

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-16

Wednesday, April 16, 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 Wednesday, April 16, 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 Phil King
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:25 AM. The following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Tan Parker

The chair laid out SB 2986 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Campbell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 2986 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1032 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 1032 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

A quorum was established at 9:39 AM.

The chair laid out SB 2233 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, Adam, 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 2233 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2058 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, 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 2058 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2683 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Paxton 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 Creighton moved that SB 2683 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 735 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

At 10:57 AM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:55 PM Senator Creighton reconvened the meeting.

The chair resumed public testimony for SB 735.

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 735 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 800 and recognized Senator Menéndez, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 800 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2310 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

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

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 2310 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2055 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 2055 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1069 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Middleton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Paxton 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 Creighton moved that SB 1069 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2972 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hinojosa 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 SB 2972 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2815 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Campbell moved that SB 2815 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There was no action taken on SB 1909.

Senator Menéndez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2920.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2920 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 2398.

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 2398 do not pass but that CSSB 2398 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 Paxton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2927.

Senator Hagenbuch moved that SB 2927 do not pass but that CSSB 2927 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 Hinojosa 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 2929.

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 2929 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 Creighton 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 1241.

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

Senator King moved that SB 1241 do not pass but that CSSB 1241 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hinojosa 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 1395.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1395 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 401.

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

Senator King moved that SB 401 do not pass but that CSSB 401 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1972.

Senator Hagenbuch moved that SB 1972 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2540.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 2540 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 Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 9:18 PM Senator Menéndez 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