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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
RULES 2021-2022**

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
Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State 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. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) arrived at 1:05 p.m.

Chairman Tippins (37th) presented the proposed 2021-2022 Committee Rules to the Committee Members.

NOTE: Sen. Jordan (6th) and Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived at 1:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 1:07 p.m.

Sen. Beach (21st) made a motion to adopt the Committee Rules. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

SB 81 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 49 0381) Office of College and Career Transitions; change name to the 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.

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

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Mark Whitlock of the Central Educational Center
Neil Bitting of the Technical College System of Georgia
Mark Peavy of the Technical College System of Georgia

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) who made a motion that **SB 81 Do Pass (LC 49 0381)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Committee Recommendation: SB 81 DO PASS (LC 49 0381)

SB 97 (Sen. Jackson, 2nd, LC 41 2850) **In-State Resident Status of Students; university system policy of out-of-state tuition differential waivers; codify**

The Chair stated that SB 97 would receive a hearing only.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 97 (LC 41 2850) No Action Was Taken

SB 7 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 49 0331) **University System of Georgia; designated research universities shall ensure that at least 90 percent of early action admissions are offered to Georgia resident students; provide**

The Chair stated that SB 7 would receive a hearing only.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 7 (LC 49 0331) No Action Was Taken

SR 36 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 49 0364) **Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia; members; elected by the General Assembly; at-large members; appointed by the Governor; provide-CA**

The Chair Stated that SR 36 would receive a hearing only.

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

Committee Recommendation: SR 36 (LC 49 0364) No Action Was Taken

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/

Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th), Chairman
Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Vice-Chairman (*Left Early*)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary (*Left Early*)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) (Ex-Officio)

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

SB 7 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 49 0331) University System of Georgia; designated research universities shall ensure that at least 90 percent of early action admissions are offered to Georgia resident students; provide

The Chair stated that SB 7 would receive a hearing only.

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

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

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

Chancellor Wrigley, University System of Georgia
President Jere Morehead, University of Georgia
President Angel Cabrera, Georgia Institute of Technology
President Brooks Keel, Augusta State University
President Mark Becker, Georgia State University

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) left the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Strickland (17th) left the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Strickland (17th) returned to the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) returned to the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) left the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 7 (LC 49 0331) No Action Was Taken

SB 107 (Sen. Strickland, 17th, LC 49 0362) Postsecondary Education Grants; waiver of tuition and all fees, for qualifying foster and adopted students by units of the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia; provide

The Chair stated that SB 107 would receive a hearing only.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 107 (LC 49 0362) No Action Was Taken

SB 109 (Sen. Cowsert, 46th, LC 49 0394) Public Property; provisions regarding writing off small amounts due to the state; extend automatic repeals

The Chair stated that SB 109 would receive a hearing only.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) and Sen. Strickland (17th) left the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Cowsert (46th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) returned to the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Hickman (4th) left the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Hickman (4th) returned to the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 109 (LC 49 0394) No Action Was Taken

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th), Chairman

/s/

Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
February 23, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Tuesday, February 23 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State 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. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) (Ex-Officio)
Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd), Ex-Officio was absent.

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

SB 107 (Sen. Strickland, 17th, LC 49 0362) Postsecondary Education Grants; waiver of tuition and all fees, for qualifying foster and adopted students by units of the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia; provide

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

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived late at 1:34 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who made a motion that **SB 107 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0418S)**. Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Committee Recommendation: SB 107 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0418S)

SB 97 (Sen. Jackson, 2nd, LC 41 41 2850) In-State Resident Status of Students; university system policy of out-of-state tuition differential waivers; codify

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Orrock (36th) who made a motion that **SB 97 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 41 3002S)**. Sen. Beach (21st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Committee Recommendation: SB 97 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 3002S)

SB 204 (Sen. Tippins, 37th, LC 49 0437) Education; State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to award high school diploma; provide

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burns (23rd) who made a motion that **SB 204 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0443S)**. Sen. Strickland (17th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Committee Recommendation: SB 204 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0443S)

SB 187 (Sen. Tippins, 37th, LC 49 0411) HOPE Scholarship; procedure for students with disability as defined by the American with Disabilities Act to apply for a waiver; establish

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who made a motion that **SB 187 Do Pass (LC 49 0411)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Committee Recommendation: SB 187 DO PASS (LC 49 0411)

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/

Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Monday, March 1, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 450 of the State 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. Billy Hickman (4th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Max Burns (23rd) and Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd), Ex-Officio were absent.

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

SB 109 (Sen. Cowsert, 46th, LC 49 0394) Public property; provisions regarding writing off small amounts due to the state; extend automatic repeals

The Chair stated that SB 109 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Cowsert (46th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) arrived at 9:08 a.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 109 (LC 49 0394) No Action Was Taken

SB 239 (Sen. Harrell, 40th, LC 49 0338) Education; tuition and mandatory student fees for students enrolled in a unit of the University System of Georgia; calculated and assessed on a per credit hour basis; provide

The Chair stated that SB 239 would receive a hearing only.

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

NOTE: Sen. Hickman (4th) left early at 9:33 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Hickman (4th) returned at 9:36 a.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 239 (LC 49 0338) No Action Was Taken

SR 154 (Sen. Orrock, 36th, LC 49 0431) Joint Study Committee for Strengthening Georgia's Future Workforce; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Orrock (36th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

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

Testimony in Favor of the Resolution:

Amy Lancaster King, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

Testimony in Opposition to the Resolution:

None

Committee Recommendation: SR 154 (LC 49 0431) No Action was Taken

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/

Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 in Room 450 of the State 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. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th) (*Arrived Late and Left Early*)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) and Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) were absent.

Chairman Tippins (37th) called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

SB 239 (Sen. Harrell, 40th, LC 49 0338) Education; tuition and mandatory student fees for students enrolled in a unit of the University System of Georgia; calculated on a per credit hour basis; provide

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

NOTE: Sen. Jen Jordan (6th) arrived late at 9:20 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) arrived late at 9:23 a.m.

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

Neutral Testimony to the Bill:

Tracey Cook, University System of Georgia

NOTE: Sen. Billy Hickman (4th) and Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) arrived late at 9:26 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jordan (6th) who made a motion that **SB 239 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0488S)**. Sen. Rhett (33rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3.

Sen. Sally Harrell (40th), Sen. Jen Jordan (6th), Sen. Nan Orrock (36th), Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd), and Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Max Burns (23rd), Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), and Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 239 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0488S)

SR 154 (Sen. Orrock, 36th, LC 49 0431) Joint Study Committee for Strengthening Georgia's Future Workforce; create

NOTE: Sen. Jen Jordan (6th) left early at 9:04 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Orrock (36th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Rhett (33rd) who made a motion that **SR 154 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Strickland (17th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Committee Recommendation: SR 154 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0495S)

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/

Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th), Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary (*Left Early*)
Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)
Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)
Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th) (*Arrived Late and Left Early*)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd)

NOTE: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd) and Sen. Brian Strickland (17th), Vice-Chairman were absent.

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

[HB 617](#) (Rep. Martin, 49th, LC 49 0503S) Postsecondary education; student athletes may receive compensation for use of name, image, or likeness; provide

The Chair stated that HB 617 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Rep. Chuck Martin (49th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Martin (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Committee Recommendation: HB 617 (LC 49 0503S) No Action was Taken

[HB 152](#) (Rep. Wiedower, 119th, LC 49 0370S) Postsecondary education; exemption applicable to certain institutions operating on military bases; revise provisions

The Chair Stated that HB 152 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Rep. Marcus Wiedower (119th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Wiedower (119th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Kirk Shook, Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

Committee Recommendation: HB 152 (LC 49 0370S) No Action Was Taken

HB 291 (Rep. Dempsey, 13th, LC 49 0472S) Education; tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities; expand definition of approved school

The Chair stated that HB 291 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Dempsey (13th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Shawn Little, Chamberlain University College of Nursing

Committee Recommendation: HB 291 (LC 49 0472S) No Action Was Taken

HB 606 (Rep. Nix, 69th, LC 49 0459) HOPE Scholarships; add Georgia Independent School Association to the list of accrediting agencies

The Chair stated that HB 606 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Rep. Randy Nix (69th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Nix (69th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Jeff Jackson, Georgia Independent School Association

Paula Gillispie, Georgia Independent School Association

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

Committee Recommendation: HB 606 (LC 49 0459) No Action Was Taken

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Senator Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/

Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Higher Education
March 23, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Higher Education met on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State 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. Max Burns (23rd)
Sen. Sally Harrell (40th)
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th)
Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)
Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
Sen. Michael “Doc” Rhett (33rd) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Jennifer Jordan (6th) was absent.

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

[HB 617](#) (Rep. Martin, 49th, LC 49 0503S) Postsecondary education; student athletes may receive compensation for use of name, image, or likeness; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Chuck Martin (49th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Martin (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Rhett (33rd) arrived late at 1:09 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) left the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who made a motion that **HB 617 Do Pass (LC 49 0503S)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-1.

Sen. Beach (21st), Sen. Burns (23rd), Sen. Harrell (40th), Sen. Orrock (36th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Rhett (33rd), and Sen. Strickland (17th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Hickman (4th) voted against the motion.

Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) is the Senate Sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 617 DO PASS (LC 49 0503S)

[HB 67](#) (Rep. Martin, 49th, LC 49 0326) State government; public property; extend automatic repeals of certain provisions

The Chair recognized Rep. Chuck Martin (49th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Martin (49th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) returned to the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Strickland (17th) left the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Strickland (17th) returned to the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Beach (21st) left the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Beach (21st) returned to the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hufstetler (52nd) who made a motion that **HB 67 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0547S)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) is the Senate Sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 67 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0547S)

HB 152 (Rep. Wiedower, 119th, LC 49 0370S) Postsecondary education; exemption applicable to certain institutions operating on military installations or bases; revise provisions

The Chair recognized Rep. Marcus Wiedower (119th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Wiedower (119th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Strickland (17th) who made a motion that **HB 152 Do Pass (LC 49 0370S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) is the Senate Sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 152 DO PASS (LC 49 0370S)

HB 291 (Rep. Dempsey, 13th, LC 49 0472S) Education; tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities; expand definition of approved school

The Chair recognized Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Dempsey (13th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) left the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Orrock (36th) returned to the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Burns (23rd) who made a motion that **HB 291 Do Pass (LC 49 0472S)**. Sen. Hickman (4th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Sen. Brian Strickland (17th) is the Senate Sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 291 DO PASS (LC 49 0472S)

HB 606 (Rep. Nix, 69th, LC 49 0459) HOPE scholarships; add Georgia Independent School Association to the list of accrediting agencies

The Chair recognized Rep. Randy Nix (69th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Nix (69th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for testimony from the public. The following were recognized:

Testimony in Favor of the Bill:

Paula Gillispie, Georgia Independent School Association

Testimony in Opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Beach (21st) who made a motion that **HB 606 Do Pass (LC 49 0459)**. Sen. Orrock (36th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Sen. Matt Brass (28th) is the Senate Sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 606 DO PASS (LC 49 0459)

Chairman Tippins (37th) adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Secretary

/s/

Samantha Nix, Recording Secretary