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BURT JONES LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 9, 2024

Senator Shelly Echols 305-A Coverdell Legislative Office Building Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator Echols,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed you as a member of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism. In order to facilitate this change under the Senate Rules, you have been removed from the Senate Committee on Education and Youth. These changes to your committee assignments are effective immediately. We appreciate your service in the Senate and look forward to working with you in your new role.

Senator John F. Kennedy

President Pro Tempore

Senator Brandon Beach

Committee on Assignments

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Burt Jones President of the Senate

Senator Steve Gooch Majority Leader

Senator Greg Dolezal Committee on Assignments

CC: David Cook, Secretary of the Senate Legislative Fiscal Office

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Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Ex-Officio

Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th)

Sen. Ed Setzler (37th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Shawn Still (48th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), and Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

Chairman Dixon (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

HB 306 (Rep. Fleming, 114th, LC 47 2214S) Education; energy cost savings measures; revise definition

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) who made a motion that **HB 306 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 47 2728S**). Sen. Dolezal (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated that Sen. Dixon (45th) would be the Senate Sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 306 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 47 2728S)

SB 208 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 49 1280) 'Georgia Development Impact Fee Act'; provide for fees for education

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dolezal (27th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Setzler (37th) arrived at 2:44 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **SB 208 Do Pass (LC 49 1280).** Sen. Still (48th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 208 DO PASS (LC 49 1280)

SR 189 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 49 1327) General Assembly; development impact fees for educational purposes; provide –CA

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Dolezal (27th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Setzler (37th) who made a motion that **SR 189 Do Pass (LC 49 1327).** Sen. Still (48th) seconded the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SR 189 DO PASS (LC 49 1327)

SB 147 (Sen. Still, 48th, LC 49 1233) "Boundless Opportunities for Georgia Students Act"; enact

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen Still (48th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion that **SB 147 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 49 1675S**). Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-2.

Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Setzler (37th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Halpern (39th) and Sen. Sims (12th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 147 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1675S)

Chairman Dixon (45th) adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

S/S

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Tuesday, January 30th, 2024

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Tuesday, January 30th, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (Arrived Late)

Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Ex-Officio

Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th)

Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)

Sen. Shawn Still (48th)

NOTE: Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Ed Setzler (37th), and Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

Chairman Dixon (45th) called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

<u>SB 405</u> (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 49 1641) "Completion Special Schools Act"; certain students to be enrolled in a completion special school; lower the age of eligibility

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

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

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Dr. Sherrie Gibney-Sherman, Foothills Regional High School

Dr. Dale Simpson, Foothills Regional High School

Mr. Richard Rentz, Coastal Plains High School

Mr. Samuel Ibanez

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion that **SB 405 Do Pass (LC 49 1641).** Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1.

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Halpern (39th), Sen. Parent (42nd), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Sims (12th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 405 DO PASS (LC 49 1641)

Chairman Dixon (45th) adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

s/s

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Friday, February 9th, 2024

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Friday, February 9th, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

Sen. Shelly Echols (49th), Ex-Officio

Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Donzella James (35th) (Arrived Late) (Left Early)

Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Ed Setzler (37th)

Sen. Shawn Still (48th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, and Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Shelly Echols (49th) was appointed to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth, as an Ex-Officio member, by the Committee on Assignments for the Meeting held on February 9th, 2024. A copy of the appointment letter is attached.

Chairman Dixon (45th) called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

<u>SB 395</u> (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 33 9604) Education; the possession of opioid antagonists in schools; authorize

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 8:15 a.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Halpern (39th) arrived at 8:20 a.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Ms. Brittney Galvanauskas, Living Proof Recovery

Mr. Jeff Breedlove, Georgia Council for Recovery

Ms. Jocelyn Wallace, The Never Alone Clubhouse

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

None

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived at 8:27 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Setzler (37th) who made a motion to **Amend SB 395** by inserting after line 47 of the proposed Senate substitute, "(h) A local school system or public school, including a charter school, shall be immune from civil liability for an act or omission to act related to the implementation of the provisions of this Code section, except for a willful or wanton failure to comply with such provisions." Sen. Echols (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-1.

Sen. Echols (49th), Sen. Halpern (39th), Sen. Parent (42nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Setzler (37th), Sen. Sims (12th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. James (35th) voted against the motion.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) who made a motion that **SB 395 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Halpern (39th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-2.

