

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-16

Thursday, February 27, 2025
10:00 AM or upon adjournment
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 K-16 was held on Thursday, February 27, 2025, 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 Brent Hagenbuch
Senator Adam Hinojosa
Senator Phil King
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Bettencourt, Senator Hagenbuch, Senator King, Senator Menendez, and Senator West.

The chair laid out SB 400 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

The chair laid out SB 112 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 112 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SJR 12 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 686 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 204 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

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

The chair laid out SB 609 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 371 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1565 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 813 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 12 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton 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 Creighton resumed the chair.

Witnesses testifying and registering on CSSB 400, SB 112, SJR 12, SB 686, CSSB 204, SB 609, SB 317, CSSB 1565, SB 813, and CSSB 12 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

Senator Creighton moved that the following bills be left pending; CSSB 400, SB 112, SJR 12, SB 686, CSSB 204, SB 609, SB 317, CSSB 1565, SB 813, and CSSB 12.

The chair laid out SB 13 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.

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

There being no further business, at 6:47 PM Senator Parker 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, reading "Brandon Creighton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Brandon" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Creighton" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair



Carmen Fish, Clerk