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MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
January 26, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio (Left early)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Judson Hill (32nd), Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd), and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Dr. Allan Levey, Director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center gave a formal report to the Committee regarding the Alzheimer's epidemic and the need for more Georgia memory clinics.

NOTE: Sen. Steve Henson (41st) left at 2:45 p.m.

Chairman Unterman (45th) presented the Committee Rules. Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion **Do Pass**. Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Rules of the Committee were adopted. A copy of the Rules is attached. Chairman Unterman (45th) then presented the Subcommittee assignments for each of the Committee members.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Rules - 2017 -2018 Term

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be eight (8) members.
2. The Chair shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered. At the discretion of the chair, the order may change or be omitted.
3. The Chair shall appoint Subcommittees with their appropriate Subcommittee Chairs.
4. The Chair 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 with a report.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess, put up all questions, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
6. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire within twenty-four (24) hours of said vote.
7. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after a presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or the Chair designates to do so. In the event more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
8. Substitutes and amendments shall be provided to the Chair at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing. The Chair reserves the right to delay action on any substitute or amendment not provided in advance.
9. Where these Rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
January 31, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. David Shafer (48th)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Judson Hill (32nd) was absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

SB 4, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), "Enhancing Mental Health Treatment in Georgia Act"; Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force; establish

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Henson (41st) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

Sen. Henson (41st) made a motion SB 4 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2302ERS)** and Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

SB 4 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2302ERS)

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 2:20 p.m.

SB 41, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Pharmacists and Pharmacies; durable medical equipment suppliers; provide for the licensure; definition; requirements; discipline and revocation

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Tyler Riddle and Wes Chapman of the Georgia Association of Medical Equipment Suppliers spoke in favor of the bill.

There was further discussion on the bill by the Committee members and no motion was made. This was a **hearing only**.

SB 44, Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Public Disclosure; identities of individual and corporate donors to rural hospital organizations; exempt

Sen. Burke (11th) presented the bill to the Committee.

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members and no motion was made. This was a **hearing only**.

Chairman Unterman (45th) referred SB 12, SB 31, and SB 40 to the Health Care Delivery Subcommittee chaired by Sen. Hufstetler (52nd). SB 16 was referred to the Pharmacology Subcommittee chaired by Sen. Watson (1st).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
February 2, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary (Left early)
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. David Shafer (48th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowser (46th), Sen. Judson Hill (32nd), and Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

SB 41, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Pharmacists and Pharmacies; durable medical equipment suppliers; provide for the licensure; definition; requirements; discipline and revocation

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Jesse Weathington from Georgia Association of Medical Equipment Suppliers spoke in favor of the bill.

NOTE: Sen. Millar (40th) left at 2:14 p.m. prior to the voting of SB 41.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2313S)** and Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

SB 41 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2313S)

SB 44, Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Public Disclosure; identities of individual and corporate donors to rural hospital organizations; exempt

Sen. Burke (11th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Millar (40th) returned at 2:18 p.m. and Sen. Shafer (48th) arrived at 2:20 p.m.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion SB 44 **Do Pass** and Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-4 with Vice-Chairman Burke (11th), Secretary Millar (40th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Watson (1st), Sen. Shafer (48th), Sen. Kirk (13th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voting in support of the bill and Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Orrock (36th) voting in opposition to the bill.

SB 44 DO PASS

SB 52, Sen. P. K. Martin, IV (9th), Authorize LPC's to Perform Certain Acts

Sen. Martin (20th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Gale Macke from the Licensed Professional Counselors Association spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion SB 52 **Do Pass** and Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 52 DO PASS

SB 81, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), "Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr. Act"; opioid antagonists under conditions the state health officer may impose; provide state health officer may issue standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The following people spoke in favor of the bill:

Deb Bailey of Northeast Georgia Health System

Anna Adams of Georgia Hospital Association

Greg Reybold of Georgia Pharmacy Association

David Laws on behalf of himself

Missy Owens on behalf of herself

Renee Hall-George on behalf of herself

The following people spoke in opposition to the bill:

Derek Norton, Bethany Sherrer, V. K. Puppala, Michelle Zeanah, and K. Kirkpatrick of the Medical Association of Georgia.

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members and no motion was made. This was a **hearing only**.

