

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**Tuesday, February 18, 2014****Twenty-Third Legislative Day**

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Abrams	Clark, V	Golick	Martin	Sharper
Alexander	Coleman	Gordon	Maxwell	Shaw
Allison	Cooke	Gravley	Mayo	E Sims, B
Anderson	Coomer	Greene	McClain	Smith, E
Atwood	Cooper	Gregory	Meadows	Smith, L
Ballinger	Dawkins-Haigler	Hamilton	E Mitchell	Smith, M
Barr	Deffenbaugh	Harbin	Moore	Smith, R
Battles	Dempsey	Harden	Morgan	Spencer
Beasley-Teague	Dickerson	Harrell	Morris	Stephens, M
Bell	Dickey	Hatchett	Mosby	Stephens, R
Bennett	Dickson	Hawkins	Nimmer	Stover
E Bentley	Dollar	Henson	Nix	Strickland
Benton	Douglas	Hightower	O'Neal	Talton
Beverly	Drenner	Hitchens	Pak	Tankersley
Black	Dudgeon	Holcomb	Parrish	Tanner
Braddock	Dukes	Holmes	Parsons	Tarvin
Broadrick	Dunahoo	Holt	Peake	Taylor, D
Brockway	Duncan	Houston	Pezold	Taylor, T
Brooks	Dutton	Howard	Powell, J	Teasley
Bruce	Efstration	Hugley	Prince	Thomas, A.M.
Bryant	Ehrhart	E Jackson	Pruett	Turner
Buckner	England	Jasperse	Quick	Watson, B
Burns	Epps, J	Jones, J	Ramsey	Watson, S
Caldwell, J	Evans	Jones, L	Rice	Welch
Caldwell, M	Fleming	Jones, S	Riley	Wilkerson
Carson	Fludd	Kaiser	Roberts	Wilkinson
Carter	Frazier	Kelley	Rogers, C	Williams, A
Casas	Frye	Kidd	Rogers, T	Williams, C
Chandler	E Fullerton	Kirby	Rutledge	Williams, E
E Channell	Gardner	Lindsey	Rynders	Williamson
Chapman	Gasaway	Lumsden	Scott	Yates
Cheokas	Geisinger	Mabra	Setzler	Ralston, Speaker
Clark, J	Glanton			

Due to a mechanical malfunction, Representative Waites of the 60th was not recorded on the attendance roll call. She wished to be recorded as present.

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Jordan of the 77th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Knight of the 130th, Marin of the 96th, McCall of the 33rd, Oliver of the 82nd, Randall of the 142nd, Sims of the 169th, Smyre of the 135th, and Stovall of the 74th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Minister Taylor Cole, Zion Hill Baptist Church, Cumming, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Cheokas of the 138th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.
2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.
3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.
6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 997. By Representative Greene of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a board of elections and registration for Early County and to provide for its powers, duties, and responsibilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 998. By Representatives Hatchett of the 150th, Parrish of the 158th, Cooper of the 43rd, Watson of the 166th, Nimmer of the 178th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 6 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical scholarships, so as to revise provisions relating to medical scholarships and loans; to revise provisions relating to the areas to be served as a condition of receiving a scholarship or loan; to revise provisions relating to immediate liability for repayment; to repeal a population act provision; to revise legislative purpose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 999. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th and Brockway of the 102nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a new charter for the City of Dacula, approved February 21, 1978 (Ga. L. 1978, p. 3040), as amended, so as to change the corporate boundaries of the city; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1000. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Carter of the 175th, Oliver of the 82nd, Frye of the 118th and Tankersley of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for setoff debt collection against state income tax refunds for debts owed to political subdivisions and courts; to provide for a revision of setoff debt collection policies and systems relating to state income tax refunds; to amend Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to provide for setoff debt collection against lottery prizes for debts owed to political subdivisions and courts; to provide for a revision of setoff debt collection policies and systems relating to lottery prizes; to provide for definitions, procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

HB 1001. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th and Coomer of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Rome to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1002. By Representative Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Jeffersonville; to provide for related matters; to repeal specific Acts; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1003. By Representative Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Irwinton; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal a specific Act; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1004. By Representative Welch of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 3-8-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales of alcoholic beverages at publicly owned airports and regulation and taxation of such alcoholic beverages, so as to change certain provisions relating to imposing, levying, and collecting local excise taxes on alcoholic beverages at an airport owned or operated, or both, by a county or municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

HB 1005. By Representatives Bruce of the 61st, Fludd of the 64th, Mabra of the 63rd and Jones of the 62nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-32.6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possessing with intent to distribute controlled substances or marijuana in, on, or within drug-free commercial zones, so as to change the date of incorporation of local ordinances by reference; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HB 1006. By Representatives Morgan of the 39th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Nix of the 69th, Stovall of the 74th, Fludd of the 64th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-168 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the minimum school year and other matters, so as to provide for seat-time waivers for high school students who complete online course work prior to the end of a semester or quarter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

HB 1007. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Watson of the 166th, Rogers of the 29th, Evans of the 42nd and Williams of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary education, so as to change the distribution of funds contributed by taxpayers to student loan funds; to establish nonprofit corporations for the distribution of such funds; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1008. By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Watson of the 166th, Rogers of the 29th, Evans of the 42nd and Williams of the 119th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to revise the powers and duties of the Georgia Student Finance Commission; to revise the functions and composition of the board of directors of the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation; to revise the composition of the board of directors of the Georgia Student Finance Authority; to revise the powers and duties of the Georgia Student Finance Authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HB 1009. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Jacobs of the 80th, Abrams of the 89th, Jordan of the 77th, Stovall of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state sales and use taxes in general, so as to extend the date for the applicability of an exemption to the local sales and use tax cap for a county that levied a tax for the purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1010. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Powell of the 171st, Willard of the 51st, Meadows of the 5th and Welch of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 33 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to liability of municipal corporations for acts or omissions, so as to revise provisions relating to immunity of municipal corporations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1011. By Representatives Brockway of the 102nd, Lindsey of the 54th, Morgan of the 39th, Pezold of the 133rd, Teasley of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in businesses and on the Internet, so as to provide for approval of notices created by businesses and establishments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil.

HR 1346. By Representatives Peake of the 141st, Dickey of the 140th and Holmes of the 129th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing United States military veterans and dedicating an interchange in their honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

HR 1347. By Representative Rynders of the 152nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing United States military veterans and dedicating a highway in their honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By unanimous consent, the rules were suspended in order that the following Bills of the House could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1023. By Representatives Teasley of the 37th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Jackson of the 128th, Welch of the 110th, Bryant of the 162nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for the preservation of religious freedom; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for the granting of relief; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HB 1024. By Representatives Randall of the 142nd, Beverly of the 143rd, Dickey of the 140th, Peake of the 141st and Epps of the 144th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act known as the "Macon Water Authority Act," approved March 23, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 4991), as amended, so as to change the description of the electoral districts; to provide for the continuation in office of current members; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 1025. By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Houston of the 170th, Roberts of the 155th and Shaw of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of soil erosion and sedimentation, so as to revise minimum standards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Small Business Development.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 988	HB 989
HB 990	HB 991
HB 993	HB 994
HB 995	HB 996
HR 1331	HR 1332
HR 1345	SB 294
SB 301	

Representative Carter of the 175th District, Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Governmental Affairs has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 704	Do Pass	HB 833	Do Pass
HB 834	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 891	Do Pass
HB 979	Do Pass, by Substitute		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Carter of the 175th
Chairman

Representative Cooper of the 43rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Health and Human Services, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 899	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 910	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 43rd
Chairman

Representative Benton of the 31st District, Chairman of the Committee on Human Relations and Aging, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Human Relations and Aging has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 291 Do Pass
SB 292 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Benton of the 31st
Chairman

Representative Golick of the 40th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 749	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 770	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 804	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 838	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 911	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Golick of the 40th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 23rd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Open Rule

None

Modified Open Rule

None

Modified Structured Rule

HB 875 Safe Carry Protection Act; enact (Substitute)(PS&HS-Jasperse-11th)
(AM# 28 1296)

*Pursuant to Rule 33.3, debate shall be limited to no more than 2 hours on HB 875.
Time to be allocated at the discretion of the Speaker.*

SB 125 Liability of Owners/Occupier of Land; codify the duty of a possessor of
land to a trespasser against harm (Substitute)(Judy-Weldon-3rd) Stone-23rd

Structured Rule

None

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Meadows of the 5th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Cook, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the Senate:

SB 60. By Senator Heath of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administrative personnel of the General Assembly, so as to provide that all official communications to officers, members, or employees of the General Assembly be provided in an electronic format; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the Senate:

SR 746. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Hill of the 32nd, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 806. By Representatives Jackson of the 128th, Williams of the 168th and Talton of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the Town of Riddleville; to provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers of the town; to provide for a governing authority of such town and the powers, duties, authority, election, terms, method of filling vacancies, compensation, expenses, qualifications, prohibitions, conflicts of interest, and suspension and removal from office relative to members of such governing authority; to provide for ordinances and codes; to provide for a mayor and a mayor pro tempore and certain duties, powers, and other matters relative thereto; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide for severability; to repeal a specific Act; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 836. By Representatives Cheokas of the 138th and Rynders of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to revise and restate the law relating to the Sumter County board of education and school superintendent; to repeal specific former Acts; to provide for a change in the number of members of the board and the districts from which they are elected; to provide for eligibility, manner of election, and filling of vacancies; to provide for a chairperson and

vice chairperson; to provide for compensation; to provide for appointment of the school superintendent; to direct the election superintendent to call and conduct a special election; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 866. By Representatives Powell of the 171st and Watson of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act recreating and establishing the Board of Commissioners of Colquitt County, approved March 22, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3078), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 12, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3735), so as to change the regular meeting requirements; to provide that the board will hold one monthly meeting in each month; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill and Resolution of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 60. By Senator Heath of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administrative personnel of the General Assembly, so as to provide that all official communications to officers, members, or employees of the General Assembly be provided in an electronic format; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SR 746. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Hill of the 32nd, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Human Relations & Aging.

