

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Thursday, May 18, 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 Thursday, May 18, 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 9:18 AM. There was not a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 2120 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hall, 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 HB 2120 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1361 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Eckhardt, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 1361 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1157 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 HB 1157 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1662 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 HB 1662 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1926 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 HB 1926 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2285 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 HB 2285 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1206 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1206 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4656 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 4656 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3708 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 HB 3708 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2673 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 HB 2673 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3908 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Paxton moved that HB 3908 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 681 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 681 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4358 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 4358 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3338 and recognized Senator West, 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 Creighton moved that HB 3338 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2162 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Creighton moved that HB 2162 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2158 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Creighton moved that HB 2158 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 890 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Middleton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 890 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2273 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Campbell moved that HB 2273 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3315 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 3315 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:54 AM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made by Senator Creighton to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, and adopted by the Senate, the Senate Committee on Education reconvened at 4:07 PM in the Senate Press Room, 2E.9.

The chair called the meeting to order, the clerk called the roll and a quorum was present.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 699.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 699 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 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 HB 1883.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 1883 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 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 HB 1905.

Senator Menéndez moved that HB 1905 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 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 HB 2102.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2102 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3623.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 3623 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 Bettencourt 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 HB 4372.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 4372 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 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 CSHB 1361.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 1361 do not pass but that CSHB 1361 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 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 HB 3338.



Senator Middleton moved that HB 3338 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 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 HB 1794.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 1794 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 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 HB 1211.

Senator Menéndez moved that HB 1211 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 King 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 HB 4363.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 4363 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 900.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 900 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 890.

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

Senator Flores moved that HB 890 do not pass but that CSHB 890 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 4:21 PM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.



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Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

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Abby Johnston, Clerk