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**SENATE EDUCATION & YOUTH  
2010 COMMITTEE RULES**

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be six (6).
2. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
3. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
5. Any member or members of the Committee who disagrees with the Majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to fill a minority Report if they so desire.
6. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
7. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he has designated to do so. In the event more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
8. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as Adopted, shall govern.

## SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 – Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40 <sup>th</sup> , Chairman	Fort, 39 <sup>th</sup>
Moody, 56 <sup>th</sup> , Vice-Chairman	Jackson, 24 <sup>th</sup> , Ex-Officio
Thomas, 54 <sup>th</sup> , Secretary	James, 35 <sup>th</sup>
Buckner, 44 <sup>th</sup>	Sims, 12 <sup>th</sup>
Butterworth, 50 <sup>th</sup>	Tate, 38 <sup>th</sup>

### SENATORS NOT PRESENT:

Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **SB 298 (Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>) – Education; require as part of course of study in secondary health education a course of study in basic first aid (PF)**

Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, presented her bill to the committee.

Much discussion and questions lead from the following:

Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>  
Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Jim Puckett, Ga. Assoc. of Educational Leaders  
James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jimmy Stokes, Ga. Assoc. of Secondary School Principals  
Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>  
Rob Miller, Citizen  
Windy Allen, Citizen/Lobbyist  
Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>

### **SB 298 HEARING ONLY**

### **SB 320 (Hill, 32<sup>nd</sup>) – Education; enact a bill of rights for Georgia teachers**

Senator Hill, 32<sup>nd</sup>, author, presented his bill to the committee.

As this was a hearing only discussion and questions lead from the following:

Speaking in support of the bill:

Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>  
Margaret Ciccarelli with PAGE  
Ron Miller, Citizen

Speaking with questions and concerns:

Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Marcus Downs, Ga. Assoc. of Educators  
Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Herb Garrett, Ga. School Superintendents Assoc.  
Jim Puckett, Ga. School Bd. Assoc.

**[SB 320 HEARING ONLY](#)**

**[SB 132 \(Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>\) – Dropout Deterrent Act; revise the age of mandatory education](#)**

Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee.

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, asked if there was a Fiscal Note and Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, felt a new revised Fiscal Note should be done.

There was no testimony.

**[SB 132 HEARING ONLY](#)**

**[SB 60 \(Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>\) – Education; authorize each local board of education to determine the maximum age of mandatory education; provide alternative tracks](#)**

Senator Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee and passed out a Fiscal Note to the bill.

Recognized for questions and discussion were:

James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>  
Sally Fitzgerald, PTA  
Margaret Ciccarelli, PAGE  
Jim Puckett, Ga. School Board Assoc.

Paula Davidson, Georgia Community Action Agencies  
Nicole Knighten, DeKalb County Schools

Marcus Downs, Ga. Assoc. of Educators, was called on by Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, to make closing remarks.

**SB 60 HEARING ONLY**

There being no further business taken, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary

## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 2, 2010 – Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40 <sup>th</sup> , Chairman	Fort, 39 <sup>th</sup>
Moody, 56 <sup>th</sup> , Vice-Chairman	James, 35 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas, 54 <sup>th</sup> , Secretary	Sims, 12 <sup>th</sup>
Buckner, 44 <sup>th</sup>	Tate, 38 <sup>th</sup>
Butterworth, 50 <sup>th</sup>	Williams, 19 <sup>th</sup> , Ex-Officio

### SENATORS NOT PRESENT:

Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **SB 299 (Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>) – Juvenile proceedings; zero tolerance policy on weapons in schools; change provisions (PF)**

Senator Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee and explained the reasons why this bill should be in place.

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, speaks to the mechanics of the bill.

Legislative Council gives clarification of a standing court order.

Discussion between Senator Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, and Representative Jill Chambers, 81<sup>st</sup>, lead regarding clarification of designated felony.

### **SB 299 HEARING ONLY**

### **SB 332 (Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>) – Public School; reporting by local boards of education regarding expulsion/disciplinary actions for students bringing weapons to school**

Senator Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee and explained that his bill is a companion bill to SB 299.

