

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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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, April 5, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair  
Senator Donna Campbell, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Brian Birdwell  
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:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM. A quorum was established at 9:35 AM, and the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1515 and recognized the author, Senator King, 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 1515 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2368 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

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

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At 10:55 AM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:29 PM Senator Creighton reconvened the meeting.

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

Senator Creighton moved that CSSB 2368 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 13.

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 Bettencourt moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB13 do not pass but that CSSB 13 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SJR 29.

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 Middleton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Middleton moved that SJR 29 do not pass but that CSSJR 29 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 68.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 68 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 2 absent.

Senator Menéndez 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 163.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 163 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 Middleton 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 164.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 164 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 Middleton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The subcommittee report on SB 200 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Menéndez then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Springer moved that SB 200 do not pass but that CSSB 200 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 Menéndez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The subcommittee report on SB 336 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Menéndez then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 336 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 Menéndez 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 357.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 357 do not pass but that CSSB 357 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 462.

Senator Flores moved that SB 462 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.

The subcommittee report on SB 526 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Menéndez then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 526 do not pass but that CSSB 526 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 Menéndez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The subcommittee report on SB 532 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Springer then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 532 do not pass but that CSSB 532 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 544.

Senator Flores moved that SB 544 do not pass but that CSSB 544 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 Paxton 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 562.

Senator Springer moved that SB 562 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.

The subcommittee report on SB 646 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Paxton then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 646 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 Menéndez 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 1055.

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

Senator Springer moved that SB 1055 do not pass but that CSSB 1055 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.

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

Senator Flores moved that SB 1068 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1861.

Senator King 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 King moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator King moved that SB 1861 do not pass but that CSSB 1861 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.

The subcommittee report on SJR 81 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Parker then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Parker moved that SJR 81 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Birdwell submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1396.

Senator Parker moved that SB 1396 do not pass but that CSSB 1396 be reported back 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 Campbell assumed the chair.

The subcommittee report on SB 2294 was laid out by Senator Campbell. Senator Paxton then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Springer moved that SB 2294 do not pass but that CSSB 2294 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.

The subcommittee report on SB 18 was laid out by Senator Campbell. Senator Paxton then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 18 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2372 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 Creighton moved that SB 2372 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1475 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 2407 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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 1475 and SB 2407 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1721 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator King 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 Bettencourt 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 CSSB 1721 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1720 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, 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 1720 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 11 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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 11 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2482.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2482 do not pass but that CSSB 2482 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Campbell, Senator King and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out SB 999 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

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

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 Creighton moved that SB 999 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1647 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, 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 1647 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1630 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell 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 Birdwell 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 CSSB 1630 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair laid out SB 2158 and recognized the author, Senator King, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator King to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Middleton 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 2158 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 763 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell 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 King 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 763 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2088 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 Birdwell moved that SB 2088 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:12 PM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.



Brandon Creighton

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Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

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Abby Johnston, Clerk