



The State Senate
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

April 4, 2018

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

RE: Senate Committee on Public Safety - 2018

Dear Secretary Cook:

The Public Safety Committee respectfully submits the following 20 Senate bills, House bills, Senate resolutions, and House resolutions left in the Senate Public Safety committee after the 2018 General Assembly session:

SB 42, SB 43, SB 49, SB 84, SB 90, SB 91, SB 161, SB 163, SB 171, SB 217, SB 237, SB 254, SB 322, SB 323, SB 341, SB 343, SB 408, SB 417, SB470, SB 488, HB 116, HB 234, HB 474, HB 826, HB 940, SR 182, SR1056

This letter includes the following information and lists the attachments:

- Bills left in Senate Public Safety Committee after the 2018 session – listed above
- Bills passed out of the Senate Public Safety 2018 – listed below
- Listing of committee meeting dates – listed below
- Minutes for the dates listed below – attached
- Senate Public Safety committee members and their addresses – Attached
- Rules for the Senate Public Safety Youth Committee 2018 session – Attached

Listed below are the dates for the Senate Public Safety Committee meetings for the 2018 General Assembly session:

January 22, 2018	February 7, 2018	March 5, 2018
January 31, 2018	February 12, 2018	March 7, 2018
	February 14, 2018	March 12, 2018
	February 21, 2018	March 14, 2018
		March 19, 2018
		March 21, 2018

Listed below are the ___ Senate bills, House bills, Senate resolutions and/or House resolutions that passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee for 2018:

SB 228, SB 315, SB 319, SB 327, SB 342, SB 348, SB353, SB 366, SB 367, SB 368, SB 369, SB 406, SB 409, SB 435, SB 446, SR 914, HB 38, HB 79, HB 149, HB 253, HB 258, HB 419, HB 487, HB 671, HB 699, HB 714, HB 721, HB 751, HB 761, HB 779, HB 809, HB 815, HB 856, HB 867, HB 898, HB 978, HB 992

Thank you.
Sincerely,

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Chairman, Senate Public Safety

Samantha Nix
Legislative Assistant, Senate Public Safety

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2017- 2018 Senate Public Safety Committee Rules

1. A quorum of the Committee shall be five (5) members.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are 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 may appoint subcommittees and officers of subcommittees and, at the discretion of the Chairman, may refer any matter to a subcommittee. 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; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by the full Committee.
5. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after the presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principle author shall be the one whose name appeared first in the list of authors.
6. Public comments may be heard on any bill before the Committee at the discretion of the Chairman and time limits on those comments will be determined as circumstances dictate.
7. During Committee meetings, Committee members and those in the audience shall turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers, and other similar devices.
8. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 24 hours prior to hearing.
9. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report in writing, setting forth concise reasons for their dissent.
10. The Chairman may present to the Committee a proposed change in these rules at any time. Any other member proposing a change in these rules shall provide written notice of the proposed change to the Chairman at least 72 hours before presenting any proposed change to the Committee. These Rules may only be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by a quorum of the Committee, in a meeting called by the Chairman.
11. The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by these Committee Rules.

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety

January 22, 2018

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Michael Williams (27th) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

SB 327 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 28 8590) - Relating to death investigations, so as to clarify when a medical examiner's inquiry is required to be conducted...

Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill. He explained the background and intent of the bill. This bill removes deaths that occur when unattended by a physician from the list of deaths that would automatically require a medical examiner's input.

Sen. Dugan (30th) asked a brief question about wording on line 5. Ashley Brown, Information Specialist at Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) answered by clarifying why language was stricken on line 15 but not line 5.

Sen. Watson (1st) made the motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

SB 327 DO PASS (LC 28 8590)

HEARING ONLY

SB 319 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 41 1300S) - To establish the Department of Fire Safety; to amend Titles 8, 10, 16, 25, 30, 35, 42, 43, 45, 50 of the O.C.G.A. ; to provide for legislative intent...

Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill. He gave a brief explanation of the bill's background and intent. The bill is helping to streamline the consolidation of fire safety services in Georgia.

Guest Speakers spoke in opposition to the bill:

Ralph T. Hudgens, Commissioner Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner

Kat Middleton, Legislative Liaison and Staff Attorney at Georgia Department of Insurance

Guest Speakers spoke in favor of the bill:

Justin Kirnon, Georgia Municipal Association

Sen. Albers (56th) expressed some concerns about the state providing help to stations who have mostly volunteer staff and some budget challenges.

SB 319 HEARING ONLY (LC 41 1300S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
January 31, 2018

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio (left early)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

HB 38 (Rep. Powell, 32nd, LC 41 1344S) - Relating to motor vehicles, so as to provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class C driver's license for the operation of three-wheeled motor vehicles equipped with a steering wheel for directional control; to provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class M driver's license for the operation of motorcycles equipped with handlebars for directional control; to provide for the manner of riding a motorcycle...

Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill. He explained the process of how veterans can obtain a designation on their license if they present the correct documentation. He went into further detail about what steps were necessary to obtain the designation.

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

HB 38 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1344S)

SB 348 (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 41 1292) - Relating to technical and adult education and to campus policemen, respectively, so as to revise the powers of arrest of campus policemen who are regular employees of the Technical College System of Georgia; to amend Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to local government, so as to permit campus policemen of the Technical College System of Georgia to render mutual aid under certain conditions; to provide for the public safety director or chief of police of any institution within the Technical College System of Georgia to enter into mutual aid agreements with local governments under certain conditions

Sen. Harper (7th) presented the bill. He explained that the bill would give arrest powers to Technical College Campus Law Enforcement. Therefore, officers from one campus could have the same powers on another technical college campus.

Sen. Williams (27th) asked what the specific differences in training were between Technical College Officers and Sheriffs or Deputy Sheriffs. Sen. Harper (7th) explained that there was not a substantial difference in their trainings.

Sen. Dugan (30th) questioned why this was being added at this time. Sen. Harper (7th) responded that these powers had been added in the past few years.

Guest speakers spoke in opposition to the bill:
Thomas Weaver, Independent Citizen

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

SB 348 DO PASS (LC 41 1292)

SB 315 (Sen. Thompson, 14th, LC 29 7797S) - Relating to computer crimes, so as to create the new crime of unauthorized computer access; to provide for penalties; to change provisions relating to venue for computer crimes; to provide for forfeiture

Sen. Thompson (14th) presented the bill. He explained that this bill would create the crime of unauthorized access of a computer. It will establish the penalties which would occur if the offense occurred. It also would consider the property or equipment used in the crime as contraband.

Sen. Dugan (30th) questioned if an offender is in a different state, how do you penalize them? David McLaughlin, Director of the Special Prosecutions Unit of the Attorney General's Office, answered. He explained that law enforcement could warrant them. If that approach did not work, they could utilize the Governor's office. Sen. Dugan (30th) further questioned if there was reciprocity of this law in other states. Mr. McLaughlin further explained that it would be a Georgia law that is broken and Georgia would decide where the crime was taking place.

Sen. Williams (27th) questioned that if he gave a family member a phone as a gift, whose phone would it be? Mr. McLaughlin stated that it would be in writing as a contract or they would analyze the intent of the time when it was given. Sen. Williams (27th) further asked if any kind of tampering would be considered part of the crime. Mr. McLaughlin replied that any altering of the material would be considered a crime.

Sen. Seay (34th) questioned how the case would be if the victim was seventeen years old. Mr. McLaughlin answered by saying that privacy issues and ownership issues are more difficult when minors are involved.

Sen. Anderson (24th) asked about the consequences if the hacker was a juvenile. Mr. McLaughlin responded that the case would go through the Juvenile Court System.

Sen. Jones (22nd) inquired about language on line 19.

Sen. Watson (1st) moved **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

SB 315 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 29 7797S)

SB 353 (Sen. Anderson, 24th, LC 41 1282) - Relating to regulation of boilers and pressure vessels, so as to establish civil enforcement and penalty authority in the Safety Fire Commissioner for violations concerning the regulation of boilers and pressure vessels; to provide for conditions; to provide for a civil penalty; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for authority to institute civil actions

Sen. Anderson (24th) presented the bill. The bill would make for a violation up to \$5,000 for boiler and pressure regulations. He explained the background of the bill and how it affected his district.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Sen. Jones (22nd) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

SB 353 DO PASS (LC 41 1282)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
February 7, 2018

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (arrived late)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (arrived late)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) (arrived late)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) arrived late at 1:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) arrived late at 1:06 p.m.

SB 342 (Sen. Harbin, 16th, LC 39 1736) - Relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles generally, so as to permit the owner or operator of a vehicle which has a valid number license plate without the required revalidation decal affixed to the plate to retain custody of the vehicle under certain conditions...

Sen. Harbin (16th) presented the bill. This bill would eliminate an officer's ability to tow a vehicle that has not displayed the current registration revalidation decal on the tag. It would also create a maximum fine for those who have proven that they have obtained the proper decal by the time of the given court date.

Sen. Seay (34th) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

SB 342 DO PASS (LC 39 1736)

SB 366 (Sen. Gooch, 51st, LC 41 1325) - Relating to local government, so as to require counties and municipal corporations to perform wage and compensation studies for employees of the sheriff's office and law enforcement agencies; to require certain agreement and consultations with sheriffs and chief executives of law enforcement agencies of the county or municipal corporation in conducting such studies; to guide the establishment of pay scales...

NOTE: Sen. Jones, II (22nd) arrived late at 1:10 p.m.

Sen. Gooch (51st) presented the bill. He explained that the bill would require local governments to perform an analysis of wage and compensation of local law enforcement officers. It would also create a grant program for local law enforcement agencies to utilize through the Department of Community Affairs. He explained that this bill came from the works of the Study Committee last summer (2017) chaired by Sen. Greg Kirk (13th).

Sen. Dugan (30th) questioned if the state would have to pay the bill even if there was no revenue being collected in that area. Irene Munn, General Counsel and Director of Policy of the Lt. Governor's Office, responded by saying that the grant program would have very strict guidelines for the local offices to qualify for the grants.

Sen. Williams (27th) questioned if there were committees for surveying how law enforcement is paid now. Sen. Gooch (51st) responded by saying that the program has different tiers that would analyze different size counties in a specific year. Sen. Williams (27th) further stated that for the grant to be effective, there would need to be a pay scale. Sen. Gooch (51st) stated that they could apply very early in the year 2019 to receive the grant. The money would come through the budget for the next year. If the need has risen, funds will be appropriated.

Sen. Watson (1st) stated his concern with the basis upon population and the system of rotating years. The population increases every year but the per capita stays relatively the same.

Sen. Anderson (24th) asked if this bill would take into consideration school law enforcement officers. Sen. Gooch (51st) clarified that if they are certified law enforcement officers, they would be included.

Guest speakers spoke in opposition to the bill:

Debra Nesbit, Associate Legislative Director, Association County Commissioners of Georgia

Justin Kirnon, Governmental Relations Associate, Georgia Municipal Association

Guest speakers spoke in favor of the bill:

Terry Norris, Executive Director, Georgia Sheriffs' Association

Sen. Harper (7th) stated that this legislation would address a lot of concerns about an issue that is far from new. There is nothing currently prohibiting counties and cities from enacting pay raises.

Sen. Harper (7th) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

SB 366 DO PASS (LC 41 1325)

SB 367 (Sen. Kirk, 13th, LC 41 1239) - Relating to payment of indemnification for death or disability, procedure for making payments, and appeal, so as to provide for the option of payment to an estate in the case of death suffered in the line of duty by a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, emergency management specialist, state highway employee, or prison guard

Sen. Kirk (13th) presented the bill. This bill would allow for the beneficiaries of qualified recipients of state indemnification funds to receive the payment.

NOTE: Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) left the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dugan (30th) left the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Sen. Harper (7th) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

SB 367 DO PASS (LC 41 1239)

SB 368 (Sen. Kirk, 13th, LC 41 1256) - Relating to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, so as to add to the functions and authority of the council; to enable the council to provide technical support and assistance to certain local law enforcement agencies in the attainment of certain grants

Sen. Kirk (13th) presented the bill. He explained that the bill would require the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to support local law enforcement agencies in need.

Note: Sen. Dugan (30th) returned to the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Sen. Harper (7th) made the motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

SB 368 DO PASS (LC 41 1256)

SB 369 (Sen. Kirk, 13th, LC 41 1382S) - Relating to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, so as to add to the functions and authority of the council; to enable the council to provide technical support and assistance to certain local law enforcement agencies in the attainment of certain grants

Sen. Kirk (13th) presented the bill. This bill would require the cost of \$5.00 for every pre-trial diversion to be paid to the Peace Officers Annuity and Benefit Fund. It would also require the same fees to be paid to the clerk of the court of each political subdivision where they are collected.

NOTE: Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) re-entered the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) left the meeting early at 2:15 p.m.

Guest speakers spoke in favor of the bill:
Brian Fortner, District Attorney, Douglas County Judicial Court
Stephanie, Hall County
Marissa Dobson, Southern Center for Human Rights

NOTE: Sen. Williams (27th) left the meeting early at 2:20 p.m.

Sen. Harper (7th) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

SB 369 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1382S)

HEARING ONLY

HB 419 (Rep. Silcox, 52nd, LC 41 1385S) - Relating to general provisions regarding local government provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to enable the governing authority of certain counties to further regulate the use or ignition of consumer fireworks

Rep. Silcox (52nd) presented the bill. This bill allows local control for the usage of fireworks with the exception of some holidays. It also sets regulations for the content and implementation of that local control over fireworks. It also includes the right of the Governor to suspend any use of fireworks during stage 1 or higher droughts.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made the comment that the bill does a good job of regulating the use of fireworks in differently populated areas.

HB 419 HEARING ONLY (LC 41 1385S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
February 12, 2018

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (arrived late)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (arrived late)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd) (arrived late)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio (arrived late)

NOTE: Sen. Michael Williams (27th) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd) arrived late at 1:05 p.m.

HB 419 (Rep. Silcox, 52nd, LC 41 1412S) - Relating to general provisions regarding local government provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to enable the governing authority of certain counties to further regulate the use or ignition of consumer fireworks...

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) arrived late at 1:08 p.m.

Rep. Silcox (52nd) presented the bill. This bill would add two holidays- Memorial Day and Labor Day- to the list of holidays that extends hours of operation for fireworks. It would also not affect current noise ordinances.

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) arrived late at 1:11 p.m.

Guest Speakers spoke in favor of the bill:

Everett Howe, North Springs Homeowners Association
R. Abbe Seitzman, North Springs Homeowners Association

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-1). Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted yea. Sen. Seay (34th) voted no. Sen. Albers (56th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 419 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1412S)

SB 319 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 41 1411S) - To establish the Department of Fire Safety; to amend Titles 8, 10, 16, 25, 30, 35, 42, 43, 45, 50 of the O.C.G.A. ; to provide for legislative intent...

Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill. He explained that this version was agreed upon by all interested parties. This bill creates the Division of Fire Safety within the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and the position of the Commissioner of Fire Safety. It also removes all duties as Fire Commissioner from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner. It also establishes a Fire Safety Advisory Board and consolidates all fire safety-related responsibilities under the Division of Fire Safety.

Captain Christopher Parker, Training Director of the Fulton County Fire Department spoke on behalf of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

Sen. Albers (56th) asked Capt. Parker if he was comfortable with this setup. Capt. Parker responded yes, that he was very confident with this setup of fire services.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) asked Capt. Parker if there were any changes in the reporting structure. He responded by saying no.

Sen. Harper (7th) asked if the Division would need any additional office space. Capt. Parker stated that they share offices with the Insurance Commissioner's office and it would continue to be suitable for a short period of time. The long-term goal would be to move into a bigger office space.

NOTE: Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) arrived late at 1:18 p.m.

Sen. Seay (34th) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

SB 319 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1411S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
February 14, 2018

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (arrived late)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) (arrived late)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) and Sen. Michael Williams (27th) were absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:26 p.m.

SB 409 (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 41 1335) - Railroad Crossings; persons driving vehicles shall exercise due care and caution for other on-track equipment...

Sen. Harper (7th) presented the bill. This bill originated from a constituent that worked with a railroad association and was a member of the union who experienced this issue. The bill would criminalize crossing over a railroad track with “on-track equipment” in motion similar to the law which prohibits crossing railroad tracks before moving trains.

NOTE: Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) arrived late at 2:27 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd) arrived late at 2:28 p.m.

Guest speakers spoke in favor of the bill:

Craig Camuso, Regional Vice President - State Government Relations, CSX
Matt Campbell, Legislative Director, SMART Transportation Division

Sen. Seay (34th) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

SB 409 DO PASS (LC 41 1335)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
February 21, 2018

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (arrived late)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II, (22nd)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) (arrived late)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (left early)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) arrived late at 1:21 p.m.

SB 435 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 41 1470S) - Relating to school buses, so as to revise the enforcement of civil monetary penalties regarding violations of the duties of a driver when meeting or overtaking a school bus; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to speed detection devices, so as to provide for automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones...

