

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

7:00 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, May 20, 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 Phil King
Senator Borris Miles

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Joan Huffman

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Tan Parker
Senator Borris Miles

The chair laid out HB 47 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 HB 47 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 171 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. 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 HB 171 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 908 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 HB 908 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1443 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Phil King, 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 HB 1443 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5667 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Phil King, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

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

Senator Flores moved that HB 5667 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4263 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Flores moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 HB 4263 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2282 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 HB 2282 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3464 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 HB 3464 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 285 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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.

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

Senator Flores moved that HB 285 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2355 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Parker, 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 HB 2355 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2637 and recognized Senator Parker, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Parker to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 HB 2637 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 305 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Molly Cook, 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 HB 305 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1741 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Molly Cook, 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 HB 1741 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2492 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Juan 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 Flores moved that HB 2492 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1445 and recognized Senator Juan Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1445 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1024 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hagenbuch 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 HB 1024 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1306 and recognized Senator Hagenbuch, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1306 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 449 and recognized Senator Juan Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Flores sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 HB 449 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1902 and recognized Senator Juan Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1902 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2697 and recognized Senator Juan Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 2697 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2001 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 2001 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:40 AM Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1866 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Pete Flores, 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 1866 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4996 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Pete Flores, 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 4996 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:47 AM Senator Flores resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 47.

Senator Flores moved that HB 47 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 171.

Senator Flores moved that HB 171 do not pass but that CSHB 171 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 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 HB 285.

Senator Flores moved that HB 285 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 305.

Senator Flores moved that HB 305 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 HB 449.

Senator Flores moved that HB 449 do not pass but that CSHB 449 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 908.

Senator Flores moved that HB 908 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 HB 1024.

Senator Flores moved that HB 1024 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 HB 1306.

Senator Flores moved that HB 1306 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 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 HB 1443.

Senator Flores moved that HB 1443 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1445.

Senator Flores moved that HB 1445 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 HB 1902.

Senator Flores moved that HB 1902 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2001.

Senator Flores moved that HB 2001 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2355.

Senator Flores moved that HB 2355 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 HB 2492.

Senator Flores moved that HB 2492 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 HB 2637.

Senator Flores moved that HB 2637 do not pass but that CSHB 2637 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 HB 2697.

Senator Flores moved that HB 2697 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 HB 3464.

Senator Flores moved that HB 3464 do not pass but that CSHB 3464 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4263.

Senator Flores moved that HB 4263 do not pass but that CSHB 4263 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 HB 5667.

Senator Flores moved that HB 5667 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 HB 2282.

Senator Flores moved that HB 2282 be reported favorably 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 9:10 AM Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1866.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1866 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 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 HB 4996.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 4996 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.

At 9:11 AM Senator Flores resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:12 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