

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Dawn Buckingham
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair made opening remarks.

Sarah Hicks, Office of the Governor, gave a presentation on Federal Funds.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1.

The Chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst on the workgroup recommendations for Article II.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article II.

Senator Kolkhorst moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article II, without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair recognized Senator Huffman on the workgroup recommendations for Articles I, IV and V.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article I.

Senator Huffman moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article I, without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:00 PM Senator Nelson announced that the Committee stand in recess.

At 2:11 PM the Committee reconvened.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article IV.

Senator Huffman moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article IV, without objection, it was so ordered.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article V.

Senator West made a motion to move Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Item 3.b. "Provide added reentry, aftercare, and family support at the state and county levels." to Article XI, without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article V, as amended, without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair recognized Senator Taylor on the workgroup recommendations for Article III, Public Education.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article III, Public Education.

Senator Taylor moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article III, Public Education, without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair recognized Senator Creighton on the workgroup recommendations for Article III, Higher Education.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article III, Higher Education.

Senator Creighton moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article III, Higher Education, without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair recognized Senator Nichols on the workgroup recommendations for Articles VI, VII and VIII.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article VI.

Senator Nichols moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article VI, without objection, it was so ordered.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article VII.

Senator Nichols moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article VII, without objection, it was so ordered.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article VIII.

Senator Nichols moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article VIII, without objection, it was so ordered.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article IX.

Senator Nichols moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article IX, without objection, it was so ordered.

The Legislative Budget Board laid out workgroup recommendations for Article X.

Senator Kolkhorst moved to adopt workgroup recommendations for Article X, without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nelson read the Legislative Budget Board directives. There was no objection to the directives.

There being no further business, at 5:26 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk