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**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Monday, January 28, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth held its first meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman  
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio)

**NOTE:** Sen. Black (8th) was absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass (28th) arrived late at 3:03 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived late at 3:03 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived late at 3:03 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. James (35th) arrived late at 3:07 p.m.

The Chairman introduced himself and the members of the Committee. The Rules of the Committee were discussed.

Sen. Jackson (2nd) made a motion to adopt the Committee Rules for the 2019-2020 Session. Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0). A copy of the Rules is attached to these minutes.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin IV (9th) at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Rules 2019 – 2020**

**The Rules of the Committee shall be the Rules of the Subcommittees.**

1. The quorum for the Education and Youth Committee shall be 5 members. Record of attendance will be maintained for each full Committee or subcommittee meeting. This information shall be considered public.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman. Recess or adjournment of the Committee may also take place by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.
3. A bill or resolution will only be placed on the Committee agenda after its principal sponsor completes a bill summary form. When a bill or resolution is placed on the Committee agenda, the principal sponsor shall be notified of the time and the place of the hearing. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal sponsor or a legislator designated by the principal sponsor.
4. The Chairman shall establish the meeting agenda and determine the measures to be considered and the order of consideration. No motion that the Committee recommends (Do Pass, Do Not Pass, etc) shall be in order until the Chairperson has stated that such a motion will be entertained.
5. The Chairman may appoint subcommittees and officers of subcommittees, and at the discretion of the Chairman, refer any matter to a subcommittee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate until it is considered by the full Committee. All Committee officers will be ex-officio voting subcommittee members.
6. Any member or members who disagree with the majority report of the Committee may file a minority report as provided in the Rules of the Senate.
7. These Rules may be amended or suspended upon the motion duly made and approved by a majority of the members of the Committee.
8. Five minutes prior to, during, and five minutes after a televised or web-cast Committee meeting, no one other than a member of the Committee, Legislative Counsel, Committee Aide, Administrative Assistant to the Chairperson, or Committee Intern, shall walk beyond the witness pulpit for any reason.

9. During Committee meetings, Committee members and everyone in the audience shall either turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers or other similar devices.
10. Any proposed measure shall include a fiscal note when appropriate, as determined by the Chairman, prior to Committee consideration.
11. All publications, flyers, or any other materials to be distributed to the Committee shall be given to the Chairman or their assistant and will be distributed by the Chairman at the appropriate time.
12. Except for Legislative Counsel, no one shall speak to a member of the Committee while a televised or web-cast meeting is in progress without first obtaining the consent of the Chairman. A request to speak should be given to the Administrative Aide or Committee Aide, which will then be passed to the Chairman for approval.
13. Action may be taken by the Committee on any bill the first time it is presented. The Chairperson shall have the option to take action on a resolution.
14. Committee and Subcommittee members may question witnesses only when they have been recognized by the Chairman for that purpose. The Chairman may also set time limits for the process.
15. The Secretary of the Committee shall cause a copy of the Rules to be distributed to all members of the Senate.

**Minutes of the Joint House and Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019**

The Joint House and Senate Committees on Education and Youth met on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 406 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman  
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Donzella James (35th)  
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (*Left Early*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Tippins (37th) and Sen. Jackson (2nd) were absent.

Chairman Rick Jasperse (House Education Chairman, District 11) called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for presentations from the public, he recognized the following

*Education Community Members who presented to the Committee:*

Richard Woods, Superintendent of Georgia Department of Education  
Allison Timberlake, Deputy Superintendent of Georgia Department of Education

**NOTE:** Sen. Stone (23rd) left the meeting early at 1:29 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent (42nd) left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass (28th) left the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Garry McGiboney Deputy Superintendent of Georgia Department of Education

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass (28th) returned to the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent (42nd) returned to the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Wilkinson (50th) left the meeting early at 2:10 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) left the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Eric Thomas, Chief Turnaround Officer of Georgia Department of Education

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) returned to the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass (28th) left the meeting early at 2:25 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Black (8th) left the meeting early at 2:39 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims (12th) left the meeting early at 2:47 p.m.

Steve Dolinger, President of Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) left the meeting early at 2:54 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin IV (9th) at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Wednesday, February 6, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman  
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass (28th) and Sen. Tippins (37th) were absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

**HEARING ONLY**

**[SB 48](#) (Sen. Martin IV, 9th, LC 33 7583) Dyslexia; identification of and support for students in pre-kindergarten through second grade; provide**

The Chair recognized himself for the purpose of presenting the bill. Chairman Martin IV (9th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims (12th) arrived late at 2:10 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for presentations from the public, he recognized the following

*Education Community Members who presented to the Committee:*

Samantha Durance, Policy Analyst of Southern Regional Education Board  
Tina Engberg, State Leader of Decoding Dyslexia Georgia  
Heather Robertson, State Leader of Decoding Dyslexia Georgia

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived late at 2: 35 p.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

**NOTE:** Sen. Stone (23rd) arrived late at 2:53 p.m.

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Arianne B. Weldon, Get Georgia Reading Campaign Director, Georgia Family Connection Partnership

John Zauner, Georgia School Superintendent Association

Cita Cook, Retired Educator

Florine Wood, Grandparent of children with Dyslexia

Peter Isbister, Parent of a child with Dyslexia

**NOTE:** Sen. Black (8th) left early at 2:51 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) left early at 2:52 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. James (35th) left early at 2:56 p.m.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 48 (LC 33 7583) No Action Taken**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin IV (9th) at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary



**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Monday, February 11, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Donzella James (35th)  
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio)

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) was absent.

Vice-Chairman Wilkinson (50th) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**HEARING ONLY**

**SB 21 (Sen. James, 35th, LC 41 1614) Local Board of Education; prescribe mandatory instruction concerning cybersecurity from kindergarten through grade 12; require;**

**NOTE:** Chairman Martin IV (9th) arrived late at 2:10 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. James (35th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. James (35th) presented the bill to the committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Shahara Ruth, Lead Instructional Specialist of Kaplan IT Training

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 21 (LC 41 1614) No Action Taken**

**HEARING ONLY**

**SB 68 (Sen. Sims, 12th, LC 33 7507) Local School Systems; financial management; strengthen provisions;**

The Chair recognized Sen. Sims (12th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Sims (12th) presented the bill to the committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Angela Palm, Director of Policy and Legislative Services of Georgia School Boards Association

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 68 (LC 33 7507) No Action Taken**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin IV (9th) at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Wednesday, February 13, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Wilkinson (50th), Sen. Black (8th), and Sen. Sims (12th) were absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.  
The Chair opened the floor for presentations from the public, he recognized the following:

Education Community Members who presented to the Committee:

Mr. Dan Weber, Executive Director of Georgia's Charter Systems  
Mr. Eric Arena, Vice Chair (Putnam County) of Georgia's Charter Systems  
Dr. Morris Leis, Exec. Bd. (Coffee County) of Georgia's Charter Systems  
Dr. Fred Williams (Dublin County) of Georgia's Charter Systems

**NOTE:** Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived late at 2:10 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. James (35th) arrived late at 2:06 p.m.

**SB 48 (Sen. Martin IV, 9th, LC 33 7583) Dyslexia; identification of and support for students in pre-kindergarten through second grade; provide**

The Chair recognized himself for the purpose of presenting the bill. Chairman Martin IV (9th) presented the bill and proposed changes to the bill to the committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Brynn Haynes, Student  
Jaillene Hunter, Parent  
Daine Weinberg, Parent  
Jenna Benedict, Student  
Michael O'Sullivan, Lobbyist of GeorgiaCAN

Aubrey Jane Leffurich, Student

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion to **amend SB 48 (AM 33 1829)**. Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **amend SB 48**, creating a defined definition of who is included in parental consent. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **amend SB 48** in line 117, inserting a comma after “dyslexia and may screen such students for other disorders.” Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **amend SB 48 (AM 33 1831)**. Sen. Dolezal (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (2nd) who made a motion to create a new committee substitute for **SB 48**. Sen. Stone (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion that **SB 48 DO PASS BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 48 DO PASS BY SUBTITUTE (LC 33 7725S).**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman P.K. Martin IV (9th) at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. P. K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman  
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio)

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**SB 68 (Sen. Sims, 12th, LC 33 7507) Local School Systems; financial management; strengthen provisions;**

The Chair recognized Sen. Sims (12th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Sims (12th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived late at 2:07 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived late at 2:07 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Stone (23rd) arrived late at 2:07 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Tippins (37th) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 68 (LC 33 7507)**. Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 68 DO PASS (LC 33 7507)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims (12th) left early at 2:09 p.m.