Sen. Echols (49th), Sen. Halpern (39th), Sen. Parent (42nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Setzler (37th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Sims (12th) and Sen. James (35th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 395 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1776S)

SB 202 (Sen. Rahman, 5th, LC 49 1112) Public School Property and Facilities; outdoor learning spaces pilot program; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen Rahman (5th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion to **Amend SB 202** by striking "2023-2024" and replacing it with "2024-2025" on line 12. Sen. Setzler (37th) 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. Parent (42nd) who made a motion that **SB 202 Do Pass by Substitute.** Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 202 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1775S)

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) left at 8:55 a.m.

SB 360 (Sen. Hickman, 4th, LC 49 1567) Capital Outlay Funds; used for educational facilities for voluntary pre-kindergarten programs provided by the school system; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Billy Hickman (4th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Hickman (4th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **SB 360 Do Pass (LC 49 1567)**. Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 360 DO PASS (LC 49 1567)

Chairman Dixon (45th) adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S/S

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

s/s



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BURT JONES LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

(), 2024

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

Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Frelly Cohols of the District as an ex-officio member of the Committee for the committee meeting to be held on 2/9/2007. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Burt Jones President of the Senate

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Senate Committees on Education and Youth and Higher Education Friday, February 9th, 2024

The Senate Committees on Education and Youth and Higher Education met on Friday, February 9th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Shawn Still (48th)

NOTE: Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary, Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Shelly Echols (49th), Ex Officio, Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Ed Setzler (37th), and Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

Chairman Billy Hickman (Higher Education Chairman, 4th) called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 1:03 p.m.

Chairman Dixon (45th) recognized Superintendent Richard Woods, Georgia Department of Education, for a presentation.

NOTE: Sen. Halpern (39th) arrived at 1:13 p.m.

Chairman Dixon (45th) recognized Ms. Amy Denty, Georgia Department of Education, to continue the presentation.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) left at 1:31 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) returned at 1:33 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) left at 1:56 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) returned at 1:59 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) left at 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) returned at 2:07 p.m.

Chairman Hickman (4th) recognized Dr. Shawonna Coleman, Georgia Math and Reading Corps, to continue the presentation.

Chairman Hickman (4th) recognized Dr. Holley Roberts and Dr. Lindee Morgan, Sandra Dunagan Deal Center at Georgia College and State University, for a presentation.

NOTE: Chairman Dixon (45th) left at 2:29 p.m. **NOTE:** Chairman Dixon (45th) returned at 2:39 p.m.

Chairman Hickman (4th) recognized Rep. Bethany Ballard (147th) for a comment.

Chairman Dixon (45th) recognized Mr. Matt Smith, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, for a presentation.

Chairman Hickman (4th) adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S/S

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

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Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Tuesday, February 13th, 2024

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (Arrived Late)

Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st), Ex-Officio (*Left Early*)

Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Ex-Officio (Arrived Late)

Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Ex-Officio (*Left Early*)

Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (Arrived Late)

Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Donzella James (35th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Shawn Still (48th)

NOTE: Sen. Ed Setzler (37th) and Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) was appointed to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth, as an Ex-Officio member, by the Committee on Assignments for the Meeting held on February 13th, 2024. A copy of the appointment letter is attached.

Chairman Dixon (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

SB 88 (Sen. Summers, 13th, LC 33 9276) "Parents and Children Protection Act of 2023"; enact

The Chair recognized Sen. Carden Summers (13th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Summers (13th) presented the bill to the Committee alongside Mr. Jeff Cleghorn, Citizen.

The Chair recognized Mr. Tom Rawlings, Taylor English, for a comment.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 2:36 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived at 2:36 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) arrived at 2:40 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Brass (28th) arrived at 2:40 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 2:41 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) left at 2:42 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Halpern (39th) arrived at 2:44 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Brass (28th) left at 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Brass (28th) returned at 3:00 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Mr. Gabe Hartwig

Ms. Elly Riddell, Gays Against Grooming

Mr. Skyler Atkins, Log Cabin Republicans

Mr. Lawrence Wynder

Ms. Avion Abreu

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Gooch (51st) who made a motion that **SB 88 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 49 1526S**). Sen. Dolezal (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-3.

Sen. Anavitarte (31st), Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 88 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1526S)

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) left at 3:10 p.m.

<u>SB 351</u> (Sen. Anavitarte, 31st, LC 49 1561) "Protecting Georgia's Children on Social Media Act of 2024"; enact

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

Mr. Mike Griffin, Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Mr. Taylor Hawkins, Frontline Policy Council

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

None

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) returned at 3:18 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion that **SB 351 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 49 1760S**). Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 351 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1760S)

SB 440 (Sen. Brass, 28th, LC 49 1728) 'Accelerated Career Diploma Program'; ACE Grants pilot program; establish and provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Brass (28th) presented the bill to the Committee alongside Mr. Mark Whitlock, Central Educational Center.

NOTE: Sen. Anavitarte (31st) left at 3:20 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Dolezal (27th) left at 3:26 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **SB 440 Do Pass** (**LC 49 1728**). Sen. Halpern (39th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 440 DO PASS (LC 49 1728)

SB 464 (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 49 1734) School Supplies for Teachers Program; establish

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Halpern (39th) who made a motion that **SB 464 Do Pass (LC 49 1734)**. Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SB 464 DO PASS (LC 49 1734)

SB 147 (Sen. Still, 48th, LC 49 1233) "Boundless Opportunities for Georgia Students Act"; enact

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Still (48th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair indicated that SB 147 would receive a hearing only.

Committee Recommendation: SB 147 (LC 49 1233) No Action Taken

Chairman Dixon (45th) adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S/S

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

S/S



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Chruy 13, 2024

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

Secretary Cook,

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Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Juson Anuited of the District as an ex-officio member of the Senate Edd Course Committee for the committee meeting to be held on House 13,2024. Such appointment shall expire upon the adjournment of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Burt Jones President of the Senate

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February 15, 2024

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

Secretary Cook,

I write this letter to inform you of the creation of a sub-committee for the Education and Youth Committee.

The sub-committee will be comprised of the following members:

Sen. Shawn Still, 48th, Chairman

Sen. Sonya Halpern, 39th

Sen. Chuck Payne, 54th

Sen. Ed Setzler, 37th

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, 12th

Sincerely,

Clint Dixon



Atlanta, Georgia 30334

COMMITTEES:

Education and Youth, Chairman
Transportation, Vice Chairman
Appropriations, Secretary
Banking and Financial Institutions
Economic Development and Tourism – Ex-Officio

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Tuesday, February 20th, 2024

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Ex-Officio

Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (Arrived Late)

Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Donzella James (35th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)

Sen. Ed Setzler (37th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Shawn Still (48th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Ex-Officio and Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

Chairman Dixon (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

<u>SB 147</u> (Sen. Still, 48th, LC 49 1233) "Boundless Opportunities for Georgia Students Act"; enact

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Still (48th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived at 2:39 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Halpern (39th) arrived at 2:39 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Mr. Buddy Costley, Georgia Association of Educational Leaders

Testimony neutral to the bill:

Ms. Mikayla Arciaga, Intercultural Development Research Association

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

None

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) left at 2:43 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Sims (12th) returned at 2:43 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Setzler (37th) arrived at 2:45 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion that **SB 147 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 49 1763S**). Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-4.

Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Setzler (37th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Sen. Dixon (45th) voted in favor of the motion to break the tie.

Committee Recommendation: SB 147 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1763S)

SB 459 (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 49 1709) "Civics Education and Portraits in Patriotism Act"; enact

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 3:04 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. James (35th) who made a motion to **Amend SB 459** by striking lines 32 through 35. Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 4-5.

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

Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Setzler (37th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) who made a motion that **SB 459 Do Pass** (**LC 49 1709**). Sen. Dolezal (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-4.

Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Setzler (37th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 459 DO PASS (LC 49 1709)

SB 492 (Sen. Williams, 25th, LC 39 4199) "Addy's Law"; enact

The Chair recognized Sen. Rick Williams (25th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Williams (25th) presented the bill to the Committee alongside Ms. Ashley Pierce, Citizen.

The Chair indicated that SB 492 would receive a hearing only.

Committee Recommendation: SB 492 (LC 39 4199) No Action Taken

<u>SB 365</u> (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 49 1588) Education; notification to parents and legal guardians of public school students of the right to receive email notification each time their child obtains school library materials; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen Dolezal (27th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) left at 3:27 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) left at 3:27 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) returned at 3:29 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) returned at 3:29 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Mr. Mike Griffin, Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

Ms. Brooke Mels, Citizen

Ms. Nan Brown, Georgia Library Media Association

Ms. Erin Baker, Georgia Library Media Association and Professional Association of Georgia Educators

Ms. Nora Benavidez, Georgia First Amendment Foundation

Ms. Tracey Nance, 2020-2021 Georgia Teacher of the Year

Ms. Rhea Wunsch, Georgia Youth Justice Coalition

Ms. Nala North, Georgia Youth Justice Coalition

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) who made a motion that **SB 365 Do Pass (LC 49 1588)**. Sen. Gooch (51st) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-4.

Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Setzler (37th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

Committee Recommendation: SB 365 DO PASS (LC 49 1588)

<u>SB 154</u> (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 44 2266) Sale or Distribution of Harmful Materials to Minors; provisions of Code Section 16-12-103 shall be applicable to libraries operated by schools; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dolezal presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair indicated that SB 154 would receive a hearing only.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) left at 3:54 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Payne (54th) returned at 3:57 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 154 (LC 44 2266) No Action Taken

The Chair referred SB 154, SB 423, SB 432, and SB 438 to the Education Subcommittee.

Chairman Dixon (45th) adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

S/S

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Subcommittee Tuesday, February 20th, 2024

The Senate Education and Youth Subcommittee met on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Subcommittee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Shawn Still (48th), Chairman

Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th)

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)

Sen. Ed Setzler (37th)

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th)

Chairman Still (48th) called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

SB 154 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 44 2266) Sale or Distribution of Harmful Materials to Minors; provisions of Code Section 16-12-103 shall be applicable to libraries operated by schools; provide

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Ms. Pat Dougherty, Citizen

Ms. Julie Mauck, Citizen

Mr. Mike Griffin, Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Mr. Taylor Hawkins, Frontline Policy Action

Ms. Rhonda Thomas, Citizen

Ms. Judy Craft, Georgians for Responsible Libraries

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

Ms. Sarah Hunt-Blackwell, American Civil Liberties Union

Ms. Brooke Mels, Citizen

Ms. Nan Brown, Georgia Library Media Association and Professional Association of Georgia Educators

Ms. Erin Baker, Georgia Library Media Association and Professional Association of Georgia Educators

Ms. Nora Benavidez, Georgia First Amendment Foundation

Ms. Forest Evans, Citizen

Dr. Margaret Ciccarelli, Professional Association of Georgia Educators

Mr. Brian Ramirez, Georgia Youth Justice Coalition

Mr. Buddy Costley, Georgia Association of Educational Leaders

Subcommittee Recommendation: SB 154 (LC 44 2266) No Action Taken

<u>SB 423</u> (Sen. Halpern, 39th, LC 49 1535) Education; maintenance and placement of one or more automated external defibrillators in certain public schools; provide

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

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Ms. Laura Bracci, American Heart Association

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **SB 423 Do Pass** (**LC 49 1535**). Sen. Setzler (37th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Subcommittee Recommendation: SB 423 DO PASS (LC 49 1525)

SB 432 (Sen. Harrell, 40th, LC 49 1576) "Quality Basic Education Act"; provisions; recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through eight; require

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

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Dr. Olga Jarrett, Citizen

Dr. Charlene Brickman, Citizen

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Setzler (37th) who made a motion that **SB 432 Do Pass** (**LC 49 1576**). Sen. Halpern (39th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Subcommittee Recommendation: SB 432 DO PASS (LC 49 1576)

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

S/S

Sen. Shawn Still (48th), Chairman

S/S

Lillian Jacobsen, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Wednesday, February 21st, 2024

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

Sen. Tim Bearden (30th)

Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Ex-Officio (Arrived Late)

Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (Arrived Late) (Left Early)

Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Ed Setzler (37th) (Left Early)

Sen. Shawn Still (48th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th), Sen. Donzella James (35th), and Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Timothy Bearden (30th) was appointed to serve as a member of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth by the Committee on Assignments. A copy of the appointment letter is attached.

Chairman Dixon (45th) called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

SB 394 (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 49 1586) "Restricting Explicit and Adult-designated Educational Resources (READER) Act"; enact

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) left at 5:08 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) returned at 5:11 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 5:12 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Mr. David McKalip, Citizen

Mr. Mack Parnell, Georgia Faith and Freedom Coalition

Mr. Taylor Hawkins, Frontline Policy Action

Mr. Mike Griffin, Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

Ms. Brooke Mels, Citizen

Ms. Jennifer Hapley, Citizen

Ms. Tracey Nance, 2020-2021 Georgia Teacher of the Year

Ms. Sarah Hunt-Blackwell, American Civil Liberties Union

Ms. Jennifer Saunders, Citizen

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 5:31 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) left at 5:37 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) returned at 5:40 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 5:55 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) who made a motion that **SB 394 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 49 1838S**). Sen. Setzler (37th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1.

Sen. Bearden (30th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Setzler (37th), and Sen. Still (48th), and voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Parent (42nd) voted against the motion.

Sen. Sims (12th) abstained from voting.

Committee Recommendation: SB 394 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1838S)

SB 154 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 44 2266) Sale or Distribution of Harmful Materials to Minors; provisions of Code Section 16-12-103 shall be applicable to libraries operated by schools; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dolezal (27th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Setzler (37th) who made a motion to **Amend SB 154** by adding "to provide for a defense;" after "knowingly;" on line 5 and by adding ""(c) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution under this Code section if the individual charged can demonstrate that the school or such individual has made a good faith attempt to identify and remove from access to minors all physical or electronic material harmful to minors." after line 21. Sen. Dolezal (27th) 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. Still (48th) who made a motion that **SB 154 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Setzler (37th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1.

