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**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
2019-2020 RULES**

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

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 1:30 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) (*Left Early*)

Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (Ex-Officio)

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th)

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

Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

HB 444 (Rep. Reeves, 34th, LC 33 7896S) “Dual Enrollment Act”

The Chair recognized Rep. Bert Reeves (34th), Ian Calloway, and Caylee Nogle for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Reeves (34th) presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) arrived at 1:40 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) left early at 1:54 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

Committee Recommendation: HB 444 LC 33 7896S No Action Taken

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

Thursday, January 16, 2020

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Thursday, January 16, 2020 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 (*Arrived Late*)

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)

Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th)

Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)

Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

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

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

HB 444 (Rep. Reeves, 34th, LC 33 7896S) “Dual Enrollment Act”

The Chair recognized Rep. Bert Reeves (34th), Ian Calloway, and Caylee Nogle for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Reeves presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Strickland (17th) left at 1:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) arrived at 1:07 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Strickland (17th) returned at 1:07 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Strickland (17th) who made a motion that **HB 444 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0063S)**. Sen. Hufstetler seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-2.

Sen. Tippins (37th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Martin (9th), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harrell (40th) and Sen. Orrock (36th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 444 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0063S).

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 1:45 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 20, 2020

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following 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. Lester G. Jackson (2nd)

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th) (*Left Early*)

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

Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*), (*Left Early*)

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

SB 282 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 49 0030) “University System of Georgia; designated research universities shall ensure at least 90 percent of early action admissions are offered to GA resident students; provide”

The Chair stated SB 282 would receive a hearing only.

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

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 1:11 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 1:16 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions. He recognized the following Senators:

Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Rhett (33rd),

Sen. Martin (9th), and Sen. Orrock (36th)

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

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Jere Morehead, University of Georgia

Angel Cabrera, Georgia Institute of Technology

Neutral testimony on the Bill:

Steve Wrigley, University System of Georgia

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) arrived at 1:30 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) left at 1:48 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) returns at 1:50 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) left at 2:14 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 282 (LC 49 0030) No action was taken.

[SB 276](#) (Sen. Jackson, 2nd, LC 48 0122) “Technical College System of Georgia; classify certain active duty service members as in-state for tuition purposes; require”

The Chair stated that SB 276 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (2nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jackson (2nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

Neutral testimony on the Bill:

Neil Bitting, Technical College System of Georgia

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) left at 2:23 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the committee. The chair recognized the following:

Sen. Orrock (36th) and Sen. Strickland (17th)

Committee Recommendation: SB 276 (LC 48 0122) No action was taken.

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 2:31 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 27, 2020

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Thursday, February 27, 2020 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. Brandon Beach (21st) (*Arrived Late*)

Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)

Sen. P. K. Martin (9th) (*Arrived Late*), (*Left Early*)

Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)

Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) and Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) were absent.

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting into order at 1:04 p.m.

[SB 416](#) (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 49 0145) “Office of College and Career Transitions; change the name to Office of College and Career Academies”

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Marissa Brower (Catoosa County Public Schools)

Mark Whitlock (CEO of Central Education Center)

Trey Westwood

Cynthia Bennett (Vice President of Talent Development)

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 1:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) arrived at 1:11 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Beach (21st) arrived at 1:15 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments by the Committee. He recognized the following:

Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Martin (9th), and Sen. Orrock (36th)

Committee Recommendation: SB 416 (LC 49 0145) No Action Taken

SB 400 (Sen. Parent, 42nd, LC 49 0138) ““Move on When Ready Act” and Dual Credit Courses; Office of Student Achievement to establish objectives and participation targets for the program; require”

The Chair recognized Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), Ian Carroway (Office of the Governor), and Chris Green (Georgia Student Finance Commission) for the purpose of presenting the bill.

Sen. Parent (42nd), Ian Carroway (Office of the Governor), and Chris Green (Georgia Student Finance Commission) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments by the Committee. He recognized the following:

Sen. Harrell (40th)

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) left at 1:48 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 400 No Action Taken

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 1:50 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 5, 2020

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 450 in the Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Chairman)

Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) (Vice-Chairman) (*Arrived Late*)

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Secretary)

Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)

Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)

Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)

Sen. P.K. Martin (9th)

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

Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

SB 400 (Sen. Parent, 42nd, LC 49 0138) ““Move on When Ready Act” and Dual Credit Courses; Office of Student Achievement to establish objectives and participation targets for the program; require

The Chair recognized Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Parent (42nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Strickland (17th) arrived at 2:16 p.m.

Sen. Parent (42nd) proposed an amendment to the bill by striking the word “rates” and replace it with “measurements” on line 29. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion.

The Chair made a motion to **adopt** the proposed amendment. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Sen. Tippins (37th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in favor of the motion.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Martin (9th) who made a motion that **SB 400 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0219S)**. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Sen. Tippins (37th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), and Sen. Rhett (33rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 400 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0219S)

SB 416 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 49 0145) Office of College and Career Transitions; change the name to Office of College and Career Academies

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting a proposed substitute. Sen. Mullis (53rd) and Chairman Tippins (37th) presented the proposed substitute to the Committee.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who made a motion that **SB 416 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0212S)**. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Sen. Tippins (37th), Sen. Strickland (17th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Hufstetler (52nd), Sen. Rhett (33rd), and Sen. Jackson (2nd) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 416 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0212S)

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) left at 2:24 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) returned at 2:26 p.m.

SB 456 (Sen. Harrell, 40th, LC 49 0174) Education; tuition, fees, and other charges for part-time students of the University System of Georgia shall be charged at a per credit hour rate; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Harrell (40th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Harrell (40th) presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 2:27 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions and comments by the committee. He recognized the following:

Sen. Hufstetler (52nd)

Committee Recommendation: SB 456 (LC 49 0174) No Action Taken

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary