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2025-2026 ROSTER

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2025-2026 Rules

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

1. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public in accordance with Senate Rule [1-5-1].

2. The quorum for the Science and Technology Committee shall be three (3) members.

3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered; the Chairman shall have the authority to call a bill, resolution, substitute or amendment for debate and explanation only.

4. The Chairman shall have the sole authority to refer bills and resolutions to Subcommittees for study. Such Subcommittees, in turn, shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee. All actions of any Subcommittee shall be approved or disapproved by the standing Committee.

5. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.

6. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman in hard copy form at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

7. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a Minority report in writing, setting for their concise reasons for their dissent.

8. When these Rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology
Monday, February 3, 2025

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology met on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ed Setzler (37th), Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Nabilah Islam Parkes (7th) (*Left Early*)
Sen. Kenya Wicks (34th)

NOTE: Sen. Drew Echols (49th), Secretary, was absent.

Chairman Setzler (37th) called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The Chair introduced the Committee Rules for the 2025-2026 Legislative Biennium.

Sen. Payne (54th) made a motion to **Adopt** the Rules for the 2025-2026 Legislative Biennium. Sen. Islam Parkes (7th) seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously.

NOTE: Sen. Islam Parkes (7th) left at 4:03 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Islam Parkes (7th) returned at 4:08 p.m.

The Chair recognized Mr. Bailey Edwards, Wing Aviation, for a presentation.

NOTE: Sen. Islam Parkes (7th) left at 4:37 p.m.

Chairman Setzler (37th) adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Ed Setzler (37th), Chairman

/s/
Nathan Teasley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology
Monday, March 12, 2025

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology met on Monday, March 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ed Setzler (37th), Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Drew Echols (49th), Secretary (*Left Early*)
Sen. Nabilah Islam Parkes (7th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Kenya Wicks (34th)

Chairman Setzler (37th) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Islam Parkes (7th) arrived at 9:13 a.m.

HB 147 (Rep. Thomas, 21st, LC 56 0266) Georgia Technology Authority; annual inventory of artificial intelligence usage by state agencies; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Brad Thomas (21st) and Sen. John Albers (56th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Thomas (21st) and Sen. Albers (56th) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair opened the floor to the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony neutral to the Bill:
Cameron Fash, Georgia Technology Authority

NOTE: Sen. Echols (49th) left early at 9:57 a.m.

Committee Recommendation: HB 147 (LC 56 0266) No action was taken

Chairman Setzler (37th) adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Drew Echols (49th), Secretary

/s/
Nathan Teasley, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology
Friday, March 21, 2025

The Senate Committee on Science and Technology met on Friday, March 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Ed Setzler (37th), Chairman
Sen. Chuck Payne (54th), Vice-Chairman (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Drew Echols (49th), Secretary
Sen. Nabilah Islam Parkes (7th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Kenya Wicks (34th)

Chairman Setzler (37th) called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.

NOTE: Sen. Payne (54th) arrived at 1:26 p.m.
NOTE: Sen. Islam Parkes (7th) arrived at 1:28 p.m.

HB 147 (Rep. Thomas, 21st, LC 56 0266) Georgia Technology Authority; annual inventory of artificial intelligence usage by state agencies; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Brad Thomas (21st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Thomas (21st) presented the bill to the Committee.

The Chair recognized Sen. Wicks (34th) who made a motion that **HB 147 Do Pass**. Sen Payne (54th) seconded the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Payne (54th) who made a motion to **Amend** by inserting at the end of line 66 the phrase "To the extent a system is provided pursuant to a contract, this subparagraph shall only apply to systems provided pursuant to contracts entered into or renewed after July 1, 2025." Sen. Echols (49th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Chair called for a vote on **HB 147 Do Pass by Substitute**. The motion passed by a vote of 3-1.

Sen. Echols (49th), Sen. Payne (54th), and Sen. Wicks (34th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Islam Parkes (7th) voted in opposition to the motion.

Committee Recommendation: HB 147 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 56 0397S)

Chairman Setzler (37th) adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Sen. Drew Echols (49th), Secretary

/s/
Nathan Teasley, Recording Secretary