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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND YOUTH**  
**Senate Committee on Education and Youth**  
**2021 – 2022 Rules**

**The Rules of the Committee shall be the Rules of the Subcommittees.**

1. The quorum for the Education and Youth Committee shall be 6 members. Record of attendance will be maintained for each full Committee or subcommittee meeting. This information shall be considered public.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman. Recess or adjournment of the Committee may also take place by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.
3. A bill or resolution will only be placed on the Committee agenda after its principal sponsor completes a bill summary form. When a bill or resolution is placed on the Committee agenda, the principal sponsor shall be notified of the time and the place of the hearing. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal sponsor or a legislator designated by the principal sponsor.
4. The Chairman shall establish the meeting agenda and determine the measures to be considered and the order of consideration. No motion that the Committee recommends (Do Pass, Do Not Pass, etc) shall be in order until the Chairperson has stated that such a motion will be entertained.
5. The Chairman may appoint subcommittees and officers of subcommittees, and at the discretion of the Chairman, refer any matter to a subcommittee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate until it is considered by the full Committee. All Committee officers will be ex-officio voting subcommittee members.
6. Any member or members who disagree with the majority report of the Committee may file a minority report as provided in the Rules of the Senate.
7. These Rules may be amended or suspended upon the motion duly made and approved by a majority of the members of the Committee.
8. Five minutes prior to, during, and five minutes after a televised or web-cast Committee meeting, no one other than a member of the Committee, Legislative Counsel, Committee Aide, Administrative Assistant to the Chairperson, or Committee Intern, shall walk beyond the witness pulpit for any reason.
9. During Committee meetings, Committee members and everyone in the audience shall either turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers or other similar devices.

10. Any proposed measure shall include a fiscal note when appropriate, as determined by the Chairman, prior to Committee consideration.
11. All publications, flyers, or any other materials to be distributed to the Committee shall be given to the Chairman or their assistant and will be distributed by the Chairman at the appropriate time.
12. Except for Legislative Counsel, no one shall speak to a member of the Committee while a televised or web-cast meeting is in progress without first obtaining the consent of the Chairman. A request to speak should be given to the Administrative Aide or Committee Aide, which will then be passed to the Chairman for approval.
13. Action may be taken by the Committee on any bill the first time it is presented, (except for those matters deemed as "Hearing Only" by the Chairperson.) The Chairperson shall have the option to take action on a resolution.
14. Committee and Subcommittee members may question witnesses only when they have been recognized by the Chairman for that purpose. The Chairman may also set time limits for the process.
15. The Secretary of the Committee shall cause a copy of the Rules to be distributed to all members of the Senate.

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Payne, (54th), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte, (31st), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Secretary  
Sen. John Albers, (56th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Matt Brass, (28th), (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Sonya Halpern, (39th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd)  
Sen. Elena Parent, (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins, (37th), (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Steve Gooch, (51st), (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Donzella James, (35th) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th) and Sen. Sheila McNeill, (3rd) were absent.

Chairman Payne, (54th) called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m., asking Sen. Halpern, (39th) to open with prayer.

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent, (42nd) arrived 2:13 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. James, (35th) arrived at 2:14 p.m.

**SB 357 (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd LC 48 0500) “To provide military students with the discretion to select adjacent school districts for attendance”**

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

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Justin Pauly from Georgia State Board Association

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

None

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch, (51st) arrived at 2:17 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) arrived at 2:23 p.m.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 357 (LC 48 0500) No Action Taken**

**SB 231 (Sen. Anavitarte, 31st, LC 49 0427) “Provides for a pilot program to allow for certain adults to enroll in charter schools that provide instruction only for individuals between ages 21 and 25”**

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch, (51st) left at 2:51 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) left at 2:51 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Michael Winkler of Goodwill Southeast Georgia

Amy Hughes of Hughes Public Affairs

Matt Cardoza of Department of Education

Tiffany Taylor of Department of Education

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

None

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch, (51st) returned at 3:22 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) returned at 3:26 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers, (56th) who made a motion **SB 231 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 0658S)**. Sen. Brass, (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-2.

Sen. Anavitarte, (31st), Sen. Albers, (56th), Sen. Brass, (28th), Sen. Gooch, (51st), Sen. Halpern (39th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. James (35th), and Sen. Parent, (42nd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Sims, (12th) and Sen. Tippins, (37th) voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 231 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0658S)**

Chairman Payne, (54th) adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Secretary

/s/ Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Monday, February 7, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Payne, (54th), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte, (31st), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. John Albers, (56th)  
Sen. Matt Brass, (28th), (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Sonya Halpern, (39th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd)  
Sen. Elena Parent, (42nd)  
Sen. Steve Gooch, (51st), (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Donzella James, (35th)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Sen. Sheila McNeill, (3rd) and Sen. Lindsey Tippins, (37th) were absent.

Chairman Payne, (54th) called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m., asking Sen. Jackson, (2nd) to open with prayer.

**SB 377** (Sen. Hatchett, 50th LC 49 0750) “Relating to education and state government, to take measures to prevent the use of curricula or training programs which act upon, promote, or encourage certain concepts, with exception”

The Chair stated that SB 377 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Bo Hatchett, (50th) to present SB 377 to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch, (51st) arrived 3:15 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 377 (LC 49 0750) No Action Taken**

**SB 15** (Sen. Anderson, 43rd, LC 49 0278) “Relating to coursework in the founding philosophy and principles of the United States of America, to create a new category of coursework dealing with the history of Black people and their contributions to American society”

The Chair stated that SB 15 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Tonya Anderson, (43rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 15 (LC 49 0278) No Action Taken**

Chairman Payne, (54th) adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth**  
**Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Payne, (54th), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte, (31st), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. John Albers, (56th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Matt Brass, (28th), (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Sonya Halpern, (39th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Elena Parent, (42nd)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins, (37th), (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch, (51st), (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Donzella James, (35th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Sheila McNeill (3rd)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (*Arrived Late*)

Chairman Payne, (54th) called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

**SB 449 (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 49 0780-EC) “To provide for the protection of the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their minor children”**

The Chair recognized Sen. Clint Dixon, (45th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. James, (35th) arrived at 2:12 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Tippins, (37th) arrived at 2:12 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) arrived at 2:14 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Sims (12th) arrived at 2:15 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal, (27th) arrived at 2:16 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Halpern, (39th) arrived at 2:16 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson, (2nd) arrived at 2:22 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) left at 2:35 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte (31st) returned at 2:39 p.m.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*



Cole Muzio of Frontline Policy Alliance  
Mike Griffin of Georgia Baptist Mission Board

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

Angela Palm of Georgia School Board Association  
Stephanie Ali of The New Georgia Project  
Cecily Harsh-Kinnane from Atlanta Public Schools Board of Education.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 449 (LC 49 0780-EC) No Action Taken**

**SB 435 (Sen. Harbin, 16th, LC 49 0782) “It shall be unlawful for Georgia public schools or participating private schools whose students or teams compete against a Georgia public school that permits a person of one gender to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designated for persons of opposite gender”**

The Chair recognized Sen. Marty Harbin, (16th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) left at 2:49 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) arrived at 2:51 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal, (27th) left at 2:54 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch, (51st) arrived at 2:55 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Sims, (12th) left at 2:56 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal, (27th) returned at 2:57 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Cole Muzio of Frontline Policy Alliance  
Mike Griffin of Georgia Baptist Mission Board

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

Jeff Graham of Georgia Equality  
Jen Slipakoff of Human Rights Campaign/Parent  
Terrence Wilson of Intercultural Development Research Association  
Bentley Hudgins  
Chris Lugo of Out Georgia Business Alliance  
Alex Ames of Georgia Youth Justice Coalition  
Julian Fortuna and James Wilson of University of Georgia  
Steve Smith (Parent)  
Nneka Ewulonu of American Civil Liberties Union  
Coco Papy of Public Policy and Communications  
Robert Hines of Georgia High School Association

Camden Hughes of Georgia Tech

The Chair recognized Sen. Tippins, (37th) who made a motion **SB 435 Do Pass (LC 49 0782)**. Sen. Gooch, (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-4.

Sen. Tippins, (37th), Sen. Gooch, (51st), Sen. Albers, (56th), Sen. Brass, (28th), Sen. Dolezal, (27th) and Sen. McNeill, (3rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Parent, (42nd), Sen. Jackson, (2nd), Sen. Halpern, (39th) and Sen. James, (35th) voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 435 DO PASS (LC 49 0782)**

Chairman Payne, (54th) adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Monday, February 14, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Payne, (54th), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte, (31st), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Secretary (*Left Early*)  
Sen. John Albers, (56th) (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Matt Brass, (28th), (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Sonya Halpern, (39th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Elena Parent, (42nd)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins, (37th), (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Steve Gooch, (51st), (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Donzella James, (35th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Sheila McNeill, (3rd) was absent.

