SENATE FIRST READERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 356. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Stone of the 23rd, Unterman of the 45th and Cowsert of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 4 of the O.C.G.A., relating to animals, so as to provide a definition of the term "owner"; to provide for impoundment of animals for any violation of Article 1 of Chapter 11 of said title; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to magistrate courts, so as to provide for the foreclosure of liens on animals; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SB 357. By Senators Williams of the 27th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, McKoon of the 29th and Crane of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to revise provisions relating to standards for local board of education members; to provide that establishing a code of ethics is in the discretion of the local board of education; to eliminate required training for local board of education members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 358. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3832), so as to provide for an oath of office and its administration; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 359. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to terminate the employment of appointed officers upon such persons qualifying to seek public office; to provide for the termination of employees upon qualifying to seek public office in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 360. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to prohibit the mayor and councilmembers from holding any other elective or appointive office in the city or otherwise be employed by said government or any agency thereof during the term for which that official was elected; to prohibit any former mayor or former councilmember from holding any appointive office in the city or being employed by the city until one year after the expiration of the term for which that official was elected; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 361. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to provide for a city manager; to provide for manner of selection, appointment, qualifications, compensation, and removal; to provide for an acting city manager; to provide for powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 362. By Senators Jones of the 10th and Jeffares of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Stockbridge, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4359), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the filling of vacancies in the offices of members of the governing authority; to provide for an exception; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 363. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th and Tate of the 38th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elections, so as to prohibit a corporation from using any money or other property of the corporation in connection with a political expenditure unless the stockholders, by a certain vote, have authorized such political expenditures in advance and directed that the money or property be used for certain purposes; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SB 364. By Senators Tippins of the 37th, Sims of the 12th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to revise provisions relating to annual teacher, principal, and assistant principal evaluations; to revise provisions relating to student assessment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Education and Youth Committee.

SB 365. By Senators Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Millar of the 40th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Harper of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting certain beneficial projects, causes, agencies, or nonprofit corporations, so as to establish a specialty license plate for the Georgia Pet Foundation; to provide for related matters; to require a two-thirds' majority vote for passage in accordance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 366. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Cowsert of the 46th, Williams of the 19th, Hill of the 4th, Shafer of the 48th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-22-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from requirements of state agencies relative to the selection of and contracts with providers of professional services, so as to provide for an alternative selection process for the Department of Transportation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SB 367. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, Jones of the 25th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for comprehensive reform for offenders entering, proceeding through, and leaving the criminal justice system so as to promote an offender's successful reentry into society, benefit the public, and enact reforms recommended by the Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.

SB 368. By Senator Rhett of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for a program of premium assistance to enable eligible individuals to obtain health care coverage; to provide for definitions; to require personal responsibility premiums from eligible individuals; to provide for a compliance pool; to provide for any necessary state plan amendments or federal waivers; to provide for termination of the program under certain circumstances; to provide for the Legislative Oversight Committee for Health Care Premium Assistance; 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 369. By Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Harper of the 7th, Watson of the 1st, Albers of the 56th, Ginn of the 47th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 25 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation of fireworks, so as to revise the standard of compliance from explosion to ignition; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide for further regulations by municipal corporations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 370. By Senators Martin of the 9th, McKoon of the 29th, Millar of the 40th, Crane of the 28th and Shafer of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the superior court clerk's term of office and training requirements, so as to change provisions relating to the sponsor of training requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Retirement Committee.

SB 371. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Jackson of the 2nd, Stone of the 23rd, Thompson of the 14th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 and Part 5 of Article 8 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pawnbrokers and liens by pawnbrokers, factors, bailees, acceptors, and depositories, respectively, so as to provide for installment pawn transactions with a fixed term for such transactions involving the pledge of a motor vehicle or a motor vehicle certificate of title as security; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations for such pawn transactions; to provide for a definition; to provide for permitted charges, term length, and prepayment of such pawn transactions; to provide for acceleration of such pawn transactions and permitted grace periods; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Banking and Financial Institutions Committee.

SR 947. By Senators McKoon of the 29th, Bethel of the 54th, Stone of the 23rd and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Georgia Association of Paralegals for its leadership and congratulating it on its three National Federation of Paralegal Association awards; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 948. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the elementary school nominees for the Muscogee County School District's 2016 Teacher of the Year Award; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 949. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the high school nominees for the Muscogee County School District's 2016 Teacher of the Year Award; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 950. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the centers' nominees for the Muscogee County School District's 2016 Teacher of the Year Award; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 951. By Senator Harbison of the 15th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the middle school nominees for the Muscogee County School District's 2016 Teacher of the Year Award; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 952. By Senators Williams of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Hammond's Crossing area of Forsyth County and dedicating an intersection in its honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SR 953. By Senators Williams of the 27th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Coal Mountain area of Forsyth County and dedicating an intersection in its honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SR 954. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, Jones of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th, Kirk of the 13th, Bethel of the 54th and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in the counties of Bartow, Bulloch, Carroll, Chatham, Columbia, Coweta, DeKalb, Emanuel, Gordon, Henry, Marion, Murray, Paulding, Sumter, Ware, and Whitfield; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State Institutions and Property Committee.

SR 955. By Senators Jeffares of the 17th, VanNess of the 43rd, Jones of the 25th, Kennedy of the 18th and Hill of the 6th:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the conveyance and lease of various state owned real properties; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to State Institutions and Property Committee.

SR 956. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Sautee and Nacoochee Valley Historic Districts and dedicating three roads in their honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SR 957. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Katherine McCauley upon being named Miss Apple Capital 2016; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 958. By Senator Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Kendall Chamberlain upon being named Miss Apple Capital's Outstanding Teen 2016; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 959. By Senator Tippins of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION commending the School Social Workers Association of Georgia, Inc., for its work; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 960. By Senator Tippins of the 37th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) and the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) and recognizing February 16, 2016, as PAGE and GAEL Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 961. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Tate of the 38th, Henson of the 41st, Parent of the 42nd, Jones II of the 22nd and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Spencer Pass and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SR 962. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th and Parent of the 42nd:

A RESOLUTION commending La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Incorporated, and recognizing February 19, 2016, as Lambda Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 963. By Senators Gooch of the 51st, Heath of the 31st, Seay of the 34th, Williams of the 19th, Hill of the 4th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 18, 2016, as the 4th Annual Legislative Fly-In at the state capitol and commending the Georgia Airports Association and its leadership; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 964. By Senator Martin of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. James W. (Jim) Vaught, Jr., Head of School, Providence Christian Academy; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.