Process to Become a District of Innovation Texas Education Code (TEC) Chapter 12A

TEC 12A.001(c)(1)

- (c) Consideration of designation as a district of innovation may be initiated by:
- (1) a resolution adopted by the board of trustees of the district

TEC 12A.002(b)(1)

- (b) At the conclusion of the public hearing or as soon as possible after conclusion of the public hearing, the board of trustees may:
 - (1) decline to pursue designation of the district as a district of innovation;

TEC 12A.002(b)(2)

- (b) At the conclusion of the public hearing or as soon as possible after conclusion of the public hearing, the board of trustees may:
 - (2) appoint a committee to develop a local innovation plan in accordance with Section 12A.003

TEC 12A.003

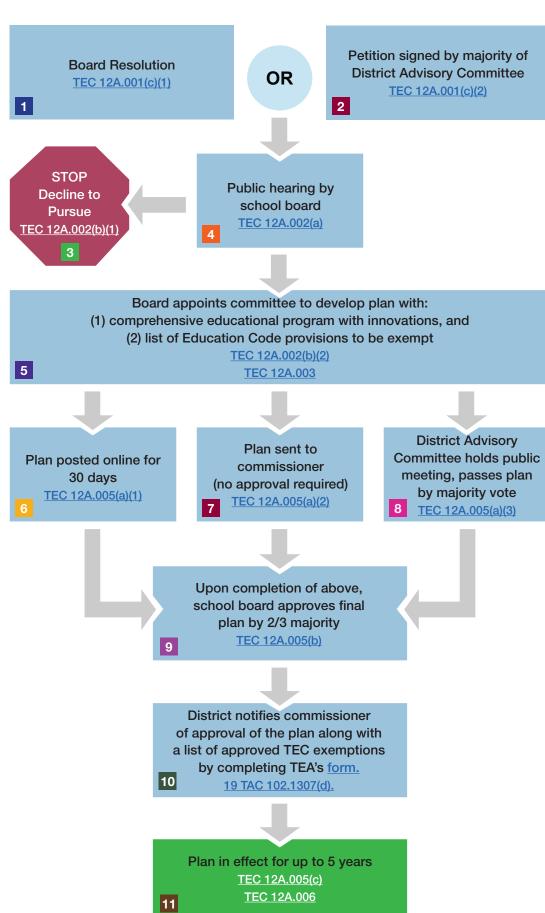
- (a) A local innovation plan must be developed for a school district before the district may be designated as a district of innovation.
- (b) A local innovation plan must:
- (1) provide for a comprehensive educational program for the district, which program may include:
- (A) innovative curriculum, instructional methods, and provisions regarding community participation, campus governance, and parental involvement;
 (B) modifications to the school day or year;
 - (C) provisions regarding the district budget and sustainable program funding;
 - (D) accountability and assessment measures that exceed the requirements of state and federal law; and
 - (E) any other innovations prescribed by the board of trustees; and
 - (2) identify requirements imposed by this code that inhibit the goals of the plan and from which the district should be exempted on adoption of the plan, subject to Section 12A.004.

TEC 12A.005 (b)

A board of trustees may adopt a proposed local innovation plan by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the board.

19 TAC 102.1307(d)

The district shall notify the commissioner of approval of the plan along with a list of approved TEC exemptions by completing the agency form provided in the figure in this subsection.



TEC 12A.001(c)(2)

- (c) Consideration of designation as a district of innovation may be initiated by:
- (2) a petition signed by a majority of the members of the district-level committee established under Section 11.251.

TEC 12A.002(a)

(a) Promptly after adopting a resolution under

Section 12A.001(c)(1) or receiving a petition under Section 12A.001(c)(2), the board of trustees shall hold a public hearing to consider whether the district should develop a local innovation plan for the designation of the district as a district of innovation.

TEC 12A.005 (a)(1)

- (a) The board of trustees may not vote on adoption of a proposed local innovation plan unless:
- (1) the final version of the proposed plan has been available on the district's Internet website for at least 30 days;

TEC 12A.005 (a)(2)

- (a) The board of trustees may not vote on adoption of a proposed local innovation plan unless:
- (2) the board of trustees has notified the commissioner of the board's intention to vote on adoption of the proposed plan;

TEC 12A.005 (a)(3)

- (a) The board of trustees may not vote on adoption of a proposed local innovation plan unless:
- (3) the district-level committee established under Section 11.251 has held a public meeting to consider the final version of the proposed plan and has approved the plan by a majority vote of the committee members, provided that the meeting required by this subdivision may occur immediately before and on the same date as the meeting at which the board intends to vote on adoption of the proposed plan.

TEC 12A.005 (c)

- (c) On adoption of a local innovation plan, the district:
- (1) is designated as a district of innovation under this chapter for the term specified in the plan, subject to Section 12A.006;
- (2) shall begin operation in accordance with the plan; and
- (3) is exempt from state requirements identified under Section 12A.003(b)(2).

TEC 12A.006

The term of a district's designation as a district of innovation may not exceed five years.

1