The Sunset Review of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

The mission and performance of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board are currently being reviewed by the Legislature as required under the Texas Sunset Act. The Act provides that the Sunset Commission, composed of legislators and public members, periodically evaluate a state agency to determine if the agency is still needed, and what improvements are needed to ensure that state funds are well spent. Based on the recommendations of the Sunset Commission, the Texas Legislature ultimately decides whether an agency continues to operate into the future.

The Sunset review involves three steps. First, Sunset Commission staff will evaluate the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and, in March 2012, will issue a report recommending solutions to problems found. The Sunset Commission will then meet to hear public testimony on the agency and the recommendations of the Sunset staff. Please refer to the Sunset Commission's website or call the office for updated meeting schedule information. Based on public input and the Sunset staff report, the Sunset Commission will adopt recommendations for the full Legislature to consider when it convenes in January 2013.

Through the Sunset review, every Texan has the opportunity to suggest ways in which the mission and operations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board can be strengthened. If you would like to share your ideas about the agency, you may send an email to the address below, use the comment form on the Sunset Commission website, or contact Sarah Kirkle of the Sunset staff. Suggestions are preferred by the end of November 2011, so they can be fully considered by the Sunset staff.

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