Representative Duncan of the 26th moved that the House reconsider its action in giving the requisite constitutional majority to the following Bill of the House:

HB 516. By Representative Coomer of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to provide that

an election to participate in the Regents Retirement Plan in lieu of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia shall be revocable at will; to provide that persons who made an irrevocable election for such participation may nonetheless elect to participate in the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; to provide for creditable service; to provide for application and transfer of funds; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Coomer of the 14th moved that the following Bill of the House be placed upon the table:

HB 516. By Representative Coomer of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, so as to provide that an election to participate in the Regents Retirement Plan in lieu of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia shall be revocable at will; to provide that persons who made an irrevocable election for such participation may nonetheless elect to participate in the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; to provide for creditable service; to provide for application and transfer of funds; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Hatchett of the 150th et al., Fludd of the 64th, Efstration of the 104th, Shaw of the 176th, Hightower of the 68th et al., Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Jones of the 62nd, Mabra of the 63rd, Dollar of the 45th, Williams of the 168th, Cooper of the 43rd, Anderson of the 92nd, Waites of the 60th, and Dickerson of the 113th.

Pursuant to HR 1246, the House commended the FFA Organization, recognized February 18, 2014, as FFA Day at the state capitol, and invited the Georgia FFA association to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to HR 1133, the House commended Fred Bright and invited him to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Representative O`Neal of the 146th assumed the chair.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and referred to the Committee on Rules:

HR 1371. By Representative Stovall of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION commending the E.W. Oliver Stock Market team and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 1372. By Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Smith of the 134th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and Pezold of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 5, 2014, as Columbus Day at the state capitol and inviting Mayor Teresa Tomlinson, City Manager Isaiah Hugley, Chamber President and CEO Mike Gaymon, and Chamber Board Chairman Alan Rothschild to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House, referred to the House Rules Subcommittee on Invites, were reported by the Committee on Rules with the following recommendations:

HR 1228 Do Pass
HR 1247 Do Pass

HR 1229 Do Pass
HR 1371 Do Pass

The following Resolutions of the House, favorably reported by the Committee on Rules, were read and adopted:

HR 1228. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 19, 2014, as the 2nd Annual Legislative Fly-In at the state capitol and inviting the Georgia Airports Association and its leadership, Colette Edmisten, Mario Evans, Mike Mathews, Blake Swafford, and Jim Galloway, to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 1229. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Yates of the 73rd, Meadows of the 5th, Atwood of the 179th, Willard of the 51st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring Mr. Jim Chavers and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 1247. By Representatives Roberts of the 155th, Ralston of the 7th, O'Neal of the 146th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Ehrhart of the 36th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Thomas Michael "Tom" Glavine, recognizing him for being inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame, and inviting him to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 1371. By Representative Stovall of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION commending the E.W. Oliver Stock Market team and inviting them to be recognized by the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1373. By Representative Jones of the 53rd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Khadijah Abdur-Rahman on the occasion of her 50th birthday; and for other purposes.

HR 1374. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th and Greene of the 151st:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Tayler R. Adams of Bainbridge State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1375. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th and Kidd of the 145th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Caroline L. Daigle of Georgia College & State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1376. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Gasaway of the 28th, Mabra of the 63rd and Williams of the 119th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Gautam Choudhury Goel of Georgia Institute of Technology on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1377. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Tankersley of the 160th, Parrish of the 158th and Burns of the 159th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar James Zachary Akins of Georgia Southern University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1378. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Stephens of the 164th, Bryant of the 162nd and Stephens of the 165th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Asia Monae Stinson of Savannah State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1379. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Smyre of the 135th, Bentley of the 139th and Dickey of the 140th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Rena E. Ingram of Fort Valley State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1380. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. George Calvin Dobbs, Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1381. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Deshaun Watson; and for other purposes.

HR 1382. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Ms. Susan Ward Jordan; and for other purposes.

HR 1383. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. John Brent Jones; and for other purposes.

HR 1384. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Jimmie Douglas "J.D." Gibbs; and for other purposes.

HR 1385. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th and Parrish of the 158th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Natalie Michelle Love of East Georgia State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1386. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Cheokas of the 138th and Rynders of the 152nd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Susanna Jane Turner of Georgia Southwestern State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1387. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th and Sims of the 169th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Paige Kimberlee Smith of South Georgia State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1388. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th and Ehrhart of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar William R. Nettles of Southern Polytechnic State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1389. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Greene of the 151st and Dukes of the 154th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Taylar Martin of Albany State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1390. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Roberts of the 155th, Houston of the 170th and Watson of the 172nd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jordan N. Gill of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1391. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Carter of the 175th, Shaw of the 176th, Black of the 174th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar David C. Ellinburg of Valdosta State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1392. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Greene of the 151st and Dukes of the 154th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Darby Oliver of Darton State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1393. By Representative Fludd of the 64th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Martin O. Olagbegia; and for other purposes.

HR 1394. By Representatives Anderson of the 92nd, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Stephenson of the 90th, Dickerson of the 113th, Kirby of the 114th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Cleveland Stroud; and for other purposes.

HR 1395. By Representatives Hightower of the 68th, Cooke of the 18th, Nix of the 69th and Smith of the 70th:

A RESOLUTION commending the University of West Georgia and recognizing February 18, 2014, as University of West Georgia Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1396. By Representatives Hightower of the 68th, Cooke of the 18th, Nix of the 69th and Smith of the 70th:

A RESOLUTION commending and recognizing the University of West Georgia coed cheerleading squad and coaches; and for other purposes.

HR 1397. By Representative Houston of the 170th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the 14th Annual Hasan Shriners Barbeque Cook-off, Music Festival, and Car Show competition; and for other purposes.

HR 1398. By Representatives Peake of the 141st, Kaiser of the 59th and Pezold of the 133rd:

A RESOLUTION congratulating Ford Fry on being named Georgia's Restaurateur of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1399. By Representatives Morris of the 156th, Pruett of the 149th, Roberts of the 155th and Sims of the 169th:

A RESOLUTION commending the 4-H Clubs of Georgia and Mr. Oakley Perry, Mr. Arch Smith, and the 2013-2014 4-H Leadership Team and recognizing February 24, 2014, as 4-H Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1400. By Representative Jones of the 62nd:

A RESOLUTION commending the Stonewall Tell Manor kickball team; and for other purposes.

HR 1401. By Representative Tarvin of the 2nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Lady Trojans Softball Team of Gordon Lee High School for winning the 2013 Class A State Championship; and for other purposes.

HR 1402. By Representative Holt of the 112th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Barry Lurey; and for other purposes.

HR 1403. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION commending and recognizing Riley Preston; and for other purposes.

HR 1404. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION commending and recognizing Cassie Young; and for other purposes.

HR 1405. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION commending and recognizing Britney Tyler; and for other purposes.

HR 1406. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION commending and recognizing Cheyenne Martin; and for other purposes.

HR 1407. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION commending and recognizing Morgan Weaver; and for other purposes.

HR 1408. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dillion Studdard and recognizing February 4, 2014, as Annual Georgia Youth Equine Championship Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1409. By Representatives Gravley of the 67th and Hightower of the 68th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of John W. Morris; and for other purposes.

HR 1410. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Dollar of the 45th, Roberts of the 155th, Hamilton of the 24th, Clark of the 101st and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 18, 2014, as Concrete Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1411. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th and Ehrhart of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jiexi Liao of Kennesaw State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1412. By Representatives Frazier of the 126th, Howard of the 124th, Smith of the 125th, Williams of the 87th, McClain of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Deacon John Edward Lowery; and for other purposes.

HR 1413. By Representatives Frazier of the 126th, Howard of the 124th, Smith of the 125th, Williams of the 87th, McClain of the 100th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Willie Mae Cooper's commitment to the Head Start program and Burke County community; and for other purposes.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Pursuant to HR 1348, the House commended Lieutenant General William B. Caldwell IV and invited him to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Representative Willard of the 51st District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 670	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 701	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 776	Do Pass	HB 790	Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 890	Do Pass	SR 371	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Willard of the 51st
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 125. By Senators Stone of the 23rd and Gooch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions

regarding the liability of owners and occupiers of land, so as to codify the duty of a possessor of land to a trespasser against harm; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the liability of owners and occupiers of land, so as to codify the duty of a lawful possessor of land to a trespasser against harm; to provide for legislative findings; to define a term; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

It is the intent of the General Assembly to codify and preserve Georgia common law regarding the duties owed by possessors of land to trespassers as of January 1, 2014. The General Assembly finds that the provisions of the American Law Institute's *Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Liability for Physical and Emotional Harm*, §§ 50-52 (2012), which seek to impose broad new duties on those who own, occupy, or control premises, including the duty to exercise reasonable care to all trespassers, do not reflect the public policy of the State of Georgia. It is also the intent of the General Assembly to preserve the attractive nuisance doctrine and Georgia common law as it relates to the attractive nuisance doctrine.

SECTION 2.

Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the liability of owners and occupiers of land, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"51-3-3.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'possessor of land' means the landowner, occupant of the land, holder of any easement to the land, or lessee of the land.

(b) A lawful possessor of land owes no duty of care to a trespasser except to refrain from causing a willful or wanton injury.

(c) Georgia common law as it exists and is applied to the doctrine of attractive nuisance, in effect as of January 1, 2014, shall not be construed to be altered by this Code section.

(d) This Code section shall not affect any immunities from or defenses to civil liability to which a lawful possessor of land may be entitled."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Gregory	Y McCall	Y Sims, C
Y Alexander	Cooper	Y Hamilton	Y McClain	Y Smith, E
Y Allison	Y Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, L
Y Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harden	E Mitchell	Y Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Dempsey	Y Harrell	Moore	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	Y Dickerson	Y Hatchett	Y Morgan	Y Smyre
Y Barr	Y Dickey	Y Hawkins	Y Morris	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	Y Henson	Y Mosby	Y Stephens, M
Y Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hightower	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
Y Bell	Y Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	Y Stephenson
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Holcomb	Y Oliver	Y Stovall
E Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Holmes	Y O'Neal	Y Stover
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Holt	Y Pak	Y Strickland
Y Beverly	Y Dunahoo	Y Houston	Y Parrish	Y Talton
Y Black	Y Duncan	Y Howard	Y Parsons	Y Tankersley
Y Braddock	Y Dutton	Y Hugley	Y Peake	Y Tanner
Y Broadrick	Y Efrstration	E Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tarvin
Y Brockway	Ehrhart	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Taylor, D
Y Brooks	England	Y Jasperse	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, T
Y Bruce	Y Epps, C	Y Jones, J	Y Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bryant	Y Epps, J	Y Jones, L	Y Pruett	Y Thomas, A.M.
Y Buckner	Y Evans	Y Jones, S	Y Quick	Y Turner
Y Burns	Y Fleming	Y Jordan	Y Ramsey	Y Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Y Floyd	Y Kaiser	Y Randall	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	Y Fludd	Y Kelley	Y Rice	Y Watson, S
Y Carson	Y Frazier	Y Kendrick	Y Riley	Y Welch
Y Carter	Y Frye	Y Kidd	Y Roberts	Y Weldon
Y Casas	E Fullerton	Kirby	Y Rogers, C	Y Wilkerson
Y Chandler	Y Gardner	Y Knight	Y Rogers, T	Y Wilkinson
Channell	Y Gasaway	Y Lindsey	Y Rutledge	Y Willard
Y Chapman	Y Geisinger	Y Lumsden	Y Rynders	Y Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	Y Mabra	Y Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, J	Y Golick	Y Marin	Y Setzler	Y Williams, E
Y Clark, V	Gordon	Y Martin	Y Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Gravley	Y Maxwell	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Cooke	Y Greene	Y Mayo	E Sims, B	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, the ayes were 167, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute.

House of Representatives
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February 18, 2014

Bill Reilly – Clerk of the House
307 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Please be advised that due to a malfunction with my voting machine, I was unable to cast my favorable vote for SB 125. I am requesting the record show my vote "yes" for SB 125.

Respectfully,

/s/ Sam Moore
Representative Sam Moore

HB 875. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Meadows of the 5th, Powell of the 32nd, Ballinger of the 23rd, Hightower of the 68th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 8-3-202, Article 2 of Chapter 3, Article 4 of Chapter 11, and Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 16, Code Section 35-3-34, and Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 37 of the O.C.G.A., so as to change provisions relating to carrying weapons and the issuance of weapons carry licenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 8-3-202, Article 2 of Chapter 3, Article 4 of Chapter 11, and Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 16, and Code Section 35-3-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unlawful practices in selling or renting dwellings and exceptions, justification and excuse, dangerous instrumentalities and practices, transportation passenger safety, and disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and

provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, respectively, so as to change provisions relating to carrying weapons and the issuance of weapons carry licenses; to provide for a short title; to provide that persons who use threats, force, or deadly force in accordance with Code Section 16-3-21, 16-3-23, 16-3-23.1, or 16-3-24 shall be immune from criminal prosecution under Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16; to change provisions relating to carrying weapons in unauthorized locations; to provide for and change definitions; to change provisions relating to carrying weapons within certain school safety zones and at school functions; to change provisions relating to exemptions for carrying weapons within school safety zones; to remove fingerprinting requirements for renewal licenses; to allow persons who have had their weapons carry licenses revoked to be eligible to be license holders under certain circumstances; to prohibit the creation or maintenance of data bases regarding persons issued weapons carry licenses; to provide for verification of weapons carry licenses; to provide for local boards of education to authorize personnel to carry weapons within school safety zones under certain circumstances; to provide for the offense of unlawfully carrying a weapon into a secure airport area; to provide for weapons carry licenses to be carried and exhibited on demand; to provide that defense of self or others is an absolute defense to any violation under Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 and Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 16; to change legislative findings; to change provisions relating to preemption of local regulations; to provide for the collection and dissemination of information pertinent to issuing weapons carry licenses; to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to repeal state laws regarding firearms dealers; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, so as to prohibit certain limitations regarding firearms during a declared state of emergency; to provide for definitions; to change provisions relating to emergency powers of the Governor; to amend Code Sections 16-5-21, 16-5-24, 16-12-1, 20-2-1180, 20-2-1185, and 43-38-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to aggravated assault, aggravated battery, contributing to the delinquency, unruliness, or deprivation of a minor, loitering upon school premises or within a school safety zone, school safety plans, and private detectives and security agencies permits to carry firearms, respectively, so as to correct cross-references; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

PART I
SECTION 1-1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Safe Carry Protection Act."

SECTION 1-2.

Code Section 8-3-202 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unlawful practices in selling or renting dwellings and exceptions, is amended in subsection (a) by striking "or" at the end of subparagraph (a)(6)(C), by replacing the period with "; or" at the end of subparagraph (a)(7)(D), and by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(8) To require, as a condition of tenancy in public housing, any prohibition or restriction of any lawful possession of a firearm within an individual dwelling unless required by federal law or regulation."

SECTION 1-3.

Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to justification and excuse, is amended by revising Code Section 16-3-24.2, relating to immunity from prosecution and exception, as follows:

"16-3-24.2.

A person who uses threats or force in accordance with Code Section 16-3-21, 16-3-23, 16-3-23.1, or 16-3-24 shall be immune from criminal prosecution therefor unless in the use of deadly force, such person utilizes a weapon the carrying or possession of which is unlawful by such person under Part 2 ~~or 3~~ of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of this title."

SECTION 1-4.

Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 16-11-126, relating to having or carrying handguns, long guns, or other weapons, as follows:

"(d) Any person who is not prohibited by law from possessing a handgun or long gun who is eligible for a weapons carry license may transport a handgun or long gun in any private passenger motor vehicle; provided, however, that private property owners or persons in legal control of private property through a lease, rental agreement, licensing agreement, contract, or any other agreement to control access to such private property shall have the right to ~~forbid~~ exclude or eject a person who is in possession of a weapon or long gun on their private property in accordance with paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 16-7-21, except as provided in Code Section 16-11-135."

SECTION 1-5.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 16-11-127, relating to carrying weapons in unauthorized locations and penalty, as follows:

"16-11-127.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

~~(1) 'Bar' means an establishment that is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of those beverages, including, but not limited to, taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges, and cabarets.~~

~~(2)~~(1) 'Courthouse' means a building occupied by judicial courts and containing rooms in which judicial proceedings are held.

~~(3)~~(2) 'Government building' means:

(A) The building in which a government entity is housed;

(B) The building where a government entity meets in its official capacity; provided, however, that if such building is not a publicly owned building, such building shall be considered a government building for the purposes of this Code section only during the time such government entity is meeting at such building; or

(C) The portion of any building that is not a publicly owned building that is occupied by a government entity.

~~(4)~~(3) 'Government entity' means an office, agency, authority, department, commission, board, body, division, instrumentality, or institution of the state or any county, municipal corporation, consolidated government, or local board of education within this state.

~~(5)~~(4) 'Parking facility' means real property owned or leased by a government entity, courthouse, jail, or prison, ~~place of worship, or bar~~ that has been designated by such government entity, courthouse, jail, or prison, ~~place of worship, or bar~~ for the parking of motor vehicles at a government building or at such courthouse, jail, or prison, ~~place of worship, or bar~~.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d) or (e) of this Code section, a person shall be guilty of carrying a weapon or long gun in an unauthorized location and punished as for a misdemeanor when he or she carries a weapon or long gun while:

(1) In a government building, except as provided in subsection (e) of this Code section;

(2) In a courthouse;

(3) In a jail or prison;

~~(4) In a place of worship;~~

~~(5)~~(4) In a state mental health facility as defined in Code Section 37-1-1 which admits individuals on an involuntary basis for treatment of mental illness, developmental disability, or addictive disease; provided, however, that carrying a weapon or long gun in such location in a manner in compliance with paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of this Code section shall not constitute a violation of this subsection;

~~(6) In a bar, unless the owner of the bar permits the carrying of weapons or long guns by license holders;~~

~~(7)~~(5) On the premises of a nuclear power facility, except as provided in Code Section 16-11-127.2, and the punishment provisions of Code Section 16-11-127.2 shall supersede the punishment provisions of this Code section; or

~~(8)~~(6) Within 150 feet of any polling place, except as provided in subsection (i) of Code Section 21-2-413.

(c) Except as provided in Code Section 16-11-127.1, a license holder or person recognized under subsection (e) of Code Section 16-11-126 shall be authorized to carry a weapon as provided in Code Section 16-11-135 and in every location in this state not listed in subsection (b) or prohibited by subsection (e) of this Code section; provided,

however, that private property owners or persons in legal control of private property through a lease, rental agreement, licensing agreement, contract, or any other agreement to control access to such private property shall have the right to ~~forbid~~ exclude or eject a person who is in possession of a weapon or long gun on their private property in accordance with paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 16-7-21, except as provided in Code Section 16-11-135. A violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall not create or give rise to a civil action for damages.

(d) Subsection (b) of this Code section shall not apply:

(1) To the use of weapons or long guns as exhibits in a legal proceeding, provided such weapons or long guns are secured and handled as directed by the personnel providing courtroom security or the judge hearing the case;

(2) To a license holder who approaches security or management personnel upon arrival at a location described in subsection (b) of this Code section and notifies such security or management personnel of the presence of the weapon or long gun and explicitly follows the security or management personnel's direction for removing, securing, storing, or temporarily surrendering such weapon or long gun; and

(3) To a weapon or long gun possessed by a license holder which is under the possessor's control in a motor vehicle or is in a locked compartment of a motor vehicle or one which is in a locked container in or a locked firearms rack which is on a motor vehicle and such vehicle is parked in a parking facility.

(e) A license holder shall be authorized to carry a weapon in a government building where ingress into such building is not restricted or screened by security personnel during the hours the government building is open for business. A person who is not a license holder and who attempts to enter a government building carrying a weapon shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. A license holder who enters or attempts to enter a government building carrying a weapon where ingress is restricted or screened by security personnel shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that:

(1) A license holder who immediately exits such building or immediately leaves such location upon notification of his or her failure to clear security due to the carrying of a weapon shall not be guilty of violating this subsection or paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section; and

(2) A license holder shall not be guilty of violating this subsection or paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this Code section if no member of the security personnel restricting or screening ingress is certified as a peace officer pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 35 and the license holder immediately exits such building or immediately leaves such location upon request by the security personnel due to the carrying of the weapon."

SECTION 1-6.

Said article is further amended by revising subsection (a), paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b), and subsections (c) through (f) of Code Section 16-11-127.1, relating to carrying weapons within school safety zones, at school functions, or on school property, as follows:

"(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Bus or other transportation furnished by a school' means a bus or other transportation furnished by a public or private elementary or secondary school.

(2) 'School function' means a school function or related activity that occurs outside of a school safety zone and is for a public or private elementary or secondary school.

~~(1)~~(3) 'School safety zone' means in or on any real property or building owned by or leased to:

(A) Any ~~any~~ public or private elementary school, secondary school, or ~~school~~ local board of education and used for elementary or secondary education; and ~~in or on the campus of any~~

(B) Any public or private technical school, vocational school, college, university, or other institution of postsecondary education.

~~(2)~~(4) 'Weapon' means and includes any pistol, revolver, or any weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind, or any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, any other knife having a blade of two or more inches, straight-edge razor, razor blade, spring stick, knuckles, whether made from metal, thermoplastic, wood, or other similar material, blackjack, any bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon, or any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as a nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain, or any disc, of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart, or any weapon of like kind, and any stun gun or taser as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 16-11-106. This paragraph excludes any of these instruments used for classroom work authorized by the teacher.

(b)(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, it shall be unlawful for any person to carry to or to possess or have under such person's control while within a school safety zone or at a ~~school building, school function, or school property~~ or on a bus or other transportation furnished by ~~the~~ a school any weapon or explosive compound, other than fireworks the possession of which is regulated by Chapter 10 of Title 25.

~~(2)~~(A) Any license holder who violates this subsection in or on any real property owned by or leased to any public or private elementary or secondary school or school board and used for elementary or secondary education or in or on the campus of any private technical school, vocational school, college, university, or other institution of postsecondary education shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(B) Any license holder who violates this subsection in or on the campus of any public technical school, vocational school, college, university, or other institution of postsecondary education shall not be arrested but shall be fined not more than \$100.00. Such fine shall be remitted to the local jurisdiction where the offense occurred.

(C) Any person who is not a license holder who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more

than \$10,000.00, by imprisonment for not less than two nor more than ten years, or both."

"(c) The provisions of this Code section shall not apply to:

- (1) Baseball bats, hockey sticks, or other sports equipment possessed by competitors for legitimate athletic purposes;
- (2) Participants in organized sport shooting events or firearm training courses;
- (3) Persons participating in military training programs conducted by or on behalf of the armed forces of the United States or the Georgia Department of Defense;
- (4) Persons participating in law enforcement training conducted by a police academy certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council or by a law enforcement agency of the state or the United States or any political subdivision thereof;
- (5) The following persons, when acting in the performance of their official duties or when en route to or from their official duties:
 - (A) A peace officer as defined by Code Section 35-8-2;
 - (B) A law enforcement officer of the United States government;
 - (C) A prosecuting attorney of this state or of the United States;
 - (D) An employee of the Georgia Department of Corrections or a correctional facility operated by a political subdivision of this state or the United States who is authorized by the head of such correctional agency or facility to carry a firearm;
 - (E) A person employed as a campus police officer or school security officer who is authorized to carry a weapon in accordance with Chapter 8 of Title 20; and
 - (F) Medical examiners, coroners, and their investigators who are employed by the state or any political subdivision thereof;
- (6) A person who has been authorized in writing by a duly authorized official of ~~the school~~ a public or private elementary or secondary school or a public or private technical school, vocational school, college, university, or other institution of postsecondary education or a local board of education as provided in Code Section 16-11-130.1 to have in such person's possession or use ~~as part of any activity being conducted at a school building, school property, or within a school safety zone, at a school function, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school~~ a weapon which would otherwise be prohibited by this Code section. Such authorization shall specify the weapon or weapons which have been authorized and the time period during which the authorization is valid;
- (7) A person who is licensed in accordance with Code Section 16-11-129 or issued a permit pursuant to Code Section 43-38-10, when such person carries or picks up a student ~~at a school building, within a school safety zone, at a school function, or school property~~ or on a bus or other transportation furnished by ~~the~~ a school or a person who is licensed in accordance with Code Section 16-11-129 or issued a permit pursuant to Code Section 43-38-10 when he or she has any weapon legally kept within a vehicle when such vehicle is parked ~~at such school property~~ within a school safety zone or is in transit through a designated school safety zone;

(8) A weapon possessed by a license holder which is under the possessor's control in a motor vehicle or which is in a locked compartment of a motor vehicle or one which is in a locked container in or a locked firearms rack which is on a motor vehicle which is being used by an adult over 21 years of age to bring to or pick up a student ~~at a school building,~~ within a school safety zone, at a school function, or ~~school property~~ ~~or~~ on a bus or other transportation furnished by ~~the~~ a school, or when such vehicle is used to transport someone to an activity being conducted ~~on school property~~ within a school safety zone which has been authorized by a duly authorized official ~~of the school~~ or local board of education as provided by paragraph (6) of this subsection; provided, however, that this exception shall not apply to a student attending ~~such~~ a public or private elementary or secondary school;

(9) Persons employed in fulfilling defense contracts with the government of the United States or agencies thereof when possession of the weapon is necessary for manufacture, transport, installation, and testing under the requirements of such contract;

(10) Those employees of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles when specifically designated and authorized in writing by the members of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to carry a weapon;

(11) The Attorney General and those members of his or her staff whom he or she specifically authorizes in writing to carry a weapon;

(12) Probation supervisors employed by and under the authority of the Department of Corrections pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 42, known as the 'State-wide Probation Act,' when specifically designated and authorized in writing by the director of the Division of Probation;

(13) Public safety directors of municipal corporations;

(14) State and federal trial and appellate judges;

(15) United States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys;

(16) Clerks of the superior courts;

(17) Teachers and other ~~school~~ personnel who are otherwise authorized to possess or carry weapons, provided that any such weapon is in a locked compartment of a motor vehicle or one which is in a locked container in or a locked firearms rack which is on a motor vehicle; or

(18) Constables of any county of this state.

(d)(1) This Code section shall not prohibit any person who resides or works in a business or is in the ordinary course transacting lawful business or any person who is a visitor of such resident located within a school safety zone from carrying, possessing, or having under such person's control a weapon within a school safety zone; provided, however, that it shall be unlawful for any such person to carry, possess, or have under such person's control while at a ~~school building or school function or on school property, a school bus,~~ a bus or other transportation furnished by ~~the~~ a school any weapon or explosive compound, other than fireworks the possession of which is regulated by Chapter 10 of Title 25.

(2) Any person who violates this subsection shall be subject to the penalties specified in subsection (b) of this Code section.

~~(3) This subsection shall not be construed to waive or alter any legal requirement for possession of weapons or firearms otherwise required by law.~~

(e) It shall be no defense to a prosecution for a violation of this Code section that:

(1) School was or was not in session at the time of the offense;

(2) The real property was being used for other purposes besides school purposes at the time of the offense; or

(3) The offense took place on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school vehicle.

(f) In a prosecution under this Code section, a map produced or reproduced by any municipal or county agency or department for the purpose of depicting the location and boundaries of the area of the real property of a school board or a private or public elementary or secondary school that is used for school purposes or the area of any ~~campus of any~~ public or private technical school, vocational school, college, university, or other institution of postsecondary education, or a true copy of the map, shall, if certified as a true copy by the custodian of the record, be admissible and shall constitute prima-facie evidence of the location and boundaries of the area, if the governing body of the municipality or county has approved the map as an official record of the location and boundaries of the area. A map approved under this Code section may be revised from time to time by the governing body of the municipality or county. The original of every map approved or revised under this subsection or a true copy of such original map shall be filed with the municipality or county and shall be maintained as an official record of the municipality or county. This subsection shall not preclude the prosecution from introducing or relying upon any other evidence or testimony to establish any element of this offense. This subsection shall not preclude the use or admissibility of a map or diagram other than the one which has been approved by the municipality or county."

SECTION 1-7.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 16-11-129, relating to license to carry weapons, as follows:

"16-11-129.

(a) **Application for weapons carry license or renewal license; term.** The judge of the probate court of each county may, on application under oath and on payment of a fee of \$30.00, issue a weapons carry license or renewal license valid for a period of five years to any person whose domicile is in that county or who is on active duty with the United States armed forces and who is not a domiciliary of this state but who either resides in that county or on a military reservation located in whole or in part in that county at the time of such application. Such license or renewal license shall authorize that person to carry any weapon in any county of this state notwithstanding any change in that person's county of residence or state of domicile. Applicants shall submit the application for a weapons carry license or renewal license to the judge of the probate

court on forms prescribed and furnished free of charge to persons wishing to apply for the license or renewal license. An applicant who is not a United States citizen shall provide sufficient personal identifying data, including without limitation his or her place of birth and United States issued alien or admission number, as the Georgia Bureau of Investigation may prescribe by rule or regulation. An applicant who is in nonimmigrant status shall provide proof of his or her qualifications for an exception to the federal firearm prohibition pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 922(y). Forms shall be designed to elicit information from the applicant pertinent to his or her eligibility under this Code section, including citizenship, but shall not require data which is nonpertinent or irrelevant, such as serial numbers or other identification capable of being used as a de facto registration of firearms owned by the applicant. The Department of Public Safety shall furnish application forms and license forms required by this Code section. The forms shall be furnished to each judge of each probate court within ~~the~~ this state at no cost.

(b) Licensing exceptions.

