

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

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 Wednesday, April 12, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair  
Senator Donna Campbell, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Pete Flores  
Senator Morgan LaMantia  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Mayes Middleton  
Senator Tan Parker  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Drew Springer  
Senator Royce West

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Brian Birdwell  
Senator Phil King

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A quorum was established at 9:52 AM, and the following business was transacted:

Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2124 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

The chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Middleton moved that the committee substitute be left pending to await a quorum; 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 Middleton moved that SB 2124 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 789 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Johnson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Middleton moved that the committee substitute be left pending to await a quorum; 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 Middleton moved that SB 789 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1072 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Middleton moved that the committee substitute be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

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

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1072 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:48 AM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:25 PM Senator Creighton reconvened the meeting.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 17.

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.

Darren Kelly, representing Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, University of Texas at Austin, testified on the bill.

Christine Julien, representing Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Texas at Austin, testified on the bill.

Senator Campbell moved that SB 17 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 11.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols 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.

Senator Parker moved that SB 11 do not pass but that CSSB 11 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 2 absent. Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 17.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 17 do not pass but that CSSB 17 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 2 absent. Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting nay.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The subcommittee report on SB 55 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Menendez then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Parker moved that SB 55 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 2 absent. Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The subcommittee report on SB 567 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Middleton then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 567 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 2 absent. Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The subcommittee report on SB 695 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Paxton then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Parker moved that SB 695 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 2 absent. Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 763.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 763 do not pass but that CSSB 763 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 2 absent. Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting nay.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 999.

Senator Menéndez moved that SB 999 do not pass but that CSSB 999 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 2 absent. Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Flores 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 1515.

Senator Parker moved that SB 1515 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting nay.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1630.

Senator Parker moved that SB 1630 do not pass but that CSSB 1630 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Parker 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 1720.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 1720 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, 1 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator LaMantia and Senator Bettencourt submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The subcommittee report on SB 1758 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Parker then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1758 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, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator LaMantia and Senator Bettencourt submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

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

The subcommittee report for SB 2123 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Parker then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2123 do not pass but that CSSB 2123 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator LaMantia and Senator Bettencourt submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

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

The subcommittee report for SB 2139 was laid out by Senator Creighton. Senator Parker then moved adoption of the subcommittee report; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2139 do not pass but that CSSB 2139 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator LaMantia and Senator Bettencourt submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Flores 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 2158.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2158 do not pass but that CSSB 2158 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator LaMantia and Senator Bettencourt submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Flores 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 2372.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2372 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, 0 present

not voting, and 3 absent. Senator LaMantia and Senator Bettencourt submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Flores 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 2407.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2407 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, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator LaMantia and Senator Bettencourt submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair submitted paperwork recommending that the bill be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1475.

Senator Flores moved that SB 1475 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, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator LaMantia and Senator Bettencourt submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair submitted paperwork recommending that the bill be placed on the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2032.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2032 do not pass but that CSSB 2032 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator LaMantia and Senator Bettencourt submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2565.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2565 do not pass but that CSSB 2565 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent. Senator LaMantia and Senator Bettencourt submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1664 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 Creighton moved that SB 1664 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 245 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. 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 SB 245 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1261 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell 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 Campbell 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.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

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

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1261 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 410 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Middleton 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 Middleton 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.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

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

Senator Creighton moved that SB 410 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2497 and recognized the author, 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 SB 2497 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1087 and recognized Senator Middleton, 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 Creighton moved that SB 1087 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 588 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, 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 SB 588 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 472 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Bettencourt 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 SB 472 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1474 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 Creighton moved that SB 1474 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2069 and recognized Senator Paxton, 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 Creighton moved that SB 2069 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 7:45 PM Senator Creighton 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 that reads "Brandon Creighton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent dot over the 'i' in "Creighton".

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Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

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Abby Johnston, Clerk