

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, May 11, 2023

9:00 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 was held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, 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 Brian Birdwell
Senator Pete Flores
Senator Phil King
Senator Morgan LaMantia
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Drew Springer
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Senator West called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. A quorum was established at 9:43 AM, and the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 4375 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 West moved that HB 4375 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1002 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 West moved that HB 1002 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4363 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Juan 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 West moved that HB 4363 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

Senator Parker sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The committee substitute was left pending.

Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

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 Campbell moved that HB 3 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3803 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 Campbell moved that HB 3803 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4005 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Campbell moved that HB 4005 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:40 AM Senator Campbell moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:28 PM Senator Creighton reconvened the meeting.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2729 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell 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 Birdwell 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 Campbell moved that HB 2729 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2804.

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 2804 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, and Senator King submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3928 in lieu of SB 2140.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Parker to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Flores moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Flores moved that HB 3928 do not pass but that CSHB 3928 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2100 in lieu of SB 804.

Senator Flores moved that HB 2100 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia 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 HB 1114.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 1114 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia 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 HB 1212.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 1212 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Campbell 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 HB 1225.

Senator Parker moved that HB 1225 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2012.

Senator Parker moved that HB 2012 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Campbell 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 HB 621.

The committee substitute was sent up and explained on May 10th, 2023. Senator Parker moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Parker moved that HB 621 do not pass but that CSHB 621 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1707.

The committee substitute was sent up and explained on May 10th, 2023. Senator Parker moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 1707 do not pass but that CSHB 1707 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. There being 6 ayes, 2 nays, 5 absent, and 0 present not voting, the motion failed to receive an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership of the committee.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1789.

Senator Parker moved that HB 1789 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Menéndez 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 HB 2026.

Senator Flores moved that HB 2026 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Birdwell, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Bettencourt and Senator King submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting nay.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1416.

Senator Flores moved that HB 1416 do not pass but that CSHB 1416 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2892.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 2892 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Campbell 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 HB 2929.

Senator Menéndez moved that HB 2929 do not pass but that CSHB 2929 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Campbell 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 HB 1959.

Senator Springer moved that HB 1959 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Campbell 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 HB 4210.

Senator Flores moved that HB 4210 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia 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 chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4005.

Senator Flores moved that HB 4005 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3803.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 3803 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Campbell 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 HB 3287.

The committee substitute was sent up and explained on May 10th, 2023. Senator Flores moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Springer moved that HB 3287 do not pass but that CSHB 3287 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, Senator Birdwell, Senator King, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2729.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 2729 do not pass but that CSHB 2729 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Middleton, Senator Bettencourt, and Senator LaMantia submitted motions in writing requesting consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out HB 11 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 11 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 900 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 900 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 7:59 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 loop at the end of the last name.

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

Abby Johnston, Clerk