(1) As used in this subsection, the term:

(A) 'Controlled substance' means any drug, substance, or immediate precursor included in the definition of controlled substances in paragraph (4) of Code Section 16-13-21.

(B) 'Convicted' means ~~a plea of guilty or a finding of guilt by a court of competent jurisdiction or the acceptance of a plea of nolo contendere, irrespective of the pendency or availability of an appeal or an application for collateral relief~~ an adjudication of guilt. Such term shall not include an order of discharge and exoneration pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 42.

(C) 'Dangerous drug' means any drug defined as such in Code Section 16-13-71.

(2) No weapons carry license shall be issued to:

(A) Any person ~~under~~ younger than 21 years of age unless he or she:

(i) Is at least 18 years of age;

(ii) Provides proof that he or she has completed basic training in the armed forces of the United States; and

(iii) Provides proof that he or she is actively serving in the armed forces of the United States or has been honorably discharged from such service;

(B) Any person who has been convicted of a felony by a court of this state or any other state; by a court of the United States, including its territories, possessions, and dominions; or by a court of any foreign nation and has not been pardoned for such felony by the President of the United States, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles, or the person or agency empowered to grant pardons under the constitution or laws of such state or nation;

(C) Any person against whom proceedings are pending for any felony;

(D) Any person who is a fugitive from justice;

(E) Any person who is prohibited from possessing or shipping a firearm in interstate commerce pursuant to subsections (g) and (n) of 18 U.S.C. Section 922;

(F) Any person who has been convicted of an offense arising out of the unlawful manufacture or distribution of a controlled substance or other dangerous drug;

(G) Any person who has had his or her weapons carry license revoked pursuant to subsection (e) of this Code section within three years of the date of his or her application;

(H) Any person who has been convicted of any of the following:

(i) ~~Pointing a gun or a pistol at another in violation of Code Section 16-11-102;~~

~~(ii)~~ Carrying a weapon without a weapons carry license in violation of Code Section 16-11-126; or

~~(iii)~~(ii) Carrying a weapon or long gun in an unauthorized location in violation of Code Section 16-11-127

and has not been free of all restraint or supervision in connection therewith and free of any other conviction for at least five years immediately preceding the date of the application;

(I) Any person who has been convicted of any misdemeanor involving the use or possession of a controlled substance and has not been free of all restraint or supervision in connection therewith or free of:

(i) A second conviction of any misdemeanor involving the use or possession of a controlled substance; or

(ii) Any conviction under subparagraphs (E) through (G) of this paragraph for at least five years immediately preceding the date of the application; ~~or~~

(J) Any person who has been hospitalized as an inpatient in any mental hospital or alcohol or drug treatment center within the five years immediately preceding the application. The judge of the probate court may require any applicant to sign a waiver authorizing any mental hospital or treatment center to inform the judge whether or not the applicant has been an inpatient in any such facility in the last five years and authorizing the superintendent of such facility to make to the judge a recommendation regarding whether the applicant is a threat to the safety of others and whether a license to carry a weapon should be issued. When such a waiver is required by the judge, the applicant shall pay a fee of \$3.00 for reimbursement of the cost of making such a report by the mental health hospital, alcohol or drug treatment center, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, which the judge shall remit to the hospital, center, or department. The judge shall keep any such hospitalization or treatment information confidential. It shall be at the discretion of the judge, considering the circumstances surrounding the hospitalization and the recommendation of the superintendent of the hospital or treatment center where the individual was a patient, to issue the weapons carry license or renewal license;

(K) Any person who has been adjudicated mentally incompetent to stand trial; or

(L) Any person who has been adjudicated not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime pursuant to Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 17.

~~(3) If first offender treatment without adjudication of guilt for a conviction contained in subparagraph (F) or (I) of paragraph (2) of this subsection was entered and such~~

~~sentence was successfully completed and such person has not had any other conviction since the completion of such sentence and for at least five years immediately preceding the date of the application, he or she shall be eligible for a weapons carry license provided that no other license exception applies.~~

(c) **Fingerprinting.** Following completion of the application for a weapons carry license ~~or the renewal of a license~~, the judge of the probate court shall require the applicant to proceed to an appropriate law enforcement agency in the county or to any vendor approved by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for fingerprint submission services with the completed application. ~~The appropriate local law enforcement agency in each county shall then~~ so that such agency or vendor can capture the fingerprints of the applicant for a weapons carry license ~~or renewal license~~ and place the name of the applicant on the blank license form. ~~The appropriate local law enforcement agency shall place the fingerprint on a blank license form which has been furnished to the law enforcement agency by the judge of the probate court if a fingerprint is required to be furnished by subsection (f) of this Code section.~~ The law enforcement agency shall be entitled to a fee of \$5.00 from the applicant for its services in connection with ~~the~~ fingerprinting and processing of an application. Fingerprinting shall not be required for applicants seeking temporary renewal licenses or renewal licenses.

(d) **Investigation of applicant; issuance of weapons carry license; renewal.**

(1) For both weapons carry license applications and requests for license renewals, the judge of the probate court shall within five business days following the receipt of the application or request direct the law enforcement agency to request a fingerprint based criminal history records check from the Georgia Crime Information Center and Federal Bureau of Investigation for purposes of determining the suitability of the applicant and return an appropriate report to the judge of the probate court. Fingerprints shall be in such form and of such quality as prescribed by the Georgia Crime Information Center and under standards adopted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation may charge such fee as is necessary to cover the cost of the records search.

(2) For both weapons carry license applications and requests for license renewals, the judge of the probate court shall within five business days following the receipt of the application or request also direct the law enforcement agency to conduct a background check using the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Instant Criminal Background Check System and return an appropriate report to the probate judge.

(3) When a person who is not a United States citizen applies for a weapons carry license or renewal of a license under this Code section, the judge of the probate court shall direct the law enforcement agency to conduct a search of the records maintained by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and return an appropriate report to the probate judge. As a condition to the issuance of a license or the renewal of a license, an applicant who is in nonimmigrant status shall provide proof of his or her qualifications for an exception to the federal firearm prohibition pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 922(y).

(4) The law enforcement agency shall report to the judge of the probate court within 30 days, by telephone and in writing, of any findings relating to the applicant which may bear on his or her eligibility for a weapons carry license or renewal license under the terms of this Code section. When no derogatory information is found on the applicant bearing on his or her eligibility to obtain a license or renewal license, a report shall not be required. The law enforcement agency shall return the application ~~and the blank license form with the fingerprint thereon~~ directly to the judge of the probate court within such time period. Not later than ten days after the judge of the probate court receives the report from the law enforcement agency concerning the suitability of the applicant for a license, the judge of the probate court shall issue such applicant a license or renewal license to carry any weapon unless facts establishing ineligibility have been reported or unless the judge determines such applicant has not met all the qualifications, is not of good moral character, or has failed to comply with any of the requirements contained in this Code section. The judge of the probate court shall date stamp the report from the law enforcement agency to show the date on which the report was received by the judge of the probate court.

(e) **Revocation, loss, or damage to license.** If, at any time during the period for which the weapons carry license was issued, the judge of the probate court of the county in which the license was issued shall learn or have brought to his or her attention in any manner any reasonable ground to believe the licensee is not eligible to retain the license, the judge may, after notice and hearing, revoke the license of the person upon a finding that such person is not eligible for a weapons carry license pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section or an adjudication of falsification of application, mental incompetency, or chronic alcohol or narcotic usage. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a license which has been revoked, and any person found in possession of any such revoked license, except in the performance of his or her official duties, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. ~~It shall be required that any license holder under this Code section have in his or her possession his or her valid license whenever he or she is carrying a weapon under the authority granted by this Code section, and his or her failure to do so shall be prima-facie evidence of a violation of Code Section 16-11-126.~~ Loss of any license issued in accordance with this Code section or damage to the license in any manner which shall render it illegible shall be reported to the judge of the probate court of the county in which it was issued within 48 hours of the time the loss or damage becomes known to the license holder. The judge of the probate court shall thereupon issue a replacement for and shall take custody of and destroy a damaged license; and in any case in which a license has been lost, he or she shall issue a cancellation order and notify by telephone and in writing each of the law enforcement agencies whose records were checked before issuance of the original license. The judge shall charge the fee specified in subsection (k) of Code Section 15-9-60 for such services.

(f)(1) **Weapons carry license specifications.** Weapons carry licenses issued as ~~prescribed in this Code section shall be printed on durable but lightweight card stock, and the completed card shall be laminated in plastic to improve its wearing qualities~~

~~and to inhibit alterations. Measurements shall be 3 1/4 inches long and 2 1/4 inches wide. Each shall be serially numbered within the county of issuance and shall bear the full name, residential address, birth date, weight, height, color of eyes, and sex of the licensee. The license shall show the date of issuance, the expiration date, and the probate court in which issued and shall be signed by the licensee and bear the signature or facsimile thereof of the judge. The seal of the court shall be placed on the face before the license is laminated. Licenses issued on and before December 31, 2011, shall bear a clear print of the licensee's right index finger; however, if the right index fingerprint cannot be secured for any reason, the print of another finger may be used but such print shall be marked to identify the finger from which the print is taken prior to January 1, 2012, shall be in the format specified by the former provisions of this paragraph as they existed on June 30, 2013.~~

(2)(A) On and after January 1, 2012, newly issued or renewal weapons carry licenses shall incorporate overt and covert security features which shall be blended with the personal data printed on the license to form a significant barrier to imitation, replication, and duplication. There shall be a minimum of three different ultraviolet colors used to enhance the security of the license incorporating variable data, color shifting characteristics, and front edge only perimeter visibility. The weapons carry license shall have a color photograph viewable under ambient light on both the front and back of the license. The license shall incorporate custom optical variable devices featuring the great seal of the State of Georgia as well as matching demetalized optical variable devices viewable under ambient light from the front and back of the license incorporating microtext and unique alphanumeric serialization specific to the license holder. The license shall be of similar material, size, and thickness of a credit card and have a holographic laminate to secure and protect the license for the duration of the license period.

