

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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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 Education was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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**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

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

At 9:05 AM Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1895 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 Watson moved that SB 1895 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:20 AM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 608 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson 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 was recognized to discuss an amendment to SB 608, sunset bill, that Senator Huffman intends to offer as a floor amendment to SB 608.

Senator West moved that the committee amendment be withdrawn. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1659 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

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

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

At 10:20 AM, roll was taken and a quorum was established.

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

Senator Taylor moved that SB 608 & SB 1659 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:54 AM Senator Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:02 PM Senator Taylor reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1412 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry 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.

At 5:26 PM, roll was taken and a quorum was established.

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

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

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1412 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1776 & SB 1777 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bills.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills 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 1776 & SB 1777 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 668.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 668 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 Fallon 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 820.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 820 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 Hughes 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 1256.

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

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

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1256 do not pass but that CSSB 1256 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 Hughes 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 Hughes withdrew the motion to recommend SB 1256 to the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1376.

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

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1376 do not pass but that CSSB 1376 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 2018

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

Senator Powell moved that SB 2018 do not pass but that CSSB 2018 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 Watson 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 2180.

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

Senator Campbell moved that SB 2180 do not pass but that CSSB 2180 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2244.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2244 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 Paxton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:48 PM Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1455.

Senator Taylor moved to reconsider the vote by which committee substitute was adopted at the previous hearing on April 4; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved to withdraw the committee substitute considered during April 4 hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1455 do not pass but that CSSB 1455 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2431.

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

Senator Taylor moved that SB 2431 do not pass but that CSSB 2431 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.

At 5:52 PM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 351 and recognized the author, Senator Powell, 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 351 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 712 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 712 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2042 and recognized the author, Senator Fallon, to explain the bill.

Senator Fallon sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Fallon 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 2042 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2107 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 Taylor moved that SB 2107 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:45 PM Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1453 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 1453 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:53 PM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 6:53 PM Senator Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

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Mark Williams, Clerk