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**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
2019-2020 RULES**

1. A quorum of the Committee shall be five (5) members.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are 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 may appoint subcommittees and officers of subcommittees and, at the discretion of the Chairman, may refer any matter to a subcommittee. 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; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by the full Committee.
5. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after the presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appeared first in the list of authors.
6. Public comments may be heard on any bill before the Committee at the discretion of the Chairman and time limits on those comments will be determined as circumstances dictate.
7. During Committee meetings, Committee members and those in the audience shall turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers, and other similar devices.
8. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 24 hours prior to hearing.
9. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report in writing, setting forth concise reasons for their dissent.
10. The Chairman may present to the Committee a proposed change in these rules at any time. Any other member proposing a change in these rules shall provide written notice of the proposed change to the Chairman at least 72 hours before presenting any proposed change to the Committee. These rules may only be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by a quorum of the Committee, in a meeting called by the Chairman.
11. The Rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by these Committee Rules.

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety  
Monday, January 27, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety and the House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security met for a joint committee meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary  
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived late, left early*)  
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (*Arrived late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dugan (30th) arrived at 1:34 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Watson (1st) arrived at 1:34 p.m.

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation**

The Chair recognized GBI Director Vic Reynolds for the purpose of speaking on Georgia's current gang crisis.

**NOTE:** Sen Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) left at 1:40 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments and questions from the Committee.

**Police Chiefs**

The Chair recognized Police Chief Callaway, Sheriff Massey, and Sheriff Freeman for the purpose of speaking on Georgia's current gang crisis.

The Chair opened the floor for comments and questions from the Committee.

## **Attorney General**

The Chair recognized Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr for the purpose of speaking on Georgia's current gang crisis.

The Chair opened the floor for comments and questions from the Committee.

## **US Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia**

The Chair recognized US Attorney Bobby Christine for the purpose of speaking on Georgia's current gang crisis.

The Chair recognized Chairman Hitchens (161st) for final comments.

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety  
Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Lee Anderson (24th), Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd), Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd), Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) were absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**SB 301 (Sen. Tillery, 19th, LC 48 0144) Detainers; inmates charged with subsequent felony offenses under sentence and in custody; temporary custody provisions; revise**

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

**NOTE:** Sen. Harper (7th) arrived at 1:03 p.m.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 301 (LC 48 0144) No Action Taken**

**SB 308 (Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 48 0157) Abandoned Vessels; unattended vessels in public waters; remove certain redundant processes**

Chairman Albers (56th) 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:*

Nelly Miles, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Thomas Bernard, Law Enforcement Director

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion that **SB 308 Do Pass (LC 48 0157)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 308 DO PASS (LC 48 0157)**

**SB 320 (Sen. Payne, 54th, LC 28 9470) Sexual Offender Registration Review Board; sexually dangerous predators who fail to verify or update registration information; provide penalty**

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Payne (54th) 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:*

Bert Poston, District Attorney from the Conasauga Judicial Circuit

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion that **SB 320 Do Pass (LC 28 9470)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 320 DO PASS (LC 28 9470)**

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:08.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary  
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (*Arrived late*)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Anderson (24th) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**SB 336 (Sen. Gooch, 51st, LC 39 2470) License Plates; eligibility for certain members of the military to receive special license plates; expand**

The Chairman recognized Sen. Steve Gooch (51st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Gooch (51st) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 336 Do Pass (LC 39 2470)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Jones (22th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 336 DO PASS (LC 39 2470)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Harper (7th) arrived at 1:05 p.m.

**SB 226 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 39 2172) Use of Safety Belts in Passenger Vehicles; all occupants of a passenger vehicle shall be restrained by a seat safety belt; provide**

The Chairman recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) for the purpose of presenting a proposed substitute to the bill. Sen. Robertson (29th) presented the proposed substitute to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dugan (30th) arrived at 1:06 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived at 1:07 p.m.

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

*Testimony in favor of the Bill:*

Jamila Pope, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

Bob Dallas, Injury Prevention Center of Emory University

The Chair announced that SB 226 will be taken up during the next Committee meeting.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 226 (LC 39 2172) No Action Taken**

**SB 341 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 48 0171) Peace Officers; re-employment of retired peace officers and correctional officers during disasters and emergencies; provide**

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Robertson (29th) 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:*

Emily Hirst, Georgia Municipal Association

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion that **SB 341 Do Pass (LC 48 0171)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 341 DO PASS (LC 48 0171)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Dugan (30th) left at 1:50 p.m.

