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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The Senate Committee on Higher Education held its first meeting of the 2015 Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman

Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)

Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Secretary, Sen. Josh McKoon (29th) and Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Chairman Millar (40th).

Chairman Millar presented the 2015-2016 Senate Higher Education Committee rules.

Sen. Martin (9th) made the motion to adopt the 2015-2016 Senate Higher Education Committee Rules. Sen. Williams (27th) seconded the motion. The adoption of the 2015-2016 Rules of the Senate Committee on Higher Education passed unanimously. A copy of the Rules is attached.

NOTE: Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) arrived late at 3:25 p.m. She did not vote on the adoption of the Rules.

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Millar (40th), Chairman

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION – 2015 & 2016
COMMITTEE RULES**

1. These Committee Rules of Operations shall be consistent with Senate Rule 2-1.5 (d) regarding the establishment of Rules of Operation.
2. Quorum of the Committee shall be Five (5) members.
3. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered; the Chairman shall have the authority to call a bill, resolution, substitute or amendment for debate and explanation only.
4. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to Subcommittees for study. Such Subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee at such time as shall be designated by the Chairman.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
6. A bill or resolution will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or other legislator whom he/she may designate. The principal author shall be the legislator whose name first appears on the list of authors.
7. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.
8. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree(s) with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.
9. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
10. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate as adopted shall govern. (Senate Rule 2)

JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The Joint House and Senate Committee on Higher Education met on February 3, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 406 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Josh McKoon (29th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Secretary, and Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Chairman Millar (40th).

Several guest speakers appeared before the Committee to present developments that pertain to higher education. They, and their remarks in the areas they discussed, were as follows.

Hank Huckaby, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia

- **College Completion**

There is an expected move from the current 42% of the adult population completing some level of college now to 60% doing so by 2020, Chancellor Huckaby said. The goal is to increase the number of undergraduate and graduate degrees in Georgia. Keeping costs down is a critical part of supporting students in pursuing and completing a college career. Through a partnership, the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia are introducing new pathways for students to obtain a college degree, such as using a simpler enrollment process, finding easier ways to transfer college credits, offering more on-line courses, increasing dual enrollment each year, and targeting student support.

- **Investment and Stewardship Support**

The Governor recommended an increase of salaries in Fiscal Year 2016, Chancellor Huckaby noted. This is the top priority for the University System. Because the best and brightest people will prepare students for tomorrow's workforce, an increase of salaries will keep talent in the University System.

- **Salary data points**

In 2000, Georgia was ranked fifth by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), while today it ranks ninth, Chancellor Huckaby said. The state of Georgia is behind neighboring states such as Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia. This puts it at a competitive disadvantage in

recruiting and keeping the best faculty and staff, which is critically important for the success of public higher education.

- **Major repairs and renovations**
The Governor has recommended an investment of \$60 million in the upkeep and management of current infrastructure and facilities for major repairs and renovations, since these facilities are used in teaching more than 310,000 students and for faculty and staff research.
- **Capital needs**
New criteria must be met in order to propose the planning, design, and construction of buildings, Chancellor Huckaby said. Capital projects must show how they improve student success towards college completion, as well as how they provide needed capacity beyond what current facilities can provide.
- **Economic Development**
The Georgia Film Academy promotes economic development in Georgia. Georgia is becoming one of the fastest growing entertainment production markets in the U.S., Chancellor Huckaby remarked. The University System's priority is to provide the skills that studio and production teams need now, such as camera operation, set design, construction, lighting, electrical work, production assistance and sound design.
 - **Student Opportunities**
Systems are being developed to connect students with film and digital entertainment companies in Georgia that have workforce needs, Chancellor Huckaby said. This will develop internships and co-op experiences to connect students with employment opportunities. A budget request includes \$2,565,500 to support the Georgia Film Academy.

Gretchen Corbin, Commissioner, Technical College System of Georgia

- **Overview**
 - The Technical College System of Georgia is ranked as the leading workforce development program among site consultants polled in the Area Development Top States for Doing Business survey. Its graduation rate has increased from 56.3% in 2010 to 62.2% in 2014.
- **Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant**
This grant covers 100% tuition currently in areas such as welding, healthcare technology, diesel mechanics, information technology, commercial truck driving, practical nursing, and early childhood education. The grant is proposed in areas such as precision manufacturing, certified engineering technician, computer programming, film and set design.
- **Film Industry**
The film "The Hunger Games" created a wide variety of jobs, mostly for such crew positions as electrical technicians, costumes, transportation, and construction.

