

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Wednesday, April 19, 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 19, 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 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

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Senator Donna Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A quorum was established at 9:27 AM and the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1954 and recognized the author, 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 Campbell moved that SB 1954 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 595 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst 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.

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 SB 595 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 418 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

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.

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Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

Senator Campbell resumed the chair.

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

Senator Campbell moved that SB 418 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2403 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, 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 Campbell moved that SB 2403 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1557 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Senator Middleton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Parker to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The committee substitute was left pending.

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 SB 1557 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1064 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, 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 Campbell moved that SB 1064 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:48 AM Senator Campbell moved that the Committee stand recessed until after recess/adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:23 PM Senator West reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1471 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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.

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 1471 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 518.

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.

Senator Springer moved that SB 518 do not pass but that CSSB 518 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 LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair submitted paperwork recommending that the bill be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1474.

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 1474 do not pass but that CSSB 1474 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1647.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Parker 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 SB 1647 do not pass but that CSSB 1647 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 410.

Senator Parker moved that SB 410 do not pass but that CSSB 410 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 subcommittee report for SB 427 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Paxton moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 427 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 472.

Senator Parker moved that SB 472 do not pass but that CSSB 472 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 588.

Senator Parker moved that SB 588 do not pass but that CSSB 588 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, 1 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair submitted paperwork recommending that the bill be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

The subcommittee report for SB 696 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Menéndez moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 696 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 798.

Senator West moved that SB 789 do not pass but that CSSB 789 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 1072.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 1072 do not pass but that CSSB 1072 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1087.

Senator King moved that SB 1087 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 chair submitted paperwork recommending that the bill be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1261.

Senator Springer moved that SB 1261 do not pass but that CSSB 1261 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 for SB 1517 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Parker moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator King moved that SB 1517 do not pass but that CSSB 1517 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 subcommittee report for SB 1565 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Parker moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Parker moved that SB 1565 do not pass but that CSSB 1565 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 Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The subcommittee report for SB 1987 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Middleton moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Parker moved that SB 1987 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 for SB 2059 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Menéndez moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved that SB 2059 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2069.

Senator Parker moved that SB 2069 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 subcommittee report for SB 2335 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Parker moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2335 do not pass but that CSSB 2335 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 2368.

Senator Parker moved that SB 2368 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, 1 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1887.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 1887 do not pass but that CSSB 1887 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 chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1144.

Senator Springer moved that SB 1144 do not pass but that CSSB 1144 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 submitted paperwork recommending that the bill be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The subcommittee report for SB 2538 was laid out by Senator Campbell. Senator Springer moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Springer moved that SB 2538 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 Campbell 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 2124.



Senator King moved that SB 2124 do not pass but that CSSB 2124 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 Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The subcommittee report for SB 2136 was laid out by Senator Campbell. Senator Paxton moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2136 do not pass but that CSSB 2136 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 Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2304 and recognized the author, Senator LaMantia, to explain the bill.

Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator LaMantia 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.

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 2304 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2141 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 2141 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 668 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 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 668 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1567 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Parker 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 Parker 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 1567 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1506 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 1506 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2117 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 2205 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills 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 SB 2117 and SB 2205 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2428 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Parker 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 Parker 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 Campbell moved that SB 2428 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 12:23 AM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon Creighton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'B'.

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Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

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Abby Johnston, Clerk