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April 4, 2018

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

RE: Senate Retirement Committee -2018 General Assembly Legislative Session

Dear Secretary Cook,

The Senate Retirement Committee respectfully submits the following bills left in the committee after the 2018 General Assembly Legislative Session. They include the following:

SB10 SB196 SB274 SB282
HB84

Listed below are the bills that passed out of the Senate Retirement Committee for the 2018 General Assembly Legislative Session. They include the following:

SB101 SB129 SB197 SB293 SB294 SB333
HB135 HB398 HB538 HB571 HB588 HB624 HB692

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Senator Ellis Black
Chairman Senate Retirement Committee

Jinnie Christensen
Legislative Assistant Senate Retirement Committee

**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT
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**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT
2017- 2018 RULES**

1. Quorum of the Committees shall be four (4) members. Every member, including ex-officio members, shall count as a voting member for purposes of establishing a quorum at any given meeting.
2. The Chairman shall determine which bills, resolutions, substitutes, or amendments are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered; the Chairman shall have the authority and discretion to call a bill, resolution, substitute, or amendment for debate and explanation only or to limit consideration of such measures.
3. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittee for study. Such subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee at such times as shall be designated by the Chairman. All actions of the subcommittees shall be approved or disapproved by the standing committee.
4. The Chairman shall have the authority to schedule, manage, and regulate the debate on bills, resolutions, substitutes, and amendments, and may in his discretion recognize motions related to such measures and the order in which they are recognized.
5. When a bill or resolution is before the committee for consideration, the following shall be the precedence of the motions:
 - (1) A motion that bill do pass;
 - (2) A motion that a bill do not pass;
 - (3) A motion to postpone to a time certain;
 - (4) A motion to refer a bill to subcommittee.(All motions shall receive a Second before consideration)
6. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
7. A bill or resolution will be considered only after the presentation by its principal author or other legislator whom he/she may designate unless otherwise directed by the Chairman. The principal author shall be the legislator whose name appears first on the list of authors. The Committee shall not vote on any bill until the author or his/her designee has been given the opportunity to appear and be heard.
8. The chairman reserves the right to delay or decline action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman in writing at least 24 hours prior to the hearing in which they are presented.
9. The Chairman shall not vote unless the committee shall be equally divided or unless his or her vote, if given in the minority, will make the division equal. In case the vote is equally divided, the Chairman must vote.

10. 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.
11. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee
12. Where these rules are silent of a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate as adopted shall govern. If the Rules of the Senate are silent on a specific issue, Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern.

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT
January 23, 2018

The Senate Committee on Retirement met on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Ellis Black (8th) Chairman
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) Secretary
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) Ex-Officio

Chairman Black (8th) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd) was absent.

NOTE: At 2:05 PM Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) arrived.

SB 101 (Sen. William Ligon, 3rd, LC 43 0516) **Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; full-time hourly employee with Department of Natural Resources; provide for creditable service for prior service...**

Sen. Ligon (3rd) presented the bill.

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) made a motion that **SB 101 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 0720S)**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 101 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 43 0720S

SB 129 (Sen. Ellis Black, 8th, LC 43 0537) **Retirement; creditable service for certain military service; provide...**

Chairman Black (8th) presented the bill.

Sen. Anderson (43rd) made a motion that **SB 129 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 0723S)**. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 129 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 43 0723S

Chairman Black (8th) adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT

January 30, 2018

The Senate Committee on Retirement met on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Ellis Black (8th) Chairman
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) Vice-Chairman
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)

Chairman Black (8th) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ben Watson (1st) arrived at 2:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) arrived at 2:08 p.m.

SB 197 (Sen. Ellis Black, 8th, LC 43 0579) Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; chairperson of the board of trustees; provision; change...

Chairman Black (8th) presented the bill.

Sen. Rhett (33rd) made a motion **SB 197 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 0798S)**. Sen Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 197 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUE LC 43 0798S

SB 333 (Sen. Ellis Black, 8th, LC 43 0774) Deferred Compensation Plans; governing authority of a municipality may pay costs/fees associated with employee's participation; provide...

Chairman Black (8th) presented the bill.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion **SB 333 Do Pass (LC 43 0774)**. Sen. Williams (39th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 333 DO PASS LC 43 0774

Chairman Black (8th) adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT

February 13, 2018

The Senate Committee on Retirement met on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Ellis Black (8th) Chairman
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) Secretary
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

Chairman Black (8th) called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

NOTE: Senator Hufstetler (52nd) and Senator Watson (1st) were absent.

[HB 135](#) (Rep. Bill Hitchens, 161st, LC 46 0501) Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; creditable service for certain law enforcement officers; expand...

Rep. Hitchens (161st) presented the bill.

Sen. Anderson (43rd) made a motion **HB 135 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 0849S)**. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 135 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUE LC 43 0849S

[SB 293](#) (Sen. Ellis Black, 8th, LC 43 0676) Retirement; employment of beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; repeal existing provisions...

Chairman Black (8th) presented the bill.

Sen. Anderson (43rd) made a motion **SB 293 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 9778S)**. Sen. Williams (39th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 293 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUE LC 43 0778S

[SB 294](#) (Sen. Ellis Black, 8th, LC 43 0681) Retirement; certain public employers and employee contributions; Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; employed beneficiaries; require...

Chairman Black (8th) presented the bill.

Sen. Williams (39th) made a motion **SB 294 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 0722S)**. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 294 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUE LC 43 0722S

Chairman Black (8th) adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT

March 6, 2018

The Senate Committee on Retirement met on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Ellis Black (8th) Chairman
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) Secretary
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) Ex-Officio

Chairman Black (8th) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Williams (39th) was absent.

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) arrived at 2:12 p.m.

HB 571 (Rep. Watson, 172nd, LC 43 0646) Magistrates Retirement Fund; member in arrears for dues payments for 90 days shall be suspended; provisions

Rep. Watson (172nd) presented the bill.

Sen. Rhett (33rd) made a motion **HB 571 Do Pass (LC 43 0646)**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 571 DO PASS LC 43 0646

HB 398 (Rep. Battles, 15th, LC 43 0574) Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; update a cross-reference; provisions

Rep. Battles (15th) presented the bill.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion **HB 398 Do Pass (LC 43 0574)**. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 398 DO PASS LC 43 0574

HB 624 (Rep. Battles, 15th, LC 43 0827S) Georgia Legislative Retirement System; define certain terms; change certain provisions

Rep. Battles presented the bill.

HB 624 HEARING ONLY

HB 692 (Rep. Maxwell, 17th, LC 43 0744) Deferred compensation plans; governing authority of a municipality may pay costs or fees associated with an employee's participation in a plan; provide

Mr. Tom Gehl, Director of Governmental Relations for the Georgia Municipal Association, spoke in favor of the bill for Rep. Maxwell (17th) due to illness.

Sen. Anderson (43rd) made a motion that **HB 692 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 0927S)**. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 692 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 43 0927S

HB 588 (Rep. Maxwell, 17th, LC 43 0619) Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; member may purchase annuity; revise method and manner

Mr. Jim Potvin, Executive Director of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, presented the bill on behalf of Rep. Maxwell (17th) He then spoke in favor of the bill.

HB 588 HEARING ONLY

Chairman Black (8th) adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT

March 12, 2018

The Senate Committee on Retirement met on Tuesday, March 12, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Ellis Black (8th) Chairman

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)

Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)

Sen. Ben Watson (1st) Ex-Officio

Chairman Black (8th) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (43rd) and Sen. Williams (39th) were absent.

[HB 588](#) (Rep. Maxwell, 17th, LC 43 0619) Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; member may purchase annuity; revise method and manner

Sen. Black (8th) presented the bill.

Mr. James Potvin, Executive Director of the Employees' Retirement Systems of Georgia, answered questions from the committee and spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) made a motion **HB 588 Do Pass (LC 43 0619)**. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 588 DO PASS LC 43 0619

Chairman Black (8th) adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Chairman

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT

March 20, 2018

The Senate Committee on Retirement met on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Ellis Black (8th) Chairman
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) Secretary
Sen. Michael 'Doc' Rhett (33rd)
Sen. Nikema Williams (39th)

Chairman Black (8th) called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

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

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) arrived at 2:17 p.m.

[HB 538](#) (Rep. Willard, 51st, LC 43 0594ER) Fulton County; Board of Education; pension and retirement pay to teachers and employees; create system...

Mr. Don Bolla, Peachtree Government Relations, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sen. Williams (39th) made a motion **HB 538 Do Pass (LC 43 0594ER)**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 538 DO PASS LC 43 0594ER

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) left the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

[HB 624](#) (Rep. Battles, 15th, LC 43 0827S) Georgia Legislative Retirement System; define certain terms; change certain provisions...

Rep. Paul Battles (15th) presented the bill.

Chairman Black (8th) made a motion to add three amendments to the bill. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Rhett (33rd) made a motion **HB 624 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 43 0827S)**. Sen. Williams (39th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 624 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE LC 43 0827S

Chairman Black (8th) adjourned the meeting at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Secretary

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT

March 23, 2018

The Senate Committee on Retirement met on Friday, March 23, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ante Room in the Capitol.

SENATORS PRESENT:

Sen. Ellis Black (8th) Chairman

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) Vice-Chairman (*Proxy*)

Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) Secretary (*Proxy*)

Sen. Ben Watson (1st) Ex-Officio (*Proxy*)

Chairman Black (8th) called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) and Sen. Williams (39th) were absent.

[HB 624](#) (Rep. Battles, 15th, LC 43 0827S) Georgia Legislative Retirement System; define certain terms; change certain provisions...

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion **HB 624 Do Pass (LC 43 0827S)**. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 624 DO PASS LC 43 0827S

Chairman Black (8th) adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ellis Black (8th), Chairman

/s/ Jinnie Christensen, Recording Secretary