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Trio of Education Bills Critical for a More Globally Competitive Texas

AUSTIN – Yesterday evening the Senate Committee on Education K-16 heard three key bills addressing critical challenges that must pass if we are to continue building a more globally competitive Texas – with a workforce who have the skills for the jobs of the 21st century.

The bills, Senate Bill 2252 by Chairman Brandon Creighton (Conroe) relates to measures to support kindergarten readiness and early childhood literacy and numeracy skills; Senate Bill 2253, also by Chairman Creighton, relates to the preparation and certification of public school educators; and Senate Bill 1962 by Sen. Paul Bettencourt (Houston) relates to public school accountability.

TBLC Vice President of Policy Kelle Kieschnick [testified at the Senate hearing for both SB 2252](#) and [SB 2253](#) saying, “College and career readiness starts with a strong early education, however, the increase in uncertified, underprepared teachers is negatively impacting student outcomes and this creates a threat to the economic future of the state. SB 2252 and SB 2253 respectively take bold steps to invest in improving early education outcomes and strengthening our teacher workforce so that more young Texans will be equipped for success in the workforce of the future.”

TBLC President Justin Yancy provided [testimony on SB 1962](#), stating, “A strong academic accountability system underpins the state’s investment in public education and establishes performance improvement goals. Employers in Texas rely on a clear and transparent system that both measures academic performance and aligns education with workforce needs. SB 1962 strengthens this alignment by ensuring accountability ratings are issued annually, providing clarity for employers and improving educational outcomes that directly impact our ability to maintain a globally competitive workforce.”

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