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Dear Texas Sunset Advisory Commission,

It is my thought that the SBEC should remain part of the educational review process in the state of Texas. SBEC provides a mechanism for those with an educational background and training to have a say in how Texas' educational system operates. As the Texas Education Agency's commissioner is a political appointee, it is necessary for those trained in the field and have expertise in areas such as pedagogy, andragogy, assessment, and measurement that are critical to creating and implementing a highly effective educational system to have a voice in the process. From reviewing the records related to the cost associated with SBEC, they appear to be small in terms of our overall spending in education. Having SBEC as a part of the Texas educational system also allows for a checks and balances system, an important element in the democracy of our country, to be involved with the educational system. I urge the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission members to keep SBEC.

Thank you very much for considering this request.

Sincerely,  
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