

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, April 15, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Thursday, April 15, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Beverly Powell  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Royce West

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair  
Senator Bryan Hughes

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The roll was called at 4:23PM and a quorum was established. The following business was transacted:

At 9:02 AM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 27 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

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

Public testimony began on SB 27

At 9:54 AM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:18 PM Senator Taylor reconvened the meeting.

At 2:18 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

Public testimony resumed on SB 27

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.

At 3:44 PM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2158 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

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

Witnesses 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 2158 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:50 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1232 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.

At 4:23 PM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 279.

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

Senator West moved that SB 279 do not pass but that CSSB 279 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 279.

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 560.

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

Senator West moved that SB 560 do not pass but that CSSB 560 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 560.

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 1191.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1191 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1191.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1095.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1095 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, 0 nays, 0 present

not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1095.

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 746.

Senator West moved that SB 746 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 801.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 801 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 801.

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 SB 2066 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, 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 2066 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 272.

Senator West moved that SB 272 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 4 absent. Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 272.

The chair laid out SB 411 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 411 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 776 and recognized Senator Menéndez, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menéndez 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 776 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 741 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 741 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 396 and recognized Senator Menéndez, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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.

There being no further business, at 5:51 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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Bradley Hurt, Clerk