Sen. Beach (21st) presented the bill. This bill would allow for vehicles traveling the opposite direction on a divided highway to proceed while the bus is coming to a stop. It would also allow for automated traffic devices to be used in school zones. Additionally, the Department of Revenue would be able to refuse to renew registration to drivers who refuse to pay their fines. It is optional by the local municipalities.

Sen. Williams (27th) questioned how the traffic devices would be regulated during holidays when school hours did not apply. Sen. Beach (21st) responded by stating that it could be controlled by programming the devices.

NOTE: Sen. Seay (34th) arrived late at 1:30 p.m.

Sen. Williams (27th) further questioned who would get the ticket - the owner or the driver? Sen. Beach (21st) responded by saying that the owner of the vehicle would get the ticket. Rob Willis, Troutman Sanders, explained that the ticket could be transferred by liability to whomever was driving the vehicle. Sen. Williams (27th) asked if the ticket

was not paid by another driver, would the title be affected? Mr. Willis responded by stating that it is the same as the bus devices, hot lanes and peach passes.

Chairman Albers (56th) asked Julius Tolbert from the Georgia General Assembly Office of Legislative Counsel to outline the changes to the original language of the bill. The first change is the insertion of a provision that requires each school to apply to the Department of Transportation for a permit of need for the cameras. The second change is to treat a turning lane the same as a highway divider. Next, the fines were listed as \$75 for the first offense and \$125 for every repeated offense. The last change was that these provisions would only be effective during specific times of school activities.

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion to amend the bill to include the four changes from Mr. Tolbert. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Sen. Anderson (24th) asked a further question about the timing of school activity. Mr. Willis mentioned that there should be a way to program and change the devices during times when schools are not meeting.

Sen. Payne (54th) asked who would present or defend the ticket that was given while in court. Mr. Willis responded by stating that all tickets were approved by law enforcement before they were issued.

Sen. Harper (7th) asked how often the radars are checked for issues and how much over a speed limit that it would register. Sen. Beach (21st) answered with the statement that the devices are checked every thirty days and that it would only register if someone was going twelve miles per hour over the speed limit.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) asked for clarification on line 63 where the language read “driver” when it was stated that it should read “owner” earlier in the meeting. Mr. Willis stated that the owner of the vehicle would be notified but the driver would be responsible for the citation. Chairman Albers (56th) further questioned how it would be distinguished if another person was driving. Mr. Willis mentioned that it would just require the identity of the driver and that the owner would be responsible for the driver paying the fine.

Sen. Dugan (30th) asked the Chairman if an amendment was needed. Chairman Albers (56th) agreed to changing “driver” to “owner” throughout the bill for consistency.

Sen. Anderson (24th) asked if the picture taken by the device shows the face of the driver or the tag of the car. Sen. Watson (1st) further clarified that the images from these devices are typically clear enough and have the ability of facial recognition software to know who was driving.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion to amend the bill. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Speakers spoke in favor of the bill:
Grant Thomas, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion **DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed (8-2). Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Valencia Seay (34th), Sen. Watson (1st), and Sen. Williams (27th) voted yea. Sen. Harper (7th) and Sen. Payne (24th) voted no.

SB 435 DO PASS AS AMENDED (LC 41 1470S)

SB 406 (Sen. Strickland, 17th, LC 29 7944ER-ECS) - Relating to health, so as to enact the "Georgia Long-term Care Background Check Program" and to promote public safety and provide for comprehensive criminal background checks for owners, applicants for employment, and employees providing care or owning a personal care home, assisted living community, private home care provider, home health agency, hospice care, nursing home, skilled nursing facility, or an adult day care as recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice from liability; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions for the Department of Human Services...

Sen. Strickland (17th) presented the bill. The intent of the bill would be to repeal and replace the background check process for personal care homes and other elderly care facilities. It would also require these facilities to conduct a registry such for prospective employees for criminal history through the Department of Community Health. It would also allow for an appeals process for those who are deemed ineligible by the Department of Community Health. In addition, it would create a database for those with satisfactory and unsatisfactory background checks through the department. It would also allow individual employers to request background history the same way that commercial employers would.

Guest Speakers spoke in opposition to the bill:
Corey Isakson, Georgia Justice Project
Vickie Johnson, Private Citizen
Mike Prieto, Attorney, Prieto Marigliano Holbert Prieto, LLC

Senator Harper (7th) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

SB 406 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 29 7944ER-ECS)

SB 228 (Sen. McKoon, 29th, LC 39 1469) - Motor Vehicles; criminal offense and minimum fines for improper operation of an authorized emergency or law enforcement vehicle...

Sen. McKoon (29th) presented the bill. This bill creates a graduated process for penalizing those who are convicted multiple times of improperly using the lights or sirens of emergency or law enforcement vehicles. It would also allow for sirens on emergency vehicles to be utilized for directing a funeral procession.

Chairman Albers (56th) made a suggestion that a change be made on line 66. It would add the language “or any other honorary procession”.

Sen. Payne (54th) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) seconded the motion. The amendment passed unanimously (10-0).

Sen. Williams (27th) asked the author about who enforces the current law? Do the individuals just report what they see? Sen. McKoon (29th) explained by stating that those who witness the incident can file a report as a witness with local law enforcement.

Sen. Jones, II (22nd) made a motion **DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Sen. Williams (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

SB 228 DO PASS AS AMENDED (LC 39 1469)

SB 417 (Sen. McKoon, 29th, LC 41 1467ERS) - Drivers' Licenses; persons who may obtain certain licenses, permits, or cards; clarify....

Sen. McKoon (29th) presented the bill. This bill allows for driving safety for those who have Employment Authorization Documents (EAD) from the United States Department of Homeland Security. It would also allow for special identification cards for people with these documents. The term “non-citizen” will be displayed on such cards.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) left the meeting early at 2:38 p.m.

Chairman Albers (56th) asked that an amendment be made for clarification on line 4. The amendment should read “Citizenship and Immigration Services” instead of “Department of Homeland Security”.

Sen. Seay (34th) made the motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion to amend passed unanimously (9-0).

Guest Speakers spoke in opposition to the bill:

Raymond Partolan, Private Citizen

Manisa Estrada, Private Citizen

Aisha Yakoob, Private Citizen

Sen. Williams (27th) asked the author if the process of obtainment would be the same. Sen. McKoon (29th) replied by stating yes. The only difference would be the distinction.

Sen. Anderson (24th) asked if this applied to any class of driver's licenses. Sen. McKoon (29th) stated that yes, it would be across the board.

Sen. Jones, II (22nd) asked the distinction between the deferred action status and the employment verification document. Sen. McKoon (29th) stated that the specific codes are referenced because they wanted to refer to the unlawful status codes only.

Sen. Williams (27th) made a motion **DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion failed (5-4). Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Harper (7th), and Sen. Williams (27th) voted yea. Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Jones, II (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Seay (34th) voted no.

SB 446 (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 41 1435ER) - Abandoned Motor Vehicles; motor vehicle or trailer becomes an abandoned motor vehicles...

Sen. Harper (7th) presented the bill. He explained that there was a burden on the Magistrate Courts. This bill would help to expedite the process to deal with abandoned vehicles by changing the code to redefine trailer, authorized entity and towing company access. Once the owner has been notified, they must either pay the fine to redeem the vehicle or file for a hearing. If there is no response from the owner, there must be an affidavit filed with the Department of Revenue to request that it be sold.

NOTE: Sen. Williams (27th) left the meeting early at 2:50 p.m.

Commissioner Lyn Riley spoke on behalf of the Department of Insurance. She stated that the Department has been watching a similar measure in the House of Representatives. The Department was also concerned that they did not have judicial authority to determine the title. There would also be no extra resources for extra measures at this time.

Sen. Jones, II (22nd) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

SB 446 DO PASS (LC 41 1435ER)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

March 5, 2018

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman

Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)

Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (arrived late)

Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd) (arrived late) Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)

Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

Sen. Michael Williams (27th) (arrived late)

NOTE: Sen. Ben Watson (1st) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

HB 253 (Rep. Willard, 51st, LC 40 1228) - Special license plates; dog and cat reproductive sterilization support program; increase the proportion of moneys derived from the sale...

Rep. Willard (51st) presented the bill. This bill increases the amount of money from sales of specialty plates that goes to the agency represented.

NOTE: Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) arrived late at 1:05 p.m.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (7-0). Sen. Millar (40th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 253 DO PASS (LC 40 1228)

HB 79 (Rep. Pezold, 133rd, LC 41 1375S) - Law enforcement; retaining license plate data obtained from automated license plate recognition systems beyond certain periods...

Rep. Pezold (133rd) presented the bill. This bill regulates the withholding of data captured by license plates readers. The data is purged after 30 days if not part of an open investigation.

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (7-0). Sen. Albers (56th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 79 DO PASS (LC 41 1375S)

SR 914 (Sen. Davenport, 44th, LC 41 1474) - Senate Emergency Pursuits By Law Enforcement Officers Study Committee...

Sen. Davenport (44th) presented the resolution. This resolution is asking that a study committee be created to study emergency pursuits of Law Enforcement so the safety of Georgia's citizens is preserved.

NOTE: Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd) arrived late at 1:10 p.m.

Sen. Seay (34th) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

SR 914 DO PASS (LC 41 1474)

HB 699 (Rep. Belton, 122nd, LC 41 1499S) - Firefighter certification; military firefighter training may be accepted as required basic training...

Rep. Belton (122nd) presented the bill. This bill allows individuals who were certified as a military firefighter to present their certification in lieu of basic state fire training.

Chief Gordon Henderson, Executive Director of Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training, addressed the Committee and mentioned that the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training office does not want anyone to miss the necessary training. He also mentioned that there is already a reciprocity law and they still have to pass the state test.

Sen. Harper (7th) questioned if this would prevent the state test for new entries. Chief Henderson responded that it would not.

NOTE: Sen. Michael Williams (27th) arrived late at 1:17 p.m.

Sen. Dugan (30th) asked if the Coast Guard was included in the bill or should be stated separately. Sen. Dugan (30th) also proposed an amendment to strike "U.S. Coast Guard" from line 22.

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion to amend the bill. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Sen. Dugan (30th) made a motion **DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0). Sen. Dugan (30th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 699 DO PASS AS AMENDED (LC 41 1499S)

HB 815 (Rep. Martin, 49th, LC 39 1786) - Relating to special license plates promoting and supporting certain beneficial projects, agencies, funds, or nonprofit

corporations, so as to establish a specialty license plate to benefit Georgia Masonic Charities...

Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill. It creates an honorary license plate for the Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation and appropriates the necessary funds for the charity.

Sen. Seay (34th) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0). Sen. Albers (56th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 815 DO PASS (LC 39 1786)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
March 7, 2018

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (left early)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio (arrived late, left early)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.

HB 419 (Rep. Silcox, 52nd, LC 41 1412S) - Relating to general provisions regarding local government provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to enable the governing authority of certain counties to further regulate the use or ignition of consumer fireworks...

Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill. He explained the changes that were made to the previous language.

Sen. Harper (7th) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0). Sen. Albers (56th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 419 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1412S)

HB 671 (Rep. Dunahoo, 30th, LC 39 1811S) - Relating to special license plates promoting and supporting certain beneficial projects, causes, agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations, so as to establish a specialty license plate to benefit the Georgia Beekeepers Association...

Rep. Dunahoo (30th) presented the bill. This bill would create a license plate to benefit the Georgia Beekeepers Association.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0). Sen. Wilkinson (50th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 671 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 1811S)

HB 809 (Rep. Hitchens, 161st, LC 41 1349) - Relating to marking and equipment of law enforcement vehicles and motorist allowed to continue to safe location before stopping for law enforcement officer vehicles, so as to provide that a motor vehicle used by any employee of the Georgia State Patrol for the enforcement of traffic laws may be a solid color...

Rep. Hitchens (161st) presented the bill. This bill would allow for Georgia State Patrol cars to be a solid color without markings or two-toned paint.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) asked if it had to be one specific color or just a solid color paint.

Rep. Hitchens (161st) responded by saying it could be any color as long as it was a single color on the car.

Sen. Harper (7th) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0). Sen. Harper (7th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 809 DO PASS (LC 41 1349)

HB 867 (Rep. Hitchens, 161st, LC 41 1432S) - Relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to revise the quorum for transaction of business by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; to clarify that certain investigators employed by the council may retain their weapon and badge upon retirement; to repeal the requirement that peace officers who do not perform satisfactorily on the job related academy entrance examination be ineligible to retake the examination for a period of 30 days; to repeal requirements for the training and certification of police chaplains...

Rep. Hitchens (161st) presented the bill. This bill would increase the quorum for meetings of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council and allow for the investigators of this council to retain weapons removed through investigation. It would also allow for those who do not initially pass the entrance exam to retake the test at an earlier time rather than waiting the previously required 30 days. It would also allow for those with a college degree to exempt the entrance exam. The bill would also rid the chaplaincy certificate program.

Director Ken Vance, Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, explained the five most important components of the bill. The bill would make offices gender neutral, would make the change in quorum from seven to eleven. It would also allow all state investigators to retain their weapons and badges upon retirement. Additionally, it

would allow for individuals to take the written exam immediately after if it was not passed initially. It would also rid the Council from the chaplaincy program.

Sen. Seay (34th) questioned that if the examination was online or written. Director Vance responded that it was taken at technical schools and some individuals may not be accustomed to taking tests online.

Sen. Seay (34th) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0). Sen. Harper (7th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 867 DO PASS (LC 41 1432S)

HB 751 (Rep. Powell, 32nd, LC 41 1509S) - So as to establish the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority; to amend Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to revise the Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act of 1977 to account for the establishment of the authority...

Rep. Powell (32nd) presented the bill. He explained that this bill was originally passed in the previous session but was vetoed by the Governor. The bill has since been changed. It would create the Georgia Emergency Communication Authority under the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. The Department of Revenue would conduct the auditing and disbursement of funds. It also includes language that would apply to smart watches.

Sen. Williams (27th) questioned what the purpose of authority was. Rep. Powell (32nd) responded by stating that it was to ensure that funds were being properly collected and distributed.

Sen. Williams (27th) further questioned if the bill would change the cash flow. Rep. Powell (32nd) responded by stating that only the collected funds go to the Department of Revenue instead of directly to the counties. This would make the process more modernized. Sen. Williams (27th) also questioned the auditing process. Rep. Powell (32nd) stated that the Department of Revenue would be in charge of all auditing procedures.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) questioned why the amount was changed from 3% to 1%. Rep. Powell (32nd) stated that this is the 1% that the telecom providers had previously retained.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd) left the meeting early at 1:46 p.m.

Guest speakers spoke in favor of the bill:

Clint Mueller, Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG)

Jason Lawson, 911 Directors Association

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) arrived late at 1:50 p.m.

Sen. Anderson (24th) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-1). Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson voted yea. Sen. Williams (27th) voted no. Sen. Kennedy (18th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 751 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1509S)

HB 721 (Rep. Powell, 32nd, LC 721/CSFA) - Relating to examination of applicants, so as to revise the criteria by which the Department of Driver Services shall authorize licensed driver training schools to administer the on-the-road driving skills testing...

Rep. Powell (32nd) presented the bill. This bill would change the provisions for a driver's training school to be permitted to administer the Georgia Driver's Examination.

Rep. Powell (32nd) asked that an amendment be made to change line 21 to read 5 year period instead of 10 year period.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion to amend. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-1). Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted yea. Sen. Williams (27th) voted no.

Sen. Seay (34th) made a motion **DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-1). Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted yea. Sen. Williams (27th) voted no. Sen. Albers (56th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 721 DO PASS AS AMENDED (LC 721/CSFA)

HEARING ONLY

HB 940 (Rep. Cauble, 111th, LC 39 1843ER) - Relating to drivers' licenses, so as to allow the Department of Driver Services to mark and return surrendered licenses and personal identification cards...

Rep. Cauble (111th) presented the bill. This bill removes the mandatory requirement of persons who surrender their licenses to obtain a mark by the Department of Drivers Services and it be returned to them. Shalanda Lesli, Department of Drivers Services, assisted Rep. Cauble (111th) with answering questions of the Committee.

Sen. Albers (56th) asked if individuals were allowed to keep their plastic licenses and it continue to function as a form of identification. Ms. Leslie responded that they will have a form of identification.

Sen. Williams (27th) asked if the Transportation Security Administration accepted expired licenses as forms of identification. Ms. Lesli responded with the statement that yes, they do accept expired licenses for up to one year of expiration.

Sen. Albers (56th) asked how quickly it took to get the new plastic license after applying. Ms. Lesli responded that it would require the same amount of time that the process allows for now.

Sen. Dugan (30th) questioned how the process worked now. Ms. Lesli, joined by Michael Mitchell of the Department of Drivers Services, answered by stating that a paper license is obtained the day of and a new, plastic license was mailed and received at a later date. They also mentioned that they were changing vendors and needed to allow for longer amounts of time in the process.

Sen. Albers (56th) questioned why the need to change vendors was occurring at this time and how the new system or new vendor would create a new process. Mr. Mitchell responded that there was dispute between the old vendor and the new vendor and they will need time to allow for that dispute to be resolved.

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) left the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

HB 940 HEARING ONLY (LC 39 1843ERS)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
March 12, 2018

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m in the Senate Mezzanine.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (arrived late)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (arrived late)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (arrived late)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) (left early)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio, (left early)

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary, Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) and Sen. Michael Williams (27th) were absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

HB 714 (Rep. Ridley, 6th, LC 39 1806S) - Relating to safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles...

Rep. Ridley (6th) presented the bill. This bill would update the safety regulations of commercial vehicles and motor carriers.

Sen. Seay (34th) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0). Sen. Harper (7th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 714 DO PASS (LC 39 1806S)

HB 856 (Rep. Deffenbaugh, 1st, LC 41 1358) – Relating to creation of Board of Public Safety, composition, and appointment and terms of office of members, so as to add the commissioner of community supervision to the composition of the Board of Public Safety...

Rep. Deffenbaugh (1st) presented the bill. This bill would add the Commissioner of Community Supervision to the State Board of Public Safety.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0). Sen. Harper (7th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 856 DO PASS (LC 41 1358)

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived late at 1:07 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived late at 1:08 p.m.

HEARING ONLY

HB 149 (Rep. Powell, 32nd, LC 28 8539S) - Relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for the comprehensive regulation of trauma scene cleanup services and regulated waste transport; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensing; to provide for qualifications...

Rep. Powell (32nd) presented the bill. This bill would regulate individuals who perform trauma clean-up services. This bill creates registration requirements and establishes a process for Trauma Waste Management Practitioners. It would also create a civil, as well as criminal, penalty for individuals and entities who clean-up a trauma scene without proper licensure.

Sen. Anderson (43rd) asked if there was a fee of \$10,000. Rep. Powell (32nd) clarified that the bond was of \$10,000.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) inquired as to if there was an official training protocol for these clean-ups. Rep. Powell (32nd) replied that there was no official training, but a learned skill from those who perform these services regularly.

NOTE: Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) arrived late at 1:15 p.m.

Guest speakers spoke in favor of the bill:

Les Schneider, Bio Professional Trade Organization, Inc.

Guest speakers spoke in opposition to the bill:

Terrance Scott, Atlanta Trauma

Ryan Sawyer, BioTrauma, Inc.

HB 149 HEARING ONLY (LC 28 8539S)

HEARING ONLY

HB 779 (Rep. Powell, 32nd, LC 41 1471S) - Relating to emergency management, so as to establish the homeland security division of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; to amend Code Section 16-11-130 of the O.C.G.A., relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, so as to authorize any officer or agent or retired officer or agent of such division to carry a handgun on or off duty within this state with an exception...

Rep. Powell (32nd) presented the bill. This bill allows for the creation of the Emergency Operations Command. It also removes the responsibility of conducting federal security clearances from the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC) and moves it to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA). It also clarifies GISAC's role as a distinct division within the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and assigns a head of that department to report to the director of GBI.

HB 779 HEARING ONLY (LC 41 1471S)

HB 898 (Rep. Powell, 32nd, LC 41 1520ERS) - Relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to revise provisions relative to fleet vehicles and fleet vehicle registration plans; to provide for definitions; to provide for fleet enrollment procedures; to provide for procedures for registering and licensing vehicles enrolled in a fleet...

Rep. Powell (32nd) presented the bill. This bill outlines guidelines for fleet vehicle registration and licensing.

Sen. Harper (7th) questioned if a firefighter has a designated tag and leaves the profession, is he or she required to return the tag. Rep. Powell (32nd) clarified that the person would have 14 days to return the license plate.

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made the motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (7-0). Sen. Harper (7th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 898 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1520ERS)

HB 703 (Rep. Hitchens, 161st, LC 41 1533S) - Relating to privileges, so as to provide for privileged communications between public safety officers and peer counselors; to amend Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, so as to create the Governor's Office of Public Safety Support...

Rep. Hitchens (161st) presented the bill. This bill creates the Office of Public Safety Officer Support. This office would be a division of the Department of Public Safety.

NOTE: Sen. Seay (34th) left early at 2:05 p.m.

Guest speakers spoke in favor of the bill:

Jim and Berraderre Burch, Henry County Police Department

Pete and Jamie Hossalla, Etowah County Sheriff's Office

Maurice Raines, Georgia State Patrol

Stephanie Stallings, Georgia State Patrol

Todd Crosby, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Georgia Harting, Houston County District Attorney

Ken Howard, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Latoria Reynolds, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Jennifer Bullard, Columbia County Fire Rescue

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion to amend. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) made a motion **DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0). Sen. Albers (56th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 703 DO PASS AS AMENDED (LC 41 1533S)

HB 487 (Rep. Bonner, 72nd, LC 44 0313) - Relating to the Disaster Volunteer Relief Act, so as to authorize certain employees of state agencies to be granted leave from work with pay in order to participate in specialized disaster relief services...

Rep. Bonner (72nd) presented the bill. This bill authorizes state employees that are certified disaster service volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol to be excused from work and paid for up to 15 days in a 12 month period.

Sen. Harper (7th) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0). Sen. Dugan (30th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 487 DO PASS (LC 44 0313)

NOTE: Sen. Watson (1st) left the meeting early at 2:09 p.m.

HB 761 (Rep. Ridley, 6th, LC 21 5909) - Relating to transfer of vehicle to or from a dealer, records to be kept by dealers, and electronic filing, so as to provide for the filing of certificates of title by dealers...

Rep. Ridley (6th) presented the bill. This bill removes the requirement that auto dealers must submit a title application to the Department of Revenue electronically.

Sen. Jones, II (22nd) made a motion **DO PASS**. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0). Sen. Mullis (53rd) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 761 DO PASS (LC 21 5909)

HEARING ONLY

HB 978 (Rep. Nimmer, 178th, LC 41 1530S) - Motor vehicles; automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones...

Rep. Nimmer (178th) presented the bill. This bill clarifies that vehicles approaching school buses on divided highways can continue traveling while the bus is coming to a

stop. It would also update the law to reflect that automated traffic enforcement devices used on school buses and would allow the Department of Revenue to refuse to renew or freeze the registration or title of a driver who refuses to pay outstanding fines. It would also allow for automated traffic enforcement devices to be used in school zones and creates the civil procedure that would govern the process of use.

Guest speakers spoke in favor of the bill:

Sally Flocks, PEDS

Bob Dallas, PEDS

Grant Thomas, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Rebecca Serna, Georgia Bikes

HB 978 HEARING ONLY (LC 41 1530S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
March 14, 2018

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (arrived late)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (arrived late)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary, and Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio, were absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

HB 779 (Rep. Powell, 32nd, LC 41 1545ERS) - Relating to emergency management, so as to establish the homeland security division of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; to amend Code Section 16-11-130 of the O.C.G.A., relating to exemptions from Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2, so as to authorize any officer or agent or retired officer or agent of such division to carry a handgun on or off duty within this state with an exception...

Rep. Powell (32nd) presented the bill. This bill allows for the creation of the Emergency Operations Command. It also removes the responsibility of conducting federal security clearances from the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC) and moves it to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA). It also clarifies GISAC's role as a distinct division within the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and assigns a head of that department to report to the director of GBI.

Sen. Anderson (24th) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0). Sen. Cowser (46th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 779 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1545ERS)

HB 149 (Rep. Powell, 32nd, LC 41 1547S) - Relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for the comprehensive regulation of trauma scene cleanup services and regulated waste transport; to provide for definitions; to provide for licensing; to provide for qualifications; to provide for penalties for violations; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hazardous waste, so as to provide for requirements, procedures, and training for trauma scene cleanup services and regulated waste transport...

Rep. Powell (32nd) presented the bill. This bill would regulate individuals who perform trauma clean-up services. This bill creates registration requirements and establishes a process for Trauma Waste Management Practitioners. It would also create a civil, as well as criminal, penalty for individuals and entities who clean up a trauma scene without proper licensure.

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) arrived late at 1:11 p.m.

Guest speakers spoke in opposition to the bill:

Terrance Scott, Atlanta Trauma
Drew Peake, Peake Engineering
Ryan Sawyer, BioTrauma, Inc.
Gordie Powell, Georgia Clean
Jason Benton, Bio One

Guest speakers spoke in favor of the bill:

Les Schneider, Bio Professional Trade Organization, Inc.

Sen. Harper (7th) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-2). Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Williams (27th) voted yea. Sen. Jones, II (22nd) and Sen. Seay (34th) voted no. Sen. Albers (56th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 149 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1547S)

HB 992 (Rep. Lott, 122nd, LC 41 1536S) - Relating to emergency medical services, so as to eliminate certain requirements relating to the use of automated external defibrillators; to eliminate obsolete language relating to base station facilities...

Rep. Lott (122nd) presented the bill. This bill removes the training of users for automated external defibrillators and recommends that health clubs and rehabilitation centers have these defibrillators onsite.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived late at 1:27 p.m.

Sen. Seay (34th) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Jones (22nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed (7-1). Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Jones, II (22nd), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Seay (34th) voted yea. Sen. Williams (27th) voted no. Sen. Wilkinson (50th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 992 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1536S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
March 19, 2018

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio
Sen. Michael Williams (27th)

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

HB 258 (Rep. Powell, 32nd, LC 41 1550ERS) - Relating to drivers' licenses, so as to clarify and provide for persons who may obtain certain licenses, permits, or cards; to provide for driving safety cards for persons who are current recipients of grants of deferred action on deportation which shall operate the same as drivers' licenses...

Sen. McKoon (29th) presented the bill. This bill would create a driving privileges card for persons who are issued an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) from the federal government. It would also create an identification card to be issued for non-citizens who possess federal EADs.

Sen. Williams (27th) questioned if the language stating that misuse of the card would lead to a misdemeanor charge was the same as the original language. Sen. McKoon (29th) responded by stating that it was.

Sen. Payne (54th) questioned the language on line 86 and how they would enforce the use of the cards.

Guest speakers spoke in favor of the bill:
D.A. King, Dustin Inman Society Blog

Guest speakers spoke in opposition to the bill:

Derenice Rodriguez, private citizen

Maria Palacios, private citizen

Rob Bradom, Georgia Dalton Chamber of Commerce President

Sen. Williams (27th) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Watson (1st) seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-4). Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Ben Watson (1st), and Sen. Michael Williams (27th) voted yea. Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd), Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) and Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) voted no. Sen. McKoon (29th) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 258 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1550ERS)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
March 21, 2018

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Harold V. Jones, II (22nd)
Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Sen. Valencia Seay (34th), and Sen. Michael Williams (27th) were absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

HB 978 (Rep. Nimmer, 178th, LC 41 1575S) - Motor vehicles; automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones

Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill. This bill would allow for vehicles traveling the opposite direction on a divided highway to proceed while the bus is coming to a stop. It would also allow for automated traffic devices to be used in school zones. Additionally, the Department of Revenue would be able to refuse to renew registration to drivers who refuse to pay their fines. It is optional by the local municipalities.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion **DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-0). Sen. Beach (21st) is the Senate Sponsor.

HB 978 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 1575S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary