

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD PROCEDURES
Pertaining to Interim School Finance Studies
January 1998

Required by Texas Education Code §42.007

1. Legislative Budget Board staff will study and report on the following topics in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 42.007:

Regular Program;
Fiscal Neutrality;
School Facilities;
Compensatory Education;
Special Education, including a review of the Admission, Retention and Dismissal (ARD) process.

2. Legislative Budget Board staff will hold an open meeting to discuss the proposed fiscal studies prior to beginning research and analysis. This meeting is scheduled for February 4, 1998, at 9:00 A.M. in room E1.036 of the Capitol Extension. At this meeting, staff will take testimony and written comments concerning the proposed research topics.

Meeting participants representing the education community will be invited to attend the meeting. These will include representatives from the Texas Association of School Boards, Texas Association of School Administrators, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), Equity Center, Advocacy Inc., and the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Texas.

Interested individuals from other branches of State Government and the education community will be invited to observe the meeting. These will include representatives from the offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, House Appropriations Committee, House Public Education Committee, Senate Finance Committee, Senate Education Committee, Texas Education Agency, Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Texas Center for Educational Research.

3. Legislative Budget Board staff will hold a subsequent open meeting to discuss the findings of the study upon completion.
4. Legislative Budget Board staff will report the results of the studies to the 76th Legislature prior to the start of its regular session.