**HEARING ONLY**

**SB 85 (Sen. Henson, 41st, LC 39 2051) Early Care and Learning; scholarship program subject to appropriations by the General Assembly; establish**

The Chair recognized Sen. Steve Henson (41st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Henson (41st) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) arrived late at 2:21 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Matt Brass (28th) arrived late at 2:27 p.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Mindy Benderman, GEERS

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 85 (LC 39 2051) No Action Taken**

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for presentations from the public. He recognized the following:

Education Community Members who presented to the Community:

Zach Fields, Vice-President, K12 Pipeline of Construction Education Foundation of GA

Barbara M. Wall, Ed.D., Career, Technical, and Agricultural Director of Georgia Department of Education

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin IV (9th) at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. P. K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Monday, February 25, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman  
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent (42nd) was absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**HEARING ONLY**

**[SB 83](#) (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 33 7598) Quality Basic Education; elective courses in History and Literature of the Old and New Testament Eras; provisions; revise**

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Stone (23rd) arrived late at 2:04 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Wilkinson (50th) arrived late at 2:06 p.m.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 83 (LC 33 7598) No Action Taken**

**HEARING ONLY**

**[SB 60](#) (Sen. Martin IV, 9th, LC 33 7534) "Jeremy Nelson and Nick Blakely Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act"**

The Chair recognized himself for the purpose of presenting the bill. Chairman Martin IV (9th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. James (35th) and Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived late at 2:13 p.m.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 60 (LC 33 7534) No Action Taken**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin IV (9th) at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary



**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman  
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)

**NOTE:** Sen. Tippins (37th) was absent

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

**SB 83 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 33 7598) Quality Basic Education; elective courses in History and Literature of the Old and New Testament Eras; provisions; revise**

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented the changes and a proposed substitute of the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims (12th) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Stone (23rd) left at 2:08 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Stone (23rd) returned at 2:10 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 83 BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7812S)**. Sen. Black (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 83 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7812S)**

**HEARING ONLY**

**SB 86 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 33 7510) "Quality Basic Education Act"; no high school which receives funding shall participate in or sponsor interscholastic sports events; association has separate regions; provide;**

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented the bill to the committee.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 86 (LC 33 7510) No Action Taken**

**SB 163 (Sen. Thompson, 14th, LC 46 0113) "Tim Tebow Act" or "Equal Opportunity for Access in Education Act";**

The Chair recognized Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Thompson (14th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Wilkinson (50th) arrived late at 2:14 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. James (35th) arrived late at 2:15 p.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Beth Garcia, Homeschool Mother

Cole Muzio, Lobbyist of Family Policy Alliance

Senator Sally Harrell, 40th District

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 163 (LC 46 0113)**. Sen. Stone (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion failed 4-5.

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. James (35th), and Sen. Stone (23rd) voted in favor.

Sen. Wilkinson (50th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Parent (42nd), and Sen. Sims (12th) voted against.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) cast his vote in favor of the motion to create a tie (5-5). The motion failed.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 163 (LC 46 0113) No Further Action Taken**

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) left at 2:55 p.m.

**HEARING ONLY**

**SB 102 (Sen. Jones, 10th, LC 33 7660) "Unlocking the Promise Community Schools Act";**

The Chair recognized Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jones (10th) presented the bill to the committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the

following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Cindy Morley, Georgia Director of External Relations of Communities in Schools

Cita Cook, Retired Educator

Margaret Coccaielli, PAGE

Polly McKinney, Voices of Georgia's Children

Cecily Harsch-Kenane, Public Education Matters

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) returned at 2:58 p.m.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 102 (LC 33 7660) No Action Taken**

**SB 60 (Sen. Martin IV, 9th, LC 33 7534) "Jeremy Nelson and Nick Blakely Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act"**

The Chair recognized himself for the purpose of presenting the bill. Chairman Martin IV (9th) presented the changes and a proposed substitute of bill to the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion to **amend the proposed substitute to SB 60 (LC 33 7830S)**, in Section 2, line 78 instead of a period add a semicolon. The motion was seconded by Sen. Jackson (2nd). The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 60 BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Stone (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 60 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7843S)**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin IV (9th) at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Friday, March 1, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman  
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. James (35th) and Sen. Tippins (37th) were absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Stone (23rd) arrived late at 8:04 a.m.