**SB 342 (Sen. Jones, 25th, LC 39 2480) Local Fire Departments; procedures for organization, issuance and revocation of certificates of compliance; provide**

The Chair recognized Sen. Burt Jones (25th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jones (25th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **SB 342 Do Pass (LC 39 2480)**. Sen. Jones (22nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 342 DO PASS (LC 39 2480)**

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety  
Monday, February 24, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)  
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

**SB 394 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 41 2349) Attorney General; authority to investigate and prosecute certain crimes and offenses; provide**

The Chair and several staff members from the Office of the Attorney General present a proposed substitute to the bill. Nicholas Smith, Hannah Palmquist, and Jim Mooney presented the proposed substitute to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harper (7th) arrived at 2:15 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Payne (54th) arrived at 2:24 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion from the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion that **SB 394 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 41 2384S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Seay (34th) voted in opposition to the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 394 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 2384S)**

**SB 393 (Sen. Strickland, 17th, LC 41 2245-EC) Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; duties and powers, revise; campus policemen and other security personnel of the university system; arrests for felony offenses**

The Chair recognized Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Strickland (17th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion from the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Watson (1st) who made a motion to strike “or as directed by the Governor” from paragraph 16. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anderson (24th) left the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Watson (1st) who made a motion that **SB 393 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 3-5.

Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Seay (34th) voted in opposition.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 393 (LC 41 2245-EC) No Further Action Taken**

**NOTE:** The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) to present SB 402. After Sen. Robertson (29th) began his presentation, the Chair asked him to suspend the presentation until later in the meeting.

**SB 226 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 39 2172) Use of Safety Belts in Passenger Vehicles; all occupants of a passenger vehicle shall be restrained by a seat safety belt; provide**

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Robertson (29th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Watson (1st) who made a motion that **SB 226 Do Pass (LC 39 2172)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-4, with Chairman Albers (56th) breaking the tie.

Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Seay (34th) voted in opposition.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 226 DO PASS (LC 39 2172)**

**SB 402 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 41 2315) Bonds and Recognizances; conditions for unsecured judicial release on a person's own recognizance; provide**

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Robertson (29th) 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:*

Len Walker, Former State Representative  
Amber Conner, Concerned Citizens United  
Daphne Jordan, Safer Communities, South Fulton

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

Jill Travis, GACDL  
Zanelle Ngubeni, GACDL  
Renard Johnson, Fulton County Resident

**NOTE:** Sen. Seay (34th) left at 3:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anderson (24th) returned at 3:39 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for a debate and a motion from the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **SB 402 Do Pass (LC 41 2315)**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 402 DO PASS (LC 41 2315)**

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety**  
**Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Dugan (30th), and Sen. Jones (22nd) were absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**SB 301 (Sen. Tillery, 19th, LC 48 0144) Detainers; inmates charged with subsequent felony offenses under sentence and in custody; temporary custody provisions; revise**

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

**NOTE:** Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 1:01 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion from the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 301 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2577S)**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 301 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2577S)**

**SB 393 (Sen. Strickland, 17th, LC 41 2245-EC) Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; duties and powers, revise; campus policemen and other security personnel of the university system; arrests for felony offenses**

The Chair recognized Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) for the purpose of presenting a proposed substitute to the bill. Sen. Strickland (17th) presented the proposed substitute to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion from the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **SB 393 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 41 2406-ECS)**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 393 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 2406-ECS)**

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety  
Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)  
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

**NOTE:** Sen. Jones (22nd) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**[SB 460](#) (Miller, 49th, LC 28 9674) Counties and Municipal Corporations; regulatory powers of cities and counties with certificates of public necessity and convenience or medallion programs; provide**

The Chair recognized Sen. Butch Miller (49th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Miller (49th) presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harper (7th) arrived at 2:03 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion to strike the word “ten” on line 41 and insert in its place the word “seven,” strike the word “civil” in lines 90, 157, 171, and 172, strike “\$10,000” in lines 90, 157, 171, and 172 and insert in its place “\$5,000,” strike “a smartphone, tablet, or similar electronic” in line 111 and insert in its place “there or a wireless telecommunication device,” and strike the word “operator” in line 154 and insert “driver” in its place. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendments be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who moved that **SB 460 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2616S)**. Sen. Anderson (43rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 460 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2616S)**

**SB 418** (Thompson, 14th, LC 50 0031) **Georgia State Indemnification Fund; when indemnification shall be paid in instances of a heart attack; public safety officer resulting in certain disabilities or death; revise**

The Chair recognized Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Thompson (14th) and Dennis Thayer 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 Bullard, President of Georgia State Firefighter Association

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion that **SB 418 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 39 2611S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 418 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 39 2611S)**

**SB 458** (Tippins, 37th, LC 39 2576) **Speed Detection Devices and Red Light Cameras; use of speed detection devices by law enforcement officers employed for the patrol of an elementary or secondary school; provide**

The Chair recognized Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Tippins (37th) and Chris Ragsdale from the Cobb County School District presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dugan (30th) left at 2:42 p.m.

The Chair announced that this bill will be voted on at a future meeting.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 458 (LC 39 2576) No Action Taken**

**SB 446 (Walker, 20th, LC 48 0183) Cash Bonds; unclaimed cash bonds; provide**

The Chair recognized Sen. Larry Walker (20th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Walker (20th) and presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anderson (43rd) left at 2:53 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th), who made a motion that **SB 446 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2610S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 446 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2610S)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Seay (34th) left at 3:00 p.m.

**SB 479 (Martin, 9th, LC 39 2590) Rules of the Road; use of a stand-alone electronic device; persons under 18 years of age while operating a motor vehicle; prohibit**

The Chair recognized Sen. P.K. Martin (9th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Martin (9th) and 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:*

Jamila Pope, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion to remove "to prohibit the use of a stand-alone electronic device or wireless telecommunications device by persons under 18 years

of age while operating a motor vehicle” on lines 2-4, insert “for distracted driving” in line 4, remove lines 33-37, remove “18 years of age or older” in lines 38-39, remove “(e)” and un-strike “(d)” in line 59, remove “(f)” and un-strike “(e)” in line 67, remove “(g)” and un-strike “(f)” in line 68, remove “(h)” and “and (e)” and un-strike “(g)” and “(c) and” in line 98. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

The Chair indicated his preference that the adopted amendments be included in a perfected committee substitute.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th), who made a motion that **SB 479 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2615S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th), seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 479 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2615S)**

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety  
Monday, June 15 2020**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 2:15 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)  
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived 2:19 p.m.

**HB 823 (Gaines, 117th, LC 39 2498S) Crimes and offenses; lifetime disqualification from operating a commercial motor vehicle by persons convicted of trafficking other persons for labor or sexual servitude; provide**

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 comments from the public. He recognized the following:

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 823 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2672S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 9-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th) , Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 823.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 823 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2672S)**

**HB 216 (Anulewicz, 42nd, LC 41 2583S) Special license plates; Georgia Tennis Foundation; establish**

The Chair recognized Rep. Teri Anulewicz (42nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Anulewicz (42nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair then presented a proposed substitute to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 216 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 41 2569S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-3.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Jones (22nd) Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 216.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 216 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 2569S)**

**HB 342 (Dollar, 45th, LC 39 2074) Motor vehicles; issuance of a traffic citation to a vehicle owner in lieu of the individual operating the motor vehicle in certain instances; provide**

The Chair recognized Rep. Matt Dollar (45th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Dollar (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:*

Matt Wetherington, Wetherington Law Firm

*Testimony in opposition to the Bill:*

Dean Poulos, Buckhead Plaza Retail  
Eric Borders, Wheat St. Charitable Foundation  
David Fairbaugh, National Parking  
Shane Dorrough, Premier Parking Enforcement  
Tyler Phillips, AAA Parking  
Mo Thrash, GA Parking Enforcement Coalition

**NOTE:** Sen. Dugan (30th) left at 3:09 p.m.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 342 (LC 39 2074) No Action Taken**

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety  
Wednesday, June 17 2020**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)  
Sen. Ben Watson (1st) (*Left Early*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Anderson (43rd), Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Jones (22nd) were absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**HB 838 (Rep. Hitchens, 161st, LC 39 2453) Law enforcement officers and agencies; Office of Public Safety Officer Support; change the name**

