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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 2020 RULES

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

# Minutes of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Wednesday, February 5, 2020

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

Sen. Dean Burke, (11th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th), Secretary

Sen. John F. Kennedy, (18th), Ex-Officio

Sen. Gloria Butler, (55th)

Sen. Bill Cowsert, (46th)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, (52nd)

Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, (32nd)

Sen. William Ligon Jr., (3rd)

Sen. Nan Orrock, (36th)

Sen. Larry Walker, (20th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Steve Henson, (41st), Sen. Renee Unterman, (45th) were absent.

Chairman Watson, (1st) called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Jackson, (2nd) arrived at 3:16pm.

Chairman Watson, (1st) presented the Committee Rules. Chairman Watson, (1st) revised the Committee Rules due to the passing of Sen. Greg Kirk, (13th). Sen. Burke, (11th) made a motion to adopt the Committee Rules, as presented. Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair also announced the appointment of Sen. Dolezal (27th) as Secretary. A copy of his letter of appointment is attached.

Dr. Dennis Ashley, Chairman of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, and Elizabeth V. Atkins, Executive Director of the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission, presented The Georgia Trauma System's Annual Report to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

SB 345 (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 41 2171) "Standards, Labeling, and adulteration of food; nonprofit organizations to prepare in accordance with Department of Public Health"

**NOTE:** Sen. Kennedy, (18th) left at 3:40pm. **NOTE:** Sen. Kennedy, (18th) returned at 3:43pm.

The Chair recognized Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd), Megan Andrews, Director of Government Relations at the Department of Public Health, Galen Baxter, Food Service Program Director at the Department of Public Health, and Natalie Adan, Division Director of Food Safety at the Department of Agriculture, 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: Dr. Ike Reighard, MUST Ministries

Sen. Ligon Jr., (3rd) made a motion **SB 345 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 33 8215S**) and Sen. Orrock, (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 345 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 8215S)

Chairman Watson, (1st) adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Secretary



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February 4, 2020

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 Greg Dolezal to serve as the Secretary for the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

Sincerely,

Geoff Duncan

Lt. Governor of Georgia

cc: Appointee Legislative Fiscal Office Committee Chairman

### Minutes of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Tuesday, February 11, 2020

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 2:00p.m., in the Senate Mezzanine of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

Sen. Dean Burke, (11th), Vice-Chairman (Arrived Late)

Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th), Secretary (Arrived Late)

Sen. John F. Kennedy, (18th), Ex-Officio

Sen. Gloria Butler, (55th)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, (52nd)

Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) (Arrived Late) (Left Early)

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, (32nd)

Sen. Nan Orrock, (36th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Bill Cowsert, (46th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Steve Henson, (41st) (Arrived Late) (Left Early)

**NOTE:** Sen. William Ligon Jr., (3rd), Sen. Renee Unterman, (45th), and Sen. Larry Walker, (20th) were absent.

Chairman Watson, (1st) called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Dean Burke, (11th) arrived at 2:04 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Steve Henson, (41st) arrived at 2:06 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Lester Jackson, (2nd) arrived at 2:07 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Bill Cowsert, (46th) arrived at 2:07 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Greg Dolezal, (27th) arrived at 2:09 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Nan Orrock, (36th) arrived at 2:14 p.m.

#### SB 359 (Sen. Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 46 0247) "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act";

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 questions.

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

*Testimony in favor of the bill:* 

Kathy Polvino of Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals

Laura Colbert of Georgians for a Healthy Future

Derek Norton of Medical Association of Georgia

Bethany Skennen of Medical Association of Georgia

Bernita Haynes of Georgia Watch

Victor Moldovan of Independent Doctors Bill Dudley of The Hugheston Clinic Jesse Weathington of Georgia Association of Health Plans Allan Hayes of America's Health Insurance Plans Anna Adams of Georgia Hospital Association

NOTE: Sen. Henson, (41st) left at 2:29 p.m. NOTE: Sen. Burke, (11th) left at 2:35 p.m. NOTE: Sen. Burke, (11th) returned at 2:43 p.m. NOTE: Sen. Burke, (11th) left at 3:04 p.m. NOTE: Sen. Burke, (11th) returned at 3:06 p.m. NOTE: Sen. Jackson, (2nd) left at 3:09 p.m.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 359 (LC 46 0247) No Action Taken