### **Questions from the Committee were:**

Chairman, Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>,

Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio  
James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>

Guest Speakers:

Amanda Chapman, mother of a child that was a victim of a felony charge.  
Irene Munn, Lt. Governor's Office  
Mark Elgard with SACS  
Andrew Broy, Associate Superintendent, Policy, External Affairs, and Charter Schools  
Clara Keith, Deputy Supt. for Policy and External Affairs

Before the meeting adjourned, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called on Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, to chair the committee in his absence. Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, later called on Senator Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, to chair the committee as he also had to leave for another meeting.

**SB 332 HEARING ONLY**

There being no further business taken, Senator Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary



## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 9, 2010 – Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>

Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>  
Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio  
James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio

### SENATORS NOT PRESENT:

Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **SB 352 (Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>) – Education; require State Board of Education to include growth model as a primary factor in calculation of adequate yearly growth**

Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee.

Discussion and questions lead from the following:

James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Jamie Self, Ga. Family Council  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>  
Fort, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio  
Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Wanda Barrs, Chairman, State Board of Education

### Speaking in Support of the bill:

Herb Garrett, Ga. Superintendant Assoc.  
Angela Palm, Ga. School Board Assoc.

### **SB 352 HEARING ONLY**

**SB 298 (Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>) - Education; require as part of course of study in secondary health education a course of study in basic first aid (PF).**

Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee and announced to the committee that she would have a substitute to the bill but was not ready at this time. The bill would be ready to put before the committee at the next scheduled meeting.

There was no testimony.

**SB 298 HEARING ONLY**

**SB 132 (Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>) – Dropout Deterrent Act; revise the age of mandatory education**

Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee.

Suggestion was made by Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, to combine SB 132 (Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>) with SB 60 (Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>). It was agreed by both and would have SB 132, authored by Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, ready for committee at the next meeting.

There was no testimony.

**SB 132 HELD OVER**

**SB 60 (Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>) – Education; authorize each local board of education to determine the maximum age of mandatory education; provide alternative tracks**

Motion was made by Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, to combine SB 132, authored by Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, and SB 60, authored by Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>, into one bill which would be SB 132, authored by Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>. Motion was carried and Vote was unanimous.

There being no further business taken, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary

## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 11, 2010 – Room 310 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>

Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>  
Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio  
James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio

### SENATORS NOT PRESENT:

Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

### **SB 298 (Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>) – Education; require as part of course of study in secondary health education a course of study in basic first aid (PF).**

Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee offering a substitute (LC 35 1635S) and went over the changes made to the bill.

There being no discussion or questions, Senator Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 10/0. (Senators Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, and Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, were present for vote.)

### **SB 298 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

### **SB 386 (Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>) – Education; establish an alternative performance-based salary schedule; evaluation instruments; effectiveness of teachers/ administrators**

Senator Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee and added that the Georgia Association of Educators had released false statements regarding the bill. He further reviewed the allocations from the bill.

There were a lot of questions from the committee.

Answering questions and concerns from the committee were Aaron Hames, Governor's Policy Director, and Kelly Henson, Professional Standards for Teacher Certification.

Having concerns about the bill in its current form was Margaret Ciccarelli with Professional Association of Georgia Educators. She wanted to make sure Educators were involved with the evaluation process. Marcus Downs with GAE, asked the committee to consider a study on merit pay before moving the bill further.

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, asked Aaron Hames, Governor's Policy Director, to respond to further questions and concerns.

With no further questions, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, announced to the committee there would be no vote taken and it would be a hearing only.

**SB 386 HEARING ONLY**

**SB 132 (Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>) – Dropout Deterrent Act; revise the age of mandatory education**

Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, presented a substitute - (LC 33 3486S)

SB 60 by Jackson, 2<sup>nd</sup>, was combined with SB 132 by Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, creating a substitute for SB 132.

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, asked if there were concerns or questions, and there were none. Senator Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE and Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup> seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 6/0.

Not present for vote:

Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>  
Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>  
Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>

Voting for the Bill:

Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>  
James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>  
Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>  
Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>

**SB 132 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

There being no further business taken, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary

## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 – Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>  
Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>

Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio  
James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>  
Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio

### SENATOR NOT PRESENT:

Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **SB 387 (Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>) – Education; provide for career counseling/advisement for students in grades 6 through 12**

Senator Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, author, called on Fatimot Ladipo, Legislative Liaison for Georgia Student Finance Commission, to present his bill. Ms. Ladipo introduced a substitute to the bill (LC 33 3529S) and explained the changes to the bill and the benefits of the changes.