Chairman Payne, (54th) called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m., asking Sen. Tippins, (37th) to open with prayer.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) arrived at 3:03 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson, (2nd) arrived at 3:04 p.m.

**[SB 449](#) (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 49 0780-EC) “To provide for the protection of the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their minor children”**

The Chair recognized Sen. Clint Dixon, (45th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Taylor Hawkins of Frontline Policy Alliance  
Mike Griffin of Georgia Baptist Mission Board  
Rhonda Thomas of Truth in Education

**NOTE:** Sen. James, (35th) arrived at 3:15 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) arrived at 3:23 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch, (51st) arrived at 3:32 p.m.

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

Alex Ames of Georgia Youth Justice Coalition  
Bennett Chancey of University of Georgia  
James Wilson of Georgia Tech  
Andrea Young of American Civil Liberties Union  
Lisa Morgan of Georgia Association of Educators

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass, (28th) who made a motion **SB 449 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 0855-ECS)**. Sen. Tippins, (37th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-5.

Sen. Anavitarte, (31st), Sen. Albers, (56th), Sen. Brass, (28th), Sen. Gooch, (51st), Sen. Tippins, (37th) and Sen. Dolezal, (27th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Halpern, (39th), Sen. James, (35th), Sen. Jackson, (2nd), Sen. Parent, (42nd) and Sen. Sims, (12th) voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 449 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0855-ECS)**

**SB 377** (Sen. Hatchett, 50th LC 49 0750) “Relating to education and state government, to take measures to prevent the use of curricula or training programs which act upon, promote, or encourage certain concepts, with exception”

The Chair stated that SB 377 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Bo Hatchett, (50th) to present SB 377 to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims, (12th) left at 3:51 p.m.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Jim Jess of Franklin Roundtable  
Taylor Hawkins of Frontline Policy Alliance  
Mike Griffin of Georgia Baptist Mission Board

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) left at 3:55 p.m.

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

Bennett Chancey of University of Georgia  
Alex Ames of Georgia Youth Justice Coalition  
James Wilson of Georgia Tech

Y.G. Nyghtstorm (Parent)  
Terrence Wilson of Intercultural Development Research Association  
Buddy Costley of Georgia Association of Educational Leaders

**Committee Recommendation: SB 377 (LC 49 0750) No Action Taken**

Chairman Payne, (54th) adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth**  
**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Payne, (54th), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte, (31st), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Secretary  
Sen. John Albers, (56th) (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Matt Brass, (28th), (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Sonya Halpern, (39th)  
Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Elena Parent, (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins, (37th), (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch, (51st), (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Donzella James, (35th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)  
Sen. Sheila McNeill (3rd)

Chairman Payne, (54th) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., asking Sen. Dolezal, (27th) to open with prayer.

**SB 514** (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 49 0846-EC) “To provide that no local board of education, local school superintendent, or school administrator, teacher, or other school personnel shall make or enforce any rule that requires a student to wear a face mask or face covering while present on school property unless such rule; to provide that a parent or guardian of such student may elect for his or her child to be exempt from such rule;”

The Chair recognized Sen. Clint Dixon (45th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent, (42nd) arrived at 2:02 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson, (2nd) arrived at 2:03 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Tippins, (37th) arrived at 2:04 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) arrived at 2:07 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) arrived at 2:08 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. James, (35th) arrived at 2:12 p.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch, (51st) arrived at 2:19 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch, (51st) who made a motion **SB 514 Do Pass (LC 49 0846-EC)**. Sen. Albers, (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-5.

Sen. Anavitarte, (31st), Sen. Albers, (56th), Sen. Brass, (28th), Sen. Gooch, (51st), Sen. Tippins, (37th), Sen. Dolezal, (27th), and Sen. McNeill, (3rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Halpern, (39th), Sen. James, (35th), Sen. Jackson, (2nd), Sen. Parent, (42nd) and Sen. Sims, (12th) voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 514 DO PASS (LC 49 0846-EC)**

**SB 452** (Sen. McNeill, 3rd LC 49 0720) “To require administration of a nationally recognized college entrance exam to public school students grade 11 who choose to participate”

The Chair recognized Sen. McNeill, (3rd) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) left at 2:56 p.m.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 452 (LC 49 0720) No Action Taken – working on a substitute**

Chairman Payne, (54th) adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Monday, February 28, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Payne, (54th), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte, (31st), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Secretary  
Sen. Sonya Halpern, (39th)  
Sen. Elena Parent, (42nd)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins, (37th), (Ex-Officio)  
Sen. Donzella James, (35th)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th)  
Sen. Sheila McNeill, (3rd)

**NOTE:** Sen. John Albers, (56th), Sen. Matt Brass, (28th), Sen. Steve Gooch, (51st), and Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) were absent.

