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**SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH
COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES
2012**

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Senator John Albers
Senator Vincent Fort
Senator William Ligon
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Senator Tommie Williams
Senator Donzella James
Senator Jesse Stone
Senator Mike Crane

SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE RULES 2012 SESSION

The rules of the committee shall be the rules of the subcommittees.

1. The quorum for the Education and Youth Committee shall be 8 members. Record of attendance will be maintained for each full committee or subcommittee meeting. This information shall be considered public.
2. The committee shall convene, recess and adjourn upon the order of the chairman. Recess or adjournment of the Committee may also take place by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.
3. A bill or resolution will only be placed on the committee agenda after its principle sponsor completes a bill summary form. When a bill or resolution is placed on the committee agenda, the principal sponsor shall be notified of the time and the place of the hearing. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal sponsor or a legislator designated by the principal sponsor.
4. The Chairman shall establish the meeting agenda and determine the measures to be considered and the order of consideration. No motion that the committee recommends (Do Pass, Do Not Pass, etc.) shall be in order until the Chairperson has stated that such a motion will be entertained.
5. The Chairperson may appoint subcommittees and officers of subcommittees, and at the discretion of the chairperson, refer any matter to a subcommittee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate until it is considered by the full committee. All committee officers will be ex-officio voting subcommittee members.
6. Any member or members who disagree with the majority report of the committee may file a minority report as provided in the Rules of the Senate.
7. These rules may be amended or suspended upon motion duly made and approved by a majority of the members of the committee.
8. Five minutes prior to, during, and five minutes after a televised or web-cast Committee meeting, no one other than a member of the Committee, Legislative Counsel, Committee Aide, Administrative Assistant to the Chairperson, or Committee Intern, shall walk beyond the witness pulpit for any reason.
9. During committee meetings, committee members and everyone in the audience shall either turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers or other similar devices.
10. Any proposed measure shall include a fiscal note when appropriate, as determined by the chairman, prior to committee consideration.
11. Except for Legislative Counsel, no one shall speak to a member of the Committee while a televised or web-cast meeting is in progress without first obtaining the consent of the Chairperson. A request to speak should be given to the Administrative Aide or Committee Intern, which will then be passed to the Chairperson for approval.
12. Action may be taken by the committee on any bill the first time it is presented. The chairperson shall have the option to take action on a resolution.
13. Committee and Subcommittee members may question witnesses only when they have been recognized by the Chairman for that purpose. The Chairman may also set time limits for this process.
14. The secretary of the committee shall cause a copy of these rules to be distributed to all members of the Senate.
15. The Rules of the Senate shall govern in any case not provided for in these rules.

**SENATE EDUCATION & YOUTH COMMITTEE
JOINT WITH THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

January 26, 2012 – 1:00pm – Room 307 CLOB – Senate Education & Youth – Joint with House Education

SENATORS PRESENT:

Millar, 40 th – Chairman	Albers, 56 th	Tippins, 37 th	Wilkinson, 50 th
Ligon, 3 rd – Vice Chairman	James, 35 th	Crane, 28 th	
Stone, 23 rd – Secretary	Rogers, 21 st	Paris, 26 th	

Chairman Millar called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

COMMITTEE MEETING – SENATE EDUCATION & YOUTH PORTION OF THE MEETING:

- Subcommittee bill assignments
- Committee bill status
- Committee meetings – reminder to all - no guest speakers to speak to bills in committee meetings, only author of the bill or committee members to speak to bill. Guest speakers may speak in the sub committee meetings.

JOINT MEETING FOR SENATE AND HOUSE

Special Guest Speaker:
Steve Dolinger, President
Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education

Steve Dolinger provided an overview of the Partnership, highlighting the organization's work and important role as an education policy resource. He presented the group's recently released report, *Top Ten Issues to Watch in 2012* and highlighted the top ten indicators showing Georgia's ranking among states on critical birth-to-work milestones:

- 1 – How good are our schools – Georgia's new performance standards
- 2 – Assessing teachers: from highly qualified to highly effective
- 3 – Implementation of Common Core
- 4 – Challenges to rural schools
- 5 – The New Normal – Georgia's education financing
- 6 – Georgia's Pre-K program – Quality & Quantity
- 7 – Choice: Where do we go from here?
- 8 – Economic development pipeline: The Role of Education
- 9 – Leadership & ethics in our public schools
- 10 – Where's the glue? – Tying it all together

COMMITTEE MEETING – SENATE EDUCATION & YOUTH PORTION OF THE MEETING:

- Vote on bills left on Senate floor from 2011 legislative session that were recommitted to the ED&Y 2012 committee – no discussion at this time since all discussion was made in the sub committee and committee in 2011. Chairman Millar read each of the following bills and asked for motions:

SB 49 – Albers, 56th - Raises age of mandatory attendance and eligibility for literacy services to 16.5. Stone, 23rd motioned and Ligon 3rd seconded. Vote was unanimous – **SB 49 DO PASS**

SB 87 – Rogers, 21st - Expanding the Special Need's Scholarship by including active military family students, National Guard active and reserve students, Section 504 students, and foster care students and renames the program the "Georgia Educational Freedom Act". Albers, 56th motioned and Ligon, 3rd seconded – (vote 9-1) Yay votes: Millar, 40th, Ligon 3rd, Stone 23rd, Albers 56th, Crane 28th, Paris 26th, Roger 21st, Tippins 37th, Wilkinson 50th – Nay vote: James 35th – **SB 87 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

[SB 227](#) – Loudermilk, 52nd - Allows a home study program to submit a declaration of intent to utilize a home study program and all attendance records to the DOE; allow for online submission - Albers, 56th motioned and Ligon, 3rd seconded. Vote was unanimous – [SB 227 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

[HB 39](#) – Rep. Benton, 31st - Sending statement of attendance by first class mail. Albers, 56th motioned and Ligon, 3rd seconded. Vote was unanimous. [HB 39 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

[HB 130](#) – Rep. Maxwell, 17th - Career and Technical Education Advisory Commission to meet at least once per year. Tippins, 37th motioned and James, 35th seconded. Vote was unanimous. [HB 130 DO PASS](#)

[HB 173](#) – Rep. Coleman, 97th - Expungement of records; allow for records to be destroyed. Albers, 56th motioned and Ligon, 3rd seconded. Vote was unanimous. [HB 173 DO PASS](#)

[HB 175](#) – Rep. Casas, 103rd - Online Clearinghouse Act - allowing for systems to share online-based courses with other schools. Albers, 56th motioned and James, 35th seconded. Vote was unanimous. [HB 175 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

[HB 181](#) – Rep. Golick, 34th - Waiver of scholarship requirements for the Special Needs Scholarship under certain conditions; additionally reduce the total amount of each scholarship by the local five mill share, austerity, or any other state mandated midyear reductions that occur. Albers, 56th motioned and Ligon, 3rd seconded. Vote was unanimous. [HB 181 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

Chairman Millar adjourned the meeting at 2:15pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Sub-Committee Academic Support convened on January 31, 2012 at 4:00pm p.m. in Room 307 CLOB.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Stone, 23rd, Chairman – Academic Support
Millar, 40th
Ligon, 3rd

Albers, 56th
Jackson, 24th

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order.

Bills Presented to the Sub-Committee:

[SR 480 – Henson 41st – Urges local boards to adopt policies to only stock vending machines with healthy options.](#)

Henson, 41st, introduced to the sub committee SR 480. Millar, 40th, requested to strike “only” on lines 2 and 21. Millar, 40th, moved and Albers, 56th, seconded the change to the language.

Millar, 40th, moved and Albers, 56th, seconded to Do pass by substitute. Vote was unanimous (5-0). **[SR 480 - DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE TO FULL COMMITTEE](#)**

[SR 590 – Mullis 53rd – Urges the DOE to implement CPR classes in public schools](#)

Millar 40th – Motioned to pass to full committee, seconded by Ligon, 3rd. Vote was unanimous (5-0). **[SR 590 DO PASS TO FULL COMMITTEE](#)**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Jesse Stone, 23rd.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jessie Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Sub-Committee Academic Achievement convened on January 31, 2012 at 4:30pm p.m. in Room 307 CLOB.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Ligon, 3 rd , Chairman – Academic Achievement	Albers, 56 th	Sims, 12 th
Millar, 40 th	Jackson, 24 th	
Stone, 23 rd	Tippins, 37 th	

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order.

Bills to be Presented to the Sub- Committee:

[SB 153 – Rogers, 21st – Requires local units of administration to adopt policies which explain professional development plans and the impact of the plan on a certified professional's retention, evaluation and rights in the process.](#)

[SR 646 – Rogers, 21st – High quality digital learning](#)

[SR 663 – Rogers, 21st – Supporting reading for learning-merit based student program](#)

Due to session running over and the committee meeting schedule being readjusted, it was not possible for Rogers, 21st to be present to speak to his bills or have someone else speak for him.

These bills were to be re-assigned by Millar 40th, Chairman of the full committee at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman William Ligon, 3rd.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jessie Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

**JOINT SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
AND HOUSE EDUCATION MEETING**

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Sub-Committee Academic Support convened on February 2, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 606 CLOB for a joint Senate Education and Youth and House Education meeting.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Millar, 40 th , - Chairman	Albers, 56 th	Paris, 26 th	Wilkinson, 50 th
Ligon, 3 rd , - Vice Chairman	Crane, 28 th	Sims, 12 th	Williams, 19 th
Stone, 23 rd , - Secretary	James, 35 th	Tippins, 37 th	

Meeting called to order by Chairman Fran Millar 40th.

There was no voting on bills at this meeting, only guest speakers. Some bills were assigned to sub committees (see below).

The purpose of the Joint meeting for Senate Education & Youth and House Education Committees was to hear from the top six superintendents for the state. Guest speakers included (for the superintendents who could not be here personally, a representative appeared for them):

Fulton County	Superintendent Robert Avossa
DeKalb County	Superintendent Cheryl Atkinson
Cobb County	Superintendent Hinojosa
Gwinnett County	Superintendent Jay Alvin Wilbanks
Atlanta Public Schools	Superintendent Enroll Davis

The top six counties presented the items that are progressing in their schools. They also presented their concerns.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

[SR 480 – Henson 41st – Urges local boards to adopt policies to only stock vending machines with healthy options.](#)

[SR 590 – Mullis 53rd – Urges the DOE to implement CPR classes in public schools](#)

Senate portion of the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. by Chairman Millar, 40th. Meeting continued in 606 CLOB for the House.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jessie Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Sub-Committee Academic Support convened on February 9, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 CLOB

SENATORS PRESENT:

Stone, 23 rd , Chairman Academic Support	Paris, 26 th
Ligon, 3 rd	Jackson, 24 th
Millar, 40 th	Albers, 56 th

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jesse Stone, 23rd.

Bills Presented to the Sub-Committee:

[HB 713](#) – Rep Nix, 69th – Implementation of some career and college readiness initiatives until the 2013 – 2014 school year.

Rep Nix, 69th – tweaks on HB 186; changes 2012 to 2013 giving DOE more time. Lines 21-23: language is for Career Education for K-12. Assesment testing was the final change. Changed 10th grade to 11th grade.

Millar, 40th – Requested that the change be made back to 10th grade.

James, 35th – (not on this subcommittee) – What do the Georgia Educators thing about this?

PAGE – Margaret spoke on behalf of both groups – no objections.

James, 35th – Is there a fiscal note?

Rep Nix, 69th – No fiscal note needed – that was done last year.

Albers, 56th moved to do pass as amended and Jackson, 24th seconded. Vote was unanimous (6-0). **[HB 713](#) - DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE TO FULL COMMITTEE**

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. by Chairman Jesse Stone, 23rd.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jessie Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Sub-Committee Academic Achievement convened on February 9, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. in Room 307 CLOB

SENATORS PRESENT:

Ligon, 3rd, Chairman – Had to leave early

Stone, 23rd - Chaired Academic Achievement for Senator Ligon

Millar, 40th

Sims, 12th

James, 35th

Tippins, 37th

Tate, 38th

Meeting called to order by stand in Chairman Jesse Stone, 23rd.

Bills Presented to the Sub-Committee:

[SR 646 – Rogers, 21st – High-quality digital learning.](#)

Rogers, 21st – Simple resolution about digital learning.

Stone, 23rd moved to do pass and Tippins, 37th seconded. Vote was unanimous (6-0). [SR 646 - DO PASS TO FULL COMMITTEE](#)

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. by stand in Chairman Jesse Stone, 23rd.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jessie Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

Chairman Millar, 40th, February 9, 2012 started at 1:30 pm the full Education and Youth Committee Meeting in Room 307 CLOB.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Millar, 40 th , Chairman	Albers, 56 th	Sims, 12 th	James, 35 th
Stone, 23 rd , Secretary	Tippins, 37 th ,	Crane, 28 th	Paris, 26 th
Tate, 38 th	Jackson, 24 th	Rogers, 21 st , Ex-Officio	

Chairman Millar called the meeting to order.

The following bills have been discussed fully in the Sub-Committee before the regular meeting was called to order:

[HB 713 – Rep. Nix, 69th – Implementation of some career and college readiness initiatives until the 2013 – 2014 school year.](#)

Rep. Nix, 69th – tweaks on HB 186; changes 2012 to 2013 giving DOE more time. Lines 21-23: language is for Career Education for K-12. Assessment testing was the final change.

Millar, 40th, to carry HB 713 on the Senate side.

Albers, 56th moved to do pass as amended and Stone, 23rd seconded. Vote was unanimous (11-0). [HB 713 - DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

[SR 646 – Rogers, 21st – High quality digital learning.](#)

Rogers, 21st – Simple resolution about digital learning.

Stone, 23rd moved to do pass and Albers, 56th seconded. Vote was unanimous (11-0). [SR 646 - DO PASS](#)

[SR 480 – Henson 41st – Urges local boards to adopt policies to only stock vending machines with healthy options.](#)

James, 35th presented in full committee for Henson, 41st. Simple bill for healthy options for vending machines. This is to help with childhood obesity. In the subcommittee, Millar, 40th, requested to strike “only” on lines 2 and 21. Millar, 40th, moved and Albers, 56th, seconded the language change.

Tippins 37th – asked what “healthy options” meant and James 35th answered that nutritionists had been consulted on the options.

Tate 38th, moved to Do pass by substitute and Paris, 26th, seconded. Vote was unanimous (11-0). [SR 480 - DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#) (James, 35th to relay to Henson, 41st that his bill passed)

[SR 590 – Mullis 53rd – Urges the DOE to implement CPR classes in public schools](#)

Albers, 56th presented in full committee for Mullis, 53rd. CPR to be taught in schools. Fibulators to be on property.

Tate 38th – What is the cost of training and the cost of Fibulators?

Albers, 56th – Fire Departments do the training. Fibulators can be paid by insurance or paid by corporate sponsors.
Tippins 37th – Is this a mandate?

Albers 56th – No, this is just a resolution.

Tippins, 37th made a motion to Do pass and James, 35th seconded. Vote was unanimous (11-0). [SR 590 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#) (Albers to relay to Mullis bill has passed out of committee and onto Rules).

