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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
Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 2:00 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. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

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

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Seay (34th) arrived at 2:03 p.m.

SB 259 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 41 2968) Dangerous Instrumentalities and Practices; firearms and the carrying and possession of firearms and weapons; revise various laws

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Mullis (53rd) was joined by Stephen Loftin to present 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:

Thomas Weaver, Private Citizen
Luis Estradan, Board of Directors Member, Georgia Second Amendment

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

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 259 Do Pass (LC 41 2968)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) 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: SB 259 DO PASS (LC 41 2968)

SB 277 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 41 3047) Firearms; extend the exemptions from carry laws for court officials to include carrying inside of a courthouse

The Chair recognized Sen. Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Mullis (53rd) 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 **SB 277 Do Pass (LC 41 3047)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) 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: SB 277 DO PASS (LC 41 3047)

SB 245 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 41 2906) Dangerous Instrumentalities and Practices; prohibit public officers from ordering the enforcement of certain federal acts regarding the right to keep and bear arms

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:

Thomas Weaver, Private Citizen

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 to amend** SB 245. The amendment would strike “2021” in line 21 and adds “2022” in its place. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.

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

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 **SB 245 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 39 3204S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) 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: SB 245 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3204S)

SB 358 (Sen. Kirkpatrick, 32nd, LC 48 0499) Georgia Public Safety Training Center; reimbursement of certain costs incurred by active duty, retired, or honorably discharged members of the US armed forces who are attending basic law enforcement training; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Kirkpatrick (32nd) was joined by GPSTC Director Wigginton to present 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 358 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 48 0525S)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 358 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 48 0525S)

SB 356 (Sen. Ginn, 47th, LC 39 3139) Distracted Driving; additional exception to the offense of operating a motor vehicle while holding or using a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device; provide

The Chair stated that SB 356 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Ginn (47th) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Bob Dallas, Private Citizen

Committee Recommendation: SB 356 (LC 39 3139) No Action Taken

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 3:12 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 3, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Thursday, February 3, 2022 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. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
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 1:07 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) and Sen. Payne (34th) arrived at 1:08 p.m.

SB 404 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 33 8950) Emergency Medical Services Personnel; Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to retain certain fingerprints under certain conditions; authorize

Chairman Albers (56th) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:
Josh Mackey

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 (41st) who made a motion that **SB 404 Do Pass (LC 33 8950)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 404 DO PASS (LC 33 8950)

SB 356 (Sen. Ginn, 47th, LC 39 3139) Distracted Driving; additional exception to the offense of operating a motor vehicle while holding or using a wireless telecommunications device or stand-alone electronic device; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) for the purpose of presenting a proposed substitute (LC 39 3207S) to the bill. Sen. Ginn (47th) presented the substitute to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 1:13 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:

Charles Brooks, Georgia Association of Solicitor Generals

Derek Norton, Medical Association of Georgia

Jenny Harty, Montlick and Associates

Butch Ayers, GA Association of Chiefs of Police

Bob Dallas, Private Citizen

Bobby Potter, State Farm

Allen Poole, Governor's Office of Highway Safety

The Chair announced that there would be no action taken on SB 356 at this meeting.

Committee Recommendation: SB 356 (LC 39 3139) No Action Taken

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Thursday, February 10, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Thursday, February 10, 2022 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. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) was absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

SB 461 (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 48 0466EC) Bails, Bonds; human trafficking as aailable offense; add the offense

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

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Mazie Lynn Guertin, GACDL

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

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

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 1:39 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Summers (13th) who made a motion that **SB 461 Do Pass (LC 48 0466EC)**. Sen. Robertson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 461 DO PASS (LC 48 0466EC)

SB 408 (Sen. Thompson, 14th, LC 39 3100) Drivers' Licenses; a waiver of required fees for reinstatement and restoration of a driver's license for suspensions based upon a failure to appear for nonmoving traffic violations; provide

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) arrived at 1:50 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Thompson (14th) was joined by Wade Askew from the Georgia Justice Project to present the bill to the Committee.

The Chair announced that SB 408 would not be voted on at this meeting.

Committee Recommendation: SB 408 (LC 39 3100) No Action Taken

SB 353 (Sen. Thompson, 17th, LC 39 3099) Drivers' License; judicial discretion in suspension of a driver's license upon failure to appear for certain traffic violations; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Thompson (14th) was joined by Wade Askew from the Georgia Justice Project to present the bill to the Committee.

The Chair announced that there would be no action taken on SB 353 at this meeting.

Committee Recommendation: SB 353 (LC 39 3099) No Action Taken

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:00 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 15, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 2:00 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) (*Arrived Late*)
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 2:00 p.m.

SB 479 (Sen. Hatchett, 50th, LC 48 0505-EC) Firearms by Convicted Felons and First Offender Probationers; each firearm in the possession or attempted possession of certain offenders shall be charged as a separate offense; specify

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

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (41st) arrived at 2:04 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Committee for Sen. Hatchett (50th).

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 2:05 p.m.

The Chair allowed Pete Skandalakis to join Sen. Hatchett (50th) for the purpose of answering questions from the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Harper (7th) arrived at 2:13 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Thomas Weaver
Pete Skandalakis, PAC
John Melvin, GBI

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Mazie Lynn Guertin, GACDL

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a **motion to amend SB 479**. The amendment would strike the words “or weapons” and “or weapon” on line 24. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

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 **SB 479 Do Pass By Substitute**. Sen. Anderson (24th) 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: SB 479 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3261S)

SB 505 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 39 3218) Communications Officers; 9-1-1 communications officers receive training in the delivery of high-quality telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation; require

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:

Michael Nix, GEMA

Laura Bracci, American Heart Association

Amy Hughes, American Heart 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. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **SB 505 Do Pass (LC 39 3218)**. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 505 DO PASS (LC 39 3218)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:48 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 17, 2022

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Thursday, February 17, 2022 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. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold V. Jones (22nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Tyler Harper (7th), Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), and Sen. Lee Anderson (24th) were absent.

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

HB 275 (Rep. McDonald, 26th, LC 39 2928S) Fire protection and safety; random drug tests for certain firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, paramedics, and cardiac technicians; require

The Chair 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 275 Do Pass By Substitute (LC 39 3265S)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 4-0.

Committee Recommendation: HB 275 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3265S)

NOTE: Sen. Jones (22nd) arrived at 1:04 p.m.

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 1:05 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 1, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Room 450 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. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Carden Summers (13th)

NOTE: Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) and Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd) were absent.

Chairman Albers (56th) called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

SB 556 (Sen. Thompson, 14th, LC 39 3208) Drivers' Licenses; issuance of a driver's license to current and retired peace officers at no charge; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Thompson (14th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions for questions from the Committee. The Chair called on Shevondah Leslie from DDS to assist with answering questions from 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 to amend SB 556**. The amendment would add “and” after “dishonorable” in line 30, strike lines 31-32, and renumber sections accordingly. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **SB 556 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3342S)**. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 556 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3342S)

SB 353 (Sen. Thompson, 14th, LC 39 3099) Drivers' License; judicial discretion in suspension of a driver's license upon failure to appear for certain traffic violations; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Thompson (14th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Thompson (14th) was joined by Wade Askew from the Georgia Justice Project to present 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:

Lori Duff, Council of Municipal Court Judges
Gary Jackson, Judge
Chuck McMillen, Microsoft
Tony West, Americans for Prosperity

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

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 353 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3292S)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 353 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3292S)

SB 510 (Sen. Ginn, 47th, LC 39 3201) Motor Vehicle; operation of motor vehicles by Class D license holders with certain passengers in the vehicle; remove a restriction

The Chair recognized Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Ginn (47th) was presented the bill to the Committee.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

The Chair announced that there will be no action taken on SB 356 at this meeting.

Committee Recommendation: SB 510 (LC 39 3201) No Action Taken

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 4:43 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 8, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 2:00 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 2:04 p.m.

SB 76 (Sen. Albers, 56th, LC 41 2862) Emergency Communications Authority; Next Generation 911 systems and services; provide

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54st) who made a motion that **SB 76 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3389S)**. Sen. Summers (13th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 76 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3389S)

HB 963 (Rep. Parrish, 158th, LC 48 0502) Controlled substances; Schedule I and IV; change certain provisions

The Chair 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 963 Do Pass (LC 48 0502)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Dean Burke (11th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 963

Committee Recommendation: SB 963 DO PASS (LC 48 0502)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:09 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 22, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 2:00 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) (*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 2:01 p.m.

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. Alan Powell (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Powell (32nd) 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 200 Do Pass (LC 39 2785)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 200.

Committee Recommendation: HB 200 DO PASS (LC 39 2785)

HB 1146 (Rep. Lott, 122nd, LC 39 3190) Motor vehicles; law enforcement vehicles be equipped with primarily blue flashing or revolving lights; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Jodi Lott (122nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Lott (122nd) 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 1146 Do Pass (LC 39 3190)**. Sen. Harper (7th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Albers (56th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 1146.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1146 DO PASS (LC 39 3180)

[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) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

The Chair called upon Shevondah Leslie of the Department of Driver Services to assist in answering questions from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **HB 246 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3421S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 246 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3421S)

[HB 1004](#) (Rep. Mainor, 56th, LC 39 3383S) Education; unified campus police forces through agreements entered into by colleges and universities; provide for establishment

The Chair recognized Rep. Mesha Mainor (56th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Mainor (56th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair stated that HB 1004 would receive a hearing only.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1004 (LC 39 3383S) No Action Taken

NOTE: Sen. Anderson (24th) arrived at 2:40 p.m.

[HB 1232](#) (Rep. Barton, 5th, LC 39 3244S) Motor vehicles; temporary license plates and operating permits; revise terminology

The Chair recognized Rep. Matt Barton (5th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Barton (5th) 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 1232 Do Pass (LC 39 3244S)**. Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Payne (54th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 1232.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1232 DO PASS (LC 39 3244S)

HB 1307 (Rep. Houston, 170th, LC 36 5094) Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act; revise

The Chair recognized Rep. Penny Houston (170th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Houston (170th) 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 1307 Do Pass (LC 36 5094)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Payne (54th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 1307.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1307 DO PASS (LC 36 5094)

Common Good Atlanta Presentation

The Chair recognized Patrick Rodriguez from Common Good Atlanta for the purpose of presenting to the Committee.

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:53 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 24, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Thursday, March 24, 2022 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 (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Harold V. Jones II (22nd)
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 1:13 p.m.

[HB 1433](#) (Rep. Ballinger, 23rd, LC 48 0521) Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; revise and update composition of advisory board

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. Harper (7th) arrived at 1:16 p.m.

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 1433 Do Pass (LC 48 0521)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 1433.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1433 DO PASS (LC 48 0521)

[HB 203](#) (Rep. Petrea, 166th, LC 39 3297S) Tybee Island Historical Society Special License Plate

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 debate and a motion from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Summers (13th) who made a motion that **HB 203 Do Pass (LC 39 3297S)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Ben Watson (1st) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 203.

Committee Recommendation: SB 203 DO PASS (LC 39 3297S)

HB 1455 (Rep. Hitchens, 161st, LC 39 3280) Powers of the Georgia Ports Authority and its Peace Officers

The Chair recognized Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Hitchens (161st) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **HB 1455 Do Pass (LC 39 3280)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 6-0.

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 1455.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1455 DO PASS (LC 39 3280)

HB 1279 (Rep. Gambill, 15th, LC 33 9066S) Compartmentalized Medication Containers for Persons with Chronic Disease or Over 65 Years

The Chair recognized Rep. Matt Gambill (23rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Gambill (15th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) arrived at 1:28 p.m.

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 1279 Do Pass (LC 33 3244S)**. Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 7-0.

Sen. Payne (54th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 1279.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1279 DO PASS (LC 33 3244S)

HB 1553 (Rep. Crowe, 110th, LC 39 3306) Bishop's Law; enact

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 recognized Rita Rocker from State Board of Pardons and Paroles and Rob Thrower from the Department of Corrections to assist Rep. Crowe (110th) with presenting the bill.

The Chair stated that HB 1553 would receive a hearing only.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1553 (LC 39 3306) No Action Taken

HB 202 (Rep. Hitchens, 161st, LC 39 3258S) Increasing Additional Traffic Violation Penalty

The Chair recognized Rep. Hitchens (161st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Hitchens (161st) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 1:56 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 table **HB 202 Do Pass (LC 39 3431S)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

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

Committee Recommendation: HB 202 (LC 39 3431S) No Action Taken

HB 1004 (Rep. Mainor, 56th, LC 39 3383S) Education; unified campus police forces through agreements entered into by colleges and universities; provide for establishment

The Chair recognized Rep. Mesha Mainor (56th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Mainor (56th) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

The Chair asked Jenna Dolde from Legislative Counsel to assist in answering questions from the Committee members.

AMENDMENT 1

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a **motion to amend HB 1004**. The amendment would strike “United police force” in line 30 and replace with “Unified public safety department.” It would also strike “policemen” in line 31 and replace with “officers.”

Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0.

AMENDMENT 2

The Chair recognized Sen. Harper (7th) who made a **motion to amend HB 1004**.

The amendment would allow Legislative Counsel to adjust language as needed to make changes from Amendment 1 and to re-title legislation.

Sen. Anderson (24th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **HB 1004 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 1004.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1004 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3452S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 2:53 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 29, 2022**

The Senate Committee on Public Safety met on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 450 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 8:34 a.m.

HB 202 (Rep. Hitchens, 161st, LC 39 3258S) Increasing Additional Traffic Violation Penalty

The Chair recognized Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Hitchens (161st) was joined by Allen Poole from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to assist in presenting 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 202 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3431S)**. Sen. Harper (7th) 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.

Sen. Payne (54th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 202.

Committee Recommendation: HB 202 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3431S)

HB 1553 (Rep. Crowe, 110th, LC 39 3306) Bishop's Law; enact

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 debate and a motion from the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Anderson (24th) who made a motion that **HB 1553 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 39 3465S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, by a vote of 8-0.

Sen. Robertson (29th) will be the Senate Sponsor for HB 1553.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1553 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 3465S)

Chairman Albers (56th) adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Ali Farmer, Recording Secretary