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Education Initiatives Uniting Members

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Education initiatives are uniting members of a group of business organizations from across the state.

Leaders of the "Texas Coalition For a Competitive Workforce" want lawmakers to adopt a specific slate of reforms during their next session.

Bill Hammond says employers are the ultimate school accountability measures.

"The future economic viability of Texas is at stake. We all want a strong vibrant economy that attracts capital, brings good jobs with good wages and good benefits to Texas. But we're going to have to have an educated workforce in order to do that," says Hammond.

Hammond says all students should be on a path towards college or career readiness.

The group supports yearly evaluations rather than periodic TAKS testing to ensure all students meet appropriate grade level competency standards.



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