

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION K-16

Thursday, March 27, 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 Thursday, March 27, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair
Senator Donna Campbell, Vice Chair
Senator Brent Hagenbuch
Senator Adam Hinojosa
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Phil King
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Tan Parker

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. The following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator José Menéndez

The chair laid out SB 60 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Creighton moved that SB 60 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 49 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Creighton moved that SB 49 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 365 and recognized the author, Senator Eckhardt, 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 365 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 895 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, 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 Creighton moved that SB 895 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1400 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, 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 Creighton moved that SB 1400 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:42 AM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:32 PM Senator Campbell reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1191 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton 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.

A quorum was established at 1:46 PM.

Senator Hinojosa moved the adoption of the committee substitute for Senate Bill 1191; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell moved that CSSB 1191 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

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The chair laid out SB 1401 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell 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 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 1401 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 685 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, 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 685 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1786 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa 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 Menéndez 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 resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 2:54 PM Senator Hinojosa moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brandon Creighton", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Brandon Creighton/Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carmen Fish", written over a horizontal line.

Carmen Fish, Clerk