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Chairman Millar, 40th, assigned the following bills to sub-committees:

[SB 364](#) – Ligon, 3rd – Academic Support

[SB 381](#) – Ligon, 3rd - Academic Support

[SB 405](#) – Miller, 49th - Academic Support

[SB 406](#) – Sims, 12th - Academic Support

[HB 706](#) – Rep. Dudgeon, 24th - Academic Achievement

[SR 769](#) – Albers, 56th - Academic Achievement

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman Millar, 40th.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jessie Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Sub-Committee Academic Achievement convened on February 16, 2012 at 12:44 p.m. in Room 307 of the CLOB

SENATORS PRESENT:

Ligon, 3 rd - Chairman	Sims, 12 th	Rogers, 21 st - Ex Officio
Millar, 40 th	Tate, 38 th	Wilkinson 50 th
Stone, 23 rd	Tippins, 37 th	

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order.

Bills Presented to the Sub-Committee:

SB 153 (Rogers, 21st, Hill, 32nd): Requires local units of administration to adopt a policy, by October 1 of each year, which explains the professional development plan and the potential impact of the plan on a certified professional's retention, evaluation, and the employee's rights in the process.

Rogers, 21st, introduced to the committee a substitute to SB 153 and went over the changes to the bill. Tippins, 37th, was recognized for questions and concerns on the substitute. Margaret Ciccarelli with PAGE was recognized and spoke in favor of the substitute but added there may be some concerns on "defining".

Millar, 40th, requested an Amendment to the Sub (LC 33 4616S) and Millar, 40th moved to do pass as amended and Tippins, 37th seconded. Vote was unanimous. Stone, 23rd, was recognized to speak to the Amendment. Rogers, 21st, moved to strike the line 63. Motion to Amend Substitute (LC33 4616S) would remove concerns from the bill. Millar, 40th, moved and Tippins, 37th, seconded to Do pass by substitute. Vote carried (6-0): Ligon, 3rd, Sims, 12th, Tate, 38th, Tippins, 37th, Stone, 23rd, Wilkinson, 50th. **SB 153 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

SB 289 (Rogers, 21st, Millar of the 40th, Williams, 19th, Albers, 56th): Requires students to take one course containing online learning and local school boards to provide opportunities for virtual instruction programs. Requires local school systems to pay DOE the costs directly associated with a student's enrollment in the Georgia Virtual School.

Rogers, 21st, spoke to his bill. Discussion followed by Millar, 40th, Sims, 12th, and Albers, 56th. Fort, 39th, was recognized for clarification on SB 289 but noted he was not on this particular sub-committee. With no further questions, a motion made by Ligon, 3rd and seconded by Tippins, 37th, to do pass by substitute (LC 33 4575S). Yay votes: Ligon, 3rd, Sims, 12th, Tate, 38th, Tippins, 37th, Stone, 23rd, Wilkinson, 50th. Vote carried (6-0)

SB 289 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

HB 706 (Committee Substitute) – (Rep. Dudgeon, 24th, Coleman, 97th, England 108th, Kaiser, 59th, Dickson, 6th and others): This is the Title 20 "clean-up" bill, which amends and deletes outdated or obsolete provisions. The changes are based on the recommendations of the Student Finance Study Commission.

Rep. Dudgeon, 24th, spoke to his bill and offered up Amendment 33 1145. On the Amendment, a motion made by Millar and seconded by Tippins to Do Pass. On the Sub, a motion made by Millar and seconded by Tippins to do pass by substitute. Vote carried (6-0). Yay votes were Ligon, 3rd, Sims, 12th, Tate, 38th, Tippins, 37th, Stone, 23rd, Wilkinson, 50th. **HB 706 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

[SR 769](#) (Senators, Albers, 56th, Rogers, 21st, Shafer, 48th, Hill, 32nd): Fulton Science Academy Charter High School – Recognizes the achievements of Fulton Science Academy Charter High school and congratulates them on the honor of being named the top high school on the Atlanta Magazine’s annual best list of high schools.

Albers, 56th, recognized to speak to his bill. No discussion or questions. Millar, 40th, moved to Do Pass and Tippins, 37th, seconded. Vote carried (6-0). Yay votes: Ligon, 3rd, Sims, 12th, Tate, 38th, Tippins, 37th, Stone, 23rd, Wilkinson, 50th. [SR 769](#)
DO PASS

Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jessie Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Sub-Committee Academic Support convened on February 16, 2012 immediately after the previous subcommittee meeting in Room 307 of the CLOB.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Stone, 23 rd - Chairman	Albers, 56 th	Rogers, 21 st - Ex Officio
Millar, 40 th	Fort, 39 th	
Ligon, 3 rd	Paris, 26 th	

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order.

[SB 364](#) (Senator Ligon, 3rd): No utilization of standards based grading in grades four through twelve.

Ligon, 3rd, presented his bill and discussion was led by Stone, 23rd, Ligon, 3rd, and Rogers, 21st. Tom Wilson with DOE was recognized to speak and Millar, 40th, responded by saying DOE should have gotten with the author of the bill beforehand to clear up any problems.

[\(SB 364 TABLED\)](#)

[SB 381](#) (Senators Ligon, 3rd, Albers, 56th, Hill, 4th, Stone, 23rd, Crane, 28th): This bill amends the definition of "budget" as it relates to local governments and the electronic submission of budgets by local school districts.

Ligon, 3rd, explained his bill to the committee. There was no discussion or questions. Millar, 40th, moved to Do Pass and was seconded by Rogers, 21st. Vote carried (5-1). Yay votes: Ligon, 3rd, Sims, 12th, Tate, 38th, Stone, 23rd, Wilkinson, 50th. Nay Vote: James, 35th. [SB 381 DO PASS.](#)

[SB 405](#) (Senators Miller, 49th, Jackson, 24th, Wilkinson, 50th, Orrock, 36th, Albers, 56th):

Under this bill, when private colleges or universities provide the Office of Student Achievement (OSA) with confidential records concerning their students, the private institutions will not be held liable if action by the OSA or its staff result in a breach of confidentiality, disclosure, use, retention or destruction of that information, so long as it did not come from the transmission of the confidential information by the private college or university before it reached the OSA.

Senator Miller, 49th, was recognized to speak to his bill and announced to the committee that his Aide, Tyler Kaplan, would address the committee on his bill. There being no questions, Millar, 40th, moved to Do Pass by Substitute and Ligon, 3rd, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous (6-0). Yay votes: Ligon 3rd, Sims, 12th, Tate, 38th, Stone, 23rd, Wilkinson, 50th, James, 35th. [SB 405 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

[SB 406](#) (Sims, 12th, Stoner, 6th, Hooks, 14th, Tate, 38th, Butler, 55th): Relates to emergency placement of monitors and the emergency closure of early care and education programs upon the death of a minor.

Sims, 12th, was recognized to speak to her bill and pointed out to the committee that this bill was in the Senate last year as SB 185. It is referred to as the "Jace Hester Law." Millar, 40th, moved to Do Pass and Fort, 39th, seconded the motion with no opposition. Yay vote (6-0) Yay votes: Ligon, 3rd, Sims, 12th, Tate, 38th, Stone, 23rd, Wilkinson, 50th, James, 35th.

[SB 406 DO PASS](#)

[SB 412](#) (Senator Millar, 40th): Delays composition and election requirements for county school boards in counties with homestead option sales and use taxes and sales and use taxes for educational purposes until January 1, 2015.

Millar, 40th, spoke to his bill and explained that this change must happen through a general bill because it was originally passed by general bill last year.