Chairman Payne, (54th) called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m., asking Sen. Halpern, (39th) to open with prayer.

**[SB 377](#) (Sen. Hatchett, 50th LC 49 0750) “Relating to education and state government, to take measures to prevent the use of curricula or training programs which act upon, promote, or encourage certain concepts, with exception”**

The Chair recognized Sen. Bo Hatchett, (50th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the public.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Cole Muzio from Frontline Policy Council  
Taylor Hawkins from Frontline Policy Council

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

Andrea Young from American Civil Liberties Union  
Terri Stalker from Varian Medical Systems  
Jennifer Susko from Cobb County Schools  
Justin Pauly from Georgia School Board Association  
Josh Stephens from Professional Association of Georgia Educators  
Cicely Harsch-Kinnade from Atlanta Public Schools  
Lisa Morgan from Georgia Association of Educators  
Abbie Fuksman and Leslie Anderson from Jewish Community Relations Council  
Cindy Battles from Georgia Coalition for the People  
Tyler Coward from Foundation for Individual Rights in Education



Audra Grace from Metamorphosis Counseling

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal, (27th) left at 3:53 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) returned at 3:56 p.m.

Sen. Payne (54th) stated that no action would be taken on the bill during this meeting.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 377 (LC 49 0750) No Action Taken**

Chairman Payne, (54th) adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth**  
**Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Payne, (54th), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte, (31st), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch, (51st), Ex- Officio (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Elena Parent, (42nd)  
Sen. Sheila McNeill, (3rd)  
Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Matt Brass, (28th), Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th), Sen. Sonya Halpern, (39th), Sen. Donzella James, (35th), and Sen. Lindsey Tippins, (37th) were absent.

Chairman Payne, (54th) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., asking Sen. Albers, (56th) to open with prayer.

**SB 357** (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd LC 49 0500) “Relating to military student transfers, so as to provide military students with the discretion to select adjacent school districts for attendance”

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

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims, (12th) arrived at 2:04 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers, (56th) who made a motion **SB 357 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 0889S)**. Sen. Sims, (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 357 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0889S)**

**SB 452** (Sen. McNeill, 3rd LC 49 0720) “Relating to effectiveness of educational programs, so as to require administration of a nationally recognized college entrance exam to public school students in grade 11 who choose to participate”

The Chair recognized Sen. McNeill, (3rd) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the public.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Tyler Lewis from Peachtree Government Relations

Sam Rauschenburg from Achieve Atlanta

Michael Sullivan from GeorgiaCAN

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

None

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch, (51st) arrived at 2:10 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson, (2nd) arrived at 2:23 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers, (56th) who made a motion **SB 452 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 0922S)**. Sen. Sims, (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 452 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0922S)**

Chairman Payne, (54th) adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth**  
**Monday, March 7th, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Monday, March 7th, 2022 at 8:00 a.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Payne, (54th), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte, (31st), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Secretary  
Sen. Steve Gooch, (51st), Ex- Officio (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Matt Brass, (28th), Ex- Officio (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins, (37th), Ex- Officio  
Sen. Elena Parent, (42nd)  
Sen. Sonya Halpern, (39th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. John Albers, (56th) (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Donzella James, (35th) (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Sheila McNeill (3rd) was absent.

Chairman Payne, (54th) called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m., asking Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) to open with prayer.

**[SB 377](#) (Sen. Hatchett, 50th LC 49 0900S) “To take measures to prevent the use of curricula or training programs which act upon, promote, or encourage certain concepts, with exception”**

The Chair recognized Sen. Bo Hatchett, (50th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) arrived at 8:05 a.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen. Halpern, (39th) arrived at 8:07 a.m.  
**NOTE:** Sen Brass, (28th) arrived at 8:10 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. James, (35th) arrived at 8:15 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers, (56th) who made a motion **SB 377 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 0900S)**. Sen. Dolezal, (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-4.

