

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, April 23, 2015

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Van Taylor
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Kel Seliger

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1867 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1867 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2062 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

At 9:12 roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 2062 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 496 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 496 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1584 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1584 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2046 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Larry Taylor made a motion for witnesses registering not wishing to testify not be read but entered into the record; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 2046 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:55 AM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:33 PM Senator Larry Taylor reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1259 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodríguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Larry Taylor moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1259 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Roll was taken at 2:45 PM, a quorum was present.

Senator Van Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 164.

Senator West moved that SB 164 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio and Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 164.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 213.

Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Bettencourt moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 213 do not pass but that CSSB 213 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio and Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 213.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 313.

Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Bettencourt moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 313 do not pass but that CSSB 313 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio and Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 313.

Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 496.

Senator West moved that SB 496 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio and Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 496.

Senator Van Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 669.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator West sent up Committee Amendment 1 and Senator Larry Taylor moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator West moved to roll the amendment into a new substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved that SB 669 do not pass but that CSSB 669 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of

8 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio and Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 669.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1434.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1434 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio and Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1434.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1483.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 1483 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Garcia moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1567.

Senator West moved that SB 1567 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio and Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1567.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1569.

Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 1569 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio and Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1569.

Senator Rodríguez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recalled the motion by which SB 1483 was recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recalled the motion by which SB 1483 was passed.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1483.

Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Garcia to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Garcia moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 1483 do not pass but that CSSB 1483 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio and Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1483.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1867.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 1867 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio and Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1867.

Senator Garcia moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2062.

Senator West moved that SB 2062 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio and Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 2062.

Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1434 be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Van Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1771 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

Senator Huffines moved that SB 1771 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio, Kolkhorst and West submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1771.

Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1896.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1896 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senators Lucio, Kolkhorst and West submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1896.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 674 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 674 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1114 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Garcia to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Larry Taylor moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1114 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1230 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1230 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1825 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1825 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1178 and recognized the author, Senator Huffines, to explain the bill.

Senator Huffines sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Huffines to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1178 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1479 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1479 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:11 PM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

Nicole Sunstrum, Clerk