Sen. Bearden (30th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Setzler (37th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Parent (42nd) voted against the motion.

Sen. Sims (12th) abstained from voting.

Committee Recommendation: SB 154 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1846S)

SB 432 (Sen. Harrell, 40th, LC 49 1576) "Quality Basic Education Act"; provisions; recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through eight; require

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion that **SB 432 Do Pass** (**LC 49 1576**). Sen. Setzler (37th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 432 DO PASS (LC 49 1576)

SB 423 (Sen. Halpern, 39th, LC 49 1535) Education; maintenance and placement of one or more automated external defibrillators in certain public schools; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Still (48th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Setzler (37th) who made a motion that **SB 423 Do Pass** (**LC 49 1535**). Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 423 DO PASS (LC 49 1535)

SB 532 (Sen. Dixon, 45th, LC 49 1825) Education; sex education for public school students in this state before fifth grade; prohibit

The Chair presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Setzler (37th) left at 6:27 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Gooch (51st) left at 6:29 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Mr. Mike Griffin, Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Ms. Chelsea Thompson, Frontline Policy Action

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

Ms. Brooke Mels, Citizen

Testimony with concerns regarding the bill:

Ms. Myah Dixon, Georgia Youth Justice Coalition

Ms. Stephanie Tanner, Georgia School Boards Association

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) left at 6:34 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) returned at 6:37 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion that **SB 532 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 49 1844S**). Sen. Sims (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1.

Sen. Bearden (30th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Sims (12th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Parent (42nd) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 532 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1844S)

Chairman Dixon (45th) adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

s/s



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February 21, 2024

Senator Tim Bearden 121-F State Capitol Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Senator Bearden,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Senate Committee on Assignments has appointed you to the following standing committees of the Senate:

Banking & Financial Institutions

Education & Youth

Science & Technology

Veterans, Military, & Homeland Security

Your appointments are effective immediately. We appreciate your service in the Senate and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Lt. Overnor Burt Jones President of the Senate

Senator Steve Gooch Majority Leader

The July

Senator Greg Dolezal Committee on Assignments Senator Brandon Beach Committee on Assignments

Senator John F. Kennedy

President Pro Tempore

CC:

David Cook, Secretary of the Senate Legislative Fiscal Office

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Tuesday, March 5th, 2024

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

Sen. Tim Bearden (30th)

Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio (Arrived Late)

Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Ed Setzler (37th) (*Arrived Late*)

Sen. Shawn Still (48th) (Arrived Late)

NOTE: Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman, Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Donzella James (35th), and Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

Chairman Dixon (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m.

<u>HB 874</u> (Rep. Hawkins, 27th, LC 33 9620S) Schools; automated external defibrillators; require

The Chair recognized Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Hawkins (27th) presented the bill to the Committee alongside Dr. Jeff Marshall, Northside Hospital Cardiovascular Institute.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 2:39 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Still (48th) arrived at 2:39 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Halpern (39th) arrived at 2:40 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Mr. Richard Lamphier, Georgia Nurses Association Ms. Laura Bracci, American Heart Association

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

None

NOTE: Sen. Setzler (37th) arrived at 2:47 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Setzler (37th) who made a motion that **HB 874 Do Pass** (**LC 33 9620S**). Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated that Sen. Ben Watson (1st) would be the Senate Sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 874 DO PASS (LC 33 9620S)

<u>HB 1183</u> (Rep. Dempsey, 13th, LC 54 0340) Education; local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12 on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes; require

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Setzler (37th) who made a motion that **HB 1183 Do Pass (LC 54 0340).** Sen. Halpern (39th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated that Sen. Still (48th) would be the Senate Sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1183 DO PASS (LC 54 0340)

<u>HB 1122</u> (Rep. Hilton, 48th, LC 49 1831S) Education; provide for funding requirements to apply to local agencies; charter schools; provisions

The Chair recognized Rep. Scott Hilton (48th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Hilton (48th) presented the bill to the Committee alongside Dr. Bonnie Holliday, Georgia Charter Schools Association.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) arrived at 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) left at 3:01 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Gooch (51st) returned at 3:01 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Setzler (37th) who made a motion to **Amend HB 1122** by replacing lines 27 through 29 of the proposed Senate substitute with "local charter schools or system charter schools, as such terms are defined in Code Section 20-2-2062, or college and career academies that are charter schools." Sen. Still (48th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1.

Sen. Bearden (30th), Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Halpern (39th), Sen. Parent (42nd), Sen. Setzler (37th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Sims (12th) voted against the motion.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Setzler (37th) who made a motion that **HB 1122 Do Pass by Substitute.** Sen. Still (48th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

Sen. Bearden (30th), and Sen. Gooch (51st), Sen. Setzler (37th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

The Chair indicated that Sen. Brass (28th) would be the Senate sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1122 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1892S)

Chairman Dixon (45th) adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

s/s

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Subcommittee Wednesday, March 13th, 2024

The Senate Education and Youth Subcommittee met on Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Subcommittee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Shawn Still (48th), Chairman

Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)

Sen. Ed Setzler (37th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th)

Chairman Still (48th) called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

The Chair stated that bills heard in the subcommittee meeting would receive hearings only.

HB 51 (Rep. Pirkle, 169th, LC 49 1286S) Education; local boards of education use vehicles other than school buses for transport of students; authorize

The Chair recognized Rep. Clay Pirkle (169th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Pirkle (169th) presented the bill to the Subcommittee alongside Sen. Randy Robertson (29th).

NOTE: Sen. Halpern (39th) arrived at 4:12 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Recommendation: HB 51 (LC 49 1286S) No Action Taken

<u>HB 81</u> (Rep. Corbett, 174th, LC 49 1061) Education; eligibility criteria for certain capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems; revise

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

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Recommendation: HB 81 (LC 49 1061) No Action Taken

<u>HB 987</u> (Rep. Cannon, 172nd, LC 49 1738S) Education; grants; revise definition of qualified local school system school by reducing the minimum required millage rate or equivalent millage rate from 14 mills to 10 mills

The Chair recognized Rep. Chas Cannon (172nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Cannon (172nd) presented the bill to the Subcommittee.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Recommendation: HB 987 (LC 49 1738S) No Action Taken

The Chair declared the Subcommittee stood in recess at 4:32 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Halpern (39th) left at 4:32 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

HB 282 (Rep. Mainor, 56th, LC 52 0429S) Quality Basic Education Act; minimum course study in career readiness education for students in grades six through twelve; provide

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

NOTE: Sen. Setzler (37th) arrived at 4:44 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for questions from the Subcommittee.

NOTE: Sen. Halpern (39th) returned at 4:46 p.m.

Subcommittee Recommendation: HB 282 (LC 52 0429S) No Action Taken

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/s

Sen. Shawn Still (48th), Chairman)

s/s

Lillian Jacobsen, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Tuesday, March 19th, 2024

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Ex-Officio (Arrived Late) (Left Early)

Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Ex-Officio (Left Early)

Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Ed Setzler (37th)

Sen. Shawn Still (48th)

NOTE: Sen. Tim Bearden (30th), Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Donzella James (35th), and Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

Chairman Dixon (45th) called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 9:18 a.m.

<u>HB 81</u> (Rep. Corbett, 174th, LC 49 1061) Education; eligibility criteria for certain capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems; revise

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

NOTE: Sen. Brass (28th) arrived at 9:21 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) who made a motion that **HB 81 Do Pass (LC 49 1061)**. Sen. Sims (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated that Sen. Sims (12th) would be the Senate sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 81 DO PASS (LC 49 1061)

<u>HB 987</u> (Rep. Cannon, 172nd, LC 49 1738S) Education; grants; revise definition of qualified local school system school by reducing the minimum required millage rate or equivalent millage rate from 14 mills to 10 mills

The Chair recognized Rep. Chas Cannon (172nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Cannon (172nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Halpern (39th) arrived at 9:27 a.m.

The Chair recognized Mr. Buddy Costley, Georgia Association of Educational Leaders for a comment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 987 Do Pass** (**LC 49 1738S**). Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-1.

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Halpern (39th), Sen. Parent (42nd), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Sims (12th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Setzler (37th) voted against the motion.

The Chair indicated that Sen. Sam Watson (11th) would be the Senate sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 987 DO PASS (LC 49 1738S)

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) left at 9:54 a.m.

<u>HB 282</u> (Rep. Mainor, 56th, LC 52 0429S) Quality Basic Education Act; minimum course study in career readiness education for students in grades six through twelve; provide

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

NOTE: Sen. Brass (28th) left at 9:58 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Setzler (37th) who made a motion to **Amend HB 282** by adding "to provide for the payment of the costs of health insurance coverage for family members of local board of education members;" before "to provide for related matters;" on line 12 and adding after line 30 of the proposed Senate substitute a new Section 1A. Sen. Still (48th) 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. Setzler (37th) who made a motion that **HB 282 Do Pass by Substitute.** Sen Still (48th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1.