With no questions Senator Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE and Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. Senators Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, and Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, were not present for the vote. Vote was unanimous. 10/0

### **SB 387 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

### **HB 906 (Representative Neal, 1<sup>st</sup>) – Elementary and secondary education; annual contracts; temporarily extend deadlines**

Representative Neal, 1<sup>st</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee and added that it was a revisit to a bill that was passed last Session. It simply extends time frame from April 15 to May 15 for 3 years which will give more time to understand the budget for schools.

Recognized to speak were Tom Womack, Professional Association of Georgia Educators and Margaret Ciccarelli with PAGE, Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, and Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>. They spoke in favor of the bill.

Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 10/0. Senators Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, and Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, were not present for the vote.

**HB 906 DO PASS**

**HB 923 (Representative Neal, 1<sup>st</sup>) – Quality Basic Education Act; salary schedules for certificated personnel; revise provisions**

Representative Neal, 1<sup>st</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee and added that the Governor asked to hold the bill for more language to be added to the bill.

Recognized for questions and discussion to the bill were Senators Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, James, 35<sup>th</sup>, Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>.

In closing, Representative Neal, 1<sup>st</sup>, addressed the committee by saying he would work with the Governor's Office to come up with a substitute.

**HB 923 HELD OVER**

**HB 907 (Representative Casas, 103<sup>rd</sup>) – Quality Basic Education Act; organization of schools, programs, and scheduling; revise certain provisions**

Representative Casas, 103<sup>rd</sup>, author, called on Aaron Hames with the Governor's Office to present his bill.

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, presented his concerns and questions which were satisfied by Aaron Hames from the Governor's Office.

Senator Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 11/0. Senator Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, was not present for vote.

**HB 907 DO PASS**

**HB 905 (Representative Dickson, 6<sup>th</sup>) – Quality Basic Education Act; capital outlay funds; provisions**

Representative Dickson, 6<sup>th</sup>, was not present and unable to present his bill and Aaron Hames with the Governor's Office presented his bill to the committee.

There were no questions or discussion.

Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 11/0. Senator Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, was not present.

**HB 905 DO PASS**

**HB 908 (Representative Coleman, 97<sup>th</sup>) – Quality Basic Education Act; expenditures, class size, additional days, salary; temporarily suspend**

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, announced that time had run out to hear any more bills and HB 908 would be taken up at another meeting.

**HB 908 HELD OVER**

There being no further business taken, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary

## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 18, 2010 – Room 310 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40 <sup>th</sup> , Chairman	Fort, 39 <sup>th</sup>
Moody, 56 <sup>th</sup> , Vice-Chairman	Jackson, 24 <sup>th</sup> , Ex-Officio
Thomas, 54 <sup>th</sup> , Secretary	James, 35 <sup>th</sup>
Balfour, 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sims, 12 <sup>th</sup>
Buckner, 44 <sup>th</sup>	Tate, 38 <sup>th</sup>
Butterworth, 50 <sup>th</sup>	Williams, 19 <sup>th</sup> , Ex-Officio

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m.

### **SB 427 (Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>) – Georgia Foundation for Public Education; establish; provide for membership, powers, duties, purpose**

Senator Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, author, asked Jennifer Hackemeyer, Georgia Department of Education, speak to his bill.

There was no testimony.

Senator Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous 10/0. Senators Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup> and James, 35<sup>th</sup>, were not present for vote.

### **SB 427 DO PASS**

### **SB 361 (Rogers, 21<sup>st</sup>) – Education; rename scholarship program to "Georgia Early HOPE Scholarship"; expand the eligibility for the program; definitions**

Senator Rogers, 21<sup>st</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee and offered a committee substitute to the bill (LC 33 3566S).

There was testimony from Dr. Ben Scafidi, Associate Professor of Economics and Finance.

There was a lot of questions and discussion from the committee.

### *Recognized to speak in favor of SB 361 were:*

Steven Hick, Center Academy in Cobb County  
Bill Nigut, Anti Defamation League  
Ben Scafidi, Associate Professor of Economics and Finance



Pat Chivers, Archdiocese of Atlanta  
Connie Sealy, Parent of Special Needs Child  
Michele Carver, Army Parent  
Tracy Clark, Parent  
Rabi AD Mofza, represents Arthodox Jewish Community

Speaking in opposition of SB 361 were:

Marcus Downs, Georgia Association of Educators  
Margaret Ciccarelli, PAGE  
Angela Palm, GSBA  
Herb Garrett, GSSA

Senator Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 3566S). Senator Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. Yea votes were from Senators Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>. Nay votes were from Senators Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, and Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>. Not present for vote were Senators Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, James, 35<sup>th</sup>, and Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>. The bill passed 5/2.