There was no discussion or questions. Ligon, 3rd, made a motion to Do Pass and was seconded by Paris, 26th. Vote was unanimous (6-0). Yay votes: Ligon, 3rd, Sims, 12th, Tate, 38th, Stone, 23rd, Wilkinson, 50th, James, 35th. [SB 412 DO PASS.](#)

Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jessie Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

Chairman Millar, 40th, February 16, 2012 announced a 5 minute recess upon adjournment of the Sub-committee meeting before going into the full Education and Youth Committee Meeting in Room 307 CLOB at 3:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Millar, 40 th , Chairman	Wilkinson, 50 th	Albers, 56 th	Sims, 12 th
Ligon, 3 rd , Vice-Chairman	Tippins, 37 th ,	Crane, 28 th	Paris, 26 th
Stone, 23 rd , Secretary	Tate, 38 th	Fort, 39 th	Rogers, 21 st , Ex-Officio
James, 35 th			

Chairman Millar called the meeting to order.

Chairman Millar, 40th, assigned the following bills to sub-committee:

[SB 410](#) – Senator Williams (Academic Support)

[SB 426](#) – Senator Ligon (Academic Support)

[SR 853](#) - HOLD

** The following bills have been discussed fully in the Sub-Committee before the regular meeting was called to order:

[SB 153](#) (Rogers, 21st, Hill, 32nd): Requires local units of administration to adopt a policy, by October 1 of each year, which explains the professional development plan and the potential impact of the plan on a certified professional's retention, evaluation, and the employee's rights in the process.

Chairman Millar, 40th, addressed the committee and stated that SB 153 comes to the committee by substitute.

Motion to Do Pass by Tippins, 37th and seconded by Ligon, 3rd. Passed unanimously. [SB 153 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

[SB 289](#) (Rogers, 21st, Millar of the 40th, Williams, 19th, Albers, 56th): Requires students to take one course containing online learning and local school boards to provide opportunities for virtual instruction programs. Requires local school systems to pay DOE the costs directly associated with a student's enrollment in the Georgia Virtual School.

Chairman Millar, 40th, announced that this bill was voted out of Sub-committee as a substitute.

Motion to Do Pass by Tippins, 37th, and seconded by Albers, 56th. Vote carried to Do Pass (8-2). Nays: James, 35th, Fort, 39th.

[SB 289 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

[SB 381](#) (Ligon, 3rd, Albers, 56th, Hill, 4th, Stoner, 23rd, Crane, 28th): This bill amends the definition of "budget" as it relates to local governments and the electronic submission of budgets by local school districts.

Chairman, Millar, 40th, recognized Ligon, 3rd, to speak to his bill. There were no questions or discussion.

Motion to Do Pass by Tippins, 37th, and seconded by Albers, 56th, Passed (9-1). Nay: James, 35th. [SB 381 DO PASS](#)

[SB 405](#) (Millar, 40th, Jackson, 24th, Wilkinson, 50th, Orrock, 36th, Albers, 56th):

Under this bill, when private colleges or universities provide the Office of Student Achievement (OSA) with confidential records concerning their students, the private institutions will not be held liable if action by the OSA or its staff result in a breach of confidentiality, disclosure, use, retention or destruction of that information, so long as it did not come from the transmission of the confidential information by the private college or university before it reached the OSA.

Chairman Millar, 40th, spoke to his bill. There were no questions or discussion.

Motion to Do Pass by James, 35th, and seconded by Paris 26th, to Do Pass. Vote was unanimous. [SB 405 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

[SB 406](#) (Sims, 12th, Stoner, 6th, Hooks, 14th, Tate, 38th, Butler, 55th): Relates to emergency placement of monitors and the emergency closure of early care and education programs upon the death of a minor.

Chairman Millar, 40th, recognized Sims, 12th to speak to her bill. There was no discussion.

Motion to Do Pass by Paris 26th, and seconded by James, 35th. Vote was unanimous. [SB 406 DO PASS](#)

[SB 412 \(Millar, 40th\): Delays composition and election requirements for county school boards in counties with homestead option sales and use taxes and sales and use taxes for educational purposes until January 1, 2015.](#)

Chairman, Millar, 40th, spoke to his bill. There were no questions or discussion.

Motion to Do Pass by Albers, 56th, and seconded by Tippins, 37th. Vote was unanimous. [SB 412 DO PASS](#)

[SR 769 \(Albers, 56th, Rogers, 21st, Shafer, 48th, Hill, 32nd\): Fulton Science Academy Charter High School – Recognizes the achievements of Fulton Science Academy Charter high school and congratulates them on the honor of being named the top high school on the Atlanta Magazine’s annual best list of high schools.](#)

Chairman Millar, 40th, recognized Albers, 56th, to speak to his bill. There was no discussion. Motion to Do Pass by Tippins, 37th, and seconded by Wilkinson 50th. Vote was unanimous. [SR 769 DO PASS](#)

[HB 706 \(Dudgeon, 24th, Coleman, 97th, England 108th, Kaiser, 59th, Dickson, 6th and others\) Elementary and secondary education; delete and clarify provisions](#)

Chairman Millar, 40th, recognized Dudgeon, 24th, to speak to his bill. This bill was voted out of Sub-committee by substitute. There were no questions or discussion. Motion to Do Pass by substitute by Tippins, 37th, and seconded by Albers, 56th. Vote was unanimous. [HB 706 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#)

There being no further business, Chairman Millar announced the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jessie Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Sub-Committee Academic Support convened on February 21, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 307 CLOB

SENATORS PRESENT:

Stone, 23rd, Chairman Academic Support
Ligon, 3rd
Millar, 40th

Paris, 26th
Crane, 28th
Albers, 56th

Fort, 39th
Rogers, 21st (Ex-officio)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jesse Stone, 23rd.

Bills Presented to the Sub- Committee:

SB 410 (Williams, 19th, Mullis, 53rd, Rogers, 21st, Jeffares, 17th, Heath, 31st, Ligon, 3rd and others) : Annual indicators of quality of learning by students, financial efficiency, and school climate for individual schools and school systems. Provides for numerical score ratings based on student achievement, achievement gap closure, and student progress. Requires that a letter grade be assigned to each school and school system and included on school and school system report cards. Revises provisions relating to awards and interventions.

Williams, 19th, author of the bill, along with Tom Wilson and Denis Kramer from DOE, presented the bill.

Chairman Millar, 40th, clarified the bill by explaining that No child Left Behind did not work. DOE would prefer that there only be a numerical rating and no letter grade assigned to schools. DOE and the author of the bill have worked together to come up with a compromise in the committee substitute. (LC 33 4617S)

Questions and discussion:

Stone, 23rd, Fort, 39th, and Rogers, 21st – Would like to see the waiver and definitions (Lines 29-49).

DOE – All is already in waiver. High need versus low need. Prevents systems from gaming the system. Numbers show progress more so than letter grade. 80 or 85 could be a B. Number index shows the progress slide.

Speaking in support of the bill:

Rich Thompson, 100 Dads – I think we should have both number and letter grading, simple and transparent. We support this bill.

Jamie Self, Center for an Educated Georgia – AYP is very confusing. We support this bill.

Rogers, 21st moved to do pass by substitute to full committee and Albers, 56th seconded. Vote was unanimous (6-0).

SB 410 - DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE TO FULL COMMITTEE

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. by Chairman Jesse Stone, 23rd.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jessie Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Subcommittee School Choice convened on February 23, 2012 at 2:25 pm in 307 CLOB.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Tippins, 37 th , Chairman-Subcommittee School Choice	Williams, 19 th	Rogers, 21 st
Millar, 40 th	James, 35 th	
Stone, 23 rd , Secretary	Crane, 28 th	

Chairman Tippins called the meeting to order.

