

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 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 Bob Hall  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Beverly Powell  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Royce West

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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Senator José Menéndez, the acting chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. A quorum not being present, the following business was transacted: The roll was called at 9:42 AM and a quorum was established. The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Lucio, Senator Hughes, Senator Schwertner.

The chair laid out HB 2519 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 Menéndez moved that HB 2519 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:12 AM Senator Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 999 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Menéndez, 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 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 Taylor moved that HB 999 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3932 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Menéndez, 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 house bill as engrossed.

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 3932 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:24 AM Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3489 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator 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 West moved that HB 3489 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3261 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, 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 West moved that HB 3261 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3643 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, 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 West moved that HB 3643 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:35 AM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3449 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 3449 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 750 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 750 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1461 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 1461 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2497 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 2497 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1068 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, Jr., 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 1068 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:52 AM Senator Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made by Senator Taylor to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, Senator Taylor reconvened the Senate Committee on Education at 1:55 P.M. in the Senate Press Room, 2E.9.

The chair laid out HB 1788 in lieu of SB 534. HB 1788 is the companion bill to SB 534. SB 534 was heard in committee on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and left pending.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1788 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, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out HB 547 in lieu of SB 491. HB 547 is the companion bill to SB 491. SB 491 was heard in committee on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and left pending.

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

Senator Paxton moved that HB 547 do not pass but that CSHB 547 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3932.

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

Senator Menéndez moved that HB 3932 do not pass but that CSHB 3932 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 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 HB 3449.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3449 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 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 HB 2120.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2120 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 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 HB 1461.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 1461 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 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 HB 750.

Senator Perry moved that HB 750 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.

At 2:04 PM Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3261.

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

Senator Taylor moved that HB 3261 do not pass but that CSHB 3261 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 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 HB 3489.

Senator Taylor moved that HB 3489 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 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 HB 3643.

Senator Taylor moved that HB 3643 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.

At 2:08 PM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 2:08 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