

The House Committee on Public Education

89th Legislature

April 22, 2025

8:00 a.m.

JHR 140

Pursuant to a notice posted on April 17, 2025 the House Committee on Public Education met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Buckley, at 8:07 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Buckley; Allen; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; and Schoolcraft.

A quorum was present.

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HB 3631

The chair laid out HB 3631.

The chair recognized Representative Hunter to explain HB 3631.

(Representative Ashby now present.)

(Representative Talarico now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Hunter to close on HB 3631.

HB 3631 was left pending without objection.

HB 3029

The chair laid out HB 3029.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Howard to explain HB 3029.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Howard to close on HB 3029.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 3029 was left pending without objection.

HB 3662

The chair laid out HB 3662.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Capriglione to explain HB 3662.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Capriglione to close on HB 3662.

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The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 3662 was left pending without objection.

HB 2354

The chair laid out HB 2354.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Shaheen to explain HB 2354.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Shaheen to close on HB 2354.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 2354 was left pending without objection.

HB 178

The chair laid out HB 178.

The chair recognized Representative Morales, Christina to explain HB 178.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Morales, Christina to close on HB 178.

HB 178 was left pending without objection.

HB 1939

The chair laid out HB 1939.

The chair recognized Representative Meyer to explain HB 1939.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Meyer to close on HB 1939.

HB 1939 was left pending without objection.

HB 2674

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The chair laid out HB 2674.

The chair recognized Representative Cook to explain HB 2674.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Cook to close on HB 2674.

HB 2674 was left pending without objection.

HB 1551

The chair laid out HB 1551.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Hickland to explain HB 1551.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Hickland to close on HB 1551.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 1551 was left pending without objection.

HB 5201

The chair laid out HB 5201.

The chair recognized Representative Lopez, Janie to explain HB 5201.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Lopez, Janie to close on HB 5201.

HB 5201 was left pending without objection.

HB 2040

The chair laid out HB 2040.

The chair recognized Representative King to explain HB 2040.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

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The chair recognized Representative King to close on HB 2040.

HB 2040 was left pending without objection.

HB 5381

The chair laid out HB 5381.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Lowe to explain HB 5381.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Bernal now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Lowe to close on HB 5381.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 5381 was left pending without objection.

HB 3460

The chair laid out HB 3460.

The chair recognized Representative Dutton to explain HB 3460.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Dutton to close on HB 3460.

HB 3460 was left pending without objection.

At 10:50 a.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was recessed until upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted.

The committee reconvened at 3:37 p.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative Buckley.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; and Talarico.

A quorum was present.

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SB 314

The chair laid out SB 314, as the companion to HB 1290.

The chair moved that SB 314, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (13).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Hunter; Kerwin (2).

HB 1178

The chair laid out HB 1178 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 1178, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (13).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Hunter; Kerwin (2).

HB 1290

The chair laid out HB 1290 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 1290, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (13).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Hunter; Kerwin (2).

HB 1368

The chair laid out HB 1368 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 1368, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Hinojosa; Leach; Talarico (10).

Nays: Representatives Frank; Schoolcraft (2).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Hunter; Kerwin; Leo Wilson (3).

HB 1411

The chair laid out HB 1411 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 1411, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Leach; Talarico (11).

Nays: Representative Schoolcraft (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Hunter; Kerwin; Leo Wilson (3).

HB 1441

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The chair laid out HB 1441 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 1441, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Hinojosa; Leach; Schoolcraft; Talarico (11).

Nays: Representative Frank (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Hunter; Kerwin; Leo Wilson (3).

HB 1773

The chair laid out HB 1773 as pending business.

(Representative Leo Wilson now present.)

The chair moved that HB 1773, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Leach; Talarico (11).

Nays: Representatives Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft (2).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Hunter; Kerwin (2).

HB 1813

The chair laid out HB 1813 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

(Representative Hunter now present.)

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

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The chair moved that HB 1813, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (14).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Kerwin (1).

HB 2107

The chair laid out HB 2107 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 2107, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (14).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Kerwin (1).

HB 2189

The chair recalled HB 2189 from the Subcommittee on Academic & Career-Oriented Education.

The chair recognized Representative Ashby to explain HB 2189.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 2189, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (14).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Kerwin (1).

HB 2243

The chair laid out HB 2243 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

(Representative Kerwin now present.)

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 2243, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (14).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: Representative Kerwin (1).

Absent: None (0).

HB 2310

The chair laid out HB 2310 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 2310, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

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Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 2598

The chair laid out HB 2598 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 2598, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 2849

The chair laid out HB 2849 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 2849, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Talarico (14).

Nays: Representative Schoolcraft (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 2911

The chair laid out HB 2911 as pending business.

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The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 2911, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 2967

The chair laid out HB 2967 as pending business.

The chair recognized Representative Dutton to explain HB 2967.

The chair moved that HB 2967, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Talarico (13).

Nays: Representatives Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft (2).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 3099

The chair laid out HB 3099 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 3099, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (14).

Nays: Representative Frank (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 3546

The chair laid out HB 3546 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 3546, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 3627

The chair laid out HB 3627 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 3627, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (13).

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Nays: Representatives Bryant; Hinojosa (2).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 3629

The chair laid out HB 3629 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 3629, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 3672

The chair laid out HB 3672 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 3672, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Schoolcraft; Talarico (14).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Leo Wilson (1).

HB 3797

The chair laid out HB 3797 as pending business.

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(Representative Leo Wilson now present.)

The chair moved that HB 3797, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 5263

The chair laid out HB 5263 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 5263, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 824

The chair recalled HB 824 from the Subcommittee on Academic & Career-Oriented Education.

The chair recognized Representative Ashby to explain HB 824.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

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The chair moved that HB 824, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 1581

The chair recalled HB 1581 from subcommittee.

The chair recognized Representative Ashby to explain HB 1581.

The chair moved that HB 1581, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 1579

The chair recalled HB 1579 from subcommittee.

The chair recognized Representative Ashby to explain HB 1579.

The chair moved that HB 1579, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 549

The chair laid out HB 549 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 549, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (14).

Nays: Representative Frank (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 367

The chair laid out HB 367 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 367, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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HB 983

The chair laid out HB 983 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 983, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 123

The chair moved to reconsider the vote by which the measure was reported from committee. The motion to reconsider prevailed without objection.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Dutton to explain HB 123.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 123, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (12).

Nays: Representatives Ashby; Bryant; Hinojosa (3).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 295

The chair recalled HB 295 from subcommittee.

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The chair recognized Representative Ashby to explain HB 295.

Representative Bryant offered an amendment to the measure.

HB 295 was left pending without objection.

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At 4:25 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Buckley, Chair

Jack Reed, Clerk