The following bills were presented to the committee:

HR 1162 (Rep. Jones, 46th, Coleman, 97th, Lindsey, 54th, Kaiser, 59th, Morgan, 39th and others): Proposes an Amendment to the Constitution of Georgia to clarify the authority of the state to establish a state-wide education policy. With this bill the General Assembly will be able to establish special schools. HR 1162 states that special schools shall include charter schools, as defined and provided for by law; provided that special schools shall only be public schools. If passed, this proposed Amendment will be submitted on the ballot for ratification or rejection.

Rogers, 21st, spoke briefly before Rep. Jones, 46th was recognized to speak.

Rep. Jones, 46th, was recognized to speak to her bill and announced to the committee that this bill comes to committee by substitute and explained in detail each section of the bill. Recognized for questions and discussion from the committee were Senators Stone, 23rd, Tippins 37th, Fort, 39th, and James, 35th.

Stone, 23rd, asked if over time this would reduce cost to public education and Jones, 46th answered yes. James, 35th, was recognized and mentioned concern about local school boards. Jones, 46th responded to her concerns. James, 35th, continued by saying she had many complaints that there is bias as to who goes to the schools and who has the charter schools. Sen. James also raised the question as to why there was no fiscal note attached to the bill. Again, Rep. Jones responded that on this bill a fiscal note was not required. Tippins, 37th, addressed concerns; would like to see that the authority lies with the local school boards of education. He had concerns on changes to the bill and changes to the Constitution and how it is going to be funded. Tippins, 37th, continued by making many changes to the bill. Sen. Tippins feels HR 1162 needs much more work and clarity; the language being put forth on the ballot amendment is unclear and deceptive because it could be read as if locals don't already have the ability to create charter schools. Fort, 39th, asked about the fiscal impact and how it will affect the school students.

Speaking in support of the bill:

Tony Roberts, Georgia Charter School Association
Jeri Powell, State Director of Students First
Rich Thompson, 100 Dads

Speaking in opposition to the bill:

Angela Palm, Georgia School Boards Association
Margaret Ciccarelli, PAGE
Sally Fitzgerald, Georgia PTA
Cita Cook, Taxpayer and Citizen

After 2.5 hours of discussion, a motion was made by Rogers, 21st, and seconded by Crane, 28th to Do Pass by Substitute. Vote carried (4-1). Yaw votes: Stone 23rd, Williams 19th, Crane, 28th, and Rogers, 21st. Nay vote: James, 35th. **HR 1162 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. by Chairman Tippins.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Committee meeting convened on February, 23, 2012 and began at 4:15 p.m., in Room 307 CLOB.

Present in the full committee were:

Millar, 40 th , Chairman	Williams, 19 th	Fort, 39 th	Wilkinson, 50 th	Tate, 38 th
Ligon, 3 rd , Vice-Chairman	James, 35 th	Paris, 26 th	Crane, 28 th	Sims, 12 th
Stone, 23 rd , Secretary	Tippins, 37 th	Albers, 56 th	Rogers, 21 st , Ex-Officio	Jackson, 24 th , Ex-Officio

(Left early: Jackson, 24th, Paris, 26th, Sims, 12th)

Chairman Millar called the meeting to order.

Bills presented to the committee:

Chairman Millar, 40th, announced to the committee that since the following bills have been gone over thoroughly in sub-committee, there would be little or no discussion in the full committee.

HR 1162 (Rep. Jones, 46th, Coleman, 97th, Lindsey, 54th, Kaiser, 59th, Morgan, 39th and others): Proposes an Amendment to the Constitution of Georgia to clarify the authority of the state to establish state-wide education policy. With this bill the General Assembly will be able to establish special schools. HR 1162 states that special schools shall include charter schools, as defined and provided for by law; provided that special schools shall only be public schools. If passed, this proposed Amendment will be submitted on the ballot for ratification or rejection.

Chairman Millar, 40th, recognized Rep. Jones, 46th, to speak to her bill. She presented the bill.

Recognized for questions and discussion:

Tate 38th, James 35th, Wilkinson, 50th, Fort, 39th, and Paris, 26th.

Motion made by Rogers, 21st, and seconded by Ligon, 3rd, to do pass by substitute. Vote carried (7-5). Nay votes: James 35th, Fort 39th, Paris 26th, Wilkinson 50th, Tate 38th. Yay votes: Williams 19th, Stone, 23rd, Ligon 3rd, Albers 56th, Crane 28th, Rogers, 21st, Tippins 37th.

HR 1162 DO PASS.

SB 410 (Williams, 19th, Mullis, 53rd, Rogers, 21st, Jeffares, 17th, Heath, 31st, Ligon, 3rd and others) : Annual indicators of quality of learning by students, financial efficiency, and school climate for individual schools and school systems. Provides for numerical score ratings based on student achievement, achievement gap closure, and student progress. Requires that a letter grade be assigned to each school and school system and included on school and school system report cards. Revises provisions relating to awards and interventions.

Williams, 19th, author of the bill, along with Tom Wilson and Denis Kramer from DOE, presented the bill.

Chairman Millar, 40th, clarified the bill by explaining that No child Left Behind did not work. DOE would prefer that there only be a numerical rating and no letter grade assigned to schools. DOE and the author of the bill have worked together to come up with a compromise in the committee substitute. (LC 33 4617S)

Questions and discussion:

Crane, 28th, Fort, 39th, James, 35th and Rogers, 21st.

Speaking in support of the bill:

Rich Thompson, 100 Dads; Jamie Self, Center for an Educated Georgia. There was no opposition to the bill.

There being no more questions and discussion, a motion was made by Stone, 23rd, and seconded by Ligon, 3rd, to [SB 410 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE](#). Vote carried unanimously. Yay votes were: Senators Williams, Paris, Rogers, Tate, Wilkinson, Stone, Crane, Ligon, Albers, Fort, Tippins, and James.

There being no further business, Chairman Millar announced the Senate Education and Youth Committee adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Subcommittee Academic Support met on February 28th, 2012 in Room 307 CLOB at 3:40 p.m.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Stone, 23rd – Chairman

Ligon, 3rd

Fort, 39th

Millar, 40th

Paris, 26th

Albers, 56th

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order.

The following bills were presented to the subcommittee:

SB 364 (Senators, Ligon, 3rd, Albers, 56th, Rogers, 21st, Carter, 1st, Williams, 19th): Standards Based Grading Systems; may not be used by local school systems in grades 4 through 12. Local school systems that have a waiver from the State Board, as of June 30, 2012, will be exempt.

Stone, 23rd, chaired this Subcommittee on Academic Support. Ligon, 3rd, was recognized to speak to his bill and gave a rationale for the bill. Tom Wilson with the Department of Education was recognized to speak and addressed the committee by saying that the Department of Education has issues with the bill. They feel it is a local control issue. Millar 40th was recognized to speak and directed questions to Tom Wilson. Discussion followed with questions from Albers, 56th, and Stone, 23rd. Crane, 28th, moved to Do Pass and Albers, 56th, seconded. Vote carried (4-2). Nay votes were Paris, 26th, and Fort, 39th. Yaw votes were Stone 23rd, Millar 40th, Ligon, 3rd, and Albers, 56th.

SB 364 DO PASS

SB 426 (Ligon, 3rd, Tippins, 37th, Rogers, 21st, and others): "The Teach Freedom Act; enact; modify requirements for instruction in U.S. history, American government and civics, economics, and social studies

Ligon, 3rd, was recognized to speak to his bill and referred to the "teach freedom act" as a systematic plan. This bill provides a fiscal note and Sen. Ligon went over the fiscal note with the committee. A lot of this is already in place and being used by other states using existing material. Albers, 56th, was recognized for a question regarding the fiscal note. Tippins, 37th, applauded Ligon, 3rd for his efforts but feels there is a lot of money involved and implementing it could be hard. Discussion followed. Millar, 40th, again applauded the author of the bill for his efforts but feels it needs to be worked on. Millar, 40th, addressed Ligon, 3rd, by asking if he would be open to table this and work with other members and DOE, adding classes of white and black history to the curriculum. Fort, 39th, was recognized and agreed with the Chairman and talked about attachments to the bill; that there were elements that could be incorporated in the bill to give a better perspective of the bill. There was more discussion from Ligon, 3rd, Stone, 23rd, and Albers, 56th.

