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### **The HR259 Johnny Tolbert III House Study Committee on Heat Related, Cardiac, and Sports-Related Injuries Conducts Second Hearing in South Fulton**

**(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, Monday, August 26, 2019)** The HR259 Johnny Tolbert III House Study Committee met at the City of South Fulton’s Welcome All Park & Multipurpose Facility to hear testimony from a series of experts about how to prevent heat-related sports injuries in Georgia.

Committee Chairman Rep. Kasey Carpenter (D-4), Vice Chairman Rep. Demetrius Douglas (D-78) and Rep. Clay Pirkle (D-155), and Rep. William Boddie (D-62) heard from medical expert Dr. Ben Lefkove, representatives of Rank One Health, Westlake High School Athletic Director Carl Green and City of South Fulton’s Parks and Recreation Director Tony Phillips (pictured above).

“One of things I really wanted to communicate to the committee is the proactive steps The City of South Fulton has taken to address heat-related injury and illness,” said Director Phillips. “We have built into our Parks and Recreation ordinance mandatory training and certification courses centered around learning preventative measures associated with heat illness, concussion, and other safety issues.”



“We see that heat-related injuries are continuing to happen throughout the state of Georgia,” said District 3 Councilwoman Helen Z. Willis. “I am hoping that the committee’s visit here to South Fulton will bring forth a positive impact and stronger measures to prevent heat-related illness and injury.”

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