

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, April 30, 2015

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, April 30, 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 9:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1004 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.

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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 1004 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Roll was taken at 9:32 AM, a quorum was present.

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

At 9:56 AM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:05 PM Senator Larry Taylor reconvened the meeting.

Testimony on HB 4 resumed.

Senator West assumed the chair.

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

Senator West moved that HB 4 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The committee stood at ease at 5:37 PM.

The committee resumed at 5:39 PM.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1058 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 1058 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Roll was taken at 5:48 PM, a quorum was present.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 4 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 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 161.

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

Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 161 do not pass but that CSSB 161 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 674.

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

Senator Campbell moved that SB 674 do not pass but that CSSB 674 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 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 SB 811 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Rodríguez moved that SB 811 do not pass but that CSSB 811 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 968.

Senator West moved that SB 968 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 West 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 996.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 996 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 Van Taylor 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 1178.

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

Senator Huffines moved that SB 1178 do not pass but that CSSB 1178 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 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1216.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1216 do not pass but that CSSB 1216 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 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 CSSB 1259.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1259 do not pass but that CSSB 1259 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 Rodríguez 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 1479.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 1479 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 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1497.

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

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1497 do not pass but that CSSB 1497 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1568.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1568 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, 1 nay, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1825.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1825 be reported favorably 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 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2046.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 2046 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator West made a motion to reconsider the vote by which SB 2046 was passed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 2046 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, 1 nay, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1897.

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. Senator Larry Taylor moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1897 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 625 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Larry Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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.

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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 625 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1303 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 1303 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 6:57 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