

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

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 Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 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 Bob Hall  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Beverly Powell  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Royce West

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. A quorum not being present, the following business was transacted: The roll was called at 10:07AM and a quorum was established. The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Hall, Senator Hughes, Senator Menéndez, Senator Schwertner.

The chair laid out SB 1191 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, 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 Taylor moved that SB 1191 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 801 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the author, 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 Taylor moved that SB 801 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1590 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Taylor moved that SB 1590 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2105 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Powell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 Taylor moved that SB 2105 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 746 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, 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 Taylor moved that SB 746 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 560 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.

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 Taylor moved that SB 560 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 369.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute. Senator Taylor moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 369 do not pass but that CSSB 369 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Hall and Senator Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 369.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 462.

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

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 462 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 462.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 785.

Senator Hall moved that SB 785 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 785.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1063.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1063 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1063.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1267.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute. Senator West moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved that SB 1267 do not pass but that CSSB 1267 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 Hall and Senator Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1267.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1615.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1615 do not pass but that CSSB 1615 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 Hall and Senator Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1615.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1356.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1356 do not pass but that CSSB 1356 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 Hall and Senator Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1356.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1696.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1696 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hall and Senator Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1696.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1697.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1697 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 Hall and Senator Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1697.

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

At 10:26 AM Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1522.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1522 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 Hall and Senator Powell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1696.

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

At 10:28 AM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 272 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 Taylor moved that SB 272 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1095 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 Taylor moved that SB 1095 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 279 and recognized Senator Powell, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Powell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Powell 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 Taylor moved that SB 279 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 11:49 AM Senator 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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Bradley Hurt, Clerk