

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, March 26, 2015

8:00 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, March 26, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Van Taylor
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:09 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Don Huffines
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Rodríguez
Senator Van Taylor

The chair laid out SB 276 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Campbell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Larry Taylor moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 642 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 4 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

Senator Larry Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Larry Taylor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 4, SB/CSSB 276 and SB 642 are shown on the attached list.

Senator Menéndez (not on committee) present.

Senator Garcia assumed the chair.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick present and made comments before the committee.

Senator Van Taylor assumed the chair.

Senator Garcia assumed the chair.

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

Senator Larry Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair moved to withdraw the committee substitutes to SB 4, SB 276 and SB 642; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that SB 4, SB 276 and SB 642 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:28 PM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

Nicole Sunstrum, Clerk