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THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY 2021-2022 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
Thursday, January 28, 2021

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2021- 2022 Public Safety Sub-Committees

The Chair presented the 2021-2022 Public Safety Sub-Committees and members.

The Chair announced the First Responders (Fire, Police, EMS) Subcommittee will be chaired by Sen. Robertson (29th). Sen. Albers (56th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Seay (34th) will serve on the subcommittee.

The General Welfare & Safety Subcommittee will be chaired by Sen. Harper (7th). Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Summers (13th) will serve on the subcommittee.

2021-2022 Senate Committee on Public Safety Rules

The Chair presented the proposed Rules for 2021-2022.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion to adopt the 2021-2022 Rules. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0. The Rules appear on the previous page.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Lt. Gary Langford and Major Al Whitworth

The Chair recognized Lt. Gary Langford, Capitol Police Command and Major Al Whitworth, Special Operations Adjutant Capitol Hill, for the purpose of addressing the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the Committee.

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, February 4, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) and Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) were absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

SB 60 (Sen. Thompson, 14th, LC 39 2813) Georgia State Indemnification Fund; shall be paid in instances of a heart attack, stroke; public

The Chair recognized Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Thompson (14th) was joined by Dennis Thayer, Chairman and Founder of Georgia Fallen Firefighters Foundation and David Bullard, President of Georgia State Fire Association to present the bill.

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

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) and Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 1:14 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 60 Do Pass (LC 39 2813)**. 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. Jackson (41st), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 60 DO PASS (LC 39 2813)

SB 44 (Sen. Thompson, 14th, LC 39 2804) Special License Plates; honoring Support Our Troops, Inc.; establish

The Chair recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Thompson (14th) presented the bill 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 44 Do Pass (LC 39 2804)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 44 DO PASS (LC 39 2804)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 2:15 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) arrived at 2:17 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 2:18 p.m.

SB 115 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 41 2750) Drivers' Licenses; instructional course; educating drivers and the public on the best practices to implement when interacting with law enforcement officers; 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 debate and a motion from the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) arrived at 2:27 p.m.

The Chair recognized Shevondah Leslie from the Department of Driver Services to address the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion to **amend SB 115**. The amendment would strike "authorized for use" in line 18 and adds "used" in its place. It also strikes the word "or" in line 19 and add "the department, and driver training schools licensed by the department" in its place. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **SB 115 Do Pass by Committee Substitute**. 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. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 115 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2907S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 2:15 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:23 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) was absent.

SB 198 (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 39 2862) Department of Public Safety; subsistence and per diem allowances; receipt of badge and duty weapon upon retirement; provide

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 debate and a motion from the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 2:26 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a motion to **amend SB 198**. The amendment added “This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval” to lines 66-67. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 198 Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 198 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 2948S)

SB 183 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 41 2905) Office of Sheriff; qualification requirements; revise

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:

Terry Norris, Georgia Sheriff's 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. Summers (13th) who made a motion that **SB 183 Do Pass (LC 41 2905)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 183 DO PASS (LC 41 2905)

SB 174 (Sen. Gooch, 51st, LC 41 2894) Bonds and Recognizances; appointed judges who are fulfilling a vacancy of an elected judge to issue an unsecured judicial release under certain circumstances; authorize

The Chair 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 from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **SB 174 Do Pass (LC 41 2894)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 174 DO PASS (LC 41 2894)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, February 25, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

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. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 1:04 p.m.

SB 214 (Sen. Harper, 7th, LC 41 2908) Governor's Emergency Powers; matters pertaining to firearms and other weapons; restrict use of emergency powers

NOTE: Sen. Jones II (22nd) arrived at 1:05 p.m.

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 debate and a motion from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **SB 214 Do Pass (LC 41 2908)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 214 DO PASS (LC 41 2908)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, March 4, 2021

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) was absent.

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

[HB 367](#) (Rep. Parrish, 158th, LC 48 0323) Controlled substances; Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V; 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. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 367 Do Pass (LC 48 0323)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Burke (11th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 158.

Committee Recommendation: HB 158 DO PASS (LC 48 0323)

[HB 218](#) (Rep. Ballinger, 23rd, LC 39 2987S) Recognize Weapons Carry License from other States; and State of Emergency: Prohibiting Restrictions Related to Firearms

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

The Chair recognized Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Ballinger (23rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

The Chair indicated that HB 218 will be voted on at a future meeting.
Committee Recommendation: HB 218 (LC 39 2987S) No Action Taken.

SB 223 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 48 0360) “Community Rebound Act”; enact

The chair stated that SB 223 would receive a hearing only.

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

John Garst and Devon Kurtz, Cicero Action

Brian Tukes and Phillip Henson, Georgia Department of Community Supervision

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

Committee Recommendation: SB 223 (LC 48 0360) No Action Taken.