Chairman Watson, (1st) adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Secretary

### Minutes of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Wednesday, February 19, 2020

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

Sen. Dean Burke, (11th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th), Secretary

Sen. John F. Kennedy, (18th), Ex-Officio

Sen. Gloria Butler, (55th)

Sen. Bill Cowsert, (46th) (Left Early)

Sen. Steve Henson, (41st) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, (52nd)

Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, (32nd)

Sen. William Ligon Jr., (3rd) (Left Early)

Sen. Nan Orrock, (36th)

Sen. Larry Walker, (20th) (Arrived Late)

**NOTE:** Senator Renee Unterman, (45th) was absent.

Chairman Watson, (1st) called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Greg Dolezal, (27th) left at 3:02 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Greg Dolezal, (27th) returned at 3:07 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Larry Walker, (20th) arrived at 3:04 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Steve Henson, (41st) arrived at 3:04 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Lester Jackson, (2nd) arrived at 3:32 p.m.

#### SB 340 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 28 9553) "Childhood Cancer Awareness Day"

The Chair recognized Sen. Brandon Beach, (21st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Beach, (21st) and Dean Crowe, CEO of the RALLY Foundation, 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:* 

David Figg, a concerned citizen

Shauna Trainer, a concerned citizen

Ethan Daniels, a RALLY child

Kyler Clerk, a concerned citizen

Kendall Chamberlin, a concerned citizen

The Chair recognized Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) who made a motion **SB 340 DO PASS** (**LC 28 9553**). Sen. Dolezal, (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 340 DO PASS (LC 28 9553)

#### SR 546 (Sen. Ligon Jr., 3rd, LC 112 0172) "Mental Health Alert Wristbands"

The Chair recognized Sen. Ligon Jr., (3rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Ligon Jr., (3rd), Dottie Bailey, Crisis Intervention Team Community Instructor, and Shannon Brock, Watkinsville Chief of Police, presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

**NOTE:** Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th) left at 3:27 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen Greg Dolezal, (27th) returned at 3:31 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Orrock, (36th) who made a motion **SR 546 Do Pass** (**LC 112 0172**). Sen. Jackson, (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 12-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SR 546 DO PASS (LC 112 0172)

SB 272 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 33 8013) "Controlled Substances; sale to and by minors of drug products containing dextromethorphan; prohibit"

The Chair recognized Sen. Randy Robertson, (29th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Robertson, (29th) and Carlos Gutierrez, Consumer Healthcare Products Association, presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

**NOTE:** Sen. Ligon Jr., (3rd) left at 3:50 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Walker, (20th) who made a motion **SB 272 DO PASS (LC 33 8013).** Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-1.

Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Cowsert (46th), Sen. Henson (41st), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd), Sen. Orrock (36th), and Sen. Walker (20th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Dolezal, (27th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 272 DO PASS (LC 33 8013)

# SB 359 (Sen. Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 46 0247) "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act"; vote

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

**NOTE**: Sen. Cowsert, (46th) left at 4:02 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

The Chair recognized Sen. Henson, (41st) who made a motion **SB 359 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE** (**LC 46 0281S**). Sen. Burke, (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 359 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUE (LC 46 0281S)

Chairman Watson, (1st) adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Secretary

### Minutes of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Monday, February 24, 2020

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

Sen. Dean Burke, (11th) Vice- Chair (Arrived Late) (Left Early)

Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th) Secretary (Arrived Late)

Sen. John F. Kennedy, (18th) Ex-Officio (Arrived Late) (Left Early)

Sen. Gloria Butler, (55th)

Sen. Bill Cowsert, (46th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Steve Henson, (41st)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, (52nd)

Sen. Lester Jackson, (32nd) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, (32nd)

Sen. William Ligon Jr., (3rd) (Left Early)

Sen. Nan Orrock, (36th)

Sen. Renee Unterman, (45th) (Left Early)

Sen. Larry Walker, (20th) (Left Early)

Chairman Watson, (1st) called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator John F. Kennedy, (18th) arrived at 3:09 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Dean Burke, (11th) arrived at 3:14 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Greg Dolezal, (27th) arrived at 3:14 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Lester Jackson, (2nd) arrived at 3:25 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Bill Cowsert, (46th) arrived at 3:27 p.m.

