

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, April 4, 2019

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 4, 2019, 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 Pat Fallon
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 820 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, 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 Taylor moved that SB 820 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2180 and recognized the author, Senator Nelson, 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 Taylor moved that SB 2180 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2018 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

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.

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 Taylor moved that SB 2018 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 713 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 Taylor moved that SB 713 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:46 AM Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2431 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Taylor 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2431 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2433 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Taylor 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2433 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:07 AM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1252 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

At 10:19 AM, roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1252 be left temporarily pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:35 AM Senator Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:44 PM Senator Taylor reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 54.

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

Senator West moved that SB 54 do not pass but that CSSB 54 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.

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 251.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 251 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 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 591.

Senator Watson moved to withdraw the committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing.

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

Senator Watson moved that SB 591 do not pass but that CSSB 591 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 676.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 676 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 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 CSSB 863.

Senator Watson moved that SB 863 do not pass but that CSSB 863 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 895.

Senator West moved to withdraw the committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing.

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

Senator West moved that SB 895 do not pass but that CSSB 895 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.

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

Due to the Senate policies regarding legislation with fiscal implications, Senator Bettencourt withdrew the motion to recommend SB 895 to the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 933.

Senator Bettencourt moved to reconsider the vote by which committee amendment 1 was adopted at the previous hearing on March 19; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved to withdraw committee amendment 1; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved to withdraw the committee substitute considered during March 19 hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the new committee substitute and the senate bill as

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 933 do not pass but that CSSB 933 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1276.

Senator Powell moved that SB 1276 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 Powell 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 1731.

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

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1731 do not pass but that CSSB 1731 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.

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

At 4:00 PM Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2073.

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

Senator Taylor moved that SB 2073 do not pass but that CSSB 2073 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.

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

At 4:03 PM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 380 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 947 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 2244 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 1045 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

At 4:12 PM Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1455 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

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

At 4:18 PM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the SB 380, SB 947, SB 2244, SB 1045 & SB 1455 are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed on SB 380, SB 947, SB 2244, SB 1045 & SB 1455; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 380, SB 947, SB 2244, SB 1045 & SB 1455 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1376 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 668 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 1376 & SB 668 are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony on SB 1376 & SB 668 be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1376 & SB 668 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1252.

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 Taylor moved that SB 1252 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 6:10 PM Senator Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

Mark Williams, Clerk