

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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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 was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Pete Flores, Chair  
Senator Tan Parker, Vice Chair  
Senator Brent Hagenbuch  
Senator Juan Hinojosa  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Phil King  
Senator Borris Miles

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:13 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Hagenbuch, Senator Miles, Senator Huffman, Senator King, and Senator Parker.

The chair laid out SB 2371 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Flores 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 Flores moved that SB 2371 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2581 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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 Flores moved that SB 2581 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 330 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 Flores moved that SB 330 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 663 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Flores 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 Flores moved that SB 663 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1020 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Flores 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 Flores moved that SB 1020 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1164 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Flores 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 Flores moved that SB 1164 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2111 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Flores 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 Flores moved that SB 2111 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2383 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 Flores moved that SB 2383 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2797 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores 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 Flores 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 Flores moved that SB 2797 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2798 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 Flores moved that SB 2798 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2196 and recognized Senator Miles, in the absence of the author, 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 Flores moved that SB 2196 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1152 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Flores moved that SB 1152 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1896 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Flores 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 Flores moved that SB 1896 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:10 AM Senator Parker assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2570.

Senator Parker moved that SB 2570 do not pass but that CSSB 2570 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 10:12 AM Senator Flores resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 330.

Senator Flores moved that SB 330 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Parker 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 663.

Senator Flores moved that SB 663 do not pass but that CSSB 663 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator King 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 1020.

Senator Flores moved that SB 1020 do not pass but that CSSB 1020 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Parker 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 1152.

Senator Flores moved that SB 1152 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1164.

Senator Flores moved that SB 1164 do not pass but that CSSB 1164 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Miles 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 1896.

Senator Flores moved that SB 1896 do not pass but that CSSB 1896 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 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 2111.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2111 do not pass but that CSSB 2111 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hagenbuch 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 2196.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2196 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Miles 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 2371.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2371 do not pass but that CSSB 2371 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Huffman 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 2383.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2383 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Parker 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 2581.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2581 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator King 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 2797.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2797 do not pass but that CSSB 2797 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2798.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2798 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hagenbuch 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 10:23 AM Senator Flores moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Pete Flores, Chair

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Haylee Plumley, Clerk