

**SUBJECT:** Revising provisions for certain TEA accountability ratings

**COMMITTEE:** Public Education — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 10 ayes — Buckley, Allison, Cunningham, Cody Harris, Harrison, Hefner, Hinojosa, K. King, Schaefer, Talarico

0 nays

3 absent — Allen, Dutton, Longoria

**WITNESSES:** For — Chris Bradshaw, Maud ISD (*Registered, but did not testify*: Tricia Cave, Association of Texas Professional Educators; Barry Haenisch, Texas Association of Community Schools; Casey McCreary, Texas Association of School Administrators; Raif Calvert, Texas Association of School Boards; Mark Terry, Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association; Suzi Kennon, Texas PTA; Dee Carney, Texas School Alliance)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Bryce Adams, Texas Public Charter Schools Association)

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Eric Marin, Monica Martinez, David Rodriguez, James Terry, Texas Education Agency)

**BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) should not have the ability to change a school district's or charter school's accountability ratings during a school year after TEA previously released ratings for that school year.

**DIGEST:** HB 2808 would prohibit TEA from auditing, investigating, or otherwise modifying certain ratings assigned to a school district or charter school for a school year after TEA released the district's or school's final academic or financial accountability rating for that school year.

HB 2808 would specify that a school district or charter school could not

challenge a TEA decision relating to an academic or financial accountability rating after the agency released the district's or school's final academic or financial accountability rating for the school year.

The bill only would apply to ratings assigned during or after the 2023-24 school year.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2023.