~~(B)~~(3) Using the physical characteristics of the license set forth in ~~subparagraph (A) of this paragraph~~ (2) of this subsection, The Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia shall create specifications for the probate courts so that all weapons carry licenses in this state shall be uniform and so that probate courts can petition the Department of Administrative Services to purchase the equipment and supplies necessary for producing such licenses. The department shall follow the competitive bidding procedure set forth in Code Section 50-5-102.

(g) **Alteration or counterfeiting of license; penalty.** A person who deliberately alters or counterfeits a weapons carry license or who possesses an altered or counterfeit weapons carry license with the intent to misrepresent any information contained in such license shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of not less than one nor more than five years.

(h) **Licenses for former law enforcement officers.** Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 16-11-130, any person who has served as a law enforcement officer for at least ten of the 12 years immediately preceding the retirement of such person as a law enforcement officer shall be entitled to be issued a weapons carry license as provided for in this Code section without the payment of any of the fees provided for in this

Code section. Such person shall comply with all the other provisions of this Code section relative to the issuance of such licenses. As used in this subsection, the term 'law enforcement officer' means any peace officer who is employed by the United States government or by the State of Georgia or any political subdivision thereof and who is required by the terms of his or her employment, whether by election or appointment, to give his or her full time to the preservation of public order or the protection of life and property or the prevention of crime. Such term shall include conservation rangers.

(i) **Temporary renewal licenses.**

(1) Any person who holds a weapons carry license under this Code section may, at the time he or she applies for a renewal of the license, also apply for a temporary renewal license if less than 90 days remain before expiration of the license he or she then holds or if the previous license has expired within the last 30 days.

(2) Unless the judge of the probate court knows or is made aware of any fact which would make the applicant ineligible for a five-year renewal license, the judge shall at the time of application issue a temporary renewal license to the applicant.

(3) Such a temporary renewal license shall be in the form of a paper receipt indicating the date on which the court received the renewal application and shall show the name, address, sex, age, and race of the applicant and that the temporary renewal license expires 90 days from the date of issue.

(4) During its period of validity the temporary renewal ~~permit~~ license, if carried on or about the holder's person together with the holder's previous license, shall be valid in the same manner and for the same purposes as a five-year license.

(5) A \$1.00 fee shall be charged by the probate court for issuance of a temporary renewal license.

(6) A temporary renewal license may be revoked in the same manner as a five-year license.

(j) **Applicant may seek relief.** When an eligible applicant fails to receive a license, temporary ~~permit~~ renewal license, or renewal license within the time period required by this Code section and the application or request has been properly filed, the applicant may bring an action in mandamus or other legal proceeding in order to obtain a license, temporary renewal license, or renewal license. When an applicant is otherwise denied a license, temporary renewal license, or renewal license and contends that he or she is qualified to be issued a license, temporary renewal license, or renewal license, the applicant may bring an action in mandamus or other legal proceeding in order to obtain such license. Additionally, the applicant may request a hearing before the judge of the probate court relative to the applicant's fitness to be issued such license. Upon the issuance of a denial, the judge of the probate court shall inform the applicant of his or her rights pursuant to this subsection. If such applicant is the prevailing party, he or she shall be entitled to recover his or her costs in such action, including reasonable attorney's fees.

(k) **Data base prohibition.** A person or entity shall not create or maintain a multijurisdictional data base of information regarding persons issued weapons carry licenses.

(l) **Verification of license.** The judge of a probate court or his or her designee shall be authorized to verify the legitimacy and validity of a weapons carry license to a license holder, pursuant to a subpoena or court order, or for public safety purposes, but shall not be authorized to provide any further information regarding license holders."

SECTION 1-8.

Said article is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"16-11-130.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Bus or other transportation furnished by a school' means a bus or other transportation furnished by a public or private elementary or secondary school.

(2) 'School function' means a school function or related activity that occurs outside of a school safety zone for a public or private elementary or secondary school.

(3) 'School safety zone' means in or on any real property or building owned by or leased to any public or private elementary or secondary school or local board of education and used for elementary or secondary education.

(4) 'Weapon' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-127.1.

(b) This Code section shall not be construed to require or otherwise mandate that any local board of education or school administrator adopt or implement a practice or program for the approval of personnel to possess or carry weapons within a school safety zone, at a school function, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school nor shall this Code section create any liability for adopting or declining to adopt such practice or program. Such decision shall rest with each individual local board of education. If a local board of education adopts a policy to allow certain personnel to possess or carry weapons as provided in paragraph (6) of subsection (c) of Code Section 16-11-127.1, such policy shall include approval of personnel to possess or carry weapons and provide for:

(1) Training of approved personnel prior to authorizing such personnel to carry weapons. The training shall at a minimum include training on judgment pistol shooting, marksmanship, and a review of current laws relating to the use of force for the defense of self and others; provided, however, that the local board of education training policy may substitute for certain training requirements the personnel's prior military or law enforcement service if the approved personnel has previously served as a certified law enforcement officer or has had military service which involved similar weapons training;

(2) An approved list of the types of weapons and ammunition and the quantity of weapons and ammunition authorized to be possessed or carried;

(3) The exclusion from approval of any personnel who has had an employment or other history indicating any type of mental or emotional instability as determined by the local board of education; and

- (4) A mandatory method of securing weapons which shall include at a minimum a requirement that the weapon, if permitted to be carried concealed by personnel, shall be carried on the person and not in a purse, briefcase, bag, or similar other accessory which is not secured on the body of the person and, if maintained separate from the person, shall be maintained in a secured lock safe or similar lock box that cannot be easily accessed by students.
- (c) Any personnel selected to possess or carry weapons within a school safety zone, at a school function, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school shall be a license holder, and the local board of education shall be responsible for conducting a criminal history background check of such personnel annually to determine whether such personnel remains qualified to be a license holder.
- (d) The selection of approved personnel to possess or carry a weapon within a school safety zone, at a school function, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school shall be done strictly on a voluntary basis. No personnel shall be required to possess or carry a weapon within a school safety zone, at a school function, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school and shall not be terminated or otherwise retaliated against for refusing to possess or carry a weapon.
- (e) The local board of education shall be responsible for any costs associated with approving personnel to carry or possess weapons within a school safety zone, at a school function, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit any approved personnel from paying for part or all of such costs or using any other funding mechanism available, including donations or grants from private persons or entities.
- (f) Documents and meetings pertaining to personnel approved to carry or possess weapons within a school safety zone, at a school function, or on a bus or other transportation furnished by a school shall be considered employment and public safety security records and shall be exempt from disclosure under Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50.

16-11-130.2.

- (a) No person shall enter the restricted access area of a commercial service airport, in or beyond the airport security screening checkpoint, knowingly possessing or knowingly having under his or her control a weapon or long gun. Such area shall not include an airport drive, general parking area, walkway, or shops and areas of the terminal that are outside the screening checkpoint and that are normally open to unscreened passengers or visitors to the airport. Any restricted access area shall be clearly indicated by prominent signs indicating that weapons are prohibited in such area.
- (b) A person who is not a license holder and who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. A license holder who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that a license holder who immediately leaves the restricted access area upon notification that he or she is in possession of a weapon or long gun shall not be guilty of violating this Code section.

(c) Any person who violates this Code section with the intent to commit a separate felony offense shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$15,000.00, imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years, or both.

(d) Any ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy of any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state which is in conflict with this Code section shall be null, void, and of no force and effect, and this Code section shall preempt any such ordinance, resolution, regulation, or policy."

SECTION 1-9.

Said article is further amended by adding two new Code sections to read as follows:

"16-11-137.

(a) Every license holder shall have his or her valid weapons carry license in his or her immediate possession at all times when carrying a weapon, or if such person is exempt from having a weapons carry license pursuant to Code Section 16-11-130 or subsection (c) of Code Section 16-11-127.1, he or she shall have proof of his or her exemption in his or her immediate possession at all times when carrying a weapon, and his or her failure to do so shall be prima-facie evidence of a violation of the applicable provision of Code Sections 16-11-126 through 16-11-127.2.

(b) A person carrying a weapon shall not be subject to detention for the sole purpose of investigating whether such person has a weapons carry license.

(c) A person convicted of a violation of this Code section shall be fined not more than \$10.00 if he or she produces in court his or her weapons carry license, provided that it was valid at the time of his or her arrest, or produces proof of his or her exemption.

16-11-138.

Defense of self or others, as contemplated by and provided for under Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16, shall be an absolute defense to any violation under this part."

SECTION 1-10.

Said article is further amended by revising Code Section 16-11-173, relating to legislative findings and preemption of local regulation and lawsuits, as follows:

"16-11-173.

(a)(1) It is declared by the General Assembly that the regulation of firearms and other weapons is properly an issue of general, state-wide concern.

(2) The General Assembly further declares that the lawful design, marketing, manufacture, and sale of firearms and ammunition and other weapons to the public is not unreasonably dangerous activity and does not constitute a nuisance per se.

(b)(1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, no ~~Ne~~ county or municipal corporation, by zoning or by ordinance, or resolution, or other enactment, nor any agency, board, department, commission, or authority of this state, other than the General Assembly, by rule or regulation shall regulate in any manner:

(A) Gun gun shows;

(B) The possession, ownership, transport, carrying, transfer, sale, purchase, licensing, or registration of firearms or other weapons or components of firearms or other weapons;

(C) Firearms dealers or dealers of other weapons ~~firearms-dealers~~; or

(D) Dealers in ~~dealers in firearms~~ components of firearms or other weapons.

(2) The authority to bring suit and right to recover against any weapons, firearms, or ammunition manufacturer, trade association, or dealer by or on behalf of any governmental unit created by or pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly or the Constitution, or any department, agency, or authority thereof, for damages, abatement, or injunctive relief resulting from or relating to the lawful design, manufacture, marketing, or sale of weapons, firearms, or ammunition to the public shall be reserved exclusively to the state. This paragraph shall not prohibit a political subdivision or local government authority from bringing an action against a weapons, firearms, or ammunition manufacturer or dealer for breach of contract or express warranty as to weapons, firearms, or ammunition purchased by the political subdivision or local government authority.