Guest Speakers:

Aaron Kendall, with Henry County Schools: In the past, social studies has not mattered and they already have these mandates in place.

Cita Cook, Historian with Metro Atlanta Public Schools, has concerns with wording in some parts of the bill and asked that they think more about the bill.

Tracey Nelson, Georgia Association of Educators, feels the bill has larger implications of a bigger picture, and is concerned about it being presented at this time.

Tom Wilson, Department of Education: feels this bill goes too far in some areas and not enough in other areas. It has broad based curriculum. Stone, 23rd, asked if he agreed with the fiscal note and he answered yes.

At this time there was more discussion from Fort, 39th, Paris, 26th and Stone, 23rd. Ligon, 3rd asked who was going to write the common core standard and Tom Wilson replied it would be Pam Smith and Shawn Owens. It has been the pleasure of the committee to table SB 426 at this time to be worked on during the interim. [SB 426 TABLED](#)

SB 452 (Carter, 1st and others): To revise provisions relating to suspension and removal of local school board members under certain circumstances. The governor may, on the post-hearing recommendation of the State Board of Education, suspend local school board of education members if the school system or a school in the system is placed on the lowest level of accreditation for issues related to school board governance.

Carter, 1st, was recognized to speak to his bill. He explained that the State Board of Education needs more time to go through this process and a change from 30 days to 60 days would be better. Betsy with Legislative Counsel was called on for clarification and she recommended that it be submitted as a committee substitute.

Fort, 39th, was recognized for questions directed to Carter, 1st. Fort, 39th, expressed concern about who would pay the cost if multiple school districts were involved. Tom Wilson with the Department of Education responded to his question.

With no more questions, Millar, 40th, asked for a motion. Albers, 56th, moved to amend and Ligon, 3rd, seconded the motion. It was a do pass on the amendment. Vote was unanimous. To pass by Substitute, Albers, 56th, moved and Ligon, 3rd, seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SB 452 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

** James, 35th, and Tate, 38th, arrived

SB 491 (Hill, 32nd): Relating to elementary and secondary education; notices for disciplinary or evaluation proceedings or conference by a non-attorney representative; the right to record the proceedings or conference.

Sen. Hill was not present to present to speak to his bill. Gay Shem with Educators First was recognized to speak to the bill for Hill, 32nd. Gay Shem feels this bill would save thousands of dollars. It would avoid attorneys coming in – would make their environment a little better.

Mary Jessie with Georgia Association of School Personnel Administrators was recognized to speak. She asked that the committee please vote no or remove the PDP, and asked that lines 27 and 28 be changed. She also had handouts for the committee.

Millar, 40th, moved to DO NOT PASS and was seconded by Albers, 56th. No voice vote was taken **SB 491 DO NOT PASS**

SR 999 (James, 35th and others): Provide a course of instruction or incorporate into current curriculum rape prevention and personal safety education programs for students in nine through 12 to help stop teen dating violence.

James, 35th, was recognized to speak to her bill. The purpose of the bill is to incorporate rape prevention into 9-12 grades, ages 16-24. This is to stop violent and sometimes deadly events. Millar, 40th, moved to Do Pass and Paris, 26th, seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SR 999 DO PASS

With no further business, Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME, LOCATION:

Chairman Millar, 40th, February 28, 2012 - called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. in Room 307 CLOB. He reminded the committee that the sub-committee had been over these bills and much discussion had been heard on the following bills.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Stone, 23 rd	Ligon, 3 rd	Albers, 56 th	Fort, 39 th	Tate, 38 th
Tippins, 37 th	Crane, 28 th	James, 35 th	Paris, 26 th	

Chairman Millar called the meeting to order.

SB 364 (Ligon, 3rd and others): Standards Based Grading Systems - may not be used by local school systems in grades 4-12. Local school systems that have a waiver from the State Board, as of June 30, 2012, will be exempt.

Ligon, 3rd, spoke briefly to his bill. He explained to Tate, 38th, the intent of the bill. With no further discussion, Stone, 23rd moved and Albers, 56th seconded to Do Pass (9-0). Vote was unanimous. Yay votes: Stone, 23rd, Tippins, 37th, Albers, 56th, Ligon, 3rd, Crane, 28th, James, 35th, Fort, 39th, Paris, 26th, Tate, 38th. **SB 364 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

SB 452 (Carter, 1st, Stone, 23rd, Ligon, 3rd): The Governor may, on the post-hearing recommendation of the State Board of Education, suspend local school board of education members if the school system or a school in the system is placed on the lowest level of accreditation for issues related to school board governance.

Carter, 1st, was recognized to speak to his bill. He explained that this bill comes before the committee as a committee substitute by changes in the sub-committee. At the request of DOE the types of costs that would be associated were added to the bill. Fort, 39th, was recognized and expressed concern about who would pay the cost if multiple school districts were involved.

With no further discussion, Albers, 56th, moved and Ligon, 3rd, seconded to Do Pass by Substitute. Vote was (8-1); Nay vote: Fort, 39th. Yay votes: Senators Stone, 23rd, Albers, 56th, Ligon, 3rd, Crane, 28th, Tate, 38th, Paris 26th, James, 35th, and Tippins, 37th.

SB 452 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

SB 426 (Ligon, 3rd and others): enact "The Teach Freedom Act"; to modify requirements for instruction in U.S. history, American government and civics, economics, and social studies; to establish Celebrate Freedom Week in elementary and middle school grades; require DOE to develop online resources and instructional support.

Chairman Millar, 40th, announced to the committee that this bill was tabled in the sub-committee and therefore would not be voted on.

SB 426 TABLED

SB 491 (Hill, 32nd): Relating to elementary and secondary education; notices for disciplinary or evaluation proceedings or conference by a non-attorney representative; the right to record the proceeding or conference.

Hill, 32nd, was not present in sub-committee or present in the full committee. Gay Shem with Educators First spoke to his bill in the sub-committee. This bill was a Do Not Pass in the sub-committee. Vote was (9-1) Yay votes: Stone, 23rd, Tippins, 37th, Tate, 38th, Albers, 56th, Ligon, 3rd, Crane, 28th, James, 35th, Fort, 39th, Millar, 40th. Nay vote: Paris, 26th - **SB 491 DO NOT PASS**

[SR 999 \(James, 35th and others\): This bill urges the State Board of Education to provide courses of instruction or incorporation into current curriculum programs in rape prevention and personal safety to help stop teen dating violence for students in grades 9 through 12.](#)

James, 35th, spoke briefly to her bill and addressed the committee by saying that the classes were already approved by the National School Board so there would be little to no cost to implement them into our schools.

There being no questions or discussion, Stone, 23rd, moved and Paris, 26th, seconded to Do Pass. Unanimous vote, (9-0). Yay votes: Senators Stone 23rd, Tippins 37th, Tate 38th, Paris 26th, Albers 56th, Ligon 3rd, Crane 28th, James 35th, Fort, 39th.

[SR 999 DO PASS](#)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE, TIME & LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Subcommittee School Choice met on Wednesday, February 29th, in Room 307 CLOB at 11:00 a.m.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Tippins, 37 th – Chairman	James, 35 th
Millar, 40 th	Crane, 28 th
Stone, 23 rd	

Chairman Tippins called the meeting to order.

Listed below is the bill that will be in the School Choice Subcommittee today:

SB 501 (Thompson, 5th and others): Georgia Charter School Advisory Commission – This bill creates the Georgia Chapter School Advisory Commission which would collaborate with local school boards and charter petitioners to create charter schools. If a local board denies a local petitioner, the state commission could then look at the situation and make a recommendation to the locals to reverse their decisions and allow the charter school to be created. Should a local system continue to deny the petitioners, the state would be authorized to penalize the local system by withholding state funds up to the amount equal to the per FTE OBE of students who would have attended the charter school. After meeting certain criteria, the local school boards would have the option of obtaining sole oversight and authority of charter schools in their district.

Recognized to speak to the bill for Thompson, 5th, was Senator Jason Carter, 42nd. Carter, 42nd, explained the structure of the bill and added that this bill does not violate the constitutional law. Carter continued; the bill would allow the state to have an input in the charter school process but complies with the Supreme Court opinion because the local school board would still be the chartering entity. After consulting with lawyers to create this bill, the consensus is that should this pass a constitutional amendment would no longer be required. Questions and concerns from Millar, 40th, Rogers, 21st, and Fort 39th. Regarding penalizing local school systems by taking away their FTE funds, they would still be required to educate the children in their system. Carter, 42nd, clarified that this penalty was an option that the state has but it is not a required punishment. Similarly, there are other instances where the state already has the authority to withhold state funds from local systems. Millar, 40th, responded by saying the goal is to overcome current political problems. Fort, 39th, was recognized to speak. He felt that certain lines, such as page 10 line 328, were cohesion and Carter, 42nd, agreed. Millar, 40th, was recognized – what they are withholding is state not local. Carter responded by saying this is OBE money. Discussion followed by Stone, 23rd, Tate, 38th, Rogers, 21st, Crane, 28th, and Tippins, 37th.

After much discussion, Millar, 40th, moved and Tippins, 37th seconded to Do Pass. Vote carried (4-1). Nay vote: James, 35th. Yav votes: Millar, 40th, Tippins, 37th, Stone, 23rd, Crane, 28th. **SB 501 DO PASS.**

Chairman Tippins adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME & LOCATION:

February 29, 2012 - The Senate Education and Youth Committee met immediately upon adjournment of the Education and Youth Sub-committee meeting which convened at 11:00 a.m. in Room 307 CLOB.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Millar, 40 th - Chairman	Crane, 28 th	Tate, 38 th	Paris, 26 th
Ligon, 3 rd	Fort, 39 th	Tippins, 37 th	Rogers, 21 st – left early
Stone, 23 rd	James, 35 th	Albers, 56 th	

The following bill was presented to the Committee:

[SB 501](#) (Thompson, 5th, Rogers, 21st, Williams, 19th, Davis, 22nd, Sims, 21st and others): This bill is to repeal an article relating to the Georgia Charter Schools Commission; to establish the Georgia Chapter Schools Advisory Commission.

Millar, 40th, Chairman, recognized Herb Garrett with GSSA to speak to the committee. He asked that the committee not rush through this bill. Angela Palm with GSBA was recognized to speak and addressed the committee with questions and discussion. Sean DeVetter with PAGE was recognized for discussion. Neither speaker said they were for or against this bill but wanted some clarification on the funding because it raised their concerns. Tippins, 37th, recognized and addressed questions to Carter, 42nd, regarding authority (state and local). Fort, 39th, was recognized; he stated he was very upset that he could not have asked more questions. Millar, 40th, responded that he had given him opportunities to ask questions and that the bill had been gone over thoroughly in the Sub-committee as well as the Committee.

Millar, 40th, asked for a motion, Albers, 56th moved and Ligon, 3rd, seconded the motion to do pass. Vote carried (5-3). Yay votes: Senators Tippins, 37th, Albers, 56th, Stone, 23rd, Ligon, 3rd, Crane, 28th. Nay votes: Senators Fort, 39th, Tate, 38th, James, 35th.

[SB 501 DO PASS](#)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME & LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Subcommittee Academic Support met on March 12, 2012 in Room 307 CLOB at 3:40 p.m.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Stone, 23rd - Chairman Albers, 56th Fort, 39th
Ligon, 3rd Paris, 26th

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order.

The following bills were presented to the Subcommittee:

HB 692 (Rep. Mitchell, 88th): Automatic decrease in the salary of a teacher or other certificated personnel for any salary increase or bonus on the results of the standardized test scores which were falsified.

Rep. Mitchell, 88th, spoke to his bill. He explained that there are no provisions to return those bonuses if charged. The Teacher's Union supports the bill. Recognized for questions and discussion: Tippins, 37th (not on sub-committee), Crane 28th, and Fort 39th. Motion to Do Pass by Albers, 56th, and seconded by Ligon, 3rd. Vote was unanimous. Yaw votes: Ligon, 3rd, Stone, 23rd, Albers, 56th, Fort, 39th, Paris, 26th. **HB 692 DO PASS**

HB 825 (Reps. Nix, 69th, Ashe, 56th, Coleman, 97th, Kaiser, 59th): Relating to the process for students to follow in reporting instances of inappropriate behavior by teachers, so as to eliminate a time frame relative to hearings before administrative law judges.

Rep. Nix, 69th, spoke to his bill. He explained that the Professional Standards Commission asked for more time for the investigation process. Asked that time be extended from 90 to 180 days. Paul Shaw with Professional Standards verified his statement. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Albers, 56th, and seconded by Fort, 39th, to Do Pass. Vote was unanimous. Yaw votes: Ligon, 3rd, Stone, 23rd, Albers, 56th, Fort, 39th, and Paris, 26th. **HB 825 DO PASS**

Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME & LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Subcommittee School Choice met on March 12, 2012 in Room 307 CLOB at 4:00 p.m.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Tippins, 37th – Chairman Crane, 28th
Stone, 23rd Williams, 19th

Ligon, 3rd - Appointed to School Choice as Ex-Officio temporarily - this was done by Chairman Millar to insure a quorum was met

Chairman Tippins called the meeting to order.

HB 797 (Rep. Jones, 46th, and others): Related to charter schools, so as to revise funding for state chartered special schools; to provide for submittal of charter petitions to the Charter committee of the State Board of Education; to provide for re-submittal of a charter petition to a local board of education upon expiration of the charter term of a state charter special school, etc.

Rep. Jones was recognized and spoke to her bill. Rep. Jones brought to the committee a substitute (LC 33 4718S). Rep. Jones went over every section of the bill in detail. (Version as Passed the House LC 33 4702S)

Recognized for questions and discussion: Tippins, 37th, Fort, 39th, Stone, 23rd, and Crane, 28th. Betsy Howerton with Legislative Counsel was called on for clarification to changes in the language of the bill.

Speaking in Opposition to the bill:

Angela Palm with Georgia School Board Association
Margaret Ciccarelli with PAGE

Speaking in Support of the bill:

Tony Roberts with Georgia Charter Schools Association
Jamie Self, Center for Educators for the Georgia General Assembly

After much discussion and questions, Tippins, 37th, asked for a motion. Ligon, 3rd, made a motion to Do Pass by Substitute and Stone, 23rd seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Votes: Tippins, 37th, Stone, 23rd, Ligon, 3rd, Crane, 28th, Williams, 19th.

HB 797 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE

Chairman Tippins adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME & LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Subcommittee Academic Achievement met on March 12, 2012 in Room 307 CLOB at 4:25 p.m.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Ligon, 3rd – Chairman Crane, 28th - Appointed to Academic Achievement as Ex-Officio temporarily (by Chairman Millar)
Stone, 23rd Tippins, 37th

Chairman Ligon called the meeting to order.

[HB 845](#) (Reps. Watson, 163rd, Cooper, 41st, Purcell, 159th, Ramsey, 72nd, Lindsey, 54th): Require early care and education programs to provide information on the influenza vaccine.

Rep. Watson, 163rd, was recognized and spoke to his bill and explained that this bill simply requires that early care and education programs provide parents of its enrolled children with information on the flu vaccine. There being no questions or discussion, a motion was made by Ligon, 3rd, and seconded by Stone, 23rd to Do Pass. Vote was unanimous. **[HB 845 DO PASS](#)**

Chairman Ligon adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME & LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Committee Meeting met on Monday, March 12, 2012 in Room 307 CLOB at 4:45 p.m.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Millar, 40 th - Chairman	Albers, 56 th	Paris, 26 th
Ligon, 3 rd	Crane, 28 th	Tippins, 37 th
Stone, 23 rd	Fort, 39 th	

Chairman Millar called the meeting to order.

The following bills were presented to the committee:

HB 797 (Reps. Jones, 46th, and others): Related to charter schools, so as to revise funding for state chartered special schools; to provide for submittal of charter petitions to the Charter committee of the State Board of Education; to provide for re-submittal of a charter petition to a local board of education upon expiration of the charter term of a state charter special school, etc.

Chairman Millar, 40th, opened the meeting by stating to the committee that HB 797 will be tabled for the time being in order to clear up language to the bill. The Sub-committee has spent a large amount of time making changes, answering questions and sharing lengthy discussions to perfect the bill. HB 797 will be tabled for the time being. **HB 797 TABLED**

HB 845 (Reps. Watson, 163rd, Cooper, 41st, Purcell, 159th, Ramsey, 72nd, and Lindsey, 54th): Require early care and education programs to provide information on the influenza vaccine.

Rep. Watson, 163rd, was recognized and spoke to his bill. There being no questions, Ligon, 3rd, moved to Do Pass and Stone, 23rd, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous (8-0). Yay votes: Millar, 40th, Ligon, 3rd, Stone, 23rd, Albers, 56th, Crane, 28th, Fort, 39th, Paris, 26th, Tippins, 37th.

HB 845 DO PASS

HB 825 (Reps. Nix, 69th, Ashe, 56th, Coleman, 97th, Kaiser, 59th): Relating to the process for students to follow in reporting instances of inappropriate behavior by teachers, so as to eliminate a time frame relative to hearings before administrative law judges.

Rep. Nix, 69th, was recognized to speak to his bill. Fort, 39th was recognized for a question and Nix, 69th satisfied his question. There being no further discussion, Albers, 56th, moved to Do Pass and was seconded by Stone, 23rd. Vote carried (8-0) unanimously. Yay votes: Millar, 40th, Ligon, 3rd, Stone, 23rd, Albers, 5th, Crane, 28th, Fort, 39th, Paris, 26th, Tippins, 37th. **HB 825 DO PASS**

HB 692 (Rep. Mitchell, 88th): Automatic decrease in the salary of a teacher or other certificated personnel for any salary increase or bonus on the results of the standardized test scores which were falsified.

Rep. Mitchell, 88th, was recognized to speak to his bill. There being no questions or discussion, a motion was in order. Paris, 26th moved to Do Pass and Albers, 56th, seconded. Vote carried unanimously (8-0). Yay votes: Millar, 40th, Ligon, 3rd, Stone, 23rd, Albers, 56th, Crane, 28th, Fort, 39th, Paris, 26th, Tippins, 37th. **HB 692 DO PASS**

There being no further business, Chairman Millar adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE, TIME & LOCATION:

The Senate Education and Youth Committee met on March 20, 2012 in Room 307 CLOB at 5:00 p.m.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Millar, 40 th - Chairman	Albers, 56 th	Jackson, 24 th	Tippins, 37 th ,
Ligon, 3 rd	Crane, 28 th	James, 35 th	Wilkinson, 50 th
Stone, 23 rd	Fort, 39 th	Tate, 38 th	
Sims 12 th , left before vote was taken			

Chairman Millar called the meeting to order.

The following bill was presented to the committee:

HB 797 (Rep. Jones, 46th and others): Related to charter schools, so as to revise funding for state chartered special schools; to provide for submittal of charter petitions to the Charter committee of the State Board of Education; to provide for re-submittal of a charter petition to a local board of education upon expiration of the charter term of a state charter special school, etc.

Chairman Millar, 40th, opened the meeting by reminding the committee that HB 797 has been discussed in the Sub-committee at great length and passed out of Sub-committee under Tippins, 37th, by substitute.

At this time, Chairman Millar, 40th, recognized Rep. Jones, 46th, to speak to her bill. She explained to committee that many changes have been made and she went over the many changes to the bill. Jones, 46th, explained that she had worked very closely with the Governor's staff and the Lt. Governor and they are comfortable with the changes made in the bill. Millar, 40th, addressed a question to Jones, 46th, regarding the lottery and Scott Austin with Education was asked to address this question and added that he feels comfortable with the changes. Discussion followed. Fort, 39th, was recognized and addressed a question to Jones, 46th, regarding Page 7 of the Substitute on Ethics. She responded that she had no concerns about the procedures of dismissal of teachers and staff. Discussion followed from Fort, 39th, Crane, 28th, and Millar 40th. James, 35th, was recognized and wanted to know why there is no fiscal note attached to the bill and why there is no proof of money distribution and how many charter schools will there be in Georgia. Jones again explained that this bill would cost less to implement and more discussion followed. Tippins, 37th, was recognized; he still had many questions and changes to the bill and called on Betsy Howerton with Legislative Counsel for clarification on some parts of the language deciding where the language should go. He continued by saying he still feels that the bill needs more study and more changes.

Jackson, 24th, addressed the committee by saying that he hoped for a cooperative spirit regarding this bill. Education is the light of the world.

At this time Millar, 40th, asked for a motion. Albers, 56th, moved to Do Pass by Substitute and Stone, 23rd, seconded the motion. Vote carried (6-4). Nay votes: James, 35th, Fort, 39th, Tate, 38th, and Tippins, 37th. Yay votes: Ligon, 3rd, Stone, 23rd, Jackson, 24th, Albers, 56th, Crane, 28th, Wilkerson, 50th. **HB 797 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

***Tippins, 37th, asked to make a statement before the committee dismissed. He wanted the committee to know why he voted against the bill. He was not pleased with the vote. He still feels the bill needs more work.

There being no further business, Chairman Millar adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

/s/ Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd, Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 1, 2012

TO: Mr. Bob Ewing
Secretary of Senate

FROM: Donna Nealey

RE: Senate Education and Youth Committee
Bills Left in Committee after Session 2012
Sub Committee and Full Committee Meeting Dates

The Senate Education and Youth Committee respectfully submits the following Senate and House Bills and Resolutions left in committee during the 2012 General Assembly. Also listed below are the dates for the sub committees and full committee meeting dates:

SENATE BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

SB14	SB85	SB208	SB291	SB439	SR853
SB43	SB152	SB241	SB399	SR663	
SB68	SB207	SB255	SB426	SR738	

HOUSE BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

[HB172](#)
[HR489](#)

SENATE BILLS – COMBINED WITH OTHER BILLS OR NOT VOTED ON

[SB46](#) – DOE will implement what this bill was designed to do
[SB55](#) – combined with SB34

SUB COMMITTEE DATES

N/A
January 31, 2012
N/A
February 9, 2012
February 16, 2012
February 21, 2012
February 23, 2012
February 28, 2012
February 29, 2012
March 12, 2012

FULL COMMITTEE DATES

January 26, 2012
N/A
February 2, 2012
February 9, 2012
February 16, 2012
N/A
February 23, 2012
February 28, 2012
February 29, 2012
March 12, 2012
March 20, 2012

Thank you.