

Dear Friend,

This has been a very busy week meeting with constituents in the 10th District, Senate Committee meetings, and other delegations for Henry & DeKalb Counties. We are on Legislative Day 22!

Last week, the senate debated several <u>bills</u>. I will highlight my speech from the well of the Senate floor, where I OPPOSED Senate Bill 69.

This session, I was appointed to more influential committees within our Senate body. In my newsletter, I will share all of my committees and the work along with the oversight of each committee. We are working and hard and I am



glad to be your voice at the table under the Gold Dome! We are creating a **LEGACY** in District 10!

As always, I am to serve you! If you every need me, please do not hesitate to give me or my staff a call.

Sincerely,

Emanuel D. Jones

Senator Emanuel D. Jones Georgia's 10th Senate District

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (2023-2024)

- Appropriations
- Banking and Financial Institutions
- Joint High School Athletics Overview Committee (New Committee)
- Economic Development and Tourism Secretary
- Interstate Cooperation Secretary
- Georgia Lottery Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee (New Committee)
- Natural Resources and the Environment
- Urban Affairs
- MARTOC (New Committee)

MORE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sen. Emanuel Jones (D – Decatur) has been appointed by Lt. Governor Burt Jones to serve as a member on the Joint High School Athletics Overview Committee and the Georgia Lottery Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee.

The Joint High School Athletics Overview Committee was established pursuant to Senate Bill 288, which was passed during the 2014 Legislative Session. The committee is composed from members of the



Georgia House and Senate and is charged with the duties of reviewing the operations of Georgia's high school athletic associations in addition to evaluating the fairness and equity in establishing its standards.

The Georgia Lottery Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee was established during the 1992 Legislative Session. The Georgia Lottery Corporation Legislative Oversight Committee is tasked to review and evaluate the operations of the Georgia Lottery Corporation. Both committee assignments are two-year terms, concurrent with the term of the appointed member.

"I would like to thank Lt. Governor Burt Jones for giving me the opportunity to serve on these two distinguished committees," said Sen. Jones. "These committees are vital to ensuring Georgia's state organizations are properly accounted for. I will do all that is necessary as I serve alongside my Senate and House colleagues to ensure each area that falls under the jurisdiction of these committees is properly vetted and adequately supported."

OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 69- Justice Clarence Thomas Statue



View Senator Jones' Passionate Speech in OPPOSITION of Senate Bill 69

SPONSORED BILLS- JONES OF THE 10TH

Senate Bill 10- Drag Racing

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 and Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for an offense of knowingly attending and facilitating an illegal drag race or a laying drags exhibition; to provide for punishment; to provide for offenses which disqualify certain drivers from obtaining a Class C or D driver's license; to increase the punishment for the offenses of reckless



stunt driving; to provide for minimum periods of imprisonment for such offenses in certain instances; to provide for motor vehicle forfeiture in certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Bill 70-Metal Recyclers



A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide that it shall be illegal for certain persons to purchase, possess, obtain, or sell or attempt to purchase, possess, obtain, or sell used, detached catalytic converters; to provide for a definition; to provide that certain catalytic converters and the vehicles transporting them are contraband; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an

effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Bill 71- Motorcycle Passengers

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-311 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to manner of riding motorcycle generally, so as to require that motorcycle passengers shall be no younger than 16 years of age; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



Senate 72- Electric Cars



A BILL To be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 10 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to stopping, standing, and parking, so as to provide for the designation of electric vehicle charging station parking areas; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards for designating such areas; to prohibit unauthorized use of such parking areas; to

provide for a penalty; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Bill 80- City of Hampton

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to definitions for property tax exemptions, so as to expand the definition of a homestead to include two places of residence for any married couple that lives apart in two different states with each spouse owning and occupying their respective residence for at least ten years; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



SENATE BILL 85- Speaker David Ralston Veterans Retirement Act

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

SENATE BILL 103- Unclaimed Property; handling of certain wills; provide

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of unclaimed property, so as to provide for the handling of certain wills; to provide for definitions; to provide for administrative expenses of the commissioner; to provide for a claimant's designated representative; to provide for appeals; to provide for agreements for recovery; to provide for confidentiality; to provide a searchable data base for account information; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

THE BUDGET PROCESS- HB 911

Each year, two appropriations bills are passed through the General Assembly and then signed by the Governor. The first to be passed is the budget for the Amended Fiscal Year (AFY). This adjusts the current fiscal year's budget, accounting for changes in school enrollment and other unanticipated needs. The other appropriations bill is the budget for the upcoming fiscal year (FY), which begins on July 1 and ends June 30 of the next calendar year.

Governor's Budget Report

THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET REPORT

Amended Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024

GOVERNOR BRIAN P. KEMP



House Bill 911- Georgia's Budget

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STAY CONNECTED WITH SENATOR EMANUEL D. JONES

As your Senator, I love hearing from you. If you wish to write me, you may do so be sending correspondence to my Capitol Office, located at 420- D State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. These requests and correspondence may also be emailed to <u>megan.stevens@senate.ga.gov</u>.





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