

# DISTRICTS OF INNOVATION AMENDMENT & RENEWAL

Texas Education Agency

## OVERVIEW

*A local innovation plan may be amended, rescinded, or renewed if the action is approved by a vote of the district-level committee established under Section 11.251, or a comparable committee if the district is exempt from that section,*

*In the event that a district fails to renew a plan prior to the expiration of its term, a district may renew the plan in the six months subsequent to the plan's date of expiration in order to maintain a continuous designation as a district of innovation.*

*(i) The term of a renewed plan, subject to §102.1311 of this title (relating to Term), may not begin prior to the date on which the board votes to adopt the renewed plan, unless the plan is adopted during the six months subsequent to the plan's date of expiration.*

*(ii) If a plan is renewed during the timeline described in this subparagraph, the renewed plan will have a term not to exceed five calendar years, beginning on the date of expiration of the prior term.*

*(iii) If a plan is renewed during the timeline described in this subparagraph and changes are made to the plan during the renewal process, those changes will be in effect from the date of adoption of the renewed plan through the expiration date of the renewed plan, unless amended, rescinded, or terminated.*

*(iv) If changes are made to the plan during the renewal process, the district shall mark the changes with the date of the vote to renew the plan in order to denote the earliest date those changes may take effect.*

*(v) A district whose plan is not renewed during the timeline described in this subparagraph shall comply with all previously adopted exemptions immediately upon expiration of the plan and begin the adoption process over again in its entirety should the district wish to pursue designation as a district of innovation in the future.*

- Best practice is to renew the plan so that the term of the renewed plan is effective no later than the date on which the plan was to expire. Should the district fail to renew the plan prior to its expiration date, the district may renew the plan in the six months subsequent to the plan's date of expiration. A plan renewed during this six-month period must:
  - Have a term not to exceed five calendar years **beginning on the date of expiration of the prior term** (ex: plan expired 8/1/23, plan renewed 10/1/23, term of renewed plan begins: 8/1/23).
  - Mark changes made to the plan with the *date of adoption* of the renewed plan in order to notate when those changes took effect as any changes made to the plan during renewal are not effective until the *date of adoption* regardless of the term referred to in the bullet above (ex: plan expired 8/1/23, plan renewed 10/1/23 *with changes*, term of renewed plan begins: 8/1/23, changes are effective on 10/1/23 (date of adoption) rather than 8/1/23 (beginning of term)).
- A district that does not renew the plan before or during the six months subsequent to the plan's expiration date shall:
  - comply with all previously adopted exemptions effective with the **expiration date of the plan**.
  - Begin the entire adoption process over again should it wish to pursue DOI designation again in the future.

## Process Requirements

PROCESS REQUIREMENT	AMENDMENT	RENEWAL
Board Resolution/Petition signed by majority of District Advisory Committee	NO	NO
Public Hearing by School Board on whether to develop a plan (TEC §12A.002)	NO	NO
Final version of the proposed plan has been available on the district's website for at least 30 days	NO	YES
The board of trustees has notified the commissioner of education of the board's intention to vote on adoption of the proposed plan (see applicable "Notification" section below)	NO	NO
The district-level committee established under the Texas Education Code (TEC), §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 member (*meeting must be public for renewal)	YES	YES
The board of trustees adopts a proposed local innovation plan by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the board	YES	YES
The district notifies the commissioner of approval of the plan along with a list of approved TEC exemptions by completing the agency <a href="#">form</a> provided in the figure in this subsection (see applicable "Notification" section below)	YES	YES

The district shall ensure that a copy of the local innovation plan is posted on the district's website in accordance with the TEC, §12A.0071, fn ace81 ref79e60rtifact -7 (p (h)- (a02A)-2.7 (i-3 (t)-5 ('0 Tgna2 Tw C