# SB 307 (Sen. Unterman, 45th, LC 33 8151) "The Living Hope Home Act"; related to supportive housing for pregnant women age 18 or older; enact

The Chair recognized Sen. Unterman, (45th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Unterman, (45th) 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:* 

Beth Hathorn of Whispering Hope Women's Resource and Pregnancy Center

Dan and Claire Hodges of The Living Vine Maternity Home

Elise S. Dunn of Georgia Edify Teen Life Center

Lisa Rainwater of Cumming Women's Center

Mary Gray of Lifeline Children's Services

Beth Gates of Cumming Women's Center

Suzanne Guy of Save The 1

Virginia Galloway of Faith and Freedom Coalition

Daphne Harris Nicely of Atlanta Morning Center

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

**NOTE:** Sen. Ligon Jr., (3rd) left at 3:23 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Ligon Jr., (3rd) returned at 3:28 p.m.

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The Chair recognized Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) who made a motion that **SB 307 DO PASS** (**LC 33 8151**). Sen. Ligon Jr., (3rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 12-0.

### Committee Recommendation: SB 307 DO PASS (LC 33 8151)

**NOTE:** Sen. Unterman, (45th) left at 3:46 p.m.

SB 306 (Sen. Seay, 34th, LC 36 4075) "Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Act";

The Chair recognized Sen. Valencia Seay, (34th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Seay, (34th) 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:

Kelly Ball of Georgia- Speech Language Hearing Association Bethany Sherrer of Medical Association of Georgia

**NOTE:** Sen. Kennedy, (18th) left at 3:50 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Walker, (20th) left at 3:51 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Kennedy, (18th) returned at 3:51 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Ligon Jr., (3rd) left at 3:52 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Burke, (11th) left at 3:53 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Kennedy, (18th) left at 3:56 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

**NOTE:** Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) left at 3:58 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal, (27th) left at 3:58 p.m.

The Chair indicated that the bill would be held until the Committee's next meeting.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 306 (LC 36 4075) No Action Taken

Chairman Watson, (1st) adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Secretary

### Minutes of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Wednesday, February 26, 2020

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

Sen. Dean Burke, (11th), Vice-Chairman (Arrived Late)

Sen. John F. Kennedy, (18th) Ex- Officio (Arrived Late)

Sen. Gloria Butler, (55th)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, (52nd)

Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, (32nd)

Sen. Nan Orrock, (36th)

Sen. Larry Walker, (20th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Bill Cowsert, (46th), Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th), Sen. Steve Henson, (41st), Sen. William Ligon Jr., (3rd), and Sen. Renee Unterman, (45th), were absent.

Chairman Watson, (1st) called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator John F. Kennedy, (18th) arrived at 3:18 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Dean Burke, (11th) arrived at 3:20 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Lester Jackson, (2nd) arrived at 3:21 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Lester Jackson, (2nd) left at 3:22 p.m.

# SB 372 (Sen. Tillery, 19th, LC 33 8201) "Amending Various Codes Governing Department of Public Health Programs"

The Chair recognized Sen. Blake Tillery, (19th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Tillery, (19th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

Sen. Walker, (20th) made a motion **SB 372 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 33 8288S**). Senator Burke, (11th) seconded the motion. The motion pass unanimously, 7-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 372 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 8288S)

# SB 323 (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 33 8137) "Sedation Standards in Dentist and Physician Offices"

The Chair recognized Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

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

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:* 

Dr. Gross of Georgia Composite Medical Board

Sen. Orrock, (36th) made a motion **SB 323 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 33 8298S**) and Sen. Butler, (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 323 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 8298S)

SB 306 (Sen. Seay, 34th, LC 36 4075) "Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact Act"

The Chair recognized Sen. Valencia Seay, (34th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Seay (34th) and Bethany Sherrer, Medical Association of Georgia, presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

**NOTE:** Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) returned at 3:26 p.m.

Sen. Orrock, (36th) made a motion **SB 306 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 36 4325S**). Sen. Jackson, (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 306 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 36 4325S)

SB 395 (Sen. Watson, 1st, LC 33 8248) "Hospital Authority Investments for Indigent Care"

The Chair recognized Vice-Chairman Burke, (11th) to preside, while the Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Watson, (1st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Watson, (1st) and Jonathan Hart presented the bill to the committee.

