

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

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 4, 2021, 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 Bob Hall
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator José Menéndez

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. A quorum not being present, the following business was transacted: The roll was called at 9:24 AM and a quorum was established. The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Bettencourt, Senator West.

The chair laid out HB 725 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Taylor moved that HB 725 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 699 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Taylor moved that HB 699 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 785 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Taylor moved that HB 785 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1603 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Seliger, 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 HB 1603 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 487 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

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

Public testimony began on HB 487.

At 9:59 AM Senator Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:38 PM Senator Taylor reconvened the meeting.

Public testimony resumed on HB 487.

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 HB 487 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:51 PM Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1147 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Taylor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 1147 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:55 PM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 3:55 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

Bradley Hurt, Clerk