



The State Senate

April 3, 2019

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

Dear Secretary Cook,

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following bills which were not acted upon in the Senate Committee on Higher Education during the 2019 Legislative Session:

Senate Bills:

SB 19 – (Rhett, 33rd) Public Safety Officer Higher Education Fund; establish

SB 57 – (Rahman, 5th) ‘Pay Forward, Pay Back Student Grant Act’

SB 276 – (Jackson, 2nd) Technical College System of Georgia; classify certain active duty service members as in-state for tuition purposes; require

Sincerely,

Samantha Nix
Senate Committee on Higher Education

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
RULES 2019-2020

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

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Thursday, February 7, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th), Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) (*arrived late*)
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) and Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) were absent.

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) arrived at 1:06 p.m.

Chairman Tippins (37th) presented the 2019-2020 Rules of the Senate Committee on Higher Education.

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who made a motion that the committee adopt the 2019-2020 Rules of the Senate Committee on Higher Education. Sen. Strickland (17th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Rules is attached.

SB 19 (Sen. Rhett, 33rd, LC 41 1679) Public Safety Officer Higher Education Fund; establish

The Chair stated that SB 19 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Rhett (33rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

Committee Recommendation: SB 19 (LC 41 1679) No action was taken.

SB 57 (Rahman, 5th, LC 39 1999) 'Pay Forward, Pay Back Student Grant Act'

The Chair stated that SB 57 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Rahman (5th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Committee Recommendation: SB 57 (LC 39 1999) No action was taken.

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Thursday, February 14, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th), Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*arrived late*)
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) was absent.

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 1:06 p.m.

SB 91 (Sen. Hufstetler, 52, LC 39 2090) Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions; exemption for dental schools meeting certain criteria; provide

The Chair stated that SB 91 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Scott LoFranco from Georgia Dental Association

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Kirk Shook from Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

Committee Recommendation: SB 91 (LC 39 2090) No action was taken.

SB 92 (Beach, 21, LC 33 7569) Professional Licensing Boards; refuse to issue a license; borrower in default under an educational loan issued through the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation; prohibit

The Chair stated that SB 92 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Beach (21st) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Marc Hyden from R Street

Committee Recommendation: SB 92 (LC 33 7569) No action was taken.

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Thursday, February 21, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th), Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) (*arrived late*)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*arrived late*)
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd) (*arrived late*)

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

SB 91 (Sen. Hufstetler, 52, LC 39 2090) Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions; exemption for dental schools meeting certain criteria; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock arrived at 2:07 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Rhett arrived at 2:07 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Callie Michael from Georgia School of Orthodontics
Dr. Randy Kluedner from Georgia School of Orthodontics

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Kirk Shook from Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who made a motion **SB 91 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2152S)**. Sen. Martin (9th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 91 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2152S)

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Thursday, February 28, 2019

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th), Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th) (*arrived late*)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) (*arrived late*)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*arrived late*)
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

SB 92 (Beach, 21, LC 33 7569) Professional Licensing Boards; refuse to issue a license; borrower in default under an educational loan issued through the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation; prohibit

The Chair recognized Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Beach (21st) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Harrell arrived at 1:02p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) who made a motion **SB 92 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2153S)**. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 92 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2153S)

SB 161 (Tippins, 37th, LC 33 7769) Education; weighted scores for certain coursework for purposes of determining HOPE scholarship and Zell Miller scholarship eligibility; provide

Chairman Tippins (37th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) arrived at 1:07 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 1:08 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who made a motion **SB 161 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 33 7810S)**. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 161 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 7810S)

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Thursday, March 14, 2019

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th), Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) (*arrived late*)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) (*arrived late*)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*arrived late*)
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd) (*arrived late*)

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) was appointed to the Senate Committee on Higher Education, as an Ex-Officio member. A copy of the letter of appointment is attached.

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

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

[HB 444](#) (Reeves, 34th, LC 33 7896S) Dual Enrollment Act; enact

The Chair stated that HB 444 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Rep. Bert Reeves (34th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Reeves (34th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 1:15 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) arrived at 1:18 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 1:20 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) arrived at 1:45 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Angela Lassiter, a parent whose child is Dual Enrolled

Committee Recommendation: HB 444 (LC 33 7896S) No action was taken.

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary



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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 14, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Cook,

In accordance with the Senate Rules, and in agreement with the Senate Committee on Assignments, I hereby appoint Senator Lester Jackson to serve as an Ex-Officio Member on the Higher Education Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Geoff Duncan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Geoff Duncan
Lieutenant Governor of Georgia

cc: Appointee
Legislative Fiscal Office
Committee Chairman

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Thursday, March 21, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th), Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) (*arrived late*)
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Brandon Beach (21st), Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Sen. Nan Orrock (36th), and Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) were absent.

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

HB 218 (Williams, 145, LC 39 2175S) Education; eligibility requirements to receive the HOPE Scholarship as a Zell Miller Scholarship Scholar; provide

The Chair stated that HB 218 would receive a hearing only.

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

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) arrived at 1:10 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Neutral Testimony on the Bill:

Chris Green of the Georgia Student Finance Commission
Amy Lancaster from the Metro Atlanta Chamber

Committee Recommendation: HB 218 (LC 39 2175S) No action was taken.

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Wednesday, March 27, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th), Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary (*left early*)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) (*left early*)
Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) (*left early*)
Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd) (*arrived late*) (*left early*)

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) was absent

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

[HB 218](#) (Williams, 145, LC 39 7896S) Education; eligibility requirements to receive the HOPE Scholarship as a Zell Miller Scholarship Scholar; provide

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) who made a motion that **HB 218 Do Pass (LC 39 2175S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) is the Senate Sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 218 DO PASS (LC 39 2175S)

[HB 444](#) (Reeves, 34th, LC 33 8017S) Dual Enrollment Act; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. Bert Reeves (34th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Reeves (34th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Rhett arrived at 10:22 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Martin (9th) who made a motion to amend the bill by inserting after line 55 “A. entering ninth or tenth grade at an eligible high school taking online dual credit courses at any eligible post-secondary institution” and re-lettering line 56 through line 58. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1.

Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Martin (9th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Beach (21st) voted against the motion.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment(s) be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Strickland (17th) who made a motion that **HB 444 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2386S)**. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-2.

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Martin (9th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Beach (21st) and Sen. Harrell (40th) voted against the motion.

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) left at 10:51 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) left at 10:52 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (9th) and Sen. Rhett (33rd) left at 10:55 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Neutral Testimony on the Bill:

Alyson Landsdell from Floyd County Schools

Lisa DiPrima from Bartow County Schools

Mark Whitlock from the Central Educational Center

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Bert Bee-Lindgren, a parent of a dual enrolled student

Max Bee-Lindgren, a dual enrolled student

Committee Recommendation: HB 444 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2386S)

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th), Chairman

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary