

PROPOSED SENATE FIRST READERS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 495. By Senator Rogers of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and re-creating the City of Woodstock, approved April 17, 1975 (Ga. L. 1975, p. 4160), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 4472), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 496. By Senators Rogers of the 21st, Albers of the 56th and Loudermilk of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to enact an alternative homestead option sales and use tax; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for creation of special districts; to provide for a referendum on levying the tax; to provide for collection and administration of the tax; to provide for a credit for similar taxes collected in other jurisdictions; to provide for a referendum on discontinuation of the tax; to provide an exemption for building and construction materials; to provide that the commissioner shall have the power to issue rules and regulations to administer this tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 497. By Senator Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide that future elections for the office of judge of the Probate Court of Rockdale County shall be nonpartisan elections; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 498. By Senators Carter of the 42nd, Millar of the 40th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 and Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government and public property, respectively, so as to require certain procedures of the state and a local government prior to leasing public property to a private entity for nongovernmental purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for notice and hearings; to provide for policies and procedures; to provide for standards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 499. By Senators Hill of the 4th and Stone of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-5-51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to civil liability for violations of water pollution provisions, so as to require violators to pay for the costs of third-party monitoring; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 500. By Senators Tippins of the 37th and Thompson of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to change the date of Georgia Day; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 501. By Senators Thompson of the 5th, Rogers of the 21st, Williams of the 19th, Davis of the 22nd, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to repeal an article relating to the Georgia Charter Schools Commission; to establish the Georgia Charter Schools Advisory Commission; to provide for its membership, duties, and powers; to eliminate the Charter Advisory Committee; to require charter petitioners to concurrently submit a charter petition to the Georgia Charter Schools Advisory Commission; to authorize the State Board of Education to grant exclusive local charter school authority to a local board of education; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 502. By Senator Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to actions against insurance companies, so as to provide for procedure relative to claimant's offers to settle tort claims involving liability insurance policies; to provide that failure to make an offer to settle in conformity with the law precludes the recovery of a claim for bad faith or negligent failure to settle; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 503. By Senators Golden of the 8th, Bethel of the 54th, Goggans of the 7th, Shafer of the 48th and Stoner of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, so as to provide for insurers to offer wellness endorsements or riders under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 504. By Senator Fort of the 39th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide for certain requirements of sleep centers; to provide for certain personnel to be present on a 24 hour basis; to require sleep technologists to be trained and certified in life-saving techniques; to provide for certain training and recertification of personnel; to require defibrillators in each patient room; to provide for contact of the patient's family at the onset of a medical emergency; to provide each patient a consent form advising in a conspicuous manner the potential hazards and risks of sleep studies; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; for other purposes.

SB 505. By Senators Bethel of the 54th and Hamrick of the 30th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-34 and Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgements and rulings deemed directly appealable and medical malpractice arbitration, respectively, so as to substantially revise the law relating to arbitration of medical malpractice claims; to provide for direct appeal; to change and provide for definitions; to provide for qualifications, terms, and conditions in order for a medical malpractice arbitration agreement to be enforceable; to provide for persons other than a patient to enter into binding arbitration on behalf of a patient; to provide for construction of arbitration agreements; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

SB 506. By Senator Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to waiver of sovereign immunity, so as to provide that state immunity extends to certain health care providers engaged in graduate medical education training programs in certain Georgia medical facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and other purposes.

SR 1059. By Senator Rogers of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Mill Creek Middle School students Camille Roty and Elizabeth Pfaff; and for other purposes.

SR 1060. By Senators Rogers of the 21st and Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Dr. Johnny M. Hunt and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.

SR 1061. By Senator Bulloch of the 11th:

A RESOLUTION urging the United States Department of Labor to recall proposed policies; and for other purposes.

SR 1062. By Senators Fort of the 39th, James of the 35th, Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th and Jones of the 10th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Miss Lenora Reese; and for other purposes.

SR 1063. By Senators James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th, Fort of the 39th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mayor Pro Tempore Robert L. Thomas; and for other purposes.

SR 1064. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Jeffares of the 17th, Hooks of the 14th, Hill of the 4th and James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION urging the Department of Natural Resources to take measures to preserve, protect, and promote the important historical heritage and beautiful natural treasures of Sapelo Island, Georgia; and for other purposes.

SR 1065. By Senator Thompson of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION amending the Rules of the Senate; and for other purposes.

SR 1066. By Senators Thompson of the 33rd and Tippins of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Lieutenant James Freeland for his outstanding and brave services upon the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

SR 1067. By Senator Rogers of the 21st:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide that the re-creation of a previously existing county which was merged into another county may be accomplished by law, subject to the approval of the voters therein and subject to certain conditions; to provide for the status and effect of the implementing law; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

SR 1068. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Georgia Ethics and Accountability Joint Study Committee; and for other purposes.

SR 1069. By Senators Stone of the 23rd, Millar of the 40th, Loudermilk of the 52nd, Jeffares of the 17th, Davis of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the Department of Community Affairs and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to set aside the adoption of the Georgia amendments to the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code; and for other purposes.