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) and Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) were absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Subcommittee Assignments

The Chair assigned SB 146, SB 179, and SB 229 to the Senate Public Safety First Responders Subcommittee.

The Chair assigned SB 2 and SB 161 to the Senate Public Safety General Welfare Subcommittee.

HB 246 (Rep. Watson, 172nd, LC 39 2760) Motor vehicles; issuance of replacement licenses and permits; increase fee

The Chair recognized Rep. Sam Watson (172nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Watson (172nd) was joined by Shevondah Leslie, DDS, to present 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 246 Do Pass (LC 39 2760)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 246.

Committee Recommendation: HB 246 DO PASS (LC 39 2760)

HB 43 (Rep. Cantrell, 22nd, LC 39 2803S) Motor vehicles; require registration application forms to include optional information regarding certain conditions which may interfere with a registrant's ability to communicate

The chair stated that HB 43 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Rep. Wes Cantrell (22nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Cantrell (22nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

The Chair indicated that HB 43 will be voted on at a future meeting.

Committee Recommendation: HB 43 (LC 39 2803S) No Action Taken

HB 207 (Rep. Corbett, 174th, LC 39 2861S) Motor vehicles; electronic submission of certain documentation required of manufacturers, distributors, dealers, secondary metals recyclers, used motor vehicle parts dealers, and scrap metal processors by the Department of Revenue; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. John Corbett (174th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Corbett (174th) presented the bill 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 **HB 207 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3000S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 207 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3000S)

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 207.

HB 169 (Rep. Corbett, 174th, LC 39 2759) Motor vehicles; commercial driver's license; provide requirements for issuance

The Chair recognized Rep. Corbett (174th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Corbett (174th) was joined by Shevondah Leslie, DDS, to present 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 169 Do Pass (LC 39 2759)**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 169 DO PASS (LC 39 2759)

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 207.

The Chair recognized Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th) who requested HB 579 be heard before the Senate Public Safety Committee.

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, March 11, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

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

[HB 218](#) (Rep. Ballinger, 23rd, LC 39 2943S) Crimes and offenses; weapons carry license reciprocity in this state; expand

The Chair recognized Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Ballinger (23rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) arrived at 1:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 1:04 p.m.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Matt Hatchett (50th) to speak to the bill.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a **motion to amend** HB 218 by removing lines 146-150. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a **motion to amend** HB 218 by removing line 15 and removing “disorder likely to occur, and penalty for not obeying closing order;” from line 16, and renumbering the bill accordingly. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Summers (13th) who made a motion that **HB 218 Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 218 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3015S)

Sen. Hatchett (50th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 218.

HB 168 (Rep. Petrea, 166th, LC 41 2678) Penal institutions; certain information within inmate files of the Department of Corrections shall not be classified as confidential state secrets when requested by the district attorney; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Petrea (166th) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 1:22 p.m.

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:

Jill Travis, Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **HB 168 Do Pass (LC 41 2678)**. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Seay (34th) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 168 DO PASS (LC 41 2678)

Sen. Ben Watson (1st) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 168.

HB 453 (Rep. McDonald, 26th, LC 39 2828) Special License plates; certified, volunteer, and retired firefighters; provide standards for proof of eligibility

The Chair recognized Rep. Lauren McDonald (26th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. McDonald (26th) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **HB 453 Do Pass (LC 39 2828)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 453 DO PASS (LC 39 2828)

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 453.

HB 364 (Rep. Collins, 68th, LC 39 2953S) Professions and businesses; exempt persons having completed Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training from required fingerprint submission for application to be licensed as a private guard, watchman, or patrolman

The Chair recognized Rep. J. Collins (68th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Collins (68th) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 364 Do Pass (LC 39 2953S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 364 DO PASS (LC 39 2953S)

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 364.

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 2:15 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

HB 43 (Rep. Cantrell, 22nd, LC 39 2803S) Motor vehicles; require registration application forms to include optional information regarding certain conditions which may interfere with a registrant's ability to communicate

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) and Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 2:19 p.m.

The Chair recognized Rep. Wes Cantrell (22nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Cantrell (22nd) 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 43 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3010S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Thompson (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 43.

Committee Recommendation: HB 43 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3010S)

HB 631 (Rep. Cheokas, 138th, LC 39 2964S) Georgia Crime Information Center; develop a system to collect information on an individual's ability to communicate with law enforcement or emergency responders; provisions

The Chair recognized Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Cheokas (138th) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Summers (13th) who made a motion that **HB 631 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3035S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 631.

Committee Recommendation: HB 631 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3035S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, March 18, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

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. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

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

HB 286 (Rep. Gaines, 117th, LC 47 0821S) Local government; restrict ability of county governing authorities to reduce funding for county police departments

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

NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) arrived at 1:06 p.m.

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

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) arrived at 1:13 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 1:39 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) left at 1:20 p.m.

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:

Tom Gehl, Georgia Municipal Association
Debra Nesbitt, Association County Commissioners of Georgia
Devin Barrington-Ward, Movement for Black Lives
Cindy Battles, Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda
Chris Bruce, American Civil Liberties Union
LaVita Tuff, Asian Americans Advancing Justice

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a **motion to amend** HB 286 by removing “with then” from line 156 and replacing it with “within”. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 286 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Seay (34th) voted in opposition to the motion.

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 286.

Committee Recommendation: HB 286 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3044S)

HB 353 (Rep. Jones, 25th, LC 39 2902S) Motor vehicles; clarify what constitutes an obstruction for purposes of exceptions to when a vehicle is to drive on the right side of roadway

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

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) returned at 1:51 p.m.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 353 Do Pass (LC 39 2902S)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 353.

Committee Recommendation: HB 353 DO PASS (LC 39 2902S)

HB 289 (Rep. Belton, 112th, LC 39 2865S) Motor vehicles; issuance of Class C drivers' licenses; provide for requirements

The Chair recognized Rep. Dave Belton (112th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Belton (112th) presented the bill 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 **HB 289 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 41 2902S)**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3.

Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), and Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 289.

Committee Recommendation: HB 289 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 3110S)

HB 236 (Rep. Neal 74th, LC 48 0409S) Domestic relations; additional monitoring of victim after granting of a temporary protective order; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Yasmin Neal (74th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Neal (74th) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 236 Do Pass (LC 48 0409S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Jones (22nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 236.

Committee Recommendation: HB 236 DO PASS (LC 48 0409S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 2:15 p.m. in the Senate Mezzanine of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Members Present:

Sen. John Albers (56th), Chairman
Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Randy Robertson (29), Secretary
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) (*Arrived late*)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

HB 466 (Rep. Powell, 32nd, LC 39 2939) Motor vehicles; number of required hours in the intervention component of FUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs; reduce

The Chair recognized Rep. Alan Powell (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Powell (32nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 2:24 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 to amend** HB 466. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Summers (13th) who made a motion that **HB 466 Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 466 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3066S)

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 466.

HB 179 (Rep. Camp, 131st, LC 39 2933S) Special License Plates; support breast cancer related programs; amend logo design

The Chair recognized Rep. Beth Camp (131st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Camp (131st) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 179 Do Pass (LC 39 2933S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 179 DO PASS (LC 39 2933S)

Sen. McNeill (3rd) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 179.

HB 495 (Rep. Crowe, 110th, LC 41 2900) Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board; revise duties

The Chair recognized Rep. Clint Crowe (110th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Crowe (110th) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 495 Do Pass (LC 41 2900)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 495 DO PASS (LC 41 2900)

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 495.

HB 200 (Rep. Powell, 32nd, LC 39 2785) Motor vehicles; issuance of a Class C driver's license to operators of certain three-wheeled motor vehicles; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Powell (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Powell (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:

Mike Boorman, Ford

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

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 200 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 39 3041S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-2.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st) and Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 200 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3041S)

Sen. Gooch (51st) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 200.

HB 247 (Rep. Carson, 46th, LC 39 2918S) Uniform rules of the road; commission of an offense of distracted driving; provide for penalties

The Chair recognized Rep. John Carson (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Carson (46th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) left at 3:19 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) left at 3:22 p.m. and returned at 3:24 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Graham Thompson, Thompson Victory Group

Bob Dallas

Todd Hayes, Cherokee County Solicitor- General

Allen Poole, Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Pamela Bettis, Henry County Solicitor General

Butch Ayers, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (7th) who made a **motion to amend** HB 247 by striking the word “or” on 135, and strike lines 136 and 137. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 2-4.

Sen. Jackson (41st) and Sen. Seay (34th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Summers (13th)

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 247 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3062ERS)**. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-2.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st) and Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 247 DO PASS (LC 39 3062ERS)

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 247.

HB 579 (Rep. Oliver, 82nd, LC 47 0851) Public Safety and Judicial Facilities Act; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver (82nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Oliver (82nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Robertson returned at 3:39 p.m.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 579 Do Pass (LC 47 0851)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 579 DO PASS (LC 47 0851)

Sen. Jones (10th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 579.

HB 255 (Rep. Holcomb, 81st, LC 28 0282S) Sexual Assault Reform Act of 2021, enact

The Chair recognized Rep. Scott Holcomb (81st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Holcomb (81st) presented the bill 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 **HB 255 Do Pass (LC 28 0282S)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Harper (7th), Sen. Robertson (29th), Sen. Anderson (24th), Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Seay (34th) and Sen. Summers (13th) voted in favor of the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 255 DO PASS (LC 28 0282S)

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 255.

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary