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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND YOUTH
Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Rules 2019 – 2020

The Rules of the Committee shall be the Rules of the Subcommittees.

1. The quorum for the Education and Youth Committee shall be 5 members. Record of attendance will be maintained for each full Committee or subcommittee meeting. This information shall be considered public.
2. The Committee shall convene, recess and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman. Recess or adjournment of the Committee may also take place by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.
3. A bill or resolution will only be placed on the Committee agenda after its principal sponsor completes a bill summary form. When a bill or resolution is placed on the Committee agenda, the principal sponsor shall be notified of the time and the place of the hearing. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal sponsor or a legislator designated by the principal sponsor.
4. The Chairman shall establish the meeting agenda and determine the measures to be considered and the order of consideration. No motion that the Committee recommends (Do Pass, Do Not Pass, etc) shall be in order until the Chairperson has stated that such a motion will be entertained.
5. The Chairman may appoint subcommittees and officers of subcommittees, and at the discretion of the Chairman, refer any matter to a subcommittee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate until it is considered by the full Committee. All Committee officers will be ex-officio voting subcommittee members.
6. Any member or members who disagree with the majority report of the Committee may file a minority report as provided in the Rules of the Senate.
7. These Rules may be amended or suspended upon the motion duly made and approved by a majority of the members of the Committee.
8. Five minutes prior to, during, and five minutes after a televised or web-cast Committee meeting, no one other than a member of the Committee, Legislative Counsel, Committee Aide, Administrative Assistant to the Chairperson, or Committee Intern, shall walk beyond the witness pulpit for any reason.
9. During Committee meetings, Committee members and everyone in the audience shall either turn off or place in silent mode all cell phones, pagers or other similar devices.

10. Any proposed measure shall include a fiscal note when appropriate, as determined by the Chairman, prior to Committee consideration.
11. All publications, flyers, or any other materials to be distributed to the Committee shall be given to the Chairman or their assistant and will be distributed by the Chairman at the appropriate time.
12. Except for Legislative Counsel, no one shall speak to a member of the Committee while a televised or web-cast meeting is in progress without first obtaining the consent of the Chairman. A request to speak should be given to the Administrative Aide or Committee Aide, which will then be passed to the Chairman for approval.
13. Action may be taken by the Committee on any bill the first time it is presented. The Chairperson shall have the option to take action on a resolution.
14. Committee and Subcommittee members may question witnesses only when they have been recognized by the Chairman for that purpose. The Chairman may also set time limits for the process.
15. The Secretary of the Committee shall cause a copy of the Rules to be distributed to all members of the Senate.

**Minutes of the Joint House and Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Thursday, January 30, 2020**

The Joint House and Senate Committees on Education and Youth held a meeting on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 606 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Left Early*)
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (*Arrived Late & Left Early*)
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late & Left Early*)

NOTE: Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), and Sen. Ellis Black (8th) were absent.

Chairman Rick Jasperse (House Education Chairman, 11th) called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

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

Education Community Members who presented to the Committee:

Georgia Department of Education:
Richard Woods, Superintendent
Caitlin Dooley, Deputy Superintendent

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) left the meeting at 1:12 p.m.
NOTE: Chairman Martin IV (9th) left the meeting at 1:15 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Brass (28th) left the meeting early at 1:20 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived late to the meeting at 1:20 p.m.
NOTE: Chairman Martin IV (9th) returned to the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education:
Steve Dolinger, President
Dana Rickman, Vice President

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) returned to the meeting at 1:52 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) arrived to the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

Professional Standards Commission:
Matt Arthur, Executive Secretary
Joy Fethe, Program Analyst and Delivery Specialist
Penney McRoy, Director of Educator Preparation

Department of Juvenile Justice:

Zachary Louis, Director of Government Relations

Monica Henson, Deputy Superintendent

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tippins (37th) left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) left the meeting early at 2:25 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tippins (37th) returned to the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

NOTE: Chairman Martin IV (9th) left the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

NOTE: Chairman Martin IV (9th) returned to the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) left the meeting early at 2:45 p.m.

Chairman Jasperse (11th) adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth held a meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Arrived Late & Left Early*)
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late & Left Early*)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)

NOTE: Sen. John Wilkinson (50th) and Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) were absent

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. The Chair opened the floor for presentations from the public. He recognized the following:

Education Community Members who presented to the Committee:

Alison Evans, President/CEO, Residential Treatment Facilities, The Methodist Home (Macon)
Lauren Crabtree, Assistant Principal, Residential Treatment Facilities, Youth Villages Inner Harbour Campus
Gwen Skinner, Vice President of Operations, Residential Treatment Facilities Devereux (GA and FL)

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived late at 1:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) arrived late at 1:09 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived late at 1:11 p.m.

SB 101 (Sen. Brandon Beach, 21st, LC 47 0071ER) 'Coach Safely Act'; enact

The Chair stated that SB 101 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Beach (21st) 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:

Terri Winston, Program Director, CoachSafely Georgia
Steve Brown, VadaLinks, LLC
Dr. David Satcher, Former United States Surgeon General

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) left early at 1:48 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) left early at 1:55 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 101 (LC 47 0071ER) No action was taken.

SB 354 (Sen. Elena Parent, 42nd, LC 33 8182) Early Care and Learning; Georgia Childcare and Parent Services program; participation in a four-year degree program; include

The Chair stated that SB 354 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Parent (42nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

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

NOTE: Sen. Black (8th) and Sen. Dolezal (27th) left early at 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Brass (28th) and Sen. Tippins (37th) left early at 2:01 p.m.

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Pam Tatum, President and Chief Executive Officer, Quality Care for Children

Jessica Woltjea, Early Childhood Education Policy Manager, GEEARS

Polly McKinney, Advocacy Director, Voices for Georgia's Children

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

Committee Recommendation: SB 354 (LC 33 8182) No action was taken.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth held a meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary
Sen. Ellis Black (8th)
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex- Officio) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) (*Arrived Late & Left Early*)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex – Officio) (*Arrived Late*)

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) arrived late at 2:04 p.m.

SB 343 (Sen. Lester Jackson, 2nd, LC 49 0087) Education; mandatory education for children from 16 to 17; raise age

The Chair stated that SB 343 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (2nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jackson (2nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived late at 2:06 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived late at 2:08 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived late at 2:12 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) left at 2:28 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in opposition of the Bill:

Kerry Pritchard, Manager of Flexibility and External Affairs, Georgia Department of Education

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) returned at 2:31 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) and Sen. Brass (28th) left early at 2:41 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 343 (LC 49 0087) No action was taken.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Monday, February 24, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth held a meeting on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 2:00p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Matt Brass (28th) and Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman were absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

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

[SB 367](#) (Sen. P.K. Martin IV, 9th, LC 49 0123) Effectiveness of Educational Programs; number of student assessments; reduce; when assessments must be administered; provide

The Chair recognized himself for the purpose of presenting the bill. Chairman Martin IV (9th) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) and Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived late at 2:15 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Black (8th) arrived late at 2:31 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Richard Woods, Georgia Schools Superintendent, Georgia Department of Education
Charlotte Booker, President of Georgia Association of Educators
Margaret Ciccarelli, Director of Legislative Services, Professional Associations of Georgia Educators
Monica Henson, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
Angela Palm, Director of Policy and Legislative Services, Georgia School Boards Association
John Zauner, Executive Director, Georgia School Superintendents Association
George Ray, Lobbyist, Georgia Education Association
Cita Cook, Retired Educator
Alvin Wilbanks, Superintendent, Gwinnett County Public Schools

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) left at 2:52 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) returned at 2:56 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion that **SB 376 Do Pass (LC 49 0123)**. Sen. James (35th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 367 DO PASS (LC 49 0123)

Chairman Martin IV (9th) adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Wednesday, February 26, 2020

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth held a meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th) (Vice-Chairman) (*Arrived Late and Left Early*)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Left Early*)
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late and Left Early*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) (*Arrived Late and Left Early*)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio) (*Left Early*)

NOTE: Sen. Ellis Black (8th) and was absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

SB 386 (Sen. Unterman, 45th, LC 49 0125) **Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act; prior school year requirement; revise**

The Chair stated the SB 386 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Renee Unterman (45th) and Hannah Heck from The American Federation for Children for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Unterman (45th) and Hannah Heck presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) arrived late at 2:13 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived late 2:18 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived late at 2:19 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) left at 2:21 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Wilkinson (50th) arrived late at 2:22 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) returned at 2:23 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Melissa Fonzo, Special Needs Parent

Jeff James, Head of School, the Bedford School

Ryan Lewis, Student, the Bedford School

Michelle Price, Parent

DeShawn Brown, Parent

A. Kelly Neal, Volunteer, Allies for Every Child
Noelle Smith, Parent
Katie Gonzales, Parent
Kelda Cubit, Parent
James Gregory, Student
Amy Hughes, Lobbyist, Matthew Reardon Center for Autism

Testimony in opposition of the Bill:

Emily Leslie, Parent/Advocate for Disability Rights
Stacey Ramirez, State Director, the Arc Georgia
Gretchen Walton, Compliance and Legislative Affairs, Cobb County School District
Stephen Owens, Senior Policy Analyst, Georgia Budget and Policy Institute
Charlie Miller, Legislative Advocacy Director, Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities
Cecily Harsch-Kinnane, Policy and Outreach, Public Education Matters Georgia
Angela Palm, Director of Policy and Legislative Services, Georgia School Boards Association
Claire Suggs, Senior Legislative Policy Analyst, Professional Association of Georgia Educators
Dr. Jimmy Stokes, Executive Director, GAEL Discipline Institute

NOTE: Sen. Wilkinson (50th) left early at 2:56 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) left early at 3:09 p.m.

NOTE: Chairman Martin IV (9th) left at 3:10 p.m.

NOTE: Chairman Martin IV (9th) returned at 3:12 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) left at 3:18 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tippins (37th) and Sen. Sims (12th) left early at 3:19 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) left at 3:32 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) and Sen. Dolezal (27th) left early at 3:42 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) returned at 3:47 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) left early at 3:49 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) returned at 4:07 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: SB 386 (LC 49 0125) No action was taken.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Monday, March 2, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth held a meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Left Early*)
Sen. Ellis Black (8th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late and Left Early*)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

SR 810 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd, LC 34 5611) School Districts; establish and maintain recycling programs; urge

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Mullis (53rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Stone (23rd) and Sen. Wilkinson (50th) arrived late at 3:03 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion that **SR 810 Do Pass (LC 34 5611)**. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Committee Recommendation: SR 810 DO PASS (LC 34 5611)

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived late at 3:05 p.m.

SB 431 (Sen. Wilkinson, 50th, LC 49 0149) Annual Performance Evaluation; definition of "on-time graduation rate"; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. John Wilkinson (50th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Wilkinson (50th) presented the bill to the Committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill

Gretchen Walton, Compliance and Legislative Affairs Officer, Cobb County School Districts

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Tippins (37th) and Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived late at 3:08 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrived late at 3:10 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion that **SB 431 Do Pass (LC 49 0149)**
Sen. Tippins (37th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 431 DO PASS (LC 49 0149)

SB 430 (Sen. Ligon, 3rd, LC 33 8189) "Quality Basic Education Act"; home study students and private school students to take courses at a college and career academy; authorize

The Chair stated that SB 430 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. William Ligon (3rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Ligon (3rd) presented the bill to the Committee.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

NOTE: Sen. Brass (28th) left at 3:29 p.m.

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Angela Palm, Director of Policy and Legislative Services, Georgia School Boards Association
John Zauner, Executive Director, Georgia School Superintendents Association

Committee Recommendation: SB 430 (LC 33 8189) No action was taken.

SB 102 (Sen. Jones, 10th, LC 33 7660) "Unlocking the Promise Community Schools Act"; enact

The Chair recognized Sen. Emmanuel Jones (10th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jones (10th) 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:

Cita Cook, Retired Educator

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. James (35th) who made a motion to amend SB 102 by striking lines 55-57. Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

The Chair recognized Sen. James (35th) who made a motion that **SB 102 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 102 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0194S)

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) left early at 3:44.

SB 404 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 47 0301) Development Impact Fees; education; provide

The Chair stated that SB 404 would receive a hearing only.

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

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Kristin Morrissey, Board Member for District 2, Forsyth School Board

Lindsey Adams, Forsyth County Resident

Andy Coleman, Realtor, Forsyth County

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Austin Hackney, Government Affairs Director, Home Builders Association of Georgia

Committee Recommendation: SB 404 (LC 47 0301) No action was taken.

SR 776 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 47 0220) General Assembly; development impact fees for educational purposes; provide –CA

The Chair stated that SR 776 would receive a hearing only.

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

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

Testimony in favor of the Resolution:

None

Testimony in opposition to the Resolution:

Angela Palm, Georgia School Boards Associations, Director of Policy and Legislative Services
Dr. John Zauner, Georgia School Superintendents Association, Executive Director

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) left early at 4:18.

Committee Recommendation: SR 776 (LC 47 0220) No action was taken.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) adjourned the meeting at 4:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth held a meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Room 310 CLOB. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th) (Vice-Chairman)
Sen. Black (8th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Donzella James (35th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio)

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Brass (28th) arrived late at 8:08 a.m.

SB 386 (Sen. Unterman, 45th, LC 49 0125) Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act; prior school year requirement; revise

The Chair recognized Sen. Renee Unterman (45th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Unterman (45th) along with Hannah Heck from the American Federation for Children presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Black (2nd) and Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived late at 8:09 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. James (35th) arrived late at 8:10 a.m.

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

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) arrive late at 8:12

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Julia Rohon, Parent
Sen. Steve Gooch (51st), Senator and Parent

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Margaret Ciccarelli, Director of Legislative Services, Professional Associations of Georgia Educators
Karen Hallacy, President, Georgia Parents Teacher's Association
Robert Costly, Georgia Association of Education Leaders
George Ray, Georgia Education Coalition

Angela Palm, Georgia School Boards Association Director of Policy and Legislative Services
Joe Flemming, Georgia Association of Educators

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

Chair recognized Sen. Tippins (37th) who made a motion to amend SB 386 by striking lines 88-90, to require the State Board of Education to annually report the number of waivers and current annual cost to the General Assembly by December 31. Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion that **SB 386 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Stone (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-4.

Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. James (35th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Black (8th), and Sen. Wilkinson (50th) voted in favor of the bill.

Sen. Tippins (37th), Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Parent (42nd), and Sen. Jackson (2nd) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 386 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0205S)

SB 101 (Sen. Beach, 21st, LC 47 0071ER) 'Coach Safely Act'; enact

The Chair recognized Sen. Brandon Beach (21st) for the purpose of presenting the bill and proposed substitute. Sen. Beach (21st) along with Terri Winston from CoachSafely Georgia presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. James (35th) who made a motion that **SB 101 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 47 0373S)**. Sen. Stone (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-2.

Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. James (35th), Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Tippins (37th), Sen. Parent (42nd), and Sen. Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Wilkinson (50th) voted in favor of the bill.

Sen. Dolezal (27th) and Sen. Sims (12th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 101 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 47 0373S)

Chairman Martin IV (9th) adjourned the meeting at 9:16a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth held a meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the Room 307 CLOB. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th) (Vice-Chairman) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Black (8th)
Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Donzella James (35th) and Sen. Stone (23rd) were absent.

Vice-Chairman Wilkinson (50th) called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 3:06 p.m.