Tricia Chastain, President, Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC)

- **Financial Aid Programs and Plans**

- Lottery-funded programs include the Hope Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, HOPE grant, Strategic Industries Workforce Development Grant, Zell Miller Grant, and Hope GED Grant. State-funded programs that are available can be found on the GACollege411.org website.
- GACollege411.org website offers features in the following areas: Middle School Career Exploration, Career Pathways, Adult Learners, Military, College Application, High School Planner, GATRACS, Transcript Exchange, Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion Tool, and Financial Literacy.
- The Path2College 529 Plan, one of the top college savings plans, conducts outreach activities and marketing, and assists families in preparing for future expenses such as tuition and related school expenses.
- The Georgia Student Finance Authority is a nonprofit public corporation that provides student financial aid to eligible Georgians through loans, scholarships, and grants. It disbursed \$39 million in state general funds to 43,000 students in FY 2014, Ms. Chastain said.
- The REACH Georgia Scholarship Program is an integral part of the state's Complete College Georgia initiative launched in February 2012. In REACH, 100% of funds go to college scholarships. The goal is to enroll every school district in Georgia and have 2,000 scholars by 2020, Ms. Chastain said.
- The Student Access Loan (SAL) offers a 1% fixed-interest loan to help students meet the cost of attendance. The Student Access Loan – Technical (SALT) carries a 1% interest rate, has underwriting criteria, and a discharged option with a 3.5 GPA upon graduation.
- The Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation is a nonprofit public corporation of the state that provides default management services to postsecondary institutions, Ms. Chastain concluded.

There being no further business, Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Millar (40th), Chairman

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The Senate Committee on Higher Education convened on February 10, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Josh McKoon (29th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) and Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chairman Millar (40th).

SB 18 (Harbison, 15th, LC 41 0284) Technical College System of Georgia; establish policies for granting academic credit for college level learning from military service, work experience

Sen. Ed Harbison (15th), the author of SB 18, spoke on the bill, which adds a new code section to Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A. 20-4-38). It provides for granting students college credit for skills obtained in previous military service, work, or self-study projects.

Sen. McKoon (29th), made a motion to amend. Sen. Williams (27th) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Sen. McKoon, (29th) made a motion SB 18 **Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

SB 18 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 41 0400S)

SB 58 (Hill, 6th, LC 41 0343) 'Georgia Leadership and Service Admission Act'

Sen. Hunter Hill (6th), the author of SB 58, spoke on the bill, which amends Title 20 of the O.C.G.A. It allows each member of the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Lieutenant Governor to publicly designate a scholar every year for recognition and to offer a recommendation letter for the admission process in an institution of the university system. It also creates the process and criteria for the evaluation and selection of eligible students.

Eligible students must obtain the median GPA and entrance exam scores required by the institution they want to attend, be U.S. citizens and legal residents of Georgia, and serve in the Reserve Officers Training Corps program. Sen. Hill (6th) stated he is encouraging leadership and service in our community.

Sen. Jones (25th) made a motion SB 58 **Do Pass**. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 58 Do Pass

SB 44 (Orrock, 36th, LC 41 0274) Education; noncitizen students; same consideration as citizens of U.S.; determining whether they qualify for in-state classification; tuition and fees

Sen. Orrock (36th), the author of SB44, spoke on the bill, which would provide for noncitizens under the Deferred Action to qualify for in-state tuition for both the University and Technical College Systems of Georgia. **Deferred action** is a discretionary, limited **immigration** benefit by DHS. It can be granted to individuals who are in removal proceedings, who have final orders of removal, or who have never been in removal proceedings.

Several guests spoke on the bill, as follows:

- D. A. King, a private citizen, spoke against SB 44.
- Jimmy McDonald, of the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, said that SB 44 is an incentive for students to attend Georgia colleges and universities and would help keep brilliant minds in the state. He supports the bill.
- Frank Malcahy, of the Georgia Catholic Conference spoke in support of SB 44, saying children should not be penalized because of what their parents did. He supports the bill.
- Phil Kent, a private citizen: said that it is not known who some of these people are, that some of them fake documents, and that some are still here illegally. He said that the system is broken and that SB 44 is no fix. He is opposed to the bill.
- Jerry Gonzales, of GALEO, said that Latinos follow SB 44 very closely and also that education is linked to personal finances therefore impacting the economy. He supports the bill.
- Michzel Trivette, a higher education researcher, said that many students are forced to go elsewhere to study and that under SB 44, talent will be kept in Georgia, which means that students will go to work and live in the state in which they went to college. He supports the bill.
- Matt Hiels and Diana Umara from Cedar Shoals High School said that SB 44 raises tests scores in dream students' achievements. They also applied for college and got accepted, but can't afford it. They support the bill.
- Alejandro Galeana, Sylvia Carrera, and Jacqueline Delgado, private citizens, are leaving Georgia to attend college in ACLU. They support the bill.
- Maria Carrillo, Yael Hernandez, and Daniela, said that without SB 44, students may have to pay out of state tuition, leaving their families and moving to other states to obtain a degree. They support the bill.
- David Shaefer, of the Latin American Association, noted that some Latino families are documented, while some are not. He supports the bill.

SB 44 HEARING ONLY

There being no further business, Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The Senate Committee on Higher Education convened on February 24, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar, (40th), Chairman
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Josh McKoon (29th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Millar (40th).

SB 37 (Ramsey, 43rd, LC 43 0034S) Law Enforcement Officers; require certain persons with arrest powers at university or college campuses; report allegations of rape to local law enforcement

Sen. Ronald Ramsey, Sr. (43rd), the author of SB 37, spoke on the bill. This bill allows any person with the authority to arrest to report allegations of rape to the local law enforcement agency and the Bureau of Investigation. Both must assist the official who is conducting the investigation as well as cooperate with the college or university that is taking the necessary disciplinary measures regarding the student for said allegations.

Several guests spoke on the bill, as follows:

- Michelle Maziar, who has done research on rapists, said most victims know who their rapist is. It is crucial to have a time frame to get the rapist off campus and turn the case over to local law enforcement to handle the case quickly.
- Jennifer Bivins, of the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault, spoke of the need to train law enforcement officers, nurses, and victims of sexual assault to collect evidence quickly.
- Susanna Baxter, of the Georgia Independent College Association (GICA) spoke in opposition to the bill. GICA spends thousands of dollars already to comply with regulations that conduct a process that is fair to both the victim and the alleged perpetrator, she said. O.C.G.A. 20.0.1184 already requires the state to be part of federal regulations to protect the victims and there is no need for additional requirements.
- Kimberly Ballard, University System of Georgia, noted that a task force started in October and has had two meetings so far. Their meetings are biweekly and May 2015 should be the final meeting. Campus officers are well trained. Certified officers on each campus should be posted to investigate the criminal act.

Vernon Keenan, Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation spoke to the committee. He wants to see what the "Safety Committee" comes back with in May. The criminal moves back and forth through the community, not just on campus. There must be ongoing criminal investigation. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation has the resources to offer them such as a crime laboratory.

SB 37 HEARING ONLY

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The Senate Committee on Higher Education convened on March 3, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman
Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) and Sen. Josh McKoon (29th) were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Millar (40th).

SB 168 (Jones, 25th, LC 40 0845) State Symbols; designate the Old Governor's Mansion as the official state historic house

Sen. Burt Jones (25th), the author of SB 168, and Matt Davis, Director of the Old Governor's Mansion, spoke on the bill, which would designate the Governor's Mansion as the official state historic house. The Department of Economic Development and other public agencies and leaders in the tourism industry will join forces to advertise and educate citizens or other states about the Old Governor's Mansion.

The following guest speaker offered remarks:

- Matt Davis, Director of the Old Governor's Mansion, Georgia College, said to charge admissions and school groups to supplement the economic development that the Old Governor's Mansion brings to the area of Milledgeville. It is important to advertise and educate citizens of other states and promote tourism.

Sen. Williams (27th) made a motion SB 168 **Do Pass**. Sen. Martin (9th), seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

SB 168 Do Pass

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) arrived at 3:20

SB 179 (Sen. McKoon, 29th, LC 34 4575S) Georgia Lottery; allow winner to remain anonymous if donates 25 percent to the Lottery for Education Account or other tax exempt organizations

Chairman Millar (40th) presented SB 179 for Sen. McKoon (29th), the author, who could not attend the meeting. This legislation allows lottery winners who wish to stay anonymous to

remain so upon written request and a donation of 25% of their earnings to the lottery for Hope. Six states offer bills now to allow winners to remain anonymous.

Sen. Williams (27th) said that the bill needs to specify whether the 25% is taxed with pre- or post-dollars.

Sen. Orrock (36th) and Sen. Beach (21st) felt that the bill should not be voted at the moment because of remaining questions and think it needs to be perfected. They prefer to wait until Sen. McKoon (29th) comes back to address questions. They feel that this bill needs to be taken up again at the next committee meeting.

Sen. Jones (25th), made a motion SB 179 **Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Williams (27th) seconded the motion. The vote was 4 to 3. The yea votes were Sen. Martin (9th), Sen. Jones (25th), Sen. Thompson (14th), and Sen. Williams (27th). The nay votes were Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Jackson (2nd) and Sen. Beach (21st).

SB 179 Do Pass by Substitute

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Secretary

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The Senate Committee on Higher Education convened on March 19, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Chairman

Sen. Josh McKoon (29th)

Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (Ex-officio for this meeting only)

NOTE: Sen. P. K. Martin (9th), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Secretary, Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 3:22 p.m. by Chairman Millar (40th).

HR 304 (Cooper, 43rd, LC 33 5920) Georgia's technical schools, colleges and universities; expand gerontology and dementia education and training; encourage

Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd), the author of HR 304, spoke on the resolution, which encourages Georgia's public institutions for higher learning to expand the education and training relating to gerontology and dementia. This resolution is asking our colleges and technical schools to begin to incorporate into their curriculums information on gerontology - how to deal with elderly persons, how they are different, what their different medical conditions are, and their desires as they age, she said. We are not asking for a special course in this, but we are asking that especially medical schools and nursing school programs, and the people who are likely dealing with the elderly, and especially the people dealing with dementia, which is also a growing population in our state, to have the information necessary about gerontology. This bill urges the university system to incorporate gerontology into its courses.

The following guest spoke on the bill:

- Kathy Simpson, of the Georgia Alzheimer's Association, said that this issue is a recommendation from the Dementia Task Force and Policy Committee. There has been conversation about mandating dementia-specific training, and we urge that our existing resources be used to teach our students in all areas that are more dementia-specific.

Sen. Thompson (14th) made a motion HR 304 **Do Pass**. Sen. McKoon (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Ben Watson (1st) will be the Senate sponsor.

HR 304 Do Pass

NOTE: Vice-Chairman Martin (9th) arrived.

HB 353 (Rogers, 29th, LC 41 0473S) Nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions; revise definitions; revise provisions

Rep. Carl Rogers (29th), the author of HB 353, spoke on the bill, which revises Code sections related to the governing authority for nonpublic post-secondary education. The Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission has a new executive director, Corinna Robinson. Three hundred twenty-eight schools have advanced degrees. The commission oversees licensed, private, non-profit, and for-profit nonpublic post-secondary education facilities. There are over 328 nonpublic colleges and schools in the state of Georgia.

The following guest spoke on the bill, with accompanying remarks:

- Corinna Robinson, Executive Director of the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (GNPEC), introduced herself. GNPEC's mission is to ensure that each authorized nonpublic college or school doing business in Georgia is educationally sound and financially stable. National and state educational trends suggest that proprietary education has become more acceptable for Georgia citizens who want to obtain a degree, to obtain the skills necessary to compete in the job market, Ms. Robinson said. Because of this increased interest, Georgia proprietary education is a multimillion dollar enterprise. Proprietary institutions offer numerous and diverse educational programs and enroll many students to attend, day, evening, weekend, and online courses. Because proprietary colleges are market-driven, they are able to respond rapidly to employer needs. Many students are able to meet their education requirements in a timely manner by attending such schools and colleges. Since 1990, GNPEC has provided a service to Georgia citizens by authorizing and regulating the operations of for-profit and not-for-profit postsecondary colleges and schools. The growth of the postsecondary colleges and schools continued to grow at a modest pace from FY 2013 to FY 2014. We saw an increase of 4% in the number of schools coming to or operating in Georgia, which maintains the average pace since 2004. These educational institutions serve around 110,000 students annually. GNPEC currently employs 7 full-time staff members and authorizes about 328 schools. Because of the highly specialized nature of its mission, GNPEC staff members all have advanced degrees, including masters and doctoral degrees.

Sen. Williams (27th) made a motion HB 353 **Do Pass**. Sen. Black (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Millar (40th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 353 Do Pass

HB 320 (Rogers, 29th, LC 41 0384) Scholarships; provide public disclosure of certain records held by Georgia Student Finance Commission, Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation and Georgia Student Finance Authority is not required; provisions

Rep. Carl Rogers (29th), the author of HB 320, spoke on the bill, which dictates that the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Georgia Education Assistance Corporation, and the Georgia Student Finance Authority must keep confidential all records that identify a student or former student by such specific identifying information as provided for, unless such identifying information has been redacted. The bill has the ability to protect privacy. It keeps confidential all records of identifying students or former students. Also the bill deals with recovering moneys owed.

Sen. Williams (27th) made a motion HB 320 **Do Pass**. Sen. Thompson (14th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 320 Do Pass

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Millar (40th), Chairman

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary



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March 19, 2015

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear David:

In accordance with the Senate Rules, the Senate Committee on Assignments hereby appoints Senator Ellis Black to serve as Ex-Officio for the Senate Higher Education Committee meeting on March 19, 2015. This appointment shall expire upon adjournment of the committee meeting.

Sincerely,


Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
President of the Senate

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Cc:
Senate Committee Chairman
Fiscal Office
Appointee

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Secretary, and Sen. Josh McKoon (29th) were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Chairman Millar (40th).

HB 3 (Fleming, 121st, LC 33 6089S) Education; programs; person solicit transaction with student-athlete; provide sanctions

Rep. Barry Fleming (121st), the author of HB 3, spoke on the bill, which would prohibit any person from soliciting or enticing a student-athlete in a transaction that would cause the student athlete to permanently or temporarily lose: athletic scholarship eligibility; the ability to participate on an intercollegiate team; or the ability to participate in one or more intercollegiate sporting competitions. Any person that violates this provision will be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature. This bill also allows colleges and universities to file a civil suit privately to recover any losses they may have incurred.

Sen. Thompson (14th) made a motion HB 3 **Do Pass**. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 3 Do Pass

Chairman Millar (40th) adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Millar (40th), Chairman

/s/ Donna Nealey, Recording Secretary

May 29, 2015

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

RE: Senate Higher Education Committee – 2015 Session

Dear Secretary Cook:

The Senate Higher Education Committee respectfully submits the following Senate bills, House bills, Senate resolutions and/or House resolutions left in the Senate Higher Education committee after the 2015 General Assembly session:

[SB13](#) [SB14](#) [SB37](#) [SB44](#) [SB155](#) [SB178](#) [SR12](#) [SR13](#) [SR467](#) [SR605](#) [HB315](#)

This letter includes the following information and lists the attachments:

- Bills Left In Senate Retirement Committee After The 2015 Session – listed above
- Bills Passed out of Senate Retirement Committee 2015 – listed below
- Listing Of Committee Meeting Dates – listed below
- Minutes for the dates listed below – Attached
- Senate Retirement Committee members and their addresses - Attached
- Rules for Senate Retirement Committee 2013 session - Attached
- Committee legislation report from the website - all bills/resolutions assigned to Senate Retirement Committee - Attached

Listed below are the dates for the Senate Higher Education Committee meetings for the 2015 General Assembly session:

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| January 27, 2015 | February 3, 2015 | March 3, 2015 |
| February 10, 2015 | March 19, 2015 | |
| February 24, 2015 | March 24, 2015 | |

Listed below are the 8 Senate bills, House bills, Senate resolutions and/or House resolutions that passed out of the Senate Higher Education Committee for 2015:

[SB18](#) [SB58](#) [SB168](#) [SB179](#) [HB3](#) [HB320](#) [HB353](#) [HR304](#)

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Donna Nealey
Senate Committee on Higher Education Legislative Assistant