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Subject: District of Innovation Amendment

Rationale: As presented in November of 2015, HB 1842 was passed during the 84th Texas Legislative Session in Spring 2015, and provides Texas public school districts the opportunity to be designated as Districts of Innovation (DOI). In 2016, an HISD DOI plan was presented to the DEIC, posted and then approved by both the DEIC and the HISD Board.

As a DOI plan may be amended at any time, the inter-district transfer rule in the Texas Education Code was reviewed. Under Code 25.036, once a transfer is approved, it may not be revoked for the period of one school year. Occasionally, we have transfer students who are attendance or discipline problems. When this occurs, it interferes with the learning of the other students in a classroom. An amendment to be exempt from the one-year commitment was brought before the DEIC at the September meeting. It was approved by the DEIC and has been posted in an excess of the 30 required days with no comments or objections to the amendment. If approved by the Board, it would allow the superintendent to rescind a transfer at any time during the school year.

Recommendation: Approve the District of Innovation Amendment to revoke transfer status at any time during the school year.