Sen. Anavitarte, (31st), Sen. Albers, (56th), Sen. Tippins, (37th), and Sen. Dolezal, (27th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Halpern, (39th), Sen. James, (35th), Sen. Parent, (42nd), and Sen. Sims, (12th) voted against the motion.

Chairman Payne (54th) broke the tie, by voting in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 377 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0900S)**

**SB 328 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd LC 49 0666) “To provide for designation of a nonprofit organization to govern high school athletics”**

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

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson, (2nd) arrived at 8:30 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch, (51st) arrived at 8:30 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass, (28th) left at 8:31 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass, (28th) returned at 8:34 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) left at 8:38 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) returned at 8:41 a.m.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Sen. Randy Robertson, (29th)

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

Robin Hines from Georgia High School Association

Robert Costley from Georgia Association of Educational Leaders

Richard Ricketts from Prince Avenue Christian School

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims, (12th) left at 8:48 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims, (12th) returned at 8:49 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass, (28th) left at 8:51 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass, (28th) returned at 9:05 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent, (42nd) left at 9:17 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent, (42nd) returned at 9:27 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Halpern, (39th) who made a motion **SB 328 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 0931S)**. Sen. Albers, (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-3.

Sen. Anavitarte, (31st), Sen. Albers, (56th), Sen. Halpern, (39th), Sen. Sims, (12th), Sen. Gooch, (51st), Sen. Brass, (28th), Sen. Tippins, (37th) and Sen. Dolezal, (27th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Parent, (42nd), Sen. James, (35th), and Sen. Jackson, (2nd) voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 328 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0931S)**

**SB 575** (Sen. Tippins, 37th LC 49 0906) “To provide that local boards of education shall review the financial status of the local school system at least quarterly rather than monthly, subject to exception”

The Chair recognized Sen. Tippins, (37th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. James, (35th) left at 9:35 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the Public.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Gretchen Walton from Cobb County Schools

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

None

**NOTE:** Chairman Payne, (54th) left at 9:41 a.m. Vice-Chairman Anavitarte (31st) assumed the Chair.

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Brass, (28th) who made a motion **SB 575 Do Pass (LC 49 0906)**. Sen. Gooch, (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-4.

Sen. Tippins, (37th), Sen. Jackson, (2nd), Sen. Brass, (28th), and Sen. Gooch, (51st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Parent, (42nd), Sen. Dolezal, (27th), Sen. Sims, (12th) and Sen. Halpern, (39th) voted against the motion.

Vice-Chairman Anavitarte, (31st) broke the tie, by voting in favor of the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 575 DO PASS (LC 49 0906)**

**NOTE:** Chairman Payne, (54th) returned at 9:44 a.m. and resumed the Chair.

**SB 545 (Sen. Halpern, 39th LC 49 0877) “To require schools to provide training in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation , and the use of an automated external defibrillator for students in grades nine or ten”**

The Chair recognized Sen. Halpern (39th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers (56th) left at 9:40 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st) left at 9:45 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson, (2nd) who made a motion **SB 545 Do Pass (LC 49 0877)**. Sen. Brass, (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0.

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass, (28th) left at 9:49 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal, (27th) left at 9:59 a.m.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 545 DO PASS (LC 49 0877)**

**SB 498 (Sen. Tippins, 37th LC 49 0844) “To provide for recognition of certain accrediting agencies as reliable authorities as to the quality of education offered in secondary schools in this state”**

The Chair recognized Sen. Tippins, (37th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) who made a motion **SB 498 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 0924S)**. Sen. Sims, (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 498 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0924S)**

**SB 603 (Sen. Rahman, 5th LC 51 0101) “To provide for an outdoor learning spaces for pilot program”**

The Chair recognized Sen. Rahman, (5th) to present SB 603 to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) who made a motion **SB 603 Do Pass (LC 51 0101)**. Sen. Parent, (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 603 DO PASS (LC 51 0101)**

Chairman Payne, (54th) adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary



**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Tuesday, March 8th, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Payne, (54th), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte, (31st), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch, (51st), Ex-Officio  
Sen. Elena Parent, (42nd)  
Sen. Sheila McNeill, (3rd)  
Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd)  
Sen. Sonya Halpern, (39th)  
Sen. Donzella James, (35th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. John Albers, (56th)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th)

**NOTE:** Sen. Matt Brass, (28th) and Sen. Lindsey Tippins, (37th) were absent.

Chairman Payne, (54th) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., asking Sen. Jackson, (2nd) to open with prayer.

**SB 588 (Sen. Miller, 49th LC 49 0912) “To provide that all meetings of local boards of education shall be open to the public except otherwise provided by law”**

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller, (49th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. James, (35th) arrived at 9:25 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims, (12th) arrived at 9:27 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch, (51st) who made a motion **SB 588 Do Pass (LC 49 0912)**. Sen. Albers, (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-4.

Sen. Anavitarte, (31st), Sen. Albers, (56th), Sen. Gooch, (51st), Sen. James, (35th), Sen. Dolezal, (27th) and Sen. McNeill, (3rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Halpern, (39th), Sen. Jackson, (2nd), Sen. Parent, (42nd) and Sen. Sims, (12th) voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 588 DO PASS (LC 49 0912)**

**SB 601 (Sen. Miller, 49th LC 49 0911) “To provide for the establishment of promise scholarship accounts to be funded by the state in the amount of \$6,000.00 per school year for each participating student, subject to appropriations”**

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

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) left at 9:34 a.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) returned at 9:36 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers, (56th) who made a motion **SB 601 Do Pass (LC 49 0911)**. Sen. McNeill, (3rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-4.

Sen. Anavitarte, (31st), Sen. Albers, (56th), Sen. James, (35th), Sen. Dolezal, (27th), Sen. Gooch, (51st) and Sen. McNeill, (3rd) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Parent, (42nd), Sen. Halpern, (39th), Sen. Jackson, (2nd) and Sen. Sims, (12th) voted against the motion.

**Committee Recommendation: SB 601 DO PASS (LC 49 0911)**

Chairman Payne, (54th) adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Monday, March 21st, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Monday, March 21st, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Payne, (54th), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte, (31st), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch, (51st), Ex-Officio (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Elena Parent, (42nd)  
Sen. Sonya Halpern, (39th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins, (37th), Ex- Officio (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. John Albers, (56th), Sen. Donzella James, (35th), Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd), Sen. Sheila McNeill, (3rd) and Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th) were absent.

Chairman Payne, (54th) called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m., asking Sen. Brass, (28th) to open with prayer.

**[HB 1292](#) (Rep. Jasperse, 11th LC 49 0815) “To prohibit students who participate in 4-H sponsored activities or programs from being counted as absent from school, subject to certain conditions”**

The Chair recognized Rep. Rick Jasperse, (11th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) arrived at 3:04 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Halpern, (39th) arrived at 3:04 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims, (12th) arrived at 3:05 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch, (51st) who made a motion **HB 1292 Do Pass (LC 49 0815)**. Sen. Brass, (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Tyler Harper, (7th) will present **HB 1292 (LC 49 0815)** to the Senate.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1292 DO PASS (LC 49 0815)**

**[HB 1295](#) (Rep. Corbett, 174th LC 49 0917S) “To remove the needs development rating from the group of performance evaluation ratings which may adversely impact an educator’s ability to obtain a renewable certificate from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission”**

The Chair recognized Rep. John Corbett, (174th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Tippins, (37th) arrived at 3:08 p.m.

The Chair stated that **HB 1295 (LC 49 0917S)** would receive a hearing only.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Lisa Morgan from Georgia Association of Educators

Margaret Ciccarelli from Professional Association of Georgia Educators

Matt Arthur from Georgia Professional Standards Commission

Nathifa Carmichael from Georgia Department of Education

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

None

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1295 (LC 49 0917S) No Action Taken**

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch, (51st) left at 3:27p.m.

**HB 1357 (Rep. Smith, 18th LC 49 0894S ) “To provide that the commission’s standards and procedures for certification programs shall be neutral with respect to whether such programs are provided by for profit or not for profit entities and shall consider accredited teacher programs outside this state”**

The Chair recognized Rep. Tyler Paul Smith, (18th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Matt Arthur from Georgia Professional Standards Commission

Kim Karacalidis from Relay Graduate School of Education

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) who made a motion **HB 1357 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 0956S)**. Sen. Brass, (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) who will present **HB 1357 (LC 49 0956S)** to the Senate.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1357 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0956S)**

Chairman Payne, (54th) adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth  
Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Payne, (54th), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte, (31st), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Secretary  
Sen. Steve Gooch, (51st), Ex- Officio (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Elena Parent, (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Sonya Halpern, (39th)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins, (37th), Ex- Officio (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Donzella James, (35th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Sheila McNeill, (3rd)  
Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Matt Brass, (28th), Ex- Officio (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. John Albers, (56th) and Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th) were absent.

