documents:

Final DOI Plan after amendment.

Recommendation:

Approve the Devine ISD District of Innovation Plan.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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