(c)(1) A county or municipal corporation may regulate the transport, carrying, or possession of firearms by employees of the local unit of government in the course of their employment with such local unit of government; provided, however, that the sheriff or chief of police shall be solely responsible for regulating and determining the possession, carrying, and transportation of firearms and other weapons by employees under his or her respective supervision so long as such regulations comport with state and federal law.

(2) The commanding officer of any law enforcement agency shall regulate and determine the possession, carrying, and transportation of firearms and other weapons by employees under his or her supervision so long as such regulations comport with state and federal law.

(3) The district attorney, and the solicitor-general in counties where there is a state court, shall regulate and determine the possession, carrying, and transportation of firearms and other weapons by county employees under his or her supervision so long as such regulations comport with state and federal law.

(d) Nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit municipalities or counties, by ordinance, or resolution, or other enactment, from requiring the ownership of guns by heads of households within the political subdivision.

(e) Nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit municipalities or counties, by ordinance, or resolution, or other enactment, from reasonably limiting or prohibiting the discharge of firearms within the boundaries of the municipal corporation or county.

(f) As used in this Code section, the term 'weapon' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-127.1.

(g) Any person may bring an action to enforce the provisions of this Code section, or any person aggrieved as a result of a violation of this Code section may bring an action against the person who caused such aggrievement. The aggrieved person shall be

entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and expenses of litigation and may recover or obtain against the person who caused such damages any of the following:

- (1) Actual damages or \$100.00, whichever is greater;
- (2) Equitable relief, including, but not limited to, an injunction or restitution of money and property; and
- (3) Any other relief which the court deems proper."

SECTION 1-11.

Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transportation passenger safety, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"16-12-129.

Defense of self or others, as contemplated by and provided for under Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 16, shall be an absolute defense to any violation under this part."

SECTION 1-12.

Code Section 35-3-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, is amended in subsection (e) by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(3)(A) The records of the center shall include information as to whether a person has been involuntarily hospitalized. In order to carry out the provisions of Code Section 16-11-129, the center shall be provided such information and no other mental health information from the records of the probate and superior courts ordering persons to be involuntarily hospitalized. With respect to probate court records, such information shall be provided in a manner agreed upon by the Probate Judges Training Council and the bureau. With respect to superior court records, such information shall be provided in a manner agreed upon by The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia and the bureau. Such records shall be provided in a manner so as to preserve the confidentiality of patients' rights in all other respects.
(B) In order to carry out the provisions of Code Section 16-11-129, the center shall be provided information as to whether a person has been adjudicated mentally incompetent to stand trial or has been found not guilty by reason of insanity at the time of the crime. The clerk of court shall report such information to the center immediately but in no case later than ten days after such adjudication of mental incompetence or finding of not guilty by reason of insanity."

SECTION 1-13.

Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, is amended by repealing Chapter 16, relating to firearms dealers, and designating said chapter as reserved.

PART II
SECTION 2-1.

This part shall be known to be in honor of Representative Bobby Franklin.

SECTION 2-2.

Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"38-3-37.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Firearm' means any handgun, rifle, shotgun, or similar device or weapon which will or can be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or electrical charge.

(2) 'License holder' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-125.1.

(3) 'Weapon' shall have the same meaning as set forth in Code Section 16-11-125.1.

(b) No official or employee of the state or any political subdivision thereof, member of the National Guard in the service of the state, or any person operating pursuant to or under color of state law, while acting during or pursuant to a declared state of emergency, shall:

(1) Temporarily or permanently seize, or authorize the seizure of, any firearm or ammunition or any component thereof the possession of which was not prohibited by law at the time immediately prior to the declaration of a state of emergency, other than as provided by the criminal or forfeiture laws of this state;

(2) Prohibit possession of any firearm or ammunition or any component thereof or promulgate any rule, regulation, or order prohibiting possession of any firearm or ammunition or any component thereof if such possession was not otherwise prohibited by law at the time immediately prior to the declaration of a state of emergency;

(3) Prohibit any license holder from carrying any weapon or promulgate any rule, regulation, or order prohibiting such carrying if such carrying was not otherwise prohibited by law at the time immediately prior to the declaration of a state of emergency; or

(4) Require the registration of any firearm."

SECTION 2-3.

Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (8) of subsection (d) of Code Section 38-3-51, relating to emergency powers of the Governor, as follows:

"(8) Suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of alcoholic beverages, firearms, explosives, and or combustibles; provided, however, that any limitation on firearms under this Code section shall not include an individual firearm owned by a private citizen which was legal and owned by that citizen prior to the declaration of state of emergency or disaster or thereafter acquired in compliance with all applicable

laws of this state and the United States for purposes of this paragraph, the terms 'explosives' and 'combustibles' shall not include firearms or ammunition or any component thereof; and"

PART III
SECTION 3-1.

Code Section 16-5-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to aggravated assault, is amended by revising subsection (i) as follows:

"(i) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated assault involving the use of a firearm upon a student or teacher or other school personnel within a school safety zone as defined in ~~paragraph (1) of subsection (a)~~ of Code Section 16-11-127.1 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years."

SECTION 3-2.

Code Section 16-5-24 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to aggravated battery, is amended by revising subsection (g) as follows:

"(g) Any person who commits the offense of aggravated battery upon a student or teacher or other school personnel within a school safety zone as defined in ~~paragraph (1) of subsection (a)~~ of Code Section 16-11-127.1 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years."

SECTION 3-3.

Code Section 16-12-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contributing to the delinquency, unruliness, or deprivation of a minor, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (b) as follows:

"(5) Knowingly and willfully provides to a minor any weapon as defined in ~~paragraph (2) of subsection (a)~~ of Code Section 16-11-127.1 or any weapon as defined in Code Section 16-11-121 to commit any felony which encompasses force or violence as an element of the offense or delinquent act which would constitute a felony which encompasses force or violence as an element of the offense if committed by an adult; or"

SECTION 3-4.

Code Section 20-2-1180 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to loitering upon school premises or within a school safety zone, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to remain upon the premises or within the school safety zone as defined in ~~paragraph (1) of subsection (a)~~ of Code Section 16-11-127.1 of any public or private school in this state or to remain upon such premises or within such school safety zone when that person does not have a legitimate cause or need to be present thereon. Each principal or designee of each public or private school

in this state shall have the authority to exercise such control over the buildings and grounds upon which a school is located so as to prohibit any person who does not have a legitimate need or cause to be present thereon from loitering upon such premises. Each principal or designee of each public or private school in this state shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency to prohibit any person who does not have a legitimate need or cause to be present therein from loitering within the school safety zone."

SECTION 3-5.

Code Section 20-2-1185 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to school safety plans, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) School safety plans prepared by public schools shall address security issues in school safety zones as defined in ~~paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of~~ Code Section 16-11-127.1. School safety plans should also address security issues involving the transportation of pupils to and from school and school functions when such transportation is furnished by the school or school system and school functions held during noninstructional hours."

SECTION 3-6.

Code Section 43-38-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to private detectives and security agencies permits to carry firearms, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The board may grant a permit to carry a pistol, revolver, or other firearm to any person who ~~is at least 21 years of age and~~ is a license holder as defined in Code Section 16-11-125.1, who is licensed or registered in accordance with this chapter, and who meets the qualifications and training requirements set forth in this Code section and such other qualifications and training requirements as the board by rule may establish. The board shall have the authority to establish limits on type and caliber of such weapons by rule. Application for such permit and for renewal thereof shall be made on forms provided by the division director. No weapons permit issued under this Code section shall be transferable to another individual."

PART IV

SECTION 4-1.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Representative Gregory of the 34th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be suspended to allow an amendment to be offered.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

Representative Gregory of the 34th moved to appeal the ruling of the Chair.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Abrams	N Coomer	Y Gregory	N McCall	N Sims, C
N Alexander	N Cooper	N Hamilton	N McClain	N Smith, E
N Allison	N Dawkins-Haigler	N Harbin	N Meadows	N Smith, L
N Anderson	N Deffenbaugh	N Harden	E Mitchell	N Smith, M
N Atwood	N Dempsey	N Harrell	Y Moore	N Smith, R
N Ballinger	N Dickerson	N Hatcher	N Morgan	N Smyre
N Barr	N Dickey	N Hawkins	N Morris	N Spencer
N Battles	N Dickson	N Henson	N Mosby	N Stephens, M
N Beasley-Teague	N Dollar	N Hightower	N Nimmer	N Stephens, R
N Bell	N Douglas	N Hitchens	N Nix	N Stephenson
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Holcomb	N Oliver	N Stovall
N Bentley	N Dudgeon	N Holmes	N O'Neal	N Stover
N Benton	N Dukes	N Holt	N Pak	N Strickland
N Beverly	N Dunahoo	N Houston	N Parrish	N Talton
N Black	N Duncan	N Howard	N Parsons	N Tankersley
N Braddock	N Dutton	N Hugley	N Peake	N Tanner
N Broadrick	N Efration	E Jackson	N Pezold	N Tarvin
N Brockway	Ehrhart	N Jacobs	N Powell, A	N Taylor, D
N Brooks	N England	N Jasperse	N Powell, J	N Taylor, T
N Bruce	N Epps, C	N Jones, J	N Prince	N Teasley
N Bryant	N Epps, J	N Jones, L	N Pruett	N Thomas, A.M.
N Buckner	N Evans	N Jones, S	N Quick	N Turner
N Burns	N Fleming	N Jordan	N Ramsey	N Waites
N Caldwell, J	Floyd	N Kaiser	N Randall	N Watson, B
N Caldwell, M	N Fludd	N Kelley	N Rice	N Watson, S
N Carson	N Frazier	N Kendrick	N Riley	N Welch
N Carter	N Frye	N Kidd	N Roberts	N Weldon
N Casas	E Fullerton	N Kirby	N Rogers, C	N Wilkerson
N Chandler	N Gardner	N Knight	N Rogers, T	N Wilkinson
N Channell	N Gasaway	N Lindsey	N Rutledge	N Willard
N Chapman	N Geisinger	N Lumsden	N Rynders	N Williams, A
N Cheokas	N Glanton	N Mabra	N Scott	N Williams, C
N Clark, J	N Golick	N Marin	N Setzler	N Williams, E
N Clark, V	N Gordon	N Martin	N Sharper	N Williamson
N Coleman	N Gravley	N Maxwell	N Shaw	N Yates
N Cooke	N Greene	N Mayo	N Sims, B	Ralston, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 2, nays 172.

The motion was lost.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representative Powell of the 32nd offers the following amendment:

Amend the House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security substitute to HB 875 (LC 41 0185S) by striking lines 646 through 650 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(b) A person who is not a license holder and who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. A license holder who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided, however, that a license holder who is notified at the screening checkpoint for the restricted access area that he or she is in possession of a weapon or long gun and who immediately leaves the restricted access area following such notification shall not be guilty of violating this Code section.

The Committee substitute, as amended, was adopted.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to, as amended.

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, as amended, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Abrams	Y Coomer	Y Gregory	Y McCall	N Sims, C
N Alexander	Y Cooper	Y Hamilton	N McClain	N Smith, E
Y Allison	N Dawkins-Haigler	Y Harbin	Y Meadows	Y Smith, L
N Anderson	Y Deffenbaugh	Y Harden	E Mitchell	N Smith, M
Y Atwood	Y Dempsey	Y Harrell	Y Moore	Y Smith, R
Y Ballinger	N Dickerson	Y Hatchett	N Morgan	N Smyre
Y Barr	Y Dickey	Y Hawkins	Y Morris	Y Spencer
Y Battles	Y Dickson	N Henson	N Mosby	N Stephens, M
N Beasley-Teague	Y Dollar	Y Hightower	Y Nimmer	Y Stephens, R
N Bell	N Douglas	Y Hitchens	Y Nix	N Stephenson
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Holcomb	N Oliver	N Stovall
N Bentley	Y Dudgeon	Y Holmes	Y O'Neal	Y Stover
Y Benton	N Dukes	Y Holt	Y Pak	Y Strickland
N Beverly	Y Dunahoo	Y Houston	Y Parrish	Y Talton
Y Black	Y Duncan	N Howard	Y Parsons	Y Tankersley
Y Braddock	Y Dutton	N Hugley	Y Peake	Y Tanner
Y Broadrick	Y Efstoration	E Jackson	Y Pezold	Y Tarvin
Y Brockway	Y Ehrhart	Y Jacobs	Y Powell, A	Y Taylor, D
N Brooks	Y England	Y Jasperse	Y Powell, J	Y Taylor, T
N Bruce	N Epps, C	Y Jones, J	N Prince	Y Teasley
Y Bryant	Y Epps, J	N Jones, L	Y Pruett	N Thomas, A.M.
Y Buckner	N Evans	N Jones, S	Y Quick	Y Turner
Y Burns	Y Fleming	N Jordan	Y Ramsey	N Waites
Y Caldwell, J	Floyd	N Kaiser	N Randall	Y Watson, B
Y Caldwell, M	N Fludd	Y Kelley	Y Rice	Y Watson, S
Y Carson	N Frazier	N Kendrick	Y Riley	Y Welch
Y Carter	N Frye	Y Kidd	Y Roberts	Y Weldon
Y Casas	E Fullerton	Y Kirby	Y Rogers, C	N Wilkerson
Y Chandler	N Gardner	Y Knight	Y Rogers, T	N Wilkinson
Y Channell	Y Gasaway	Y Lindsey	Y Rutledge	N Willard
Y Chapman	Y Geisinger	Y Lumsden	Y Rynders	N Williams, A
Y Cheokas	Y Glanton	N Mabra	N Scott	Y Williams, C
Y Clark, J	Y Golick	N Marin	Y Setzler	N Williams, E
Y Clark, V	N Gordon	Y Martin	N Sharper	Y Williamson
Y Coleman	Y Gravley	Y Maxwell	Y Shaw	Y Yates
Y Cooke	Y Greene	N Mayo	Y Sims, B	Ralston, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, by substitute, as amended, the ayes were 119, nays 56.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute, as amended.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1414. By Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Stephens of the 165th, Morgan of the 39th, Hugley of the 136th, Randall of the 142nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District Chapters and recognizing February 20, 2014, as Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

HR 1415. By Representatives Prince of the 127th, Howard of the 124th, McClain of the 100th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Neal Archie McQueen; and for other purposes.

HR 1416. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Knight of the 130th, Caldwell of the 131st and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jennifer N. Parker of Gordon State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1417. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Dickson of the 6th, Broadrick of the 4th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jensen Faith O'Neal of Dalton State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1418. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Smith of the 134th, Hugley of the 136th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Kayla Brown of Columbus State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1419. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Dunahoo of the 30th, Hamilton of the 24th, Tanner of the 9th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Kristen Smith of University of North Georgia on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1420. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Dempsey of the 13th, Coomer of the 14th, Lumsden of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Gerri Owen of Georgia Highlands College on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1421. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Rice of the 95th, Clark of the 98th, Coleman of the 97th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Jessica A. Wilkinson of Georgia Gwinnett College on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1422. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Pruett of the 149th, Epps of the 144th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Angie R. Dubree of Middle Georgia State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1423. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Atwood of the 179th, Chapman of the 167th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Anna Makova of College of Coastal Georgia on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1424. By Representatives Frazier of the 126th, Howard of the 124th, Taylor of the 79th, Bruce of the 61st, Smyre of the 135th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Thomas Watson Burroughs; and for other purposes.

HR 1425. By Representatives Jordan of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, Douglas of the 78th, Mabra of the 63rd and Smyre of the 135th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Arthur Jones; and for other purposes.

HR 1426. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Kelley of the 16th, Hightower of the 68th, Nix of the 69th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Joanna K. Denton of University of West Georgia on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1427. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Kelley of the 16th, Jordan of the 77th, Stovall of the 74th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Cassandra Allen of Clayton State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1428. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Harbin of the 122nd, Kelley of the 16th, Howard of the 124th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Brittany R. Cipollone of Georgia Regents University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1429. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Matthew J. Tate of Georgia Perimeter College on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1430. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Lakeshia A. Marshall of Atlanta Metropolitan State College on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1431. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Kelley of the 16th and Jones of the 47th:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Mohammad F. Tariq of Georgia State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1432. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Kelley of the 16th, Quick of the 117th, Frye of the 118th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Smitha Ganeshan of University of Georgia on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1433. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Joseph Douglas "Buddy" Ralston; and for other purposes.

HR 1434. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Robert "Bob" William Braff; and for other purposes.

HR 1435. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Roger Henry Brown, Sr.; and for other purposes.

HR 1436. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Martin Jennings; and for other purposes.

HR 1437. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. William Michael "Mike" Banks; and for other purposes.

HR 1438. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Rogers of the 10th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Gasaway of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Carter Daniel; and for other purposes.

HR 1439. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

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

HR 1440. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mr. Carl Lawson; and for other purposes.

HR 1441. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Cheryl Bruce Hinderscheid; and for other purposes.

HR 1442. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Ira Underwood Peck; and for other purposes.

HR 1443. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Hawkins of the 27th, Dunahoo of the 30th and Barr of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Ms. Janet Michelle Pierce; and for other purposes.

HR 1444. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Williams of the 119th, Parrish of the 158th, Kelley of the 16th and Bryant of the 162nd:

A RESOLUTION commending University System of Georgia Outstanding Scholar Thomas Smith Reams of Armstrong Atlantic State University on Academic Recognition Day for 2014; and for other purposes.

HR 1445. By Representatives Benton of the 31st and Quick of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION commending Angela Clay, Commerce High School's 2014 Teacher of the Year; and for other purposes.

HR 1446. By Representatives Rice of the 95th, Golick of the 40th, Hightower of the 68th, Powell of the 32nd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Jennifer Greene Ammons for her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

Representative Lindsey of the 54th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary:

HB 973. By Representatives Lindsey of the 54th, Willard of the 51st, Ramsey of the 72nd, Dempsey of the 13th and Evans of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7B of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to false Medicaid claims, so as to provide for changes to civil penalties for false or fraudulent Medicaid claims; to provide for a definition; to revise certain provisions relating to when the court shall dismiss a civil action or claim; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Pak of the 108th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and recommitted to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local:

HB 953. By Representatives Pak of the 108th, Harrell of the 106th, Chandler of the 105th, Rice of the 95th, Clark of the 101st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit and providing for its powers, duties, jurisdiction, and officers, approved February 12, 1960 (Ga. L. 1960, p. 110), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the salary supplements for the judges of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Glanton of the 75th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Ways & Means and recommitted to the Committee on Transportation:

HB 1009. By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Jacobs of the 80th, Abrams of the 89th, Jordan of the 77th, Stovall of the 74th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state sales and use taxes in general, so as to extend the date for the applicability of an exemption to the local sales and use tax cap for a county that levied a tax for the purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Stephens of the 164th moved that the following Bill of the House be withdrawn from the Committee on Ways & Means and recommitted to the Committee on Economic Development & Tourism:

HB 984. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to create the Sports Marketing Fund; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings and purposes; to provide for the Sports Marketing Board; to provide for members, powers and duties, and election of a chairperson; to provide for funding to sports commissions; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The motion prevailed.

Representative Stephens of the 164th District, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Tourism has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 1038 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Greene of the 151st
Vice-Chairman

Representative Burns of the 159th District, Chairman of the Committee on Game, Fish and Parks, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Game, Fish and Parks has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 423 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 783 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Burns of the 159th
Chairman

Representative Rogers of the 29th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 490 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 763 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Rogers of the 29th
Chairman

Representative Willard of the 51st District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 1215 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Willard of the 51st
Chairman

Representative Channell of the 120th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 153 Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 816 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Channell of the 120th
Chairman

Representative O'Neal of the 146th moved that the House stand in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.