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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE & SENATE EDUCATION
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

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 & Senate Education Committee was held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Vice Chair
Senator Rodney Ellis
Senator Glenn Hegar
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Dan Patrick

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator John Whitmire, Chair
Senator John Carona

Senator Joan Huffman, the acting chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Invited testimony for The Texas Department of Criminal Justice Victim Service Division were called to testify in favor of victim's services.

Invited and public testimony was then heard for interim charge 6, assess the current trends in prescription drug abuse including crimes and arrests, abuse of prescription and over-the-counter medication in the prison population, impact on probation violations and recidivism, and incidences of law enforcement as the first responders to prescription drug overdose emergencies. Identify strategies for law enforcement and criminal justice systems to work with education and health care professionals to use all means, including technology, to identify abuses, and increase education and prevention. Make recommendations to enhance drug abuse prevention and intervention programs.

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Invited and Public testimony was then heard on interim charge 8, monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, 82nd Legislature, Regular and Called Sessions, and make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, and/or complete implementation. Specifically, monitor the implementation of SB 321, relating to an employee's lawful transportation and storage of certain firearms or ammunition while on property owned or controlled by the employee's employer.

There being no further business, at 3:45 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator John Whitmire, Chair

Terra Tucker, Clerk