

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, April 27, 2017

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 was held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Van Taylor
Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended to hear the following bill(s):

SB 727

SB 1553

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Senators Larry Taylor, Campbell, Hall, Uresti were present. The following business was transacted:

Senator Uresti assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2051 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Lucio present.

Senator Van Taylor present.

Senator Seliger present.

Roll was called; a quorum was present. Senators Larry Taylor, Lucio, Hall, Seliger, Van Taylor, Uresti present.

Senator West present.

Senator Bettencourt present.

The chair laid out SB 1173 and recognized the author, 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 on SB 1173 be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that SB 1173 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor resumed the chair.

At 10:59 AM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:01 PM Senator Larry Taylor reconvened the meeting.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony on SB 2051 be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that SB 2051 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 436 and explained the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 436 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, Senator Hughes and Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 436.

Senator Van Taylor 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 CSSB 748 and explained the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 748 do not pass but that CSSB 748 be reported back 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. Senator Campbell, Senator Hughes, and Senator Uresti submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on CSSB 748. Senator Bettencourt submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting no on CSSB 748.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1061 and explained the bill.

Senator Van Taylor sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Van Taylor requested unanimous consent to incorporate Committee Amendment 1 into a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Van Taylor then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1061 do not pass but that CSSB 1061 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 Bettencourt and Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1061. Senator Uresti submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting no on CSSB 1061.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1177 and explained the bill.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1177 do not pass but that CSSB 1177 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 Bettencourt and Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1177.

Senator Larry Taylor 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 1294 and explained the bill.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1294 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. Senator Bettencourt and Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 1294. Senator Uresti submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 1294.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1785 and explained the bill.

Senator West moved that SB 1785 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 1785.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1903 and explained the bill.

Senator West moved that SB 1903 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 1981 and explained the bill.

Senator Van Taylor moved that SB 1981 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 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 2095 and explained the bill.

Senator Hall moved that SB 2095 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 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 2168 and explained the bill.

Senator Huffines moved that SB 2168 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 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 1692 and explained the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1692 do not pass but that CSSB 1692 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1696 and explained the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1696 do not pass but that CSSB 1696 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, 3 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1873 and recognized Senator Uresti, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Uresti moved that SB 1873 do not pass but that CSSB 1873 be reported back 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.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1484 and recognized the author, Senator Larry Taylor, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1484 do not pass but that CSSB 1484 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 Van Taylor 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 1660 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1660 do not pass but that CSSB 1660 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2078 and recognized the author, Senator Larry Taylor, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Larry Taylor sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Larry Taylor requested unanimous consent to incorporate Committee Amendment 1 into the bill to create a new committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Larry Taylor then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 2078 do not pass but that CSSB 2078 be reported back 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.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 355 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 355 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 384 and recognized the author, Senator Burton, 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 384 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1553 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 Larry Taylor moved 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 Larry Taylor moved that CSSB 1553 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1794 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 1794 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1605 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 1605 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1688 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Larry Taylor moved 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 1688 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1801 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Larry Taylor moved 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.

The chair laid out SB 585 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

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

Senator West moved that SB 585 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Seliger submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 585.

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 SB 444 and recognized the author, Senator Van Taylor, 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 444 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1561 and recognized the author, Senator Van Taylor, 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 1561 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Van Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 727 and recognized Senator Larry Taylor, 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 Van Taylor moved that SB 727 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2084 and recognized the author, Senator Larry Taylor, to explain the bill.

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

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 Van Taylor moved that SB 2084 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 7:17 PM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

Nicole Sunstrum, Clerk