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 opened the floor for comments from the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Harper (7th) arrived 1:06 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 838 Do Pass (LC 39 2453)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 838.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 838 DO PASS (LC 39 2453)**

**[HB 861](#) (Rep. Wiedower, 119th, LC 34 5608) Motor vehicles; commercial carriers; amend certain definitions**

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Harper (7th) presented the bill to the committee.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 861 Do Pass (LC 34 5608)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harper (7th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 861.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 861 DO PASS (LC 34 5608)**

**[HB 487](#) (Rep. Bonner, 72nd, LC 41 1931S) Disaster Volunteer Relief Act; certain employees of state agencies to be granted leave from work with pay in order to participate in specialized disaster relief services; authorize**

The Chair recognized Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Bonner (72nd) presented the bill to the committee.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 487 Do Pass (LC 41 1931S)**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Cowsert (46th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 487.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 487 DO PASS (LC 41 1931S)**

**[HB 463](#) (Rep. Momtahan, 17th, LC 39 2157) Motor vehicles; issuance of a Class C driver's license to operators of certain three-wheeled motor vehicles; provide**

The Chair recognized Rep. Martin Momtahan (17th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Momtahan (17th) and Shevondah Leslie from the Georgia Department of Driver Services presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the committee.

The Chair suspended the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 1:36 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion from the committee.

Sen. Watson (1st) made a motion to insert “and, upon election of the applicant, an additional 276 electronic format which is capable of being viewed upon a wireless telecommunication” in lines 275- 276, and strike the word “may” in line 309 and insert in its place “shall 310 be in physical format and, upon election of the applicant, in an electronic format.” Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 463 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2681S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 463.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 463 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2681S)**

**HB 1017 (Rep. LaRiccia, 169th, LC 41 2132-EC) Public officers and employees; revise when dependents qualify for a payment of indemnification for death under the Georgia State Indemnification Fund**

The Chair recognized Rep. Dominic LaRiccia (169th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. LaRiccia (169th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion from the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 1017 Do Pass (LC 41 2132-EC)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Watson (1st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harper (7th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 1017

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1017 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 2132-EC)**

**HB 576 (Rep. Williams, 145th, LC 28 9667S) Courts; distribution priority of partial payments of fines, bond forfeitures, and costs; provide**

The Chair recognized Debra Nesbitt for the purpose of presenting the bill. Debra Nesbitt presented the bill to the committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Watson (1st) left at 1:55 p.m.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **HB 576 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 2685S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Seay (34th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Burt Jones (25th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 576.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 576 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2685S)**

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety  
Monday, June 22, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol.

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman  
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary  
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)  
Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) (Ex-Officio)

**NOTE:** Sen. Dugan (30th), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Watson (1st) were absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**HB 759 (Rep. Parrish, 158th, LC 33 8116) Controlled substances; Schedule IV; change certain provisions**

The Chair recognized Rep. Butch Parrish (158th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Parrish (158th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion from the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion that **HB 759 Do Pass (LC 33 8116)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 4-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), and Sen. Payne (54th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Dean Burke (11th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 759.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 759 DO PASS (LC 33 8116)**

**NOTE:** Sen. Anderson (43rd) arrived at 10:33 a.m.

**HB 877 (Rep. Hogan, 179th, LC 50 0029) Motor vehicles; standards for issuance of a Georgia certificate of title for certain motor vehicles; provide**

The Chair recognized Rep. Don Hogan (179th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Hogan (179th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion from the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 877 Do Pass (LC 50 0029)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anderson (43rd) and Sen. Payne (54th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. William Ligon (3rd) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 877.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 877 DO PASS (LC 50 0029)**

**HB 1020 (Rep. Gravley, 67th, LC 39 2633) Motor vehicles; license suspension for conviction of drug related offenses; provide**

The Chair recognized Rep. Micah Gravley (67th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Gravley (67th) and Rep. Martin Momtahan (17th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the committee.

The Chair suspended the committee meeting at 10:52 a.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 10:52 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and a motion from the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) to present a proposed amendment to HB 1020. Sen. Stone (23rd) presented the amendment to the committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion to remove sections 3,4,5, and 6, and insert language from AM 39 0295 into HB 1020. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion that **HB 1020 Do Pass by Committee Substitute (LC 39 2706S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Anderson (43rd), and Sen. Payne (54th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 1020.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1020 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2706S)**

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary