

**SENATE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Education  
TIME & DATE: 9:30 AM, Tuesday, October 30, 2012  
PLACE: E1.036 (Finance Room)  
CHAIR: Senator Dan Patrick

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Senator Florence Shapiro will Chair this hearing on interim charge #7.

The Senate Committee on Education will be meeting jointly with the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice to discuss the following interim charge:

**Senate Interim Charge 7:**

Conduct a comprehensive review of school discipline practices.  
Specifically, review and make recommendations on:

- The effectiveness of Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs (DAEP) and Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs (JJAEP) in reducing student involvement in further disciplinary infractions and in promoting positive educational achievement;
- Disproportionate school discipline referrals, including suspension, expulsion, and Class C misdemeanor citations;
- The issue of "Zero Tolerance" in secondary education school discipline, the use of alternative education campuses, and the barriers to graduation. Also include the role that specialized school police departments play in these systems. Consider the impact on the juvenile justice system and the adult prison system;
- The number of students in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) referred to juvenile or municipal courts, suspended, expelled, and placed in Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs (DAEP). Examine data-sharing practices between DFPS, TEA, and local education agencies, and make recommendations to increase communication between schools and DFPS to increase educational outcomes for children in foster care;
- Evidence based models used for addressing juvenile delinquency

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prevention that is targeted to non-adjudicated, but at-risk youth, in the school disciplinary system. (Joint Charge with Senate Committee on Criminal Justice)

The Committees will hear invited testimony followed by public testimony on the above interim charge.

If submitting written testimony, please provide 35 copies, with your name on each copy, to the committee when called to testify.

**NOTE: Upon adjournment / recess of the joint committee hearing, the Senate Committee on Education will meet in E1.036 (Senate Finance) to discuss Senate Interim Charge 8.**

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\*\* See Committee Coordinator for previous versions of the schedule \*\*