SB 387 (Sen. Jordan, 6th, LC 49 0108) State-wide School Lunch Program; State Board of Education to promulgate rules and regulations; authorize; course of instruction; preparation of food

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Jen Jordan (6th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jordan (6th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Vice-Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion that **SB 387 Do Pass (LC 49 0108)** Sen. Jackson (2nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 387 DO PASS (LC 49 0108)

SB 343 (Sen. Jackson, 2nd, LC 49 0087) Education; mandatory education for children from 16 to 17; raise age

The Vice-Chair stated that SB 343 would receive a hearing only.

The Vice-Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (2nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Jackson (2nd) presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) arrived at 3:15 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived at 3:16 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Martin (9th) arrived at 3:20 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (27th) left at 3:22 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (27th) returned at 3:25 p.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Robert Costley, Executive Director, Georgia Association of Educational Leaders

Ursula Harris, Social Worker, School Social Workers of Georgia

Committee Recommendation: SB 343 (LC 49 0087) No action was taken.

SB 486 (Sen. Martin IV, 9th, LC 49 0139) Effectiveness of Educational Programs; administration of either the SAT or the ACT to all public schools students in grade 11; require

The Chair stated that SB 343 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Daniela Perry with the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and Michael O'Sullivan, Executive Director of GeorgiaCAN, for the purpose of presenting the bill. Chairman Martin IV (9th), Daniela Perry, and Michael O'Sullivan presented the bill to the Committee.

Committee Recommendation: SB 486 (LC 49 0139) No action was taken.

SB 466 (Sen. Martin IV, 9th, LC 49 0185) "Quality Basic Education Act"; employment; needs improvement rating; group of performance evaluation ratings; remove

NOTE: Sen. Wilkinson (50th) left early at 3:46 p.m.

The Chair recognized Tiffany Taylor with the Department of Education for the purpose of presenting the bill. Chairman Martin IV (9th) and Tiffany Taylor presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) and Sen. Black (8th) left at 3:50 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Black (8th) returned at 3:51 p.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Robert Costley, Executive Director, Georgia Association of Educational Leaders

Margaret Ciccarelli, Director of Legislative Services Professional Associations of Georgia Educators

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion to amend SB 466 by striking the word “improvements” from line 3, 5, and 10 and inserting the word “developments.” Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (2nd) who made a motion that **SB 466 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 466 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0210S)

SB 447 (Sen. Martin IV, 9th, LC 49 0148) **Work Based Learning Programs; definitions regarding work based learning and related positions and programs; provide**

NOTE: Sen. Jackson (2nd) left early at 3:57p.m.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) presented the bill and proposed substitute to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion that **SB 447 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0199S)**. Sen. Sims (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 447 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0199S)

SB 398 (Sen. Harrell, 40th, LC 49 0081) **"After School Recess Act"; assignment of graded homework for students in grades kindergarten through two; prohibit; enact**

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

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Parent (42nd) who made a motion that **SB 398 Do Pass (LC 49 0081)**. Sen. Sims (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 398 DO PASS (LC 49 0081)

Chairman Martin IV (9th) adjourned the meeting at 4:09p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Thursday, March 5, 2020

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth held a meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 8:00a.m. in the Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th) (*Arrived Late & Left Early*)
Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) (*Arrived Late & Left Early*)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (Ex-Officio) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Black (8th)

NOTE: Sen. Donzella James (35th) and Sen. John Wilkinson (50th) (Vice-Chairman) were absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

SB 486 (Sen. Martin IV, 9th, LC 49 0139) Effectiveness of Educational Programs; administration of either the SAT or the ACT to all public schools students in grade 11; require

The Chair recognized Daniella Perry and Cosby Johnson with the Georgia Chamber for the purpose of presenting the bill. Chairman Martin IV (9th), Daniella Perry, and Cosby Johnson presented the bill and proposed substitute to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) left the room at 8:06 a.m.

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

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Koryn Schooley, Achieve Atlanta
Tina Fernandez, Achieve Atlanta
Erica Long, Atlanta Public Schools

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

NOTE: Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived 8:10 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Sims (12th) returned at 8:11 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived late at 8:13 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion that **SB 486 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0211S)**. Sen. Sims (12th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 3-3.

Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Parent (42nd), and Sen. Sims (12th) voted in favor.

Sen. Black (8th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Tippins (37th) voted against.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) voted in favor to break the tie. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

Committee Recommendation: SB 486 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0211S)

SB 430 (Sen. Ligon, 3rd, LC 33 8189) "Quality Basic Education Act"; home study students and private school students to take courses at a college and career academy; authorize

The Chair recognized Sen. William Ligon (3rd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Ligon (3rd) presented the bill and proposed substitute to the Committee.

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

Education Community Members who presented to the Committee:

Georgia Department of Education:

Tiffany Taylor, Deputy Superintendent

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion that **SB 430 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 49 0195S)**. Sen. Black (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 430 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0195S)

SB 440 (Sen. Thompson, 14th, LC 49 0160) Education; certain individuals between ages 21 and 35 may be eligible to enroll in charter school that provides instruction only for over-age students; provide

The Chair stated that SB 440 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Al Stewart, Director of Business Development for Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia and the CSRA for the purpose of presenting the bill. Al Stewart presented the bill to the Committee.

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal (27th) and Sen. Stone (23rd) arrived late at 8:37 am.

Committee Recommendation: SB 440 (LC 49 0160) No action was taken.

SB 404 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 47 0301) Development Impact Fees; education; 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 opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Austin Hackney, Georgia Apartments Association

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion to amend SB 404 by striking lines 82-89 and striking the rest of line 81 after the word “schedule.” Sen. Stone (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

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 **SB 404 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 4-4.

Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Brass (28th), and Sen. Dolezal (27th) voted in favor.

Sen. Tippins (37th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), Sen. Black (8th), and Sen Parent (42nd) voted against.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) voted in favor to break the tie. The motion passed by a vote of 5-4.

Committee Recommendation: SB 404 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUE (LC 47 0216S)

SR 776 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 47 0220) 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 opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) who made a motion that **SR 776 Do Pass (LC 47 0220)**. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3.

Sen. Sims (12th), Sen. Stone (23rd), Sen. Brass (28th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), and Sen. Parent (42nd) voted in favor.

Sen. Tippins (37th), Sen. Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Black (8th) voted against.

Committee Recommendation: SR 776 DO PASS (LC 47 0220)

SB 349 (Sen. James, 35th, LC 41 2249) Local Boards of Education; feminine hygiene products in certain restrooms used by students; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Sims (12th) and Tiffany Taylor with the Department of Education for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Sims (12th) presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Dolezal and Sen. Brass (28th) left early at 8:58 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Stone left early at 9:01 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

Chair recognized Sen. Black (8th) who made a motion to amend SB 349 by striking the language “in all female designated restrooms that are in use for students. Such feminine hygiene products shall be provided at no charge to students,” starting after the word “products” on line 13 to line 15, and inserting the language “by students at no charge to students. The Department of Education is authorized to promulgate model policies and provide guidance to assist local boards of education with implementing the requirements of this code section.” Sen. Parent (42nd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (2nd) who made a motion that **SB 349 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Black (8th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

Committee Recommendation: SB 349 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0217S)

Chairman Martin IV (9th) adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Monday, June 15, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth held a meeting Monday, June 15, 2020 at 2:15p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman
Sen. John Wilkinson, Vice-Chairman (50th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Ellis Black (8th)
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex- Officio)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)

NOTE: Sen. Donzella James (35th), Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), and Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) were absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Parent (42nd) arrived at 2:16 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor for Legislative Update presentations from the Department of Labor. He recognized the following:

NOTE: Sen. Wilkinson (50th) arrived at 2:18 p.m.

Education Community Members who presented to the Committee:

Georgia Department of Education:
Tiffany Taylor, Deputy Superintendent
Chris Shealy, Director of Technology Services
Linette Dodson, Director of School Nutrition

Chairman Martin IV (9th) adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth held a meeting Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 2:15p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman (*Left Early*)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex- Officio)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)
Sen. Donzella James (35th)
Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) (*Arrived Late*)

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman, and Sen. Ellis Black (8th) were absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 2:23p.m.

[HB 957](#) (Rep. Jones, 47th, LC 49 0183S) Education; certain charter school employees shall be included in the health insurance fund for public school teachers; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Jan Jones (47th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Jones (47th) 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:

Lauren Holcomb, Executive Director, State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia
Dr. Bonnie Holiday, Executive Vice President of Policy and External Relations, Georgia Charter Schools Association

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion that **HB 957 Do Pass (LC 49 0183S)**. Sen. Stone (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 957 DO PASS (LC 49 0183S)

[HB 1026](#) (Rep. Dickey, 140th, LC 49 0170) Education; number of REACH scholars to be designated by participating school systems; revise

The Chair stated that HB 1026 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Rep. Dickey (140th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Dickey (140th) presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Tippins (37th) arrived at 2:46 p.m.

Committee Recommendation: HB 1026 (LC 49 0179) No action was taken.

NOTE: Chairman appointed Sen. Brass (28th) as Chair

NOTE: Chairman Martin IV (9th) left early at 2:56 p.m.

HB 755 (Rep. Belton, 112th, LC 49 0180S) Charter schools; local boards of education shall provide itemized allotment sheets for the upcoming fiscal year by July 1 of each year; provide;

The Chair stated that HB 755 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Rep. Dave Belton (112th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Belton (112th) 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:

Tiffany Taylor, Deputy Superintendent, Department of Education

Dr. Bonnie Holiday, Executive Vice President of Policy and External Relations, Georgia Charter Schools Association

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

John Zauner, Executive Director, Georgia School Superintendents Association

Committee Recommendation: HB 755 (LC 49 0180S) No action was taken.

Chairman Brass (28th) adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Senate Committee on Education and Youth
Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

The Senate Committee on Education and Youth held a meeting Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 3:30p.m. in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. P.K. Martin IV (9th), Chairman
Sen. John Wilkinson (50th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary
Sen. Ellis Black (8th)
Sen. Matt Brass (28th) (Ex- Officio)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)

NOTE: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd), Sen. Elena Parent (42nd), Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) and Sen. Donzella James (35th) were absent.

Chairman Martin IV (9th) called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

HB 86 (Rep. Benton, 31st, LC 49 0181S) Education; complaints policy for teachers and other school personnel; provisions

The Chair recognized Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) and DeAnna Harris with Educators First, Inc. for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Mullis (53rd) and DeAnna Harris presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

NOTE: Sen. Wilkinson (50th) arrived late at 3:39 p.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Stone (23rd) who made a motion to amend **HB 65 (LC 49 0181S)** to change the effective date from August 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021 to help ease the burdens that schools will face in the upcoming school year and removed the “needs development” rating from the appealable ratings. Sen. Brass (28th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

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

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) who made a motion that **HB 86 Do Pass by Substitute**. Sen. Sims (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Committee Recommendation: HB 86 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 49 0249S)

HB 755 (Rep. Belton, 112th, LC 49 0180S) Charter schools; local boards of education shall provide itemized allotment sheets for the upcoming fiscal year by July 1 of each year; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Dave Belton (112th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Belton (112th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) made a motion that **HB 755 Do Pass (LC 49 0180S)**. Sen. Stone (23rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Committee Recommendation: HB 755 DO PASS (LC 49 0180S)

HB 855 (Rep. Wiedower, 119th, LC 49 0158S) State Board of Education; determine eligibility criteria for foster care students to receive special education and related services; provisions

The Chair recognized Rep. Marcus Wiedower (119th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Wiedower (119th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate and amendment.

The Chair recognized Sen. Brass (28th) made a motion that **HB 855 Do Pass (LC 49 0158S)**. Sen. Sims (12th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

Committee Recommendation: HB 855 DO PASS (LC 49 0158S)

Chairman Martin IV (9th) adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Freddie Powell Sims (12th), Secretary

/s/ Megan Mowers, Recording Secretary