

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Thursday, October 23, 2014

10:00 AM

Betty King Committee Room

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence was held on Thursday, October 23, 2014, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Royce West, Chair  
Senator José Rodríguez, Vice Chair  
Senator Sylvia Garcia  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Ken Paxton

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator John Carona

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Rodríguez moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on June 3, 2014. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out interim committee charge #3, study and make recommendations on the feasibility of removing failure to attend school (Section 25.094, Texas Education Code) as a Class C misdemeanor offense and determine the feasibility of adjudicating juvenile truancy as a civil offense.

The Chair called the following persons to provide invited testimony on interim committee charge #3. See attached witness list.

At 12:30 PM Senator Rodríguez assumed the Chair.

At 12:58 PM Senator West resumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out interim committee charge #4, study and make recommendations on the availability and application of deferred adjudication, orders for non-disclosure, and expunctions. Study extending the use of expunction of criminal records history and non-disclosures to certain qualified individuals with low-level, non-violent convictions.

The Chair called the following persons to provide invited testimony on interim committee charge #4. See attached witness list.

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There being no further business, at 2:16 PM Senator West moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the Chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Royce West, Chair

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Tiffany White, Clerk