

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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 22, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Borris Miles

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. There being a quorum present at 9:07 AM the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Tan Parker, Senator Juan Hinojosa, Senator Joan Huffman, and Senator Phil King.

At 8:04 AM Senator Hagenbuch assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1666 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Hagenbuch 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 Hagenbuch 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 Hagenbuch moved that SB 1666 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2776 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, Adam, 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 Hagenbuch moved that SB 2776 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 127 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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 Hagenbuch moved that SB 127 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1980 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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 Hagenbuch moved that SB 1980 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 456 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Hagenbuch moved that SB 456 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2611 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 Hagenbuch moved that SB 2611 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 482 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

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

At 9:08 AM Senator Flores resumed the chair.

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

Senator Flores moved that SB 482 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1234 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 1234 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2580 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 2580 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 659 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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 659 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 816 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 816 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 739 and recognized Senator Hagenbuch, 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 739 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1886 and recognized Senator King, 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 1886 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2693 and recognized Senator Huffman, 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 2693 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 127.

Senator Flores moved that SB 127 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 456.

Invited testimony on the bill resumed.

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

Senator Flores moved that SB 456 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 482.

Senator Flores moved that SB 482 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, 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 659.

Senator Flores moved that SB 659 do not pass but that CSSB 659 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 739.

Senator Flores moved that SB 739 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, 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 816.

Senator Flores moved that SB 816 do not pass but that CSSB 816 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 1666.

Senator Flores moved that SB 1666 do not pass but that CSSB 1666 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1886.

Senator Flores moved that SB 1886 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 1980.

Senator Flores moved that SB 1980 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 2580.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2580 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 2693.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2693 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 2776.

Senator Flores moved that SB 2776 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 1234.

Senator Flores moved that SB 1234 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator King 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 10:06 AM Senator Flores moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Pete Flores, Chair

Haylee Plumley, Clerk