The Vice-Chair opened the floor for questions.

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Jackson, (2nd) who made a motion **SB 395 Do Pass** (**LC 33 8248**) and Sen. Butler, (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 395 DO PASS (LC 33 8248)

Sen. Watson, (1st) returned to the Chair.

Chairman Watson, (1st) adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

### Minutes of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Monday, March 2, 2020

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

Sen. Dean Burke, (11th), Vice- Chairman (Left Early)

Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th), Secretary

Sen. John F. Kennedy, (18th) Ex- Officio (Arrived Late) (Left Early)

Sen. Gloria Butler, (55th)

Sen. Bill Cowsert, (46th)

Sen. Steve Henson, (41st) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, (52nd)

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, (32nd)

Sen. William Ligon Jr., (3rd) (Arrived Late) (Left Early)

Sen. Nan Orrock, (36th)

Sen. Renee Unterman, (45th) (Arrived Late) (Left Early)

Sen. Larry Walker, (20th) (Left Early)

**NOTE:** Senator Lester Jackson, (2nd) was absent.

Chairman Watson, (1st) called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. asking Sen. Orrock, (36th) to open with prayer.

**NOTE:** Senator William Ligon Jr., (3rd) arrived at 4:09 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Steve Henson, (41st) arrived at 4:11 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Renee Unterman, (45th) arrived at 4:11 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator John F. Kennedy, (18th) arrived at 4:36 p.m.

# SB 391 (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 46 0273) "Early Prescription Refills During Emergencies Act"

The Chair recognized Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

The Chair recognized Sen. Orrock, (36th) who made a motion **SB 391 Do Pass** (**LC 46 0273**). Sen. Burke, (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 391 DO PASS (LC 46 0273)

<u>SB 420</u> (Sen. Jones, 10th, LC 49 0012) "Rules and regulations relating to the public use of restroom facilities in food sales establishments"

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

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burke, (11th) who made a motion to **amend** SB 420. Sen. Henson, (41st) seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously adopted an amendment that changes the word "service" to "sales" at line 41, in keeping with the rest of the bill, which targets food "sales" establishments. The motion passed unanimously, 10-0.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendment be incorporated into a perfected Committee Substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Henson, (41st) who made a motion **SB 420 Do Pass By Substitute.** Sen. Burke, (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 10-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 420 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 8335S)

# SB 311 (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 33 8148) "Patient Brokering and Fraudulent Insurance Acts"

The Chair recognized Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) 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:* 

Lissa Franklin of Delray Beach Drug Task Force Heather Hayes of Heather Hayes and Associates Dick Cottrill of Georgia Association Recovery Residences Neil Campbell of Georgia Council on Substance Abuse

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert, (46th) left at 4:19 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert, (46th) returned at 4:24 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Burke, (11th) left at 4:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Unterman, (45th) left at 4:34 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Cowsert, (46th) left at 4:38 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) who made a motion **SB 311 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 33 8329S**). Sen. Orrock, (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 311 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 8329S)

SB 347 (Sen. Butler, 55th, LC 33 8121) "Surgical Smoke Evacuation System";

The Chair recognized Sen. Butler, (55th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Butler, (55th) presented the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE**: Sen. Ligon Jr., (3rd) left at 4:40 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Unterman, (45th) returned at 4:41 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill: Brenda Ulmer of AORN Jean Calhoun of GSASC

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

Anna Adams of GHA and on behalf of Georgia Chamber Dr. Joe Sharma Georgia Chapter of American College of Surgeons Tim Kibler of Georgia Alliance Community Hospitals

**NOTE**: Sen. Unterman, (45th) left at 4:58 p.m. **NOTE**: Sen. Walker, (20th) left at 4:59 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert, (46th) returned at 5:00 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Kennedy, (18th) left at 5:01 p.m.

# Committee Recommendation: SB 347 (LC 33 8121) No Action Taken

Chairman Watson, (1st) adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Secretary

## Minutes of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Wednesday, March 4, 2020

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

Sen. Dean Burke, (11th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th), Secretary

Sen. John F. Kennedy, (18th) Ex-Officio (Arrived Late)

Sen. Gloria Butler, (55th)

Sen. Bill Cowsert, (46th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, (52nd)

Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, (32nd)

Sen. Nan Orrock, (36th)

Sen. Renee Unterman, (45th) (Arrived Late) (Left Early)

Sen. Larry Walker, (20th)

**NOTE:** Sen. William Ligon Jr., (3rd) and Sen. Steve Henson, (41st) were absent.

Chairman Watson, (1st) called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. asking Sen. Orrock, (36th) to open with prayer.

**NOTE:** Senator Lester Jackson, (2nd) arrived at 4:03 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator John F. Kennedy, (18th) arrived at 4:03 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Renee Unterman, (45th) arrived at 4:15 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Bill Cowsert, (46th) arrived at 4:48 p.m.

#### SB 28 (Sen. Jackson, 2nd, LC 41 1678) "Reasonable Copayments for Health Benefit Plans"

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson, (2nd) for the purpose of presenting a proposed substitute to the bill. Sen. Jackson, (2nd) and Aubrey Villines, Georgia Chiropractor's Association, presented the proposed substitute to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) who made a motion **SB 28 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 34 5652S**). Sen. Butler, (55th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 28 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 34 5652S)

SB 321 (Sen. Hufstetler, 52nd, LC 33 8154) "Physician Assistant and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Supervision Ratios"

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) for the purpose of presenting a proposed substitute to the bill. Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) presented the proposed substitute to the committee.

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

*Testimony in favor of the bill:* 

Bethany Sherrer of Medical Association of Georgia

The Chair recognized Sen. Orrock, (36th) who made a motion **SB 321 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 33 8340S**). Sen. Burke, (11th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 321 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 8340S)

SB 417 (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 33 8199) "Expedited Licensee Background Checks through the Georgia Composite Medical Board"

The Chair recognized Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) who made a motion **SB 417 Do Pass (LC 33 8199).** Sen. Kennedy, (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 417 DO PASS (LC 33 8199)

SB 482 (Sen. Burke, 11th, LC 33 8332) "Establishing the Georgia All- Payer Claims Database"

The Chair recognized Sen. Burke, (11th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Burke, (11th) 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:* 

Tim Kibler of Georgia Alliance

The Chair recognized Sen. Orrock, (36th) who made a motion to **amend SB 482**. Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) seconded the motion. The amendment adds one member of the Advisory Council will be a representative of a healthcare philanthropic organization. It also made a correction to a clerical error. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

The Chair recognized Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) who made a motion **SB 482 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 33 8352S**). Sen. Jackson, (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 482 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 8352S)

#### SB 483 (Sen. Brass, 28th, LC 33 8321) "Behavioral Rehabilitation and Stability Services Act"

The Chair recognized Sen. Matt Brass, (28th) for the purpose of presenting a proposed substitute to the bill. Sen. Brass, (28th) presented the substitute to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Bill Cowsert, (46th) arrived at 4:48 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:
Brian Dill of Tanner Health System
Julie Windom of Navicent Health
Deb Bailey of Northeast Georgia Health System
Ethan James of Georgia Hospital Association
Tim Kibler of Georgia Alliance and Community Hospitals
John Bozeman of UHS Hospitals

**NOTE:** Sen. Unterman, (45th) left at 4:59 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson, (2nd) who made a motion **SB 483 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 33 8349S**). Sen. Dolezal, (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-4.

Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Burke (11th), Sen. Kennedy (18th), Sen. Cowsert (46th), and Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Butler (55th), Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Walker (20th), and Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) voted against the motion.

#### Committee Recommendation: SB 483 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 8349S)

Chairman Watson, (1st) adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Secretary

### Minutes of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Sunday, June 14, 2020

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 2:00p.m., in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

Sen. Dean Burke, (11th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th), Secretary

Sen. John F. Kennedy, (18th), Ex-Officio

Sen. Bill Cowsert, (46th)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, (52nd)

Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd)

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, (32nd)

Sen. Nan Orrock, (36th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Larry Walker, (20th) (Arrived Late)

**NOTE:** Sen. William Ligon Jr., (3rd), Sen. Steve Henson, (41st), Sen. Gloria Butler, (55th), and Sen. Renee Unterman, (45th), were absent.