SB 12, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Dental Hygienists; perform certain functions under general supervision; authorize licensed dental hygienists

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Georgia Dental Association, Georgia Dental Hygienists Association, and Georgia Department of Education each spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-0, with Sen. Jackson (2nd) abstaining due to professional nexus.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion SB 12 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2318S)** and Sen. Henson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-0, with Sen. Jackson (2nd) abstaining due to professional nexus.

SB 12 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2318S)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
February 7, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Judson Hill (32nd)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. David Shafer (48th)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) was absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

SB 40, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Mental Health; transport certain mentally ill patients; authorization of emergency medical services personnel

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Gwinnett County Fire Chief Casey Snyder and Sergeant Griffin of Gwinnett County Police spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Shafer (48th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 13-0.

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) made a motion SB 40 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2332S)** and Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 13-0.

SB 40 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2332S)

SB 16, Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Low THC Oil; definition; provisions relating to conditions eligible for use; change

Sen. Watson (1st) presented the bill to the Committee.

The following people spoke in favor of, or in opposition to, the bill:

Dale Jackson, who has an autistic son, supports adding autism as a qualifying condition, but opposes the reduction in the THC level.

Brad Williams, who uses CBD oil, opposes the reduction in the THC level.

James Bell, Georgia CARE Project, opposes the reduction in the THC level.

Virginia Galloway, Faith and Freedom Coalition, opposes adding autism as a qualifying condition, but supports the reduction in the THC level.

Gregg Raduka, Let's Be Clear Georgia, opposes adding autism at this time.

Rick Ward, American Academy of Pediatrics, opposes the addition of autism as a qualifying condition.

Parin Chheda, M.D., hospice physician, supports adding autism as a qualifying condition and opposes the reduction in the THC level.

Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion failed 8-5, with Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Watson (1st), Sen. Hill (32nd), and Sen. Burke (11th) voting in support of the amendment and Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Walker (20th), Sen. Kirk (13th), Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Shafer (48th), and Sen. Millar (40th) voting in opposition to the amendment.

Sen. Henson (41st) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion failed 10-3, with Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Butler (55th), and Sen. Orrock (36th) voting in support of the amendment and Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Walker (20th), Sen. Kirk (13th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Watson (1st), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Shafer (48th), Sen. Hill (32nd), Sen. Millar (40th), and Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) voting in opposition to the amendment.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 13-0.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion SB 16 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2331S)** and Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-1, with Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) voting in opposition to the bill.

SB 16 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2331S)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
February 9, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. David Shafer (48th)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) and Sen. Judson Hill (32nd) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

SB 47, Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Physicians; visiting sports teams' physicians; provide for licensure exemption; requirements; limitations; agreements with other states

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

Brad Bushnell from the Orthopedics and Sports Medicine – Harbin Clinic, LLC spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion that SB 47 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2337S)** and Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

SB 47 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2337S)

SB 102, Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Emergency Medical Services; emergency cardiac care centers; designation; Office of Cardiac Care within Department of Public Health; establishment

Sen. Miller (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The following people spoke in favor of the bill:

Deb Bailey of Northeast Georgia Health System

Tim Kibler of Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals

Shea Ross of Georgia Hospital Association

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion that SB 102 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2314S)** and Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

SB 102 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2314S)

SB 81, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), "Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr. Act"; opioid antagonists under conditions the state health officer may impose; provide state health officer may issue standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Cindy Shepherd of the Georgia Pharmacy Association spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-2 with Sen. Millar (40th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Cowser (46th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Shafer (48th), Sen. Kirk (13th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voting in support of the motion and Sen. Burke (11th) and Sen. Watson (1st) voting in opposition.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion SB 81 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2336S)** and Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-6, with Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Kirk (13th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Millar (40th), and Sen. Unterman (45th) voting in support of the motion and Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Shafer (48th), Sen. Cowser (46th), Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Walker (20th) voting in opposition.