Chairman Payne, (54th) called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m., asking Sen. McNeill, (3rd) to open with prayer.

The Chair recognized Superintendent Richard Woods from the Georgia Department of Education.

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass (28th) arrived at 2:03 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. James (35th) arrived at 2:06 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived at 2:06 p.m.

**[HB 1178](#) (Rep. Bonner, 72nd LC 49 0880-ECS) “To provide for the protection of the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their minor children from undue infringement by a state or local government, entity, local board of education, or any officer, employee, or agent”**

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

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Tippins, (37th) arrived at 2:19 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

**NOTE:** Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) arrived at 2:26 p.m.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Mike Griffin from Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Taylor Hawkins from Frontline Policy Action

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

Mikayla Arciaga from Intercultural Development Research Association

Cindy Battles from Coalition for People's Agenda

Cecily Harsch-Kinnane from Public Education Matters

James Wilson from Georgia Technical College

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch, (51st) who made a motion **HB 1178 Do Pass (LC 49 0880-ECS)**. Sen. McNeill, (3rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-5.

Sen. Anavitarte, (31st), Sen. Brass, (28th), Sen. Gooch, (51st), Sen. McNeill, (3rd) and Sen. Tippins, (37th) voted in favor of the bill.

Sen. James, (35th), Sen. Jackson, (2nd), Sen. Parent, (42nd), Sen. Halpern, (39th) and Sen. Sims, (12th) voted against the bill.

Chairman Payne, (54th) broke the tie, by voting in favor of the bill.

Sen. Clint Dixon, (45th) will present **HB 1178 (LC 49 0880-ECS)** to the Senate.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1178 DO PASS (LC 49 0880-ECS)**

**HB 1295 (Rep. Corbett, 174th LC 49 0917S) “To remove the needs development rating from the group of performance evaluation ratings which may adversely impact an educator’s ability to obtain a renewable certificate from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission”**

The Chair recognized Rep. John Corbett, (174th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Lisa Morgan from Georgia Association of Educators

DeAnna Harris from Educators First

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson, (2nd) who made a motion **HB 1295 Do Pass (LC 49 0917S)**. Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-2.

Sen. Parent, (42nd), Sen. James, (35th), Sen. Jackson, (2nd), Sen. Brass, (28th), Sen. Gooch, (51st), Sen. McNeill, (3rd), Sen. Halpern, (39th) and Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Sims, (12th) and Sen. Tippins, (37th) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. John Albers, (56th) who will present **HB 1295 (LC 49 0917S)** to the Senate.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1295 DO PASS (LC 49 0917S)**

Chairman Payne, (54th) adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary



**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth**  
**Monday, March 28th, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Monday, March 28th, 2022 at 3:00 p.m., in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Chuck Payne, (54th), Chairman  
Sen. Jason Anavitarte, (31st), Vice-Chairman  
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, (12th), Secretary (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Steve Gooch, (51st), Ex- Officio  
Sen. Elena Parent, (42nd) (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Lindsey Tippins, (37th), Ex- Officio (*Left Early*)  
Sen. Donzella James, (35th) (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Lester Jackson, (2nd)  
Sen. Matt Brass, (28th), Ex- Officio (*Arrived Late*)  
Sen. Greg Dolezal, (27th) (*Arrived Late*) (*Left Early*)  
Sen. John Albers, (56th) (*Arrived Late*)

**NOTE:** Sen. Sonya Halpern, (39th) and Sen. Sheila McNeill, (3rd) were absent.

Chairman Payne, (54th) called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., asking Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) to open with prayer.

**[HB 1215](#) (Rep. Thomas, 21st LC 49 0864S) “To remove a provision that reduced the amount of certain funding provided to state charter schools that offer virtual instruction”**

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent, (42nd) arrived at 3:11 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. James, (35th) arrived at 3:12 p.m.

The Chair recognized Rep. Brad Thomas, (21st) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Brass, (28th) arrived at 3:14 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal, (27th) arrived at 3:15 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public.

*Testimony in favor of the bill:*

Bonnie Holliday from Georgia Charter Schools Association

Leroy Spann from Deep Center

*Testimony in opposition to the bill:*

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) who made a motion **HB 1215 Do Pass (LC 49 0864S)**. Sen. Brass, (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-2.