Chairman Watson, (1st) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Larry Walker, (20th) arrived at 2:07 p.m. **NOTE:** Senator Nan Orrock, (36th) arrived at 2:16 p.m.

#### HB 888 (Rep. Hawkins, 27th, LC 46 0302S) "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act"

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

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

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

*Testimony in favor of the bill:* 

Anna Adams of Georgia Hospital Association

Derek Norton of Medical Association of Georgia

The Chair recognized Sen. Burke, (11th) who made a motion **HB 888 DO PASS** (**LC 46 0302S**). Sen. Orrock, (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 10-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: HB 888 DO PASS (LC 46 0302S)

Chairman Watson, (1st) adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Secretary

### Minutes of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Monday, June 15, 2020

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 3:30p.m., in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

Sen. Dean Burke, (11th), Vice-Chairman (Arrived Late)

Sen. John F. Kennedy, (18th), Ex-Officio

Sen. Bill Cowsert, (46th)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, (52nd)

Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd)

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, (32nd)

Sen. William Ligon Jr., (3rd)

Sen. Nan Orrock, (36th)

Sen. Larry Walker, (20th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th), Sen. Steve Henson, (41st), Sen. Gloria Butler, (55th), and Sen. Renee Unterman, (45th), were absent.

Chairman Watson, (1st) called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator Dean Burke, (11th) arrived at 3:42 p.m.

# HB 991 (Rep. Hatchett, 150th, LC 33 8338S) "Healthcare Transparency and Accountability Act"

The Chair recognized Rep. Matt Hatchett, (150th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Hatchett, (150th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill: Scott Lofranco of Georgia Dental Association

#### Committee Recommendation: HB 991 (LC 33 8338S) No Action Taken

Chairman Watson, (1st) adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

# Minutes of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Wednesday, June 17, 2020

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 3:30p.m., in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

Sen. Dean Burke, (11th), Vice-Chairman (Left Early)

Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th), Secretary

Sen. John F. Kennedy, (18th), Ex-Officio (Arrived Late)

Sen. Gloria Butler, (55th)

Sen. Bill Cowsert, (46th) (Arrived Late) (Left Early)

Sen. Steve Henson, (41st) (Left Early)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, (52nd) (Left Early)

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, (32nd)

Sen. Nan Orrock, (36th)

Sen. Larry Walker, (20th) (Left Early)

**NOTE:** Sen. William Ligon Jr., (3rd), Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd), and Sen. Renee Unterman, (45th), were absent.

Chairman Watson, (1st) called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

**NOTE:** Senator John F. Kennedy, (18th) arrived at 3:54 p.m. **NOTE:** Senator Bill Cowsert, (46th) arrived at 3:58 p.m.

# HB 991 (Rep. Hatchett, 150th, LC 33 8338S) "Healthcare Transparency and Accountability Act"

The Chair recognized Rep. Matt Hatchett, (150th) for the purpose of presenting a proposed substitute to the bill. Rep. Hatchett, (150th) presented the substitute to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

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

*Testimony in favor of the bill:* 

Jesse Weathington of Georgia Quality Healthcare Association

The Chair recognized Sen. Walker, (20th) who made a motion **HB 991 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 33 8408S**). Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: HB 991 Do Pass By Substitute LC 33 8408S

**NOTE:** Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) left at 3:51 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) returned at 3:51 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Henson, (41st) left at 3:54 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Kennedy, (18th) left at 4:00 p.m.

HB 789 (Rep. Newton, 123rd, LC 46 0237S) "Insurance; creation of a surprise bill rating system"

The Chair recognized Rep. Mark Newton, (123rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep Newton, (123rd) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened up the floor for questions.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) who made a motion **HB 789 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 46 0326S**). Sen. Orrock, (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: HB 789 Do Pass By Substitute LC 46 0326S

**HB** 1114 (Rep. Cooper, 43rd, LC 33 8346) "Medical assistance; Medicaid coverage for lactation care and services and postpartum care"

The Chair recognized Rep. Sharon Cooper, (43rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Cooper, (43rd) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

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

*Testimony in favor of the bill:* 

Rep. Park Cannon, of the 58th District

Amber Mack, of Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia

Merrilee Gober, of GA Health Advocates, NLCA, and SECCA

Roula AbiSamra, of Georgia Reproductive Health, rights, justice ecosystem

Payal Tello, of Infant Mental Health Advocate TwinMommy 101

Bentley Hudgins, of Georgia Cares, New Georgia Project

Danielle Rodriguez, of Sister Song

Corrina Edwards

Devin Barrington, of The Black Futunists Group

Christian Adams, of Sister Song

The Chair recognized Sen. Butler, (55th) who made a motion **HB 1114 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 33 8410S**). Sen Orrock, (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: HB 1114 Do Pass By Substitute LC 33 8410S

**NOTE:** Sen. Walker, (20th) left at 4:19 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Kennedy, (18th) returned at 4:26 p.m.

<u>HB 791</u> (Rep. Stephens, 164th, LC 33 8293S) "Pharmacists; dispense up to 90 day supply of a maintenance medication under certain conditions"

The Chair recognized Rep. Ron Stephens, (164th) and Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Stephens, (164th) and Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burke, (11th) who made a motion **HB 791 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 33 8415S**). Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: HB 791 Do Pass By Substitute LC 33 8415S

**NOTE:** Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) left at 4:33 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Cowsert, (46th) left at 4:33 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Burke, (11th) left at 4:33 p.m.

Chairman Watson, (1st) adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Secretary

### Minutes of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Monday, June 22, 2020

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services met on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 5:30p.m., in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ben Watson, (1st), Chairman

Sen. Dean Burke, (11th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th), Secretary (Left Early)

Sen. John F. Kennedy, (18th), Ex-Officio

Sen. Gloria Butler, (55th)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, (52nd)

Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd)

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, (32nd)

Sen. William Ligon Jr., (3rd)

Sen. Nan Orrock, (36th)

Sen. Renee Unterman, (45th) (Left Early)

Sen. Larry Walker, (20th) (Left Early)

**NOTE:** Sen. Bill Cowsert, (46th) and Sen. Steve Henson, (41st) were absent.

Chairman Watson, (1st) called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

# HB 918 (Rep. Cooper, 43rd, LC 33 8316S) "Pharmacies; various provisions relating to the practice of pharmacy"

The Chair recognized Rep. Sharon Cooper, (43rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Cooper, (43rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler, (52nd) who made a motion **HB 918 Do Pass (LC 33 8316S)**. Sen. Orrock, (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: HB 918 Do Pass LC 33 8316S

### **HB 1125** (Rep. Kelley, 16th, LC 33 8381S) "Lacee's Law"

The Chair recognized Rep. Trey Kelley, (16th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Kelley, (16th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened up the floor for questions.

The Chair recognized Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) who made a motion **HB 1125 Do Pass** (**LC 33 8381S**). Sen. Kennedy, (18th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: HB 1125 Do Pass LC 33 8381S

<u>HB 521</u> (Rep. Gaines, 117th, LC 33 8287S) "Professions and Businesses; temporary licenses for dentists licensed in other states to provide dental care to indigent populations in this state"

The Chair recognized Rep. Houston Gaines, (117th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Gaines, (117th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill: Scott Lefranco with Georgia Dental Association

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson, (2nd) who made a motion **HB 521 Do Pass By Substitute** (**LC 33 8368S**). Sen. Kirkpatrick, (32nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 11-0.

#### Committee Recommendation: HB 1125 Do Pass By Substitute LC 33 8368S

<u>HB 947</u> (Rep. Knight, 130th, LC 33 8207) "Community Health, Department of, engage an actuary to conduct a study of the fiscal impact of carving out pharmacy benefits from the state's current Medicaid care management organizations"

The Chair recognized Rep. David Knight, (130th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Knight, (130th) presented the bill to the committee.

#### Committee Recommendation: HB 947 (LC 33 8207) No Action Taken

NOTE: Sen. Walker, (20th) left at 5:55 p.m. NOTE: Sen. Unterman, (45th) left at 5:56 p.m. NOTE: Sen. Dolezal, (27th) left at 5:58 p.m.

Chairman Watson, (1st) adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Secretary