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Senate Economic Development Committee Rules 2011 – 2012 (Revised 2012)

1. A quorum for the Committee shall be eight (8) members.
2. The Chair shall determine bills and resolutions to be considered and the order in which such are called. The Chair also has the discretion as to which amendments to accept and to their germaneness.
3. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by the principal author or a legislator whom he/she may designate. In the event more than one member of the Georgia Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
5. The rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee rules.
6. These rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by three-fourths of the members of the Committee provided that written notice has been given 48 hours prior to the Committee meeting.
7. Any member(s) of the Committee who disagrees with the majority report of the Committee shall have the privilege to file a minority report
8. The Chair shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees shall have the authority to make recommendations to the full Committee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by the full Committee.

January 9, 2012

The Joint Senate and House Economic Development and Tourism Committees met in Room 506 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building on Monday, January 9, 2012 convening at 2:10 p.m. Senate members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

Note: Balfour of the 9th also attended the meeting, but he is not a member of the Senate Economic Development Committee.

The meeting was called to order by Representative Ron Stephens, Chairman of the House Economic Development and Tourism Committee. He stated that Senator Chance, Chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee, was detained on other business within the Capitol and would join the meeting as soon as possible.

The topic of the meeting was “Oversight of the Georgia Lottery” and the Joint Committees heard testimony from the following individuals:

Ms. Margaret DeFrancisco, President and CEO, Georgia Lottery Corporation

Mr. Jimmy Braswell, Chairman of the Board, Georgia Lottery Corporation

Mr. Tim Connell, President, Georgia Student Finance Commission

Mr. Richard Cathcart, former House Majority Leader, General Assembly of Delaware and former V.P. of Delaware State University

Jimmy Hutchinson, Mayor of Dover, Delaware; Retired police officer & fireman

Note: Chance of the 16th joined the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Chairman Stephens recognized and welcomed Margaret DeFrancisco, President and CEO of the Georgia Lottery Corporation and Chairman of the Board, Jimmy Braswell, for testimony. President DeFrancisco affirmed that the Georgia Lottery Corporation remains fully dedicated to its mission of generating maximum revenue for the specific educational programs which it funds. She proceeded to give an informative overview of financial statistics regarding sales and payouts, the overall strategy for current and future gaming, and discussed Georgia’s national and international performance rating.

President DeFrancisco also stated that representatives from the Spectrum Gaming Group were present and available to respond to any questions from the Committee. She elaborated by saying that the Chairmen of the Committees were aware that the Lottery Board had commissioned a report by the firm last October and that the AJC had reported on this. A copy of the report was included in the Committee members’ folders.

Many questions and concerns were expressed and addressed in the extensive discussion that followed. Chairman Stephens interrupted the dialogue to allow testimony regarding Video Lottery Terminals (VLT) gaming by Mr. Richard Cathcart and Mayor Jimmy Braswell as they were on a tight schedule to catch a flight home to Delaware.

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Mr. Cathcart and Mayor Hutchison explained their credentials as related to the Delaware State Lottery and Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) gaming venues. Each provided their perspective on the 1996 inception of the VLT gaming industry which was mainly considered for the purpose of saving the Delaware Horse Racing Industry. They discussed motivation, concerns, control and venue in depth and stressed that VLT gaming would not generate economic growth or significant revenue unless they are located in a destination facility. The Lottery/VLT industry is now the fourth largest revenue generator for the State of Delaware; in its 15 year history, the industry has generated revenue of \$8 billion with shares of \$2.8 billion to the General Fund and \$900 million to the Horse Racing industry. Mr. Cathcart and Mayor Hutchison closed testimony by stating that, in their opinions, the VLT venture had been highly successful in Delaware. In the discussion that followed, many questions and concerns were forthcoming from members.

Upon the conclusion of the VLT discussion, Chairman Stephens resumed the previous conversation with President DeFrancisco and Chairman Braswell until all questions were vetted.

Mr. Tim Connell, President of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, provided a detailed presentation entitled "Projected Lottery Revenues and Expenditures through FY 2016 and Effects on HOPE Scholarship Award Levels." A copy of the presentation document was included in the Committee members' folders. There were a few questions and some discussion throughout his presentation.

Chairman Stephens offered closing remarks.

Any documents offered in support of testimony given can be found in Committee files.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Chance of the 16th, Chairman

/s/ Rita Smith, Recording Secretary

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Roll Call Sheet

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January 24, 2012

The Joint Senate and House Economic Development and Tourism Committees met in Room 341 of the State Capitol on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 convening at 1:00 p.m. Senate members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Ronnie Chance, Chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee. Opening remarks, which included recognition of January 24, 2012 as “2012 Tourism and Hospitality Day at the Capitol”, were offered by Senator Ronnie Chance and Representative Ron Stephens, Chairman of the House Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

The following persons testified before the Joint Committees regarding the Tourism Industry in Georgia:

Chris Cummiskey, Commissioner, GA Department of Economic Development
Kevin Langston, Deputy Commissioner of Tourism, GA Department of Economic Development
George Zimmerman, Vice President, Travel Michigan
Barry White, President and CEO, Augusta Convention and Visitors Bureau
Joe Marinelli, Visit Savannah, (formerly Savannah Convention and Visitors Bureau)
David Raynor, Sr. Vice President, Governmental Affairs, Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Jim Sprouse, Executive Director, Georgia Hotel and Lodging Association
Ron Fennel, Governmental Affairs, Georgia Hotel and Lodging Association
Karen Bremer, Executive Director, Georgia Restaurant Association
Wayne Jones, Georgia Arts Network
Lisa Love, Director of Music, Marketing & Development, GA Dept. of Economic Development

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Miller of the 49th, Secretary

/s/ Rita Smith, Recording Secretary

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February 22, 2012

The Senate Economic Development Committee met in Room 125 of the State Capitol on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 convening at 8:35 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Ronnie Chance, Chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

Adoption of the (revised) 2012 Senate Economic Development Committee Rules was necessary due to changes to the committee roster and quorum. A motion by Albers of the 56th to adopt the revised Rules was seconded by Davis of the 22nd. Unanimous vote.

S.B. 427 by Tolleson of the 20th and others – Administrative Procedure; require agency procedures for timely processing; applications for issuance/renewal of licenses

This bill relates to procedure upon grant, denial, renewal, revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of licenses in order to require agency procedures for timely processing of and status reports regarding applications for issuance or renewal of licenses.

The author of the bill, Tolleson of the 20th, presented **S.B. 427** (LC 25 6030S) as a Committee substitute stating that the language of the original bill was too cumbersome. He further explained that, in addition to being more succinct, the language of the substitute was more business and consumer friendly regarding the licensing process. This bill starts the process of regulatory reform and would set up a process whereby applicants could track the status of their application via an agency's Internet website. No questions or concerns were expressed.

A motion was made by Gooch of the 51st that **S.B. 427** “**Do Pass by Substitute**”, seconded by Davis of the 22nd.

S.B. 428 by Tolleson of the 20th and others – Administrative Procedure; provide for agency reports regarding federal government mandates and duplicate state/federal regulation.

This legislation requires that each agency must provide annual reports detailing applicable federal mandates that require administrative action for rules and regulations. Further, the reports must detail federal and state regulatory duplicity.

Note: Crane of the 28th and Mullis of the 53rd joined the meeting.

Tolleson of the 20th presented **S.B. 428** (LC 25 6027S) as a Committee substitute.

Albers of the 56th suggested posting the reports on agency websites. Tolleson of the 20th agreed that it was a very good suggestion and something he would consider and discuss accordingly. Minimal discussion followed.

Albers of the 56th motioned that [S.B. 428](#) “**Do Pass by Substitute**”, seconded by Gooch of the 51st. The bill passed by unanimous vote.

S.B. 429 by Tolleson of the 20th and others – General Assembly; fiscal notes for bills changing compensation; change provisions

This legislation mandates that fiscal notes will be required for *general* bills that have significant revenue impact on state government or on the private sector. Fiscal notes requested by members-elect of the General Assembly will still have until December 1, and this date is specifically included in actions upon failure to meet the deadline.

Tolleson of the 20th presented [S.B. 429](#), (LC 25 6028S) as a Committee substitute and indicated this bill simply follows the same process as S.B. 427 and S.B. 428. However, he then requested the committee’s consideration of the following changes to (substitute) LC 25 6028S which would need to be incorporated into a new Committee substitute:

Section 2 (Pages 4, 5, 6, 7): Delete the entire section

Note: Tolleson of the 20th explained this will be rolled back into Section 1. His intent is to keep the bill as concise as possible and not too broad-based.

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Lines 51 - 52: Add back the following language: “counties and municipalities must be introduced no later than the twentieth day of session”

Lines 52 - 53: Delete the following language: “local/political subdivisions shall be subject to the requirements of Code Section 28-5-49”.

Line 54: Add back the following language: “affecting a county or municipality”

Line 55 – 56: Add back the language “relating to the advertisement of local legislation”

Note: Tolleson of the 20th stated these changes will bring Section 2 back into Section 1.

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Lines 96 – 97: Add back the following language: “and, when applicable, of counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions”

Note: Tolleson of the 20th stated this adds it back to Section 1 and leaves in the cities and counties.

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Tolleson of the 20th also provided an overview of the section of the bill pertaining to fiscal notes and responded to a few questions.

Mullis of the 53rd thanked Tolleson of the 20th for crafting this legislation but was curious as to what brought it to his attention. Tolleson of the 20th explained that he dropped a regulatory reform bill 10 years ago. At the time, the legislation was more comprehensive but he now believes there should be a more methodical process to making the law more concise.

Chairman Chance indicated that Legislative Counsel recommended one other change to LC 25 6028S for the sake of consistency and Tolleson of the 20th agreed:

Page 1, Lines 4 –7:

Strike the language beginning on Line 4 and ending on Line 7 at the period: “to change certain provisions relating to analysis of costs of proposed bills and joint resolutions to affected localities, filing of fiscal notes, requests by representatives of local political subdivisions for copies, and waiver of requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.”

Jackson of the 24th motioned that [S.B. 429](#) “**Do Pass by Substitute**” (LC 37 1404S), seconded by Paris of the 26th. The bill passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Chance of the 16th, Chairman

/s/ Rita Smith, Recording Secretary

2012 SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2012

[S.B. 427](#)

[S.B. 428](#)

[S.B. 429](#)

Chance, 16th - Chairman
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Stoner, 6 th
Thompson, 5 th
Wilkinson, 50 th
Mullis, 53 rd , Ex-Officio

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February 28, 2012

The Senate Economic Development Committee met in Room 125 of the State Capitol on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 convening at 9:00 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Ronnie Chance, Chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

S.B. 257 by Gooch of the 51st and others – Local Government; clarify development authorities are authorized to conduct redevelopment.

This bill changes the definition of “development authority” to include the purpose of promoting the redevelopment of trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities and is applicable to all development authorities created under Chapter 62 of Title 36. Additionally, this legislation changes the training requirements associated with development and predevelopment programs.

The author of the bill, Gooch of the 51st, presented the bill. There were no questions.

Albers of the 56th, motioned that **S.B. 257** “Do Pass”, seconded by Mullis of the 53rd. Unanimous vote.

S.R. 719 by Albers of the 56th and others – Tourism Promotion Joint Study Commission; create.

This resolution would create a Tourism Promotion Joint Study Commission composed of twelve members from governmental agencies and the private sector. The Commission would be able to create subcommittees to carry out its work.

Albers of the 56th, author of the bill, presented **SR 719**. A substitute was discussed to move the appointment of the Senate member (to the Commission) from the authority of the Senate Committee on Assignments to the Lieutenant Governor.

Mullis of the 53rd motioned that **S.R. 719** “Do Pass by Substitute”, Davis of the 22nd seconded the motion. The bill passed by unanimous vote.

H.B. 514 by Kidd of the 141st and others – Distilled spirits; free tastings on premises; authorize.

This legislation authorizes that licensed distillers may provide educational and promotional tours of distillery premises upon application to the Commissioner. Tours may include limited free tasting of one-half ounce per person per day.

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Kidd of the 141st presented **HB 514** and a brief period of discussion followed.

Gooch of the 51st motioned that **H.B. 514** “Do Pass”, seconded by Mullis of the 53rd. The bill passed by unanimous vote.

Senate Sponsor: Grant of the 25th.

S.B. 379 by Chance of the 16th and others – Pawnbrokers; provide limitations regarding certain fees or taxes; transactions.

This bill creates new language precluding local governments from levying or collecting fees or taxes on pawn transactions. However, this preclusion does not affect local occupation taxes or business licenses.

Chance of the 16th, author of the bill, presented **SB 379** to the Committee for consideration. He stated that prohibition on local governments to allow transaction fees in the pawn industry is not a new issue. In fact, the Senate passed a similar bill four years ago by a vote of 51 – 3. He indicated that some cities in Georgia currently allow the transaction fee and he expressed willingness to add an amendment to grandfather existing local ordinances.

Chance of the 16th explained that, because there is some grey area regarding the legality of fees that are currently being collected, he requested the Attorney General’s office to review the bill and issue an opinion. However, because these opinions are slow in coming, he expressed his desire to pass **SB 379** and keep it moving forward. Obviously, if the transaction fees are found to be illegal under current law, there is no need for this bill.

The Committee heard testimony from the following individuals:

Barbara O’Brien, Cash America, Tallahassee, FL (Support)

Marci Rubensohn, Georgia Municipal Association (Opposition)

Jet Tony, representing Gwinnett County (Opposition, but expressed support of the proposed grandfather clause)

Note: Thompson of the 5th joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Questions were raised and discussed during and after the testimony was heard. Stoner of the 6th stated that he would like to make a motion for an amendment at the appropriate time to address the grandfather issue. Discussion continued for a while.

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Chance of the 16th offered to amend the language at the end of Section 1, Line 19, as drafted by Legal Counsel at his request: “This subsection shall not apply to any adopted ordinance or resolution effective prior to the effective date of this subsection.”

Stoner of the 6th motioned that [S.B. 379](#) “**Do Pass as Amended**”, seconded by Mullis of the 53rd. Unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Chance of the 16th, Chairman

/s/ Rita Smith, Recording Secretary

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[S.B. 379](#)

[S.R. 719](#)

[H.B. 514](#)

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March 13, 2012

The Senate Economic Development Committee met in Room 450 of the State Capitol on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 convening at 8:55 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Ronnie Chance, Chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

H.B. 897 by Harden of the 28th and others – Georgia Workforce Investment Board; revise provisions.

This bill relates to labor and industrial relations, so as to extensively revise the Georgia Workforce Investment Board provisions; it authorizes the board to promulgate rules and regulations and adds provisions relating to soft skills programs. The bill also repeals provisions providing for the utilization of the Governor's discretionary funds and the Georgia Work Ready program.

Carter of the 1st presented the bill on behalf of the author, Harden of the 28th. He explained that, based on advice from Legislative Counsel, this bill was needed because the Georgia Work Ready Program is completely federally funded. Since there has never been an appropriation from the state to the program, we need to ensure that Georgia law is accurate and only pertains to workforce development programs that are state funded.

A brief discussion clarified that this bill does not affect oversight authority in any way.

Jackson of the 24th motioned that **H.B. 897 “Do Pass”**, seconded by Mullis, 53rd. The bill passed by unanimous vote.

Senate Sponsor: Carter of the 1st.

H.B. 868 by Collins of the 27th and others – Income tax credits; business enterprises located in less developed areas designated by tiers; provide.

This legislation amends existing incentives for job creation in Georgia. It relates to imposition, computation, and exemptions from state income tax in order to provide for the comprehensive revision of income tax credits for business enterprises located in less developed areas, designated by tiers, for business enterprises located in less developed areas consisting of contiguous census tracts, for existing manufacturing and telecommunications facilities located in certain tier counties, and for establishing new quality jobs or relocating quality jobs; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to change certain provisions in order to correct certain cross-references; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide that this Act shall not abate or affect prosecutions, punishments, penalties, administrative proceedings or remedies, or civil actions related to certain violations.

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The author of the bill, Collins of the 27th, presented **HB 868** as a Committee substitute (LC 34 3453S). He stated that this legislation is Governor Deal's job creation initiative which expands existing tax credits, encourages job growth and keeps Georgia competitive with surrounding states. Changes include expansions and modifications to definitions pertaining to business and job creation, as well as various adjustments pertaining to tax credit policy.

Collins of the 27th provided a brief overview of each section of the bill. There was only minimal discussion of the bill.

Jackson of the 24th motioned that [H.B. 868](#) (LC 34 3453S) "**Do Pass by Substitute**", seconded by Millar of the 40th. Unanimous vote.

Senate Sponsor: Chance of the 16th

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Miller of the 49th, Secretary

/s/ Rita Smith, Recording Secretary

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[H.B. 868](#)

[H.B. 897](#)

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March 21, 2012

The Senate Economic Development Committee met in Room 125 of the State Capitol on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 convening at 9:05 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Ronnie Chance, Chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

Stating that the Committee did not have a quorum of members present, and that he was aware of some members having conflicting meetings elsewhere in the Capitol, he allowed the bill presentation to begin with the author's understanding that no action could be taken unless a quorum was established..

S.B. 398 by James of the 35th and others – “Georgia Africa Partnership Project Act”; create the Africa Partnership Division; provide personnel, operation, and powers and duties.

This bill relates to the Department of Economic Development, so as to create the Africa Partnership Division of the department; to provide a short title; to provide for personnel, operation, powers and duties of the division and to authorize the operation of projects. The legislation further provides for the general purpose of the division in promoting partnership between Africa and the State of Georgia and authorizes specific activities to promote economic development, cultural exchange and other beneficial activities.

James of the 35th began presenting **SB 398** to the Committee and asked the Chairman's permission to allow Chief Tunde Adetunji, CEO of the Africa Heritage Foundation, to assist her in explaining the bill. She further stated that he had been influential in African trade with Georgia since the 1996 Olympics. Senator Chance agreed and recognized Chief Adetunji for his supporting testimony.

Davis of the 22nd referenced language in Section 1, Article 2, Line 29 and asked the author why a fiscal note was not provided since much of the project proposal seemed to require one. Noting that the General Assembly could be voting on the final FY 2013 budget within days, he asked what the financial impact to the state would be.

James of the 35th responded that the Department of Economic Development already has partnerships established with other countries and trade with Africa could be added using the same agency and the same personnel. In continued discussion, Davis of the 22nd suggested an urging resolution seemed more appropriate versus a bill which almost suggests that the General Assembly has a responsibility to fund and/or establish a separate division just for Africa. James of the 35th stated the bill's intent was to open a line of business transactions between Africa and Georgia.

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Davis of the 22nd offered that she should advance conversations regarding the proposal with the Department of Economic Development and also expressed his belief that Africa is of significant importance to the long term economy of the eight great nations. A few brief comments followed regarding the introduction of an urging resolution next year.

As a quorum had not been established by the end of the discussion, no action was taken on the bill.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Miller of the 49th, Secretary

/s/ Rita Smith, Recording Secretary

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[S.B. 398](#)

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August 28, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following bills which were not acted upon in the Senate Economic Development Committee during the 2012 Legislative Session:

[S.B. 159](#)
[S.B. 258](#)
[S.B. 398](#)
[S.B. 511](#)
[S.R. 163](#)
[S.R. 1025](#)

I also submit my completed minutes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rita W. Smith, Recording Secretary
Senate Economic Development Committee