SB 81 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2336S)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
February 14, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman (Left early)
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (Left early)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. David Shafer (48th)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

SB 106, Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), Pain Management Clinics; health care professionals who must be on-site; revise a provision

Sen. Kirk (13th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Christy Dunkelberger of the Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Jet Toney of the Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists
Marcus Downs of the Georgia Nurses Association

Chandler Haydon of the Georgia Society of Interventional Pain Physicians was in opposition to the bill.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) left at 2:30 p.m.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion SB 106 **Do Pass** and Sen. Henson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

SB 106 DO PASS

SB 137, Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), Child Support Recovery Act; Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; require the obligor to pay the full fee

Sen. Kirk (13th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) left at 3:00 p.m.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion SB 137 **Do Pass** and Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 11-0.

SB 137 DO PASS

SB 125, Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th), Physician Assistants; authority to prescribe hydrocodone compound products; authorize a physician to delegate to a physician assistant

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

Tom Bauer of the Georgia Association of Physician Assistants spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion SB 125 **Do Pass** and Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 11-0.

SB 125 DO PASS

Chairman Unterman (45th) referred SB 29 to the Technology and Education Subcommittee chaired by Sen. Cowsert (46th). SB 55 and SB 153 were referred to the Scope of Practice Subcommittee chaired by Sen. Millar (40th).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
February 16, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Arrived late, left early)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. David Shafer (48th)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio, was absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m.

SB 96, Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Health; pronouncement of death by registered professional nurses; nursing homes and hospice care; authorize; county medical examiner's duties after notice of suspicious death; make a conforming change

Sen. Watson (1st) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived at 2:40 p.m.

Stan Jones, of Hospice Atlanta, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dorothy Davis, of Visiting Nurse Health System, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tom Bauer, of Georgia Association of Physician Assistants, spoke in favor of the bill.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) left at 3:15 p.m.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion SB 96 **Do Pass** and Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 11-0.

SB 96 DO PASS

SB 8, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), "Surprise Billing and Consumer Protection Act"; health insurance; provide consumer protections; definitions

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Georgia Watch (Consumers)

Georgia Hospital Association (However, it has concerns similar to those voiced by the Medical Association of Georgia, that is, that physicians need to be in a position to at least be able to negotiate for fair rates).

Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals (It echoed comments from the Georgia Hospital Association. It thinks it is appropriate for hospitals to bear part of the burden to ensure people are covered, but thinks it should be spread equally among the insurers, hospitals, and providers).

Vicki Willard, wife of Representative Wendell Willard (Consumer who has personally received surprise bills herself)

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

Medical Association of Georgia (The bill does not address the root cause of surprise bills and narrow networks, but supports the use of only FAIR Health database).

American Health Insurance Plans

Georgia Association of Health Plans

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 11-0.

Sen. Shafer (48th) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 11-0.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-4 with Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Watson (1st), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Orrock (36th), and Sen. Shafer (48th) voting in favor and Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd), Sen. Millar (40th), Sen. Kirk (13th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voting in opposition.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion to amend the bill. The amendment was discussed, but not taken up for a vote due to the lack of a second.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion SB 8 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2360S)** and Sen. Burke (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 11-0.

SB 8 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2360S)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
February 21, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman (Arrived late)
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (Arrived late, left early)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. David Shafer (48th)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

SB 31, Sen. Josh McKoon (29th), Community Health Dept.; at least two members of board shall also be members of the state health benefit plan; State Health Benefit Plan Customer Advisory Council; create

Sen. McKoon (29th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion SB 31 **Do Pass** and Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 11-0.

SB 31 DO PASS

SB 121, Sen. Butch Miller (49th), “Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr. Act”

Sen. Miller (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Bethany Sherrer, of Medical Association of Georgia, spoke in favor of the bill.
Deb Bailey, of Northeast Georgia Health System, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion SB 121 **Do Pass** and Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 11-0.

SB 121 DO PASS

SB 166, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), "Nurse Licensure Compact"; Georgia Board of Nursing exercise certain powers with respect to compact; authorize

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Burke (11th) arrived at 2:26 p.m.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Christy Dunkelberger, of Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Deb Bailey, of Northeast Georgia Health System

Tim Kibler, of Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals

Shea Ross, of Georgia Hospital Association

Marcus Downs, of Georgia Nurses Association

Sen. Walker (20th) made a motion SB 166 **Do Pass** and Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

SB 166 DO PASS

SB 193, Revised the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Feminist Women's Health Center spoke in opposition to the bill.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived at 2:35 p.m. and Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) left at 2:45 p.m.

Sen. Henson (41st) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion failed 9-3, with Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Henson (41st), and Sen. Butler (55th) voting in favor and Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Millar (40th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Watson (1st), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Shafer (48th), Sen. Kirk (13th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voting in opposition.

Sen. Shafer (48th) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) left at 3:00 p.m. and Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) returned at 3:00 p.m.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion SB 193 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2377ERS)** and Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

SB 193 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2377ERS)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
February 23, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (Left early)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) (Arrived late, left early)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. David Shafer (48th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

SB 168, Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Child Abuse; permitted to access child abuse records by department, or county, or other state or local agency; extend; Central Child Abuse Registry; permit access

Sen. Miller (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Ashley Fielding and Virginia Pry, for the Division of Family and Children Services, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion SB 168 **Do Pass** and Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 11-0.

SB 168 DO PASS

SB 220, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Medical Practice; requirements for advertising or publicizing of medical specialty certification; repeal

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert (46th) arrived 2:40 p.m.

Dr. Lionel Meadows and Dr. Ali Kahn, both OB/GYN cosmetic surgeons, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion SB 220 **Do Pass** and Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

SB 220 DO PASS

SB 241, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Controlled Substances; electronic data base of prescription information; provisions; change

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Derek Norton, of Medical Association of Georgia, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Orrock (36th) moved to amend the bill and Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion SB 241 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2387S)** and Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 12-0.

SB 241 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2387S)

NOTE: Sen. Shafer (48th) arrived at 2:55 p.m.

SB 221, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Optometrists; administer pharmaceutical agents by injection; authorize doctors of optometry; limitations and requirements; provide

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Aubrey Villines, of Georgia Optometric Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian Kim, David O'Banion, and Baker Hubbard, physicians, spoke in opposition to the bill.

NOTE: Sen. Butler (55th) and Sen. Cowsert (46th) left at 3:35 p.m.

Sen. Millar (40th) moved to amend the bill and Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0.

Sen. Millar (40th) moved to amend the bill and Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0.

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) moved to amend the bill and Sen. Henson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0.

Sen. Henson (41st) made a motion SB 221 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2388S)** and Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-2, with Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Kirk (13th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Millar (40th), Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Walker (20th), and Sen. Shafer (48th) voting in favor and Sen. Burke (11th) and Sen. Watson (1st) voting in opposition.

SB 221 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2388S)

SB 202, Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd), Medical Assistance; increase in the personal needs allowance to be deducted from a nursing home resident's income; provide

Sen. Rhett (33rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

Melanie McNeil, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Jackson (2nd) moved to amend the bill and Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion SB 202 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2386S)** and Sen. Henson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0.

SB 202 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2386S)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
February 27, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 27, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th) (Arrived late)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio (Arrived late)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (Arrived late)
Sen. David Shafer (48th)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) was absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

SB 245, Sen. Butch Miller (49th), “Cory Joseph Wilson Act”

Sen. Miller (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion SB 245 **Do Pass** and Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

SB 245 DO PASS

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) and Sen. Butler (55th) arrived at 8:14 a.m.

SB 239, Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th), Woman's Right to Know Act; voluntary and informed consent requirements; include chemical abortion

Sen. Thompson (14th) presented the bill to the Committee.

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members and no motion was made. This was a **hearing only**.

NOTE: Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd), and Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) arrived at 8:24 a.m.

SB 153, Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers; exempt certain activities

Sen. Brass (28th) presented the bill to the Committee.

There was discussion on the bill by the Committee members and no motion was made. This was a **hearing only**.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
February 27, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. David Shafer (48th) (Left early)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), and Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

SB 242, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; delegating physician can enter into a protocol agreement at any one time for nurses; provide

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Marcus Downs, of Georgia Nurses Association, spoke in favor of the bill.
Julianna McConnell, of Association of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion SB 242 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2395S)** and Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.
SB 242 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2395S)

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Chairman Unterman (45th) presented the Committee Rules due to the resigning of Sen. Judson Hill (32nd) from the Senate. Sen. Walker (20th) made a motion that the

Committee Rules **Do Pass**. Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0 and a copy of the new Rules is attached.

SB 153, Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers; exempt certain activities

Sen. Brass (28th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Hearing Aid Dispensers and Dealers Association spoke in favor of the bill.

The Georgia Academy of Audiology spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion SB 153 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2393S)** and Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-3 with Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Millar (40th), Sen. Shafer (48th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Walker (20th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Butler (55th) voting in favor and Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Henson (41st) voting in opposition.

SB 153 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2393S)

NOTE: Sen. Shafer (48th) left at 6:25 p.m.

SB 29, Sen. Vincent Fort (39th), Education; drinking water in child care learning centers and for lead contamination; require testing

Sen. Fort (39th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Walker (20th) made a motion SB 29 **Do Pass** and Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 9-0.

SB 29 DO PASS

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Rules - 2017 -2018 Term

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
2. The Chair shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered. At the discretion of the chair, the order may change or be omitted.
3. The Chair shall appoint Subcommittees with their appropriate Subcommittee Chairs.
4. The Chair 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 with a report.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess, put up all questions, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
6. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire within twenty-four (24) hours of said vote.
7. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after a presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or the Chairman designates to do so. In the event more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
8. Substitutes and amendments shall be provided to the Chairman at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on any substitute or amendment not provided in advance.
9. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
March 9, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) (Arrived late)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary, Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

HB 382, Rep. Jimmy Pruett (149th), Georgia Commission on Women; place under Department of Public Health administration

Rep. Pruett (149th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion to amend the bill and Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion HB 382 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2403S)** and Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7-0. Sen. Unterman (45th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 382 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2403S)

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) arrived at 2:30 p.m.

HB 157, Rep. Trey Kelley (16th), Medical advertising; certain certifying organizations; revise certain criteria

Rep. Kelley (16th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Burke (11th) made a motion HB 157 **Do Pass** and Sen. Butler (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8-0. Sen. Unterman (45th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 157 DO PASS

HB 210, Rep. Jodi Lott (122nd), Health; certain specimen collection stations and blood banks are not considered clinical laboratories; provide

Rep. Lott (122nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Walker (20th) made a motion HB 210 **Do Pass** and Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8-0. Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 210 DO PASS

SR 188, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Senate Study Committee on Barriers to Georgians' Access to Adequate Healthcare

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) made a motion SR 188 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2402S)** and Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8-0.

SR 188 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2402S)

HB 359, Rep. Barry Fleming (121st), Supporting and Strengthening Families Act; Enact

Rep. Fleming (121st) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) made a motion HB 359 **Do Pass** and Sen. Kirk (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8-0. Sen. Unterman (45th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 359 DO PASS

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
March 14, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman, Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio, Sen. David Shafer (48th), and Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th) were absent.

Secretary Millar (40th) called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

HB 165, Rep. Betty Price (48th), Medical practice; maintenance of certification shall not be required; provide

Rep. Price (48th) presented the bill to the Committee.

There was further discussion on the bill by the Committee members and no motion was made. This was a **hearing only**.

HB 241, Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th), Cove's Law; enact

Rep. Hawkins (27th) presented the bill to the Committee.

There was further discussion on the bill by the Committee members and no motion was made. This was a **hearing only**.

HB 427, Rep. Mark Newton (123rd), Physicians and Health Care Practitioners for Rural Areas Assistance Act; enact

Rep. Newton (123rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

Tom Bauer, of Georgia Association of Physician Assistants, spoke in favor of the bill.

There was further discussion on the bill by the Committee members and no motion was made. This was a **hearing only**.

HB 486, Rep. Tommy Benton (31st), Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act; training of proxy caregivers; provisions

Rep. Benton (31st) presented the bill to the Committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Steve Neff, of Georgia Association of Community Care Providers

Tom Bauer, of Leading Age Georgia

Ryan Loke, of ResCare

Julianna McConnell, of Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities

There was further discussion on the bill by the Committee members and no motion was made. This was a **hearing only**.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
March 16, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th), Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), and Sen. David Shafer (48th) were absent.

Chairman Unterman (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Dr. Dennis W. Ashley, Chair of the Georgia Trauma Commission, presented their annual report to the Committee.

HB 249, Rep. Kevin Tanner (9th), Controlled Substances; collect more information regarding dispensing and use

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Deb Bailey, for Northeast Georgia Health System
Derek Norton, for Medical Association of Georgia
Anna Adams, for Georgia Hospital Association

Sen. Kirk (13th) made a motion HB 249 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 29 7573S)** and Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0. Sen. Unterman (45th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 249 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 29 7573S)

SR 352, Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Senate Study Committee on Homelessness; create

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

Sen. Orrock (36th) made a motion SR 352 **Do Pass** and Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0.

SR 352 DO PASS

HB 165, Rep. Betty Price (48th), Medical practice; maintenance of certification shall not be required; provide

Rep. Price (48th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion HB 165 **Do Pass** and Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0. Sen. Watson (1st) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 165 DO PASS

HB 241, Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th), Cove's Law; enact

Rep. Hawkins (27th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion HB 165 **Do Pass** and Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0. Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 241 DO PASS

HB 486, Rep. Tommy Benton (31st), Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act; training of proxy caregivers; provisions

Rep. Benton (31st) presented the bill to the Committee.

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

Steve Neff, of Georgia Association of Community Care Providers

Tom Bauer, of Leading Age Georgia

Ryan Loke, of ResCare

Julianna McConnell of Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion HB 486 **Do Pass** and Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0. Sen. Kirk (13th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 486 DO PASS

HB 427, Rep. Mark Newton (123rd), Physicians and Health Care Practitioners for Rural Areas Assistance Act; enact

Rep. Newton (123rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Millar (40th) made a motion HB 427 **Do Pass** and Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 10-0. Sen. Watson (1st) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 427 DO PASS

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
March 21, 2017

The Senate Committee on Health & Human Services met in Room 450 of the Capitol Building at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Renee Unterman (45th), Chairman (Arrived Late)
Sen. Dean Burke (11th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary
Sen. Gloria Butler (55th)
Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th)
Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
Sen. David Shafer (48th) (Left early)
Sen. Larry Walker, III (20th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

NOTE: Sen. Steve Henson (41st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Sen. Greg Kirk (13th), and Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) were absent.

Vice- Chairman Burke (11th) called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

HB 305, Rep. Beth Beskin (54th), Domestic relations; category of third parties who may be awarded custody in certain circumstances; add stepparents

Rep. Beskin (54th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Shafer (48th) left at 2:25 p.m.

Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd) made a motion to **Table** HB 305 and Sen. Cowsert (46th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2 with Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Ligon, Jr. (3rd), and Sen. Walker (20th) voting in favor and Sen. Millar (40th) and Sen. Watson (1st) voting against.

HB 305 TABLED

HB 206, Rep. Trey Kelley (16th), The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights; certain audits conducted by the Department of Community Health; remove exception; provisions

Rep. Kelley (16th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The following were in support of the bill:

Georgia Association of Medical Equipment Suppliers

Office of Attorney General

Georgia Pharmacy Association

Georgia Department of Community Health

Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion HB 206 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 7056S)** and

Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 7-0. Sen.

Hunter Hill (6th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 206 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 7056S)

HB 331, Rep. Stacey Abrams (89th), The Caregiver Educational Consent Act; enact

Rep. Abrams (89th) presented the bill to the Committee.

There was further discussion on the bill by the Committee members and no motion was made. This was a **hearing only**.

NOTE: Sen. Unterman (45th) arrived at 2:45 p.m.

HB 154, Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd), Dental hygienists; perform certain functions under general supervision; authorize

Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion HB 154 **Do Pass by Substitute (LC 37 2439S)** and

Sen. Millar (40th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 8-0. Sen.

Unterman (45th) will be the Senate sponsor.

HB 154 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 37 2439S)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / Sen. Fran Millar (40th), Secretary

/ s / Avi'el Bland, Recording Secretary

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Mr. David A. Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
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April 5th, 2017

Dear Mr. Cook,

As directed I am returning to the office of Secretary of the Senate the following bills and resolutions that were not acted upon in the Senate Committee on **Health and Human Services** during the 2017 Legislative Session on behalf of Chairwoman Unterman:

SB 7	SR 73	HB 65
SB 53	SR 238	HB 124
SB 55	SR 317	HB 305
SB 61	SR 474	HB 330
SB 123	SR 475	HB 331
SB 138		HB 360
SB 146		
SB 157		
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SB 239		
SB 295		
SB 296		

Respectfully submitted,

Avi'el Bland
Legislative Assistant
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

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