

SENATE FIRST READERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 140. By Senators James of the 35th, Albers of the 56th and Hill of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to incorporate the City of South Fulton in Fulton County; to provide for a charter for the City of South Fulton; to provide for an automatic repeal; to provide effective dates and transitional provisions governing the transfer of various functions and responsibilities from Fulton County to the City of South Fulton; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 141. By Senators Jones of the 10th, McKoon of the 29th, Seay of the 34th, Butler of the 55th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for juvenile proceedings under the Juvenile Code, so as to provide that minor violations of weapons in school safety zones are not considered Class B designated felonies; to restore certain provisions to their prior form due to the conflict between the enactment of 2014 House Bill 60 and House Bill 826; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 142. By Senators Beach of the 21st and Mullis of the 53rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to regulate procedures governing applications for permits for critical infrastructure projects; to regulate local government zoning procedures with respect to critical infrastructure projects; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

SB 143. By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Seay of the 34th, Albers of the 56th, Stone of the 23rd, Watson of the 1st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to require an insurer providing services under the state health benefit plan to include certain trauma centers in its provider network; to provide for a mechanism to resolve disputes between insurers and certain hospitals; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for an appeal to the Commissioner of Insurance; to provide for appointment of an arbitration panel; to provide for the panel membership and duties; to provide for subject matter of disputes; to provide for binding decisions; to provide for appeal of the arbitration panel decision and venue; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 144. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to acquisition of property for transportation purposes, so as to provide for attorney's fees and expenses of trial in appeals to condemnation compensation award amounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SB 145. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-2-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Board of Community Health, so as to provide that at least one member of the board is also a member of the state health benefit plan; to provide that current members carry out their respective terms; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 146. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that the costs of special primaries or special elections to fill vacancies in public offices shall be paid by this state in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SB 147. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Article 4 of Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts and purchases by public schools and bidding for government works projects, respectively, so as to impose requirements on certain contracts and purchases by local boards of education; to require that professional services contracts exceeding \$50,000.00 be competitively bid; to require that the guaranteed maximum price submitted by a construction manager at risk to a local board of education not be changed after execution of a contract; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 148. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th, Jackson of the 24th, Bethel of the 54th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to transfer the powers and responsibilities of the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs to the Attorney General's office; to amend Titles 2, 16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 36, 43, and 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, crimes and offenses, debtors and creditors, health, insurance, law enforcement officers and agencies, local government, professions and businesses, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to conform to such transfer, correct cross-references, and remove obsolete provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

SB 149. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service creditable toward retirement benefits, so as to provide for creditable service for certain military service; to provide for application and payment; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Retirement Committee.

SB 150. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service creditable toward retirement benefits, so as to provide for creditable service for certain military service; to provide for application and payment; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Retirement Committee.

SB 151. By Senators Martin of the 9th, Black of the 8th, McKoon of the 29th, Williams of the 27th, Hill of the 6th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to salary and allowances of members and officers, so as to impose penalties on members of the General Assembly who repeatedly misuse expense funds and reimbursements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SB 152. By Senators Hill of the 6th, Millar of the 40th and Thompson of the 5th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement and pensions, so as to provide for the transfer of membership between the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia and the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Retirement Committee.

SB 153. By Senators Ginn of the 47th, Martin of the 9th, Cowser of the 46th, Williams of the 19th, Williams of the 27th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the regulation of alcoholic beverages, so as to provide that a person who has all necessary licenses to sell alcoholic beverages by the drink or for consumption on the premises may purchase malt beverages, wine, and distilled spirits from retailers under certain conditions for resale; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

SR 298. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Kennedy of the 18th and Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jeremy S. Jones of Albany State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 299. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Jackson of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Blair Weaver of Armstrong Atlantic State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 300. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Rhett of the 33rd and Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Michael Patterson of Atlanta Metropolitan State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 301. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Burke of the 11th and Stone of the 23rd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar April C. McNair of Bainbridge State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 302. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jedidiah O. Lindborg of College of Coastal Georgia on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 303. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd and Davenport of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jeremy Borger of Georgia Perimeter College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 304. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Jones II of the 22nd and Ginn of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Brittney Melinda Laufer of Georgia Regents University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 305. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Albers of the 56th and Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Fernando Mattos of Georgia State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 306. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Tippins of the 37th and Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Katherine Grace Street of Kennesaw State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 307. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Lucas of the 26th and Tolleson of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Sarah Hollifield of Middle Georgia State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 308. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Jackson of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Brittany Bush of Savannah State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 309. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Williams of the 19th and Harper of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jenna R. Rozier of South Georgia State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 310. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Dugan of the 30th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Osayame Gaius-Obaseki of University of West Georgia on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 311. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Miller of the 49th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jonathan Chase Strickland of University of North Georgia on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 312. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Hill of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Hillary Brooke Bird of Georgia Southern University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 313. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Tolleson of the 20th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Ashley D. Davis of Fort Valley State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 314. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Black of the 8th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Melanie Alyse Morris of Valdosta State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 315. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Sims of the 12th and Kennedy of the 18th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jonathan Colley of Darton State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 316. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Davenport of the 44th and Harbin of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Rachel S. Mannor of Clayton State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 317. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Dugan of the 30th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION Commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Philip N. Cheek of Southern Polytechnic State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 318. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Hill of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Danielle Donaldson Renew of East Georgia State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 319. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Fort of the 39th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Zackary H. Cook of Georgia Institute of Technology on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 320. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Stone of the 23rd, Cowsert of the 46th and Jones II of the 22nd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Ashlyn D. Burch of Georgia College & State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes

Read and Adopted.

SR 321. By Senators Millar of the 40th and McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Tuan Anh Nguyen of University of Georgia on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 322. By Senators Millar of the 40th and McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Angelin Sara Shajan of Columbus State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 323. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Kirk of the 13th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Sarah Allison Rooks of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 324. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Bethel of the 54th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Hilary N. Stanley of Dalton State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes

Read and Adopted.

SR 325. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Unterman of the 45th and Thompson of the 5th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Gabrielle Costello of Georgia Gwinnett College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes

Read and Adopted.

SR 326. By Senators Millar of the 40th, Kennedy of the 18th and Harbin of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Amber Byous of Gordon State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 327. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Kelly R. Dekle of Georgia Southwestern State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 328. By Senators Millar of the 40th and Hufstetler of the 52nd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Hali Bohannon Burns of Georgia Highlands College on Academic Recognition Day for 2015; and for other purposes

Read and Adopted.

SR 329. By Senators Beach of the 21st, Gooch of the 51st, Cowsert of the 46th, Millar of the 40th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION commending Taiwan for its relations with the United States; and for other purposes.

Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

SR 330. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for public initiative referendums; to provide for procedures, number of signatures required, verification methods, form of petition, form of ballot question, and other related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SR 331. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide a fixed sum for funding the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission; to provide that such funds shall not lapse; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to Appropriations Committee.

SR 332. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Miller of the 49th, Jones of the 25th, Jones of the 10th, Thompson of the 5th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Charles Lynn Whittemoore on the grand occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 333. By Senators Harper of the 7th, Albers of the 56th, Shafer of the 48th, Gooch of the 51st, Mullis of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending the emergency medical services professionals of Georgia and recognizing February 26, 2015, as Emergency Medical Services Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 334. By Senator Harper of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION commending Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth and recognizing February 24, 2015, as TeleHealth Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 335. By Senators McKoon of the 29th and Crane of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for a budget session and a general law session for the General Assembly each year; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to Appropriations Committee.

SR 336. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for state-wide grand juries; to provide for the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of state-wide grand juries; to require the General Assembly to provide by law for procedures for the summoning and empaneling of state-wide grand juries; to provide for a presiding judge; to provide that the Attorney General or his or her designee shall act as the legal adviser and prosecutor for such state-wide grand juries; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.

SR 337. By Senator McKoon of the 29th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to limit authority of the General Assembly to impose taxes on income; to provide for a phasing out of taxes on income; to provide for the ability of the General Assembly to impose an income tax under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

SR 338. By Senators Butler of the 55th and Rhett of the 33rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 4, 2015, as Children's Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 339. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing September as Dystonia Awareness Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 340. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Tippins of the 37th, Miller of the 49th and Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the staff and students of Cornelia Elementary School for being named a 2014 Georgia Department of Education Reward School in the category of Highest Progress; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 341. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Tippins of the 37th, Miller of the 49th, Sims of the 12th and Mullis of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the staff and students of Level Grove Elementary School for being named a 2014 Georgia Department of Education Reward School in the category of Highest Progress; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 342. By Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Tippins of the 37th, Miller of the 49th, Sims of the 12th and Ginn of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for providing leadership and support for individuals, families, and communities throughout Georgia; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 343. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Davenport of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Shawn B. Thomas for her dedicated work in her community; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 344. By Senator Jones of the 25th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Rock Springs Health Clinic in Milner, Georgia, and its Medical Director, W. Stephen Taunton, M.D.; Administrative Director, Bobbi Riley; and Pharmaceutical Director, Linda Taunton; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 345. By Senator Hill of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Hunter Lyons; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 346. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 2, 2015, as Skin Cancer Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.