Sen. Parent, (42nd), Sen. James, (35th), Sen. Jackson, (2nd), Sen. Brass, (28th), Sen. Gooch, (51st), Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) and Sen. Dolezal, (27th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Tippins, (37th) and Sen. Sims, (12th) voted against the motion.

Sen. Albers, (56th) will present **HB 1215 (LC 49 0864S)** to the Senate.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1215 DO PASS (LC 49 0864S)**

**HB 1482 (Rep. Erwin, 28th LC 49 0944S) “To revise the eligibility criteria for project specific capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems”**

The Chair recognized Rep. Chris Erwin, (28th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass, (28th) who made a motion **HB 1482 Do Pass (LC 49 0944S)**. Sen. Jackson, (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-1.

Sen. Parent, (42nd), Sen. James, (35th), Sen. Jackson, (2nd), Sen. Brass, (28th), Sen. Gooch, (51st), Sen. Tippins, (37th), Sen. Sims, (12th) and Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Sen. Russ Goodman, (8th) will present **HB 1482 (LC 49 0944S)** to the Senate.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1482 DO PASS (LC 49 0944S)**

**HB 1084 (Rep. Wade, 9th LC 49 0887) “To prevent the use of and reliance upon curricula or training programs which act upon, promote, or encourage certain concepts, with exception”**

The Chair recognized Rep. Will Wade, (9th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Albers, (56th) arrived at 3:42 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Sims, (12th) left at 3:48 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal, (27th) left at 3:49 p.m.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) returned at 3:50 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Tippins, (37th) left at 3:56 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers, (56th) who made a motion **HB 1084 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 0983S)**. Sen. Anavitarte, (31st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3.

Sen. Anavitarte, (31st), Sen. Albers, (56th), Sen. Dolezal, (27th), Sen. Gooch, (51st), and Sen. Brass, (28th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. James, (35th), Sen. Parent, (42nd), and Sen. Jackson, (2nd) voted against the motion.

**NOTE:** Sen. Parent, (42nd) left at 4:20 p.m.

Sen. Butch Miller, (49th) will present **HB 1084 (LC 49 0983S)** to the Senate.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1084 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0983S)**

**HB 681 (Rep. Yearata, 152nd LC 49 0498S) “To provide course of study in financial literacy for students in tenth or eleventh grade”**

The Chair recognized Rep. Bill Yearata, (152nd) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

**NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal, (27th) left at 4:23 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. James, (35th) who made a motion **HB 681 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 49 0928S)**. Sen. Albers, (56th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Bruce Thompson, (14th) will present **HB 681 (LC 49 0928S)** to the Senate.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 681 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0928S)**

**HB 1283 (Rep. Douglas, 78th LC 49 0942S) “To provide for recess for students in kindergarten and grades through five”**

The Chair recognized Rep. Demetrius Douglas, (78th) for purpose of presenting the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Albers, (56th) who made a motion **HB 1283 Do Pass (LC 49 0942S)**. Sen. James, (35th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Sen. Jeff Mullis, (53rd) will present **HB 1283 (LC 49 0942S)** to the Senate.

**Committee Recommendation: HB 1283 DO PASS (LC 49 0942S)**

Chairman Payne, (54th) adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Phyllis Williams, Recording Secretary

April 4, 2022

Mr. David Cook  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Cook:

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following bills which were not acted upon in the Senate Committee on Education and Youth during the 2022 Legislative Session:

<b>SB 3</b>	<b>SB 288</b>	<b>SB 613</b>
<b>SB 15</b>	<b>SB 327</b>	<b>SB 626</b>
<b>SB 17</b>	<b>SB 334</b>	<b>SR 105</b>
<b>SB 91</b>	<b>SB 375</b>	<b>SR 136</b>
<b>SB 110</b>	<b>SB 480</b>	<b>SR 204</b>
<b>SB 122</b>	<b>SB 530</b>	<b>SR 307</b>
<b>SB 123</b>	<b>SB 541</b>	<b>SR 360</b>
<b>SB 216</b>	<b>SB 563</b>	<b>HB 455</b>
<b>SB 240</b>	<b>SB 587</b>	<b>HB 1184</b>
<b>SB 266</b>	<b>SB 589</b>	

Sincerely,



Phyllis Williams  
Senate Committee on Education and Youth