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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

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 Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 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 Bob Hall
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Van Taylor
Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended to hear the following bill(s):
SB 1699
SB 1753

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Senators Larry Taylor and West present. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 354 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

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

Senator West assumed the chair.

Senator Hall present.

Senator Uresti present.

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

Senator Lucio present.

Senator Hughes present.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

Senator Van Taylor present.

Senator Bettencourt present.

Senator Campbell present.

Roll called at 10:18 AM; a quorum was present (Senators Larry Taylor, Lucio, Bettencourt, Campbell, Hall, Hughes, Uresti.)

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

Senator Larry Taylor resumed the chair.

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

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 354 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:56 AM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:02 PM Senator Larry Taylor reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 370 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Garcia 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 370 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1699 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 1699 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1753 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 1753 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2141 and recognized the author, Senator Larry Taylor, 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 resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1838 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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 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 CSSB 1838 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2049 and recognized the author, Senator Larry Taylor, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2049 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2084 and explained the bill.

Senator Larry Taylor moved adoption of the committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 2084 do not pass but that CSSB 2084 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Campbell, Senator

Hughes, Senator Van Taylor, and Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on CSSB 2084.

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

Senator Larry Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 384 and explained the bill.

Senator Huffines moved that SB 384 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hughes, Senator Van Taylor, and Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 384. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting no on SB 384.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 444 and explained the bill.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 444 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Campbell, Senator Hughes, Senator Van Taylor, and Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 444.

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 727 and explained the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 727 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Campbell, Senator Hughes, Senator Van Taylor, and Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 727.

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 1794 and explained the bill.

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Senator Uresti moved that SB 1794 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Campbell, Senator Hughes, Senator Van Taylor, and Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 1794.

There being no further business, at 4:41 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