PURPOSE: To discuss and evaluate: (1) how this State can improve outreach and professional development to ensure support for parents and educators of special education students who are not eligible for alternative assessment; (2) accommodations provided to special education students while taking assessments; (3) guidance on properly identifying students for the alternative assessment; (4) professional development opportunities for special education educators and school administrators; and (5) developing a parent guidebook on assessments for students with special needs. The Committee shall submit a report of its findings, conclusions and recommendations on or before December 1, 2021 to the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate and submit a copy to the Secretary of State.

MEMBERSHIP:

House
Three members of the House of Representatives, not more than two from the same political party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Joel John, Jennifer Pawlik, Beverly Pingerelli (Co-Chair)

Senate
Three members of the Senate, not more than two from the same political party and one designated as the Chair, appointed by the President of the Senate:

Nancy Barto (Chair), Sally Ann Gonzales, T.J. Shope

Other
One person with expertise in alternative assessments, appointed by the President of the Senate:

Ms. Erin Golden (6/30/2022)

The Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee:

Honorable Kathy Hoffman, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Arizona Department of Education (6/30/2022)

Two parents of special education students, appointed by the President of the Senate:

Ms. Angela Jeffreys (6/30/2022)
Karla Phillips-Krivickas (6/30/2022)

One school district superintendent or a school district superintendent's designee, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Mr. Quinn Kellis

Two special education teachers, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Mr. Kelly Spencer
Daniel Van Tienderen