

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-16

Thursday, April 10, 2025

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 K-16 was held on Thursday, April 10, 2025, 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 Brent Hagenbuch
Senator Adam Hinojosa
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Phil King

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator José Menéndez
Senator Royce West

The chair laid out SB 1322 and recognized the author, Senator Hagenbuch, 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 1322 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1998 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, 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 1998 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2788 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 Creighton moved that SB 2788 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2076 and recognized the author, 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 SB 2076 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1418 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Campbell 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 Creighton moved that SB 1418 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:41 AM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:24 PM Senator Creighton reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1961 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 1961 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

A quorum was established at 3:48 PM.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1325 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1325 do not pass but that CSSB 1325 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 1 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 SB 604.

Senator Parker moved that SB 604 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 1 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 SB 1832.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1832 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 SB 747.

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

Senator Paxton moved that SB 747 do not pass but that CSSB 747 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 1 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 SB 2185.

Senator Parker moved that SB 2185 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 1 absent.

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

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2395.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2395 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 1 absent.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved to reconsider the vote by which SB 2185 was recommended for the local and uncontested calendar and moved that SB 2185 be sent to the full Senate. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez moved to reconsider the vote by which SB 1832 was recommended for the local and uncontested calendar and moved that SB 1832 be sent to the full Senate. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 646 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 646 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2647 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 2647 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2786 and recognized the author, 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 SB 2786 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2615 and recognized the author, 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 SB 2615 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 4:36 PM Senator Campbell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.



Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair



Carmen Fish, Clerk