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SENATE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

1:30 PM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Whitmire, Chair
Senator Konni Burton
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Charles Perry

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Vice Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair called and heard invited and public testimony on strategies to combat the pervasive bullying in Texas schools with a special emphasis on cyber bullying in the digital age.

The Chair then called and heard invited and public testimony on interim charge 7; conduct a study of civil asset forfeiture laws in Texas and compare them to similar laws in other states. Determine best practices to protect public safety and the private property rights of citizens. Examine the reporting requirements and recommend legislative changes if needed to ensure transparency.

There being no further business, at 5:18 PM Senator Whitmire moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator John Whitmire, Chair

Terra Tucker, Clerk