

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Thursday, May 4, 2017

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 4, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Don Huffines  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Kel Seliger  
Senator Van Taylor  
Senator Carlos Uresti  
Senator Royce West

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended to hear the following bill(s):  
SB 927  
SB 2052

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Senators Larry Taylor, Lucio, Bettencourt, Campbell, Hall present. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 927 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Rodriguez 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.

Senator Van Taylor present.

Senator West present.

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

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 927 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Roll was taken at 9:17 AM; a quorum was present. (Senators Larry Taylor, Lucio, Bettencourt, Campbell, Hall, Seliger, Van Taylor, West.)

The chair laid out HB 728 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

(no oral testimony)

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

Senator Larry Taylor moved that HB 728 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2200 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Larry Taylor 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 2200 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1963 and recognized the author, 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 1963 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:45 AM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:03 PM Senator Larry Taylor reconvened the meeting.

Senator Uresti assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2052 and recognized the author, Senator Larry Taylor, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Larry Taylor 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 Uresti moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Uresti moved that SB 2052 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1553 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

Senator Larry Taylor moved to reconsider the vote by which the committee substitute was adopted at a previous hearing; without objection, it was ordered. Senator Hall moved to withdraw the committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Uresti sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menéndez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1553 do not pass but that CSSB 1553 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, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1553.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1561 and recognized the author, Senator Van Taylor, to explain the bill.

Senator Van Taylor sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1561, as amended, 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, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 1561.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1801 and explained the bill.

Senator Uresti moved that SB 1801 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 1801.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1838 and explained the bill.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1838 do not pass but that CSSB 1838 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, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1838.

Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2141 and explained the bill.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 2141 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 2141.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 370 and explained the bill.

Senator Uresti moved adoption of the committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Uresti moved that SB 370 do not pass but that CSSB 370 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on CSSB 370.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1605 and recognized Senator Huffines, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Huffines sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffines to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Larry Taylor moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffines moved that SB 1605 do not pass but that CSSB 1605 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1605.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1753 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1753 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 728 and explained the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 728 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on HB 728.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 927 and explained the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 927 do not pass but that CSSB 927 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion failed with a record vote of 5 ayes, 5 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Bettencourt moved to reconsider the vote by which CSSB 927 failed to pass. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that CSSB 927 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1963 and explained the bill.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1963 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

There being no further business, at 5:42 PM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

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Daniel Warner, Clerk