

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

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 Wednesday, March 29, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair
Senator Donna Campbell, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Pete Flores
Senator Phil King
Senator Morgan LaMantia
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Drew Springer
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:16 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 2482 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menéndez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator LaMantia moved 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 Creighton moved that SB 2482 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2565 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 10:45 AM Senator Campbell moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:36 PM Senator Campbell reconvened the meeting.

Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 294.

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

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 294 do not pass but that CSSB 294 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Parker and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out the subcommittee report on SB 16. Senator Middleton then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 16 do not pass but that CSSB 16 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Parker submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye. Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting nay.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 133.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 133 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Parker and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 412.

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

Senator Springer moved that SB 412 do not pass but that CSSB 412 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Parker and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Springer 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 459.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 459 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Parker and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Springer 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 798.

Senator Springer moved that SB 798 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Parker and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 902.

Senator Springer moved that SB 902 do not pass but that CSSB 902 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Parker and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1008.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 1008 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Parker and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Middleton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out the subcommittee report on SB 1563. Senator Paxton moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1563 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Parker and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 838.

Senator Flores moved that SB 838 do not pass but that CSSB 838 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Parker and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

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

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 544 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Flores moved 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 Creighton moved that CSSB 544 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1396 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Middleton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Flores moved 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 Creighton moved that SB 1396 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1861 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

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

Senator Campbell moved that SB 1861 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 13 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

Senator Campbell moved 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 Creighton moved that SB 13 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 164 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 Creighton moved that SB 164 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 163 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 Creighton moved that SB 163 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2089 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Flores moved 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 Campbell moved that CSSB 2089 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:30 PM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.



Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

Abby Johnston, Clerk