Sen. Halpern (39th), Sen. Payne (54th), Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Setzler (37th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Parent (42nd) voted against the motion.

The Chair indicated that Sen. Payne (54th) would be the Senate sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 282 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1919S)

<u>HB 51</u> (Rep. Pirkle, 169th, LC 49 1286S) Education; local boards of education use vehicles other than school buses for transport of students; authorize

The Chair recognized Rep. Clay Pirkle (169th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Pirkle (169th) presented the bill to the Committee alongside Sen. Randy Robertson (29th).

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 51 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 46 0890S**). Sen. Setzler (37th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated that Sen. Robertson (29th) would be the Senate sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 51 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0890S)

Chairman Dixon (45th) adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S/S

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

S/S

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Tuesday, March 19th, 2024

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

Sen. Tim Bearden (30th)

Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Ex-Officio (Arrived Late)

Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th)

Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)

Sen. Shawn Still (48th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Ed Setzler (37th), and Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

Chairman Dixon (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:48 p.m.

<u>HB 579</u> (Rep. Barrett, 24th, LC 49 1811S) Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act; revise prior school year requirement

The Chair recognized Rep. Carter Barrett (24th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Barrett (24th) presented the bill to the Committee alongside Mr. Michael O'Sullivan from Georgia CAN.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Ms. Chelsea Thompson, Frontline Policy Action

Testimony neutral to the bill:

Ms. Stephanie Tanner, Georgia School Boards Association

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

None

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived at 3:00 p.m.

The Chair made a motion to **Amend HB 579** by replacing "July 1" on line 69 with "July 10." Sen. Still (48th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1.

Sen. Bearden (30th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Halpern (39th), Sen. Parent (42nd), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Sims (12th) voted against the motion.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion that **HB 579 Do Pass by Substitute.** Sen. Still (48th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-1.

Sen. Bearden (30th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Halpern (39th), Sen. Parent (42nd), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Sims (12th) voted against the motion.

The Chair indicated that Sen. Setzler (37th) would be the Senate sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 579 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1922S)

<u>HB 1104</u> (Rep. Crawford, 84th, LC 49 1851S) Quality Basic Education Act; address mental health risks for student athletes

The Chair recognized Rep. Omari Crawford (84th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Crawford (84th) presented the bill to the Committee alongside Chairman Dixon (45th).

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) left at 3:11 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) returned at 3:12 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Mr. Mike Griffin, Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Ms. Chelsea Thompson, Frontline Policy Action

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

Ms. Kim Jones, National Alliance on Mental Illness

Mr. Adam, Student Advocate

NOTE: Sen. Still (48th) left at 3:59 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Still (48th) returned at 4:00 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion to **Amend HB 1104** by striking "and participating private school" on line 31 and on line 478 of the proposed Senate substitute; replacing "mental health risks" with "suicide risk and prevention" on line 32 and on line 474; replacing "mental health" with "suicide risk and prevention" on line 33 and on lines 474 and 475; striking "to provide for limited liability;" on line 34; striking "and participating private schools" on lines 454 and 455; striking lines 456 through 461; striking lines 464 through 466; striking "or participating private school" on line 467; and striking lines 488 through 497. Sen. Still (48th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

Sen. Bearden (30th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) who made a motion that **HB 1104 Do Pass by Substitute.** Sen. Dolezal (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

Sen. Bearden (30th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

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

The Chair indicated that Sen. Dixon (45th) would be the Senate sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1104 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1921S)

Chairman Dixon (45th) adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

s/s

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Wednesday, March 20th, 2024

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

Sen. Tim Bearden (30th)

Sen. Russ Goodman (8th), Ex-Officio

Sen. Donzella James (35th) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Shawn Still (48th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th), Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), Sen. Ed Setzler (37th), and Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Russ Goodman (8th) was appointed to the Senate Committee on Education and Youth, as an Ex-Officio member, by the Committee on Assignments for the Meeting held on March 20th, 2024. A copy of the appointment letter is attached.

Chairman Dixon (45th) called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

SR 692 (Sen. Williams, 25th, LC 49 1834) Senate Transporting Students Safely Study Committee; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Rick Williams (25th) for the purpose of presenting the resolution. Sen. Williams (25th) presented the resolution to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) who made a motion that **SR 692 Do Pass (LC 49 1834).** Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 692 DO PASS (LC 49 1834)

HB 338 (Rep. Erwin, 32nd, LC 49 1352S) Student Technology Protection Act; enact

The Chair recognized Rep. Chris Erwin (32nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Erwin (32nd) presented the bill to the Committee alongside Chairman Dixon (45th).

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Mr. Taylor Hawkins, Frontline Policy Action

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

None

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) who made a motion that **HB 338 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 49 1914S**). Sen. Bearden (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

Sen. Bearden (30th), Sen. Goodman (8th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Sims (12th) voted against the motion.

The Chair indicated that Sen. Dixon (45th) would be the Senate sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 338 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1914S)

<u>HB 846</u> (Rep. Leverett, 123rd, LC 49 1836S) Education; require local school systems to annually notify employees whether social security taxes will be withheld from their pay and eligibility of certain benefits

The Chair recognized Rep. Rob Leverett (123rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Leverett (123rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion that **HB 846 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 49 1923S**). Sen. Goodman (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated that Sen. Still (48th) would be the Senate sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 846 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1923S)

HB 409 (Rep. Daniel, 117th, LC 47 2327S) Local government; authorize local authorities to dispose of real property in the same manner as county governing authorities

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Still (48th) who made a motion that **HB 409 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 39 4350S**). Sen. Sims (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair indicated that Sen. Rick Williams (25th) would be the Senate sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 409 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 39 4350S)

HB 298 (Rep. Daniel, 117th, LC 49 1364S) Courts; exemption or deferment from jury service for natural or adoptive mothers of children six months of age or younger; provide

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

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived at 8:07 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Goodman (8th) who made a motion that **HB 298 Do Pass by Substitute** (**LC 49 1898S**). Sen. Payne (54th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-1.

Sen. Bearden (30th), Sen. Goodman (8th), Sen. James (35th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Still (48th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Sims (12th) voted against the motion.

The Chair indicated that Sen. Dixon (45th) would be the Senate sponsor.

Committee Recommendation: HB 298 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 1898S)

Chairman Dixon (45th) adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

s/s



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BURT JONES LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

3/20 , 2024

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

Secretary Cook,

The Committee on Assignments has delegated to the President of the Senate the authority, under Rule 2-3.2 of the Rules of the Georgia Senate, to temporarily appoint ex-officio members of standing committees without further action by the Committee on Assignments.

Pursuant to that authority, I hereby appoint Senator Russ Good Man of the State Galactic Annual Committee for the committee meeting to be held on Manual Committee To the Augustian of the meeting.

The designated Senator shall count as a voting member of the Committee for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting held on this date and may vote on any matter before the Committee.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Burt Jones President of the Senate

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Monday, March 25th, 2024

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth met on Monday, March 25th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following members were in attendance:

Sen. Clint Dixon (45th), Chairman

Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

Sen. Tim Bearden (30th) (Left Early)

Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th) (*Left Early*)

Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (Arrived Late)

Sen. Shawn Still (48th)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Ex-Officio, Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Ex-Officio, Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Ed Setzler (37th), and Sen. Horacena Tate (38th) were absent.

Chairman Dixon (45th) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

The Chair recognized Mr. Michael Bernard, Citizen, for a presentation.

SB 284 (Sen. Esteves, 6th, LC 49 1399) "Quality Basic Education Act"; students living in poverty; table of quality basic education instructional programs; add a program

The Chair indicated that SB 284 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jason Esteves (6th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen Esteves (6th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 2:10 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the bill:

Mr. Stephen Owens, Georgia Budget & Policy Institute

Ms. Darian Burns, Southern Education Foundation

Ms. Myah Dixon, Georgia Youth Justice Coalition

Ms. Francesca Ruhe, Georgia Youth Justice Coalition

Mr. Brian Ramirez, Georgia Youth Justice Coalition

Mr. Jordan Madden, Intercultural Development Research Association

Testimony in opposition to the bill:

None

NOTE: Sen. Bearden (30th) left at 2:48 p.m. **NOTE:** Sen. Halpern (39th) left at 2:50 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 284 (LC 49 1399) No Action Taken

Chairman Dixon (45th) adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

s/s

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April 3, 2024

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

Dear Mr. Cook:

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following bills and resolutions which were not acted upon in the Senate Committee on Education and Youth during the 2024 Legislative Session:

SB 58 ✓ SB 96 ✓SB 98 ✓SB 123 ✓ SB 207 SB 241 SB 250 ✓SB 252 SB 261 SB 268 SB 284 SB 318 **SB 438** SB 445 ✓ SB 492 ✓ SB 530

SB 18

✓ SB 550

✓SB 556

✓SB 582

≼ SR 632

Sincerely,

Clint Dixon

Senate Committee on Education and Youth