\*\*\*It was the wishes of Senators Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, and James, 35<sup>th</sup>, that although they were not present for vote, they were not in favor of the bill.

**SB 361 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

**HB 908 (Representative Coleman, 97<sup>th</sup>) – Quality Basic Education Act; expenditures, class size, additional days, salary; temporarily suspend**

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, announced to the committee that HB 908 would be held over to the next meeting due to lack of time to hear the bill.

**HB 908 HELD OVER**

There being no further business taken, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary

## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 – Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>  
Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>  
Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio

James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>  
Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio

### SENATORS NOT PRESENT:

Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>

Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>

Due to the absence of Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, chaired the meeting. Vice-Chairman Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

### **[SB 299 \(Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>\) – Juvenile proceedings; zero tolerance policy on weapons in schools; change provisions \(PF\)](#)**

Senator Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>, presented a substitute to his SB 299, (LC 29 4153S) and explained the changes to the bill.

There was no testimony.

Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, moved to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous 7/0.

### **SB 299 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.**

### **[SB 332 \(Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>\) – Public School; reporting by local boards of education regarding expulsion/disciplinary actions for students bringing weapons to school](#)**

Senator Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee and added that this bill was simply a companion bill to SB 299.

Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, had concerns that this would be just another report they would have to do. Senator Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>, addressed his concerns, there would be no reports made.

Discussion followed.

Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, moved to DO PASS and Senator Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 7/0.

### **SB 332 DO PASS**

### **SR 1085 (Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>) – Georgia School Boards Association; urged to take lead in recommending legislation; address local school board governance issues**

Senator Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, author, presented a substitute (LC 33 3603S) to the bill to the committee.

There was no testimony or questions.

Senator Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, moved to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous 7/0.

### **SR 1085 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

### **SB 426 (Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>) – Education; prohibit per diem for at-fault board members during time local school system has its accreditation revoked or placed on probation**

Senator Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee.

Discussion followed from the committee.

Angela Palm spoke to the committee and said they have no opposition to the bill. Ms. Fitzgerald with the League of Women Voters and PAGE spoke briefly. Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, was in support of the changes.

Senator Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, called for clarification on language from Legislative Counsel, Betsy Howerton.

It was agreed by committee and Senator Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, to work on a substitute to the bill and bring it before the committee at another time.

### **SB 426 HELD OVER**

### **SB 420 (Ramsey, 43<sup>rd</sup>) – Education; absences due to illness/injury caused by conditions which create a state-wide state of emergency; not be counted as absences**

Senator Ramsey, 43<sup>rd</sup>, author, was not present to present the bill to the committee.

### **SB 420 HELD OVER**

There being no further business taken, Vice-Chairman Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

/s/ Senator Dan Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary

## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 – Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40 <sup>th</sup> , Chairman	Fort, 39 <sup>th</sup>
Moody, 56 <sup>th</sup> , Vice-Chairman	Jackson, 24 <sup>th</sup> , Ex-Officio
Thomas, 54 <sup>th</sup> , Secretary	James, 35 <sup>th</sup>
Balfour, 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sims, 12 <sup>th</sup>
Buckner, 44 <sup>th</sup>	Tate, 38 <sup>th</sup>
Butterworth, 50 <sup>th</sup>	

### SENATOR NOT PRESENT:

Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **HB 908 (Representative Coleman, 97<sup>th</sup>) – Quality Basic Education Act; expenditures, class size, additional days, salary; temporarily suspend**

\*\*\*It was noted that the author of the bill was changed from Representative Casas, 103<sup>rd</sup> to Representative Coleman, 97<sup>th</sup>.

Representative Coleman, 97<sup>th</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee adding that a task force was organized to aid in putting this bill together. This bill would change the current law and allow local school systems to waive expenditure controls for direct instructional cost, media center costs and staff professional development costs without penalty for the 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and 2012-2013 school years only.

At that time, Rep. Coleman, 97<sup>th</sup>, offered a substitute (LC 33 3643S) to the bill and explained the changes to the bill.

Much discussion followed.

Marcus Downs with GAE was recognized to speak and presented two teachers to testify; Connie Jackson and Patricia Brown.

Testifying with concerns to the bill were Margaret Ciccarelli with PAGE and Herb Garrett with GSSA.

Testifying in support of the bill with the current changes were Josh Mackey with GEC, Ms. Michelle Crider with GSTA, and Angela Palm; adding it was very important to keep the three year period.

At this point Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, asked if it would be the posture of the committee to move on the bill today, adding the changes.

Senator Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, moved to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE with the three changes. Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was 6/5. Yea votes were from Senators Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, and Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>. Nay votes were from Senators Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, and James, 35<sup>th</sup>.

\*To brake the tie, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup> voted yea.

**HB 908 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

**SB 420 (Ramsey, 43<sup>rd</sup>) – Education; absences due to illness/injury caused by conditions which create a state-wide state of emergency; not be counted as absences**

**SB 420 HELD OVER**

**SB 426 (Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>) – Education; prohibit per diem for at-fault board members during time local school system has its accreditation revoked or placed on probation**

**SB 426 HELD OVER**

**SB 457 (Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>) – Education; provide local board of education may act on petition for a conversion charter school for a high school cluster; referendum**

**SB 457 HELD OVER**

There being no further business taken, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary

## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 – Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40 <sup>th</sup> , Chairman	Jackson, 24 <sup>th</sup> , Ex-Officio
Moody, 56 <sup>th</sup> , Vice-Chairman	James, 35 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas, 54 <sup>th</sup> , Secretary	Sims, 12 <sup>th</sup>
Buckner, 44 <sup>th</sup>	Tate, 38 <sup>th</sup>
Butterworth, 50 <sup>th</sup>	Williams, 19 <sup>th</sup> , Ex-Officio
Fort, 39 <sup>th</sup>	

### SENATORS NOT PRESENT:

Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **SB 420 (Ramsey, 43<sup>rd</sup>) – Education; absences due to illness/injury caused by conditions which create a state-wide state of emergency; not be counted as absences**

Senator Ramsey, 43<sup>rd</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee.

Recognized for questions were Senators Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, James, 35<sup>th</sup>, and Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, recommended a committee substitute and Ramsey, 43<sup>rd</sup>, agreed to add the language. Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 3699S) and Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 11/0. Senator Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, was not present.

### **SB 420 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

### **SR 1199 (Hawkins, 49<sup>th</sup>) – Certification and Professional Task Force; create; directing Professional Standards Commission to temporarily modify its rule; certificate renewal**

Senator Hawkins, 49<sup>th</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee and added that the National Board of Certification had added an amendment to the bill. Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, was recognized for questions and Senator Hawkins, 49<sup>th</sup>, satisfied his concerns.

Chairman, Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, moved for a motion on the amendment, but there was none. Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS and Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous 10/0. Senators Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, and Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, were not present for vote.

**SR 1199 DO PASS**

**SB 320 (Hill, 32<sup>nd</sup>) – Education; enact a bill of rights for Georgia teachers**

Senator Hill, 32<sup>nd</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee and added he would be speaking to the substitute (LC 28 4964S) to the bill and explained the changes made to the bill.

Speaking with concerns to the bill was Herb Garrett with Ga. Assoc. of School Superintendants, Marcus Downs with Georgia Assoc. of Educators, and Angela Palm with the Georgia School Board Assoc.

Legislative Counsel pointed out more conflicting areas in the bill and suggested another substitute to the bill. Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, agreed that the bill would be held over to be worked on and presented at the next scheduled meeting.

**SB 320 HELD OVER**

**SB 457 (Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>) – Education; provide local board of education may act on petition for a conversion charter school for a high school cluster; referendum**

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, author, presented the bill to the committee.

Questions and concerns lead. With time running out, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, suggested taking a vote and make the necessary changes on the floor. Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, moved to DO PASS and Senator Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was 10/1. Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, voted Nay.

**SB 457 DO PASS**

There being no further business taken, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary



## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 18, 2010 – Room 310 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40 <sup>th</sup> , Chairman	Butterworth, 50 <sup>th</sup>
Moody, 56 <sup>th</sup> , Vice-Chairman	Sims, 12 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas, 54 <sup>th</sup> , Secretary	Tate, 38 <sup>th</sup>
Buckner, 44 <sup>th</sup>	Williams, 19 <sup>th</sup> , Ex-Officio

### SENATORS NOT PRESENT:

Balfour, 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jackson, 24 <sup>th</sup> , Ex-Officio
Fort, 39 <sup>th</sup>	James, 35 <sup>th</sup>

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

### **SB 521 (Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>) – Education; provide for enrollment counts for students in certain dual enrollment programs**

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee and asked Irene Munn with the Lt. Governor's Office to explain the bill.

