

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Saturday, May 22, 2021
12:00 PM or upon adjournment
Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Saturday, May 22, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Larry Taylor, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Royce West

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted: The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Schwertner.

The chair laid out HB 2256 and recognized Senator Paxton, 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 2256 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2554 and recognized Senator Schwertner, 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 2554 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3400 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, 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 3400 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4124 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 4124 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:02 PM Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 4465 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. Senator Taylor moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 Hughes moved that HB 4465 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4509 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. Senator Taylor moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

No one registered to testify on, for, or against HB 4509.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 4509 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4545 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 Hughes moved that HB 4545 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:18 PM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 129 and recognized Senator Menéndez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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. Senator Menéndez moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez moved that HB 129 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 572.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 572 do not pass but that CSHB 572 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 999.

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 999 do not pass but that CSHB 999 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1068.

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

Senator Hughes moved that HB 1068 do not pass but that CSHB 1068 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1504.

Senator Powell moved that HB 1504 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1754.

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

Senator Menéndez moved that HB 1754 do not pass but that CSHB 1754 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2022.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 2022 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2256.

Senator Hall moved that HB 2256 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2287.

Senator Powell moved that HB 2287 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2497.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2497 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2391.

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

Senator Paxton moved that HB 2391 do not pass but that CSHB 2391 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2554.

Senator Schwertner moved that HB 2554 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2681.

Senator Powell sent up a committee substitute. Senator Powell sent up committee amendment #1 and was recognized to explain the amendment.

Senator Powell moved the adoption of committee amendment #1. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Powell moved that the adopted committee amendment be rolled into the proposed committee substitute to create a new committee substitute and that the new committee substitute be adopted. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Powell moved that HB 2681 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the new committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2756.

Senator Menéndez moved that HB 2756 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.

The Chair laid out HB 2954 in lieu of SB 980. HB 2954 is the companion bill to SB 980 by Senator Powell. SB 980 was heard and left pending during the April 20th hearing.

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

Senator Taylor moved that HB 2954 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3400.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 3400 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3597.

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

Senator Paxton moved that HB 3597 do not pass but that CSHB 3597 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3819.

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

Senator Powell moved that HB 3819 do not pass but that CSHB 3819 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3864.

Senator Powell moved that HB 3864 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4124.

Senator Perry moved that HB 4124 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3880.

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

Senator Paxton moved that HB 3880 do not pass but that CSHB 3880 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4525.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 4525 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

Senator Hall moved that HB 1252 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

At 8:57 PM Senator Hughes assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1468.

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 1468 do not pass but that CSHB 1468 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4465.

Senator Taylor moved that HB 4465 do not pass but that CSHB 4465 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4509.

Senator Taylor moved that HB 4509 do not pass but that CSHB 4509 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4545.

Senator Taylor moved that HB 4545 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

At 9:05 PM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:05 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