

SENATE FIRST READERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 85. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd and Albers of the 56th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, so as to revise the definition of project as applicable to said chapter; to modify the tax exemption of development authorities; to correct cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

SB 86. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 6th and Williams of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to establish the "Patient Compensation Act"; to amend Title 51 of the O.C.G.A., relating to torts, so as to create an alternative to medical malpractice litigation whereby patients are compensated for medical injuries; to provide for definitions; to establish the Patient Compensation System and the Patient Compensation Board; to provide for committees; to provide for the filing of and disposition of applications; to provide for review by an administrative law judge; to provide for appellate review; to provide for payment of administration expenses; to require an annual report; to provide for funding; to provide for related matters; to provide for severability; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 87. By Senator Hill of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34A-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physician profiles, dissemination to public, content and maintenance requirements, corrections, judgments prior to April 11, 2001, sealed judgments, arbitration awards, and settlements prohibited, so as to limit the use of specialty board designations by physicians; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 88. By Senators Jones of the 25th, Hill of the 6th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th, Burke of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide for the payment of wages by credit to a payroll card; to change certain provisions relating to payment of wages by lawful money, checks, or credit transfer and selection of payment dates by employers; to require employers to offer employees certain choices and information relating to the payment of wages; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 89. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Black of the 8th, Williams of the 19th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 19 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to textbooks for elementary and secondary education, so as to require instructional materials and content to be in digital or electronic format after a certain date; to require local boards of education to provide wireless electronic devices for students to access instructional materials and content; to revise provisions for purposes of conformity; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Science and Technology Committee.

SB 90. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 8 of Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to construction, improvement, and repair of rail lines, depots, and roads, so as to provide for the installation of farm crossings and cattle guards on property which is intersected by a railroad; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 91. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Ginn of the 47th, Hill of the 6th, Jones of the 25th, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of alcoholic beverages generally, so as to provide for local control of distance requirements for grocery stores as to the retail sale of wine and malt beverages for consumption off the premises only such that grocery stores shall be allowed to open in locations near school buildings and school grounds if so permitted by the local governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

SR 150. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th, Sims of the 12th and James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Robert Threatt; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 151. By Senator Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION commending Habersham County and recognizing February 18, 2015, as Habersham County Day at the State Capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 152. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Jones of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th, Mullis of the 53rd and Wilkinson of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 18, 2015, as Family and Consumer Sciences Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 153. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Jones of the 25th and Seay of the 34th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of James Cecil Germany, Jr.; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 154. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th, Cowser of the 46th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending John Andrew Smoltz for his contributions to the State of Georgia and recognizing his outstanding achievements in the sport of baseball; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 155. By Senators Hill of the 32nd, Gooch of the 51st, McKoon of the 29th, Bethel of the 54th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the United States Congress to adopt and to submit to the states a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution and to balance our current budget; and for other purposes.

Referred to Government Oversight Committee.

SR 156. By Senator Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizing Monday, February 9, 2015, as Delta Day at the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 157. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Cree Taylor upon being honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 158. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION commending Piper Spraker upon being honored with the Girl Scout Bronze Award; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 159. By Senator Butler of the 55th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Mrs. Runell "Nell" Brooks Foster and dedicating an intersection in her honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SR 160. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Burke of the 11th, Tippins of the 37th, Harper of the 7th and Hill of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February as Career and Technical Education Month and February 17, 2015, as Georgia Career and Technical Student Organizations Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 161. By Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd, James of the 35th, Henson of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and recognizing February 9, 2015, as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 162. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Beach of the 21st, Millar of the 40th, Parent of the 42nd, Tate of the 38th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the United States Youth Fly Fishing Team; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 163. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Gooch of the 51st, Hill of the 32nd and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Senate Rules Committee, during the 2015-2016 biennium of the General Assembly, to place witnesses under oath or affirmation when testifying before said committee in regard to legislation which is then in the possession of the committee or eligible for placement on the rules calendar of the Senate; and for other purposes.

Referred to Rules Committee.

SR 164. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Harper of the 7th, Burke of the 11th and Ginn of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Young Farmers Association and recognizing February 25, 2015, as Young Farmers Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes

Read and Adopted.

SR 167. By Senators Cowsert of the 46th, Shafer of the 48th, Henson of the 41st and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION relative to adjournment; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.