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, spoke briefly with closing remarks.

With no more discussion, Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 6/0.

### **SB 521 DO PASS**

### **SB 320 (Hill, 32<sup>nd</sup>) – Education; enact a bill of rights for Georgia teachers**

Senator Hill, 32<sup>nd</sup>, presented the bill to the committee and introduced a committee substitute (LC 33 3703S).

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, suggested that Senator Hill, 32<sup>nd</sup>, meet with the Education people and brief them on the changes. Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, spoke briefly regarding clarification.

With no more discussion and testimony, Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup> moved to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous 8/0.

**SB 320 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

**SB 426 (Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>) – Education; prohibit per diem for at-fault board members during time local school system has its accreditation revoked or placed on probation**

Senator Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, presented her substitute (LC 33 3641S) to the bill to the committee.

There was no testimony or discussion.

Senator Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 8/0.

**SB 426 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

**SB 451 (Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>) – Early Care/Education Programs; provide for certain procedures subsequent to death occurring in a family day-care home, group-day care**

Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee.

There was a lot of questions and discussion from the committee.

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, announced to the committee that he felt they needed to hear from Bright from the Start before putting the bill through the committee.

Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, agreed to make changes and confer with Bright from the Start. Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, agreed to place SB 451 on the agenda at the next meeting.

**SB 451 HELD OVER**

There being no further business taken, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor

March 22, 2010

The Honorable Bob Ewing  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Bob:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-3.2, please let this letter serve as official notice that Senator Preston Smith, 52nd, is hereby appointed to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth as an Ex-Officio Member.

This appointment is effective immediately and expires at the end of the day.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor

## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Monday, March 22, 2010 – Room 310 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>  
Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Fort

Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio  
James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Smith, 52<sup>nd</sup>  
Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio

### SENATORS NOT PRESENT:

Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>

Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

### **SB 518 (Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>) – Education; require study of the pledge of allegiance to the flag of United States and Georgia flag; American institutions and ideals**

Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, presented the bill to the committee.

There was no testimony or questions.

Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, moved to DO PASS.

Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous 8/0.

### **SB 518 DO PASS**

Senators Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, were not present for vote.

### **SB 451 (Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>) – Early Care/Education Programs; provide for certain procedures subsequent to death occurring in a family day-care home, group-day care**

Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee and as this bill has been before the committee previously and changes discussed, Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, presented a substitute to her bill.

Ashley Peacock, Chief Executive of Bright from the Start, spoke and added minor changes to the substitute and reiterated there was no objection to this bill.

Discussion followed between Ashley Peacock, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, and Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, agreed on changes and Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, decided to move on a vote with the changes to the substitute.

Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, moved to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous 7/0.

### **SB 451 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

Senators Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, were not present for vote.

### **SB 515 (Smith, 52<sup>nd</sup>) – Educators' Salary Protection Act; enact; prohibit furloughs; local school system personnel when local reserve funds are available**

Senator Smith, 52<sup>nd</sup>, presented the bill to the committee and explained that he had a substitute to the bill (LC 33 3717S).

Senator Smith, 52<sup>nd</sup>, commented that teachers should not be furloughed if there is this large reserve account.

Recognized with questions from the committee, but supporting the bill, were Senators Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, and Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>.

The following testified before the committee in support of the bill:

Marcus Downs, Ga. Assoc. of Educators

Margaret Ciccarelli, Professional Assoc. of Ga. Educators

The following testified before the committee in opposition to the bill:

Herb Garrett, Ga. School Superintendents Assoc.

Angela Palm, Ga. School Board Assoc.

Former Senator Chuck Clay, Ga. Education Coalition

Robert Morales, Fulton County School System Chief Financial Officer, was called to speak by Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, had concerns with the mechanics of the bill and explained, but he added, he would allow vote with that language to be amended.

Senator Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion and the bill passed 8/0. Vote was unanimous. Not present for vote were Senators Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, and Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 515 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

There being no further business taken, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

/s/ Senator Dan Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary

## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Vice Chairman  
Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>

Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio  
James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>  
Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>

### SENATORS NOT PRESENT:

Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>

Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### **[HB 1079 \(Representative Dickson, 6<sup>th</sup>\) – Teacher certification, additional payment methods; authorize](#)**

Representative Dickson, 6<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee and offered an amendment to the bill.

Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous 9/0. Senator Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

Not present for vote were Senators Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **[HB 1079 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)**

### **[HB 651 \(Representative Carter, 175<sup>th</sup>\) – Sexual offenders; information to schools on accessing registry; revise certain provisions](#)**

Rep. Carter, 175<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee.

Senator Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, had questions and asked about striking certain language in the bill. Rep. Carter, 175<sup>th</sup>, responded to his questions and Senator Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, agreed to leave the language as is.

There were no more questions.

Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 9/0.

Not present for vote were Senators Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>. Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

### **HB 651 DO PASS**

### **HB 910 (Representative Maxwell, 17<sup>th</sup>) – Gender discrimination; Department of Education; annual gender equality reporting; remove requirements**

Rep. Maxwell, 17<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee.

There were no questions or discussion.

Senator Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 9/0. Not present for vote were Senators Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>. Senator Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

### **HB 910 DO PASS**

### **HB 923 (Representative Neal, 1<sup>st</sup>) – Quality Basic Education Act; salary schedules for certificated personnel; revise provisions**

Rep. Neal, 1<sup>st</sup>, presented the bill to the committee and introduced to the committee a substitute to the bill (LC 33 3752S).

The following were recognized for questions: Senators Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, and Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, and Jeffrey Johnston of Alpharetta.

Kelly Henson with Professional Standards testified in support of the bill.

Discussion followed by Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, and Kelly Henson.

There were no more questions and discussion.

Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE Senator Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 9/0. Not present for vote were Senators Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>. Senator Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

### **HB 923 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**



**[HB 925 \(Representative Benton, 31<sup>st</sup>\) – Mandatory education; unexcused absence notice sent by United States mail; provide](#)**

Rep. Benton, 31<sup>st</sup>, presented the bill to the committee.

There were lots of questions from Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>.

Sally Fitzgerald with PAGE gave testimony.

There were no more questions or testimony.

Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was 8/1. Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, opposed. Not present for vote were Senators Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>. Senator Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

**[HB 925 DO PASS](#)**

**[HB 1086 \(Representative Austin, 10<sup>th</sup>\) – Public records; teacher and school employee information; exempt from disclosure](#)**

Rep. Austin, 10<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee and explained this was merely a clean up bill recommended by Professional Standards Commission.

There was no testimony or discussion.

Senator Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 9/0. Not present for vote were Senators Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>. Senator Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

**[HB 1086 DO PASS](#)**

**[HB 1200 \(Representative Glanton, 76<sup>th</sup>\) – Local boards of education; solicit and accept donations for field trips; authorize](#)**

Rep. Glanton, 76<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee and added that this was not a mandate.

Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, had some concern about the bill.

There were no more questions.

Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 9/0. Not present for vote were Senators Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>. Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

**HB 1200 DO PASS**

There being no further business taken, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary

## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 – Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>  
Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>

Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio  
James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio

### SENATORS NOT PRESENT:

Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>

Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

### **[HB 1103 \(Representative Maxwell, 17<sup>th</sup>\) – Education; Professional Standards Commission; criminal background checks; provisions](#)**

Rep. Maxwell, 17<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee as passed the House (LC 33 3502S) and explained section 2 of the bill.

There were no questions or testimony.

Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 8/0. Not present for vote were Senators Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, and Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>. Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

### **[HB 1103 DO PASS](#)**

### **[HB 1307 \(Representative Dixon, 6<sup>th</sup>\) – Teacher certification; learning requirements for renewal; temporarily suspend](#)**

Rep. Dickson, 6<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee and explained to committee that this bill does not affect Professional Standards, they are supportive of the bill.

Recognized for questions were Senators Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, and Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>.

There were no more questions or testimony.

Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator James, 35<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 8/0. Not present for vote were Senators Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, and Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>. Senator Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

### **HB 1307 DO PASS**

### **HB 400 (Representative Millar, 79<sup>th</sup>) – Building Resourceful Individuals to Develop Georgia's Economy Act; enact**

Rep. Millar, 79<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee and presented a new substitute (LC 33 3415S) and an amendment (AM 33 0921). Rep. Millar, 79<sup>th</sup>, stated to the committee that Kathy Cox, Georgia School Superintendent, has no problems with the bill financially and would be glad to implement it.

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, asked if it was the favor of the committee to combine the substitute (LC 33 3415S) and the amendment (AM 33 0921), making a new substitute. It was unanimous by the committee to combine the Substitute (LC 33 3415S) and the amendment (AM 33 0921) and take a vote on the combined changes to the bill therefore the vote would be taken on the new substitute. A fiscal note was required and was attached to the bill.

Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 8/0. Not present for vote were Senators Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>. Senator Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

### **HB 400 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

### **HB 493 (Representative Brooks, 63<sup>rd</sup>) – Georgia Youth Conservation Corps; creation and purposes of the corps; change certain provisions**

Rep. Brooks, 63<sup>rd</sup>, presented the bill to the committee.

Questions from Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, regarding monitoring and Senator Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, responded to his question.

There were no more questions.

Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous 9/0. Not present for vote was Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>. Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

### **HB 493 DO PASS**

There being no further business taken, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary

**OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

240 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor

April 20, 2010

The Honorable Bob Ewing  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Bob:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-3.2, please let this letter serve as official notice that Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th, is hereby appointed to the Senate Education and Youth Committee as an Ex-Officio Member.

This appointment is effective immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor

## SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 – Room 310 Coverdell Legislative Office Building

### SENATORS PRESENT:

Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>

Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio  
Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>  
Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio

### SENATORS NOT PRESENT:

Moody, 56<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>  
Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>

Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Ex-Officio  
James, 35<sup>th</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>

\*\*\*The Lt. Governor appointed Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, as Ex-Officio to the Senate Education and Youth Committee.

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

### **SR 886 (Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>) – U.S Congress/Georgia State Agencies; urged to increase nutritional quality and options provided to students through school meals**

Senator Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee.

There was no testimony.

Senator Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, moved to DO PASS. Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 6/0.

### **SR 886 DO PASS**

### **HB 936 (Representative Battles, 15<sup>th</sup>) – Student transportation; allowance to refurbish existing school buses; provide**

Rep. Battles, 15<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee and introduced a substitute to the bill (LC 33 2756S).

A new substitute (LC 33 3796S) was introduced which adds language requested by the Governor's Office.

Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, addressed the committee by saying he would like to move the bill forward and explained what the new language would do.

Rep. Battles, 15<sup>th</sup>, was in agreement with the new changes in order to pass out of committee.

Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, had concerns regarding maintenance and mileage. Jay McDuffey with Blue Bird spoke and cleared up questions and concerns. Senator Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, said he was not totally comfortable with the language, but would not oppose.

Herb Garrett, with Georgia School Superintendent Association was in agreement with the bill, as it was just a flexibility piece of legislation.

Rep. Battles, 15<sup>th</sup>, recommended the committee to pass and work on the bill on the floor.

Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. Senator Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 6/0. Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

#### **HB 936 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

#### **HB 977 (Representative Rynders, 152<sup>nd</sup>) – Quality Basic Education Act; state funds for salary increase; prohibit**

Rep. Rynders, 152<sup>nd</sup>, presented the bill to the committee.

In support of the bill were: Margaret Ciccarelli with PAGE, Jeff Hubbard with GAE, Herb Garrett with Georgia School Superintendent Association.

Senator Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, spoke to committee with concerns.

There was no more testimony or discussion.

Senator Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to DO PASS. Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous 6/0. Senator Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, will carry the bill in the Senate.

#### **HB 977 DO PASS**



There being no further business taken, Chairman Weber, 40<sup>th</sup>, adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Barbara Landrum, Recording Secretary

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Atlanta, Georgia 30334

April 3, 2010

Mr. Bob Ewing  
Secretary of Senate  
State of Georgia  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Senate Education and Youth Committee respectfully submits the following Senate Bills left in committee during the 2010 General Assembly. There were no House Bills left in committee.

**Senate Bills**

[SB 60](#)  
[SB 219](#)  
[SB 510](#)

[SB 90](#)  
[SB 278](#)  
[SB 525](#)

[SB 93](#)  
[SB 307](#)  
[SB 528](#)

[SB 137](#)  
[SB 352](#)

[SB 217](#)  
[SB 386](#)

**Senate Resolutions**

[SR 1290](#)

[SR 1444](#)

[SR 1552](#)

**Respectfully submitted,**

/s/ Barbara Landrum  
Recording Secretary