

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-16

Thursday, May 22, 2025

9:45 AM

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, May 22, 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

Senator King, the acting chair, called the meeting to order at 9:46 AM. The following business was transacted:

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended to hear the following bill(s):

House bill 3372 sponsored by Senator Middleton
House bill 824 sponsored by Senator Middleton
House bill 1211 sponsored by Senator Menéndez
House bill 4236 sponsored by Senator Bettencourt
House bill 20 sponsored by Senator Schwertner

House bill 4623 sponsored by Senator Paxton

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Paul Bettencourt

Senator Tan Parker

Senator Angela Paxton

Senator Royce West

The chair laid out HB 1868 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 King moved that HB 1868 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2598 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Creighton moved that HB 2598 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3629 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 3629 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4361 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 4361 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4848 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Adam Hinojosa, 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 4848 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1211 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Menéndez, 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 1211 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 20 and recognized Senator Phil King, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 20 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4687 and recognized Senator Phil King, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 4687 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4236 and recognized Senator Phil King, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator King to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 HB 4236 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 824 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 824 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2243 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator King moved the adoption of the committee substitute. There was objection upon the adoption of the substitute with a record vote of 5 ayes 2 nays the substitute was adopted.

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 2243 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:51 AM Senator Campbell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:46 PM Senator Campbell reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 2853 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco 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 Campbell moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 2853 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 610 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 610 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4623 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 4623 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Middleton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Parker 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 HB 4 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 718 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Parker, 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 718 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3372 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 3372 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved to reopen public testimony on HB 4, without objection it was so ordered.

Witnesses testifying on the bill are attached.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 4 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 5294 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 5294 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 3:01 AM Senator Parker moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.



Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair



Carmen Fish, Clerk