**SB 210 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 33 7821) "Quality Basic Education Act"; recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five; provide;**

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived late at 8:07 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived late at 8:08 a.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Olga Jarrett, Retired Professor  
Margaret Coccaielli, PAGE

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 210 (LC 33 7821)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Wilkinson (50th).

The Chair recognized Brass (28th) who made a motion to **amend SB 210**, striking line 38-39. The motion was seconded by Sen. Jackson (2nd). The motion passed 7-1.

Sen. Brass (28th), and Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Wilkinson (50th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Jackson

(2nd), Sen. Parent (42nd), and Sen. Sims (12th), voted in favor.

Sen. Dolezal (27th) voted against.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 210 BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Wilkinson (50th). The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 210 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0128S)**

**SB 108 (Sen. Martin IV, 9th, LC 33 7707) Competencies and Core Curriculum; computer science in middle school and high school; require;**

The Chair recognized himself for the purpose of presenting the bill. Chairman Martin IV (9th) presented the changes and a proposed substitute of the bill to the committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Tim Cairl, Lobbyist of Metro Atlanta Chamber  
Michael O’Sullivan, Lobbyist of GeorgiaCAN  
Ryan Mahoney, Lobbyist of ExcelinED  
Callie Michael, Lobbyist of College Board

**NOTE:** Sen. Wilkinson (50th) left at 8:29 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) left at 8:29 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 108 BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7868S)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Sims (12th).

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal returned at 8:33 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **amend SB 108**, in line 23 to the definition of computer science after “process,” insert coding, and in line 36 insert after “state, local school systems,” The motion was seconded by Sen. Jackson (2nd). The motion was passed unanimously (7-0).

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 108 BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Sims (12th). The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 108 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0129S)**

**SB 212 (Sen. Martin IV, 9th, LC 34 5533) Department of Driver Services; criteria; authorize certain licensed driver training schools to administer on-the-road driving skills testing; revise;**

The Chair recognized himself for the purpose of presenting the bill. Chairman Martin IV (9th) presented the bill to committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Barry Shrink, President of Taggart’s Driving School

Shavonda Leslie, Director of Georgia Department of Driver Services

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **amend SB 108**, striking the five year requirement and five- year period, striking the grandfather clause, adding an effective date of January 1, 2020, and changing “and” to “or” on line 32 to allow for one of the courses to be taken, not all four. The motion was seconded by Sen. Stone (23rd). The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

The Chair recognized Brass (28th) who made a motion to **DO PASS BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Stone (23rd). The motion passed unanimously (7-0)

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 212 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0130S).**

**HEARING ONLY**

**SR 266 (Sen. Black, 8th, LC 48 0093) Georgia High School Association; assessment of its operations and practices; encourage;**

The Chair recognized Sen. Ellis Black (8th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Black (8th) presented the resolution to the committee.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SR 266 (LC 48 0093) No Action Taken**

**HEARING ONLY**

**SB 219 (Sen. Jordan, 6th, LC 33 7599) Education; general educational development (GED) diploma; correctly answer 60 percent questions on the US Citizenship Civics Test; require;**

The Chair recognized Sen. Jen Jordan (6th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jordan (6th) presented the bill to the committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

Garry McGiboney, Deputy State Superintendent External Affairs of Georgia Department of Education

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 219 (LC 33 7599) No Action Taken**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin IV (9th) at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Monday, March 4, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th), (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)  
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)  
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Wilkinson (50th) and Sen. Tippins (37th) were absent.

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass (28th) left at 8:10 a.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) left at 8:10 a.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) left at 8:10 a.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

**SB 209 (Sen. Jones, 10th, LC 33 7796) Individual Schools and School Systems; star rating for financial efficiency; eliminate**

The Chair recognized Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jones (10th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. James (35th) arrived at 8:17 a.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*  
Ted Beck, CFO of Georgia Department of Education

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 209 (LC 33 7796)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. James (35th). The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 209 DO PASS (LC 33 7796).**

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass (28th) returned at 8:22 a.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) returned at 8:24 a.m.



**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) returned at 8:24 a.m.

**SB 219 (Sen. Jordan, 6th, LC 33 7599) Education; general educational development (GED) diploma; correctly answer 60 percent questions on the US Citizenship Civics Test; require;**

The Chair recognized Sen. Jen Jordan (6th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jordan (6th) presented the bill to the committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Garry McGiboney, Deputy State Superintendent External Affairs of Georgia Department of Education

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 219 (LC 33 7599)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Jackson (2nd).

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion to **amend SB 219**, to include sub section (d) "For high school students, such test shall be included in the course of study in the history of the United States required pursuant to Code Section 20-2-142 as a condition for receiving a high school diploma.". The motion was seconded by Sen. Brass (28th). The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 219 BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 219 DO PASS BY SUBSTITTUE (LC 33 7886S).**

**SB 163 (Sen. Thompson, 14<sup>th</sup>, LC 46 0113) "Tim Tebow Act" or "Equal Opportunity for Access in Education Act";**

The Chair recognized Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Thompson (14th) presented the bill to the committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Cole Muzio, Lobbyist of Family Policy Alliance

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 163 (LC 46 0113)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Brass (28th).

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **amend SB 163 (AM 46 0006)** by replacing "school system" with "school" on lines 62, 65, 68, 85, 86, 88, 95, 99, and 109. By replacing "superintendent" on line 67 with "principal". By replacing "written verification" on line 71 with "an affidavit". By replacing "students;" on line 77 with "students." This includes the school's code of conduct and any other faculty expectation expressed to the student by either written or oral means;" The motion was seconded by Sen. Dolezal (27th). The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **amend SB 163**, on line 79 striking "6 months" and replacing it with "12 months". Sen. Dolezal (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 163 BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Brass (28th). The motion passed (5-3).

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. James (35th), and Dolezal (27th) voted in favor.

Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Parent (42nd) voted against.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 163 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7885S).**

**SR 266** (Sen. Black, 8th, LC 48 0093) **Georgia High School Association; assessment of its operations and practices; encourage;**

The Chair recognized Sen. Ellis Black (8th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Black (8th) presented the resolution to the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **DO PASS SR 266 (LC 48 0093)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Dolezal (27th).

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **amend SR 266**, replacing "senate" on line 25 with "general assembly". The motion was seconded by Sen. James (35th). The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **DO PASS SR 266 BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Dolezal (27th). The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SR 266 DO PASS BY SUBSTTUTE (LC 33 7892S).**

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims (12th) left early at 8:42 a.m.

**SB 165 (Sen. Thompson, 14th, LC 33 7737) Education; designation of a nonprofit organization to govern high school athletics in this state; provide**

The Chair recognized Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Thompson (14th) presented the bill to the committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Jason Anavitarte of Paulding County School Board's District 6

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **DO PASS SB 165 (LC 33 7737)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Dolezal (27th). The motion passed 4-3.

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. James (35th), and Dolezal (27th) voted in favor.

Sen. Black (8th), and Sen. Parent (42nd), Sen. Stone (23rd) voted against.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 165 DO PASS (LC 33 7737).**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman P.K. Martin IV (9th) at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. P.K. Martin (9th), Chairman

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Monday, March 18, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman  
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late & Left Early*)  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late & Left Early*)  
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)  
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**HB 59 (Rep. Belton, 112th, LC 33 7557) Education; military students enroll in public school based on official military orders prior to physically establishing residency; allow**

The Chair recognized Rep. Dave Belton (112th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Belton (112th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Wilkinson (50th) left at 2:09 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. James (35th) arrived at 2:10 p.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Brandon Hembree, Lobbyist of Massey, Watson, & Heembree

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion to **DO PASS HB 59 (LC 33 7557)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Brass (28th).

**NOTE:** Sen. Wilkinson (50th) returned at 2:018 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived at 2:20 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion to **amend HB 59 (AM 33 1882)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Stone (23rd). The motion passed (7-1)

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Wilkinson (50th), Sen. Parent

(42nd), Sen. Tippins (37th) and Sen. James (35th) voted in favor.

Sen. Sims (12th) voted against.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **amend HB 59 (AM 33 1888)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Dolezal (27th).

The Chair recognized Sen. James (35th) made a motion for **germaneness of (AM 33 1888)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Brass (28th). Chairman Martin IV (9th) determined **(AM 33 1888) was germane**.

The motion passed (6-2).

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Wilkinson (50th), Sen. Parent (42nd), and Sen. Tippins (37th) voted in favor.

Sen. Sims (12th) and Sen. James (35th) voted against.

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion to **DO PASS HB 59 BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Brass (28th). The motion passed unanimously (8-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HB 59 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7967S).**

**HB 83 (Rep. Douglas, 78th, LC 33 7878S) Quality Basic Education Act; recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five; provide;**

The Chair recognized Rep. Demetris Douglas (78th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Douglas (78th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Black (8th) arrived at 2:28 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived at 2:33 p.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Pierce Mower, 5th Grade Student

Ephraion Lane, 5th Grade Student

Olga Jarrett, Professor at Emerita

Gauri Misra-Desupande, Professor at Savannah College of Art and Design

Polly Mckinney, Advocacy Director of Voices for Georgia's Children

Cita Cook, Retired Educator

Lisa Mauldin, Retired High School Professor at DeKalb County

Marie Mower, Parent

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HB 83 (LC 33 7878S) No Action Taken**

**HB 68** (Rep. Carson, 46th, LC 33 7585) Education; prohibit certain entities from being student scholarship organizations;

The Chair recognized Rep. John Carson (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Carson (46th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Tippins (37th) left at 3:00 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims (12th) left at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Mark Middleton, Lobbyist of GOAL

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HB 68 (LC 33 7585) No Action Taken**

**HB 530** (Rep. Hitchens, 161st, LC 33 7911ERS) Education; prohibit parents or guardians from withdrawing or removing a child from a public school for the purpose of avoiding compliance with laws relating to mandatory attendance, school discipline, parental involvement, or parental responsibilities:

The Chair recognized Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Hitchens (161st) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) left at 3:09 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) left at 3:10 p.m.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HB 530 (LC 33 7911ERS) No Action Taken**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin IV (9th) at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman  
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)

**NOTE:** Sen. Donzella James (35th) was absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

**HB 83 (Rep. Douglas, 78th, LC 33 7878S) Quality Basic Education Act; recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five; provide;**

The Chair recognized Rep. Demetris Douglas (78th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Douglas (78th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Sims (12th) who made a motion to **DO PASS HB 83 (LC 33 7878S)**. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HB 83 DO PASS (LC 33 7878S)**

**HB 530 (Rep. Hitchens, 161st, LC 33 7911ERS) Education; prohibit parents or guardians from withdrawing or removing a child from a public school for the purpose of avoiding compliance with laws relating to mandatory attendance, school discipline, parental involvement, or parental responsibilities:**

The Chair recognized Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Hitchens (161st) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **DO PASS HB 530 (LC 33 7911ERS)**. Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed (5-1).

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Wilkinson (50th), and Sen. Parent (42nd) voted in favor.

Sen. Sims (12th) voted against.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HB 530 DO PASS (LC 33 7911ERS)**

**HB 130** (Rep. Nix, 69th, LC 33 7702S) State Board of Education; authorize the Georgia Foundation for Public Education to establish a nonprofit corporation to qualify as a public foundation; authorize

**NOTE:** Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived at 2:17 p.m.

The Chair recognized Rep. Randy Nix (37th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Nix (37th) presented the bill to the committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Paige Pushkin, Executive Director of Georgia Foundation for Public Education  
Louis Erste, Associate Superintendent for Policy and Charters of Georgia Department of Education

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **DO PASS HB 130 (LC 33 7702S)**. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HB 130 DO PASS (LC 33 7702S)**

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called for a recess at 2:25 p.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting back to order at 2:32 p.m.

**HB 68** (Rep. Carson, 46th, LC 33 7585) Education; prohibit certain entities from being student scholarship organizations;

The Chair recognized Rep. John Carson (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Carson (46th) presented the changes and substitute to the committee.

Rep. Carson (46th) presented Section 1 of the bill, stating it has stayed the same.

Sen. Dolezal (27th) presented the new addition of Section 2 of the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims (12th) left at 2:50 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims (12th) returned at 2:53 p.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:



*Testimony in opposition of the Bill:*

Stephen Owens, Senior Education Analyst of Georgia Budget and Policy Institute

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived at 2:57 p.m.

Angela Palm, Director of Policy and Legislative Services of Georgia School Board Association  
John Zauner, Executive Director of Georgia Superintendent Association

**NOTE:** Sen. Black (8th) arrived at 3:17 p.m.

Margaret Ciccarelli, Director of Legislative Affairs of Professional Association of Georgia Educators  
Chuck Clay of Georgia Education Coalition  
Cecily Harsch-Kinnae, Policy and Outreach of Public Education Matters Georgia

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Dr. Matt Ladner, Senior Advisor for Policy and Research of Foundation for Excellence in Education Arizona

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion to **DO PASS HB 68 BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7980S)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Brass (28th).

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (2nd) who made a motion to **TABLE HB 68 (LC 337980S)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Sims (12th). The motion failed (4-5).

Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Parent (42nd), and Sen. Tippins (37th) voted in favor.

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Black (8th), and Sen. Wilkinson (50th) voted against.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a 3 part motion to **amend HB 68 (AM 33 1895)**, by inserting after "approved." On line 112 the following: the number of participating students from any local school system in any school year shall be limited to an amount equivalent to 2.5 percent of the enrollment of the local school system in such school year, to strike 5 percent from line 110 and replace it with 2.5 percent, and to insert an and after the semicolon on lines 70, 73, and 95. The motion was seconded by Sen. Stone (23rd). The motion passed (6-2).

Sen. Parent (42nd), Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Black (8th), and Sen. Wilkinson (50th) voted in favor.

Sen. Sims (12th), and Sen. Jackson (2nd), voted against.

Sen. Tippins (37th) did not vote.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **amend HB 68**, Strike lines 227 and 228 and insert “be returned to the state general fund.” The motion was seconded by Sen. Jackson (2nd). The motion passed unanimously (9-0)

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion to **amend HB 68**, insert lines 151 and 152 from SB 173 where appropriate (line 157) and renumbers as necessary. The motion was seconded by Sen. Brass (28th). The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion to **amend HB 68**, strike all of Section 2. The motion was seconded by Sen. Jackson (2nd). The motion failed (4-5).

Sen. Sims (12th), and Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Parent (42nd), and Sen. Tippins (37th) voted in favor.

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Black (8th), and Sen. Wilkinson (50th) voted against.

The Chair recognized Sen. Black (8th) who made a motion to **amend HB 68**, strike “200 percent” on line 75 and replaces it with “150 percent”. The motion was seconded by Sen. Jackson (2nd). The motion passed (8-1)

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Wilkinson (50th), Sen. Parent (42nd), Sen. Tippins (37th), Sen. Jackson (2nd) voted in favor.

Sen. Sims (12th) voted against.

The Chair recognized Sen. Black (8th) who made a motion to **amend HB 68**, “to add a provision that prohibits a kid to transfer into a private school that would result in an enrollment drop of the local school system”. The motion was seconded by Sen. Parent (42nd).

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Wilkinson (50th), voted in favor.

Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Parent (42nd), Sen. Tippins (37th), Sen. Jackson (2nd) voted against.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) voted in favor to create a tie. The motion failed (5-5).

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion to **DO PASS HB 68 BY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Brass (28th).

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (2nd) who made a motion for a roll call vote. The roll call voted shows as followed:

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Wilkinson (50th), and Sen. Black (8th) voted in favor.

Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Parent (42nd), Sen. Tippins (37th), Sen. Jackson (2nd) voted against.

The motion passed (5-4).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HB 68 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0162S)**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman P.K. Martin IV (9th) at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

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**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth**  
**Monday, March 25, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, March 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman  
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary  
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)

**NOTE:** Sen. James (35th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Black (8th), and Sen. Tippins (37th) were absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

**SR 64 (Sen. Unterman, 45th, LC 119 0029) Georgia High School Association; add the 4x800 meter relay to the state track meet; urge**

The Chair recognized Sen. Renee Unterman (45th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Unterman (45th) presented the resolution to the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to **DO PASS SR 64 (LC 119 0029)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Brass (28th). The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SR 64 DO PASS (LC 119 0029)**

**HB 12 (Rep. Williams, 145th, LC 45 0134) Quality Basic Education Act; post sign containing telephone number to receive reports of child abuse; require every public school**

The Chair recognized Rep. Rick Williams (145th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Williams (145th) presented the bill to the committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*  
Janice Bundas, Child Advocate

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 4:25 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to **DO PASS HB 12 (LC 45 0134)**. The motion was seconded by Sen. Stone (23rd). The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: HB 12 DO PASS (LC 45 0134)**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin IV (9th) at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary