A District of Innovation is a concept passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, effective immediately, that gives traditional independent school districts most of the flexibilities available to Texas' open

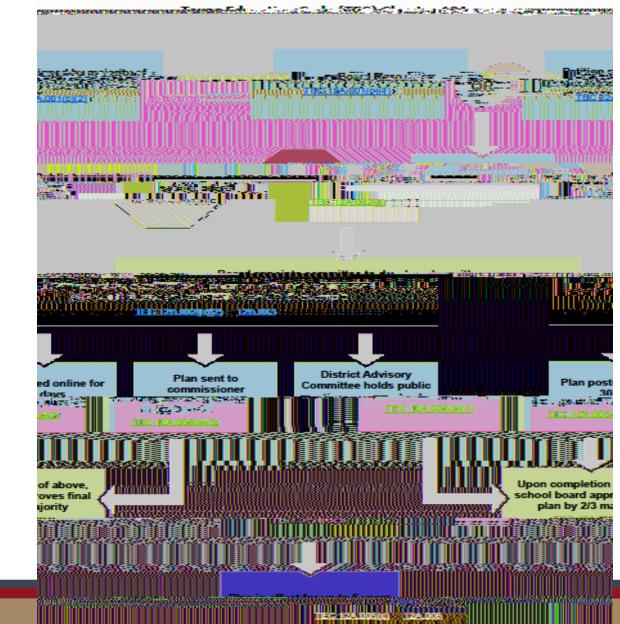
enrollment charter schools. To access these flexibilities, a school district must adopt an innovation plan, as set forth in the Texas Education Code chapter 12A.

-TASB Legal Services

- Site-Based Decision Making Process (to the extent allowed by state law)
- Uniform School Start Date
- Minimum Minutes of Instruction
- Class Size Ratio
- The 90 % Attendance Rule (compulsory attendance still applies)
- Student Discipline Provisions
- Teacher Certification (except as required by federal law)
- Teacher Contracts
- Teacher Benefits
- Teacher Appraisal System

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## Process to Become a District of Innovation



- Educator Certification Required (TEC 21.003)
- First and Last Day of School (TEC 25.0811) (TEC 25.0812)
- Minimum Minutes of Instruction: (TEC 25.081) (HB 2610)
- 90 Percent Attendance Rule (TEC 25.092)
- Student Discipline Provisions (TEC 37.0012)