

ATLANTA NAACP

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NEWSLETTER



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Legislative Update

House:

HB 142: Licensing of family violence shelters receiving state funds **passed 137-5**

HB 216: Sets a minimum 20-year service for second time Felons sentenced to life prior to consideration is complicated by a series of other crimes passed 154-10

HB 83: Establishes Anti-Terrorism Task Force within the GBI **passed 96-68**

HB 130: Toughens the punishment and enforcement provisions of the state DUI law passed 167-3

1st Offense: Mandatory fine of \$300 up to 1 year jail sentencemay be stayed 120-day suspension of driver's license. 2nd Offence: Mandatory fine of \$600, 90 days to 1 year jail sentence, 3-year suspension of driver's license (Stipulations attached) 3rd Offense: Mandatory fine of \$1,000, 120 days to 1 year jail sentence, 3-year suspension of driver's license

HB 348: Fair Employment Practices Act: Revise Favorably reported by the special Judiciary Committee

HB 382: Elections: Deputy Registras referred to State of the Republic Committee

HB 167: Martin Luther King, Jr., birthday passed In Rules Com-

HB 392: State Lottery: Provide referred to Ways and Means

Committee HB 419: Local option sales tax: Distribution of proceeds: Certain municipalities referred to Ways and Means Committee

HB 441: Education: Grants to local systems referred to Ways and Means Committee.

HB 450: State Purchases: Competitive bids: Dollar amount

referred to State Institions and Property HB 467: Pari-Mutuel Racetracks: Certain countries referred to

Industry Committee HB 468: Pari-Mutuel wagering: State wide referendum referred to **Industry Committee**

HB 461: Child Custody: Age of selection referred to Judiciary Committee

HB 474: Revenue Shortfall reserve referred to Appropriations

HB 555: Municipalities: Local Annexation: Prohhibit for 5 years

SB 4: Alcholic beverages: Age for purchasing passed 34-20

SB 18: Public Service Commission: Jurisdiction Committee substitute and Floor Amendment passed 32-22

SB 36: States Officers and employees: Engage in political activities committee substitute passed

SB 64: Grants to local school systems: Major improvements passed

SB: Appeal and Error: Grounds for new trials passed

SB 98: MARRIAGE Licenses: Serologic tests: Requirements referred to Human Resources Committee public hearing held on February 2, 1983

SB 165: Absentee voters: Persons outside USA referred to Governmental Operations Committee

SB 195: Elections: Campaign material: Restrictions referred to **Governmental Operations Committee**

SB 198: State Purchasing: Preferential treatment: Minority Enterprises referred to Industry and Labor Committee

SB 202: Open meetings: Revise Provisions referred to Juduciary and Constitutional Law.

THE ATLANTA NAACP LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE!!

Keep Up With What Atlanta Policymakers Are Doing By Dialing....349-4604

Keep The Anti-Terrorism Bill Alive!

83: Anti-Terrorism HB Task Force introduced by Rep. Tyrone Brooks on behalf of the Atlanta NAACP passed the House last week with a vote of 96 -68. Amendments to the bill by Rep. Denmark Groover (D-Macon) passed which altered its enforcement somewhat. The amendments restrict the Task Force agents to investigate those acts aimed to investigate those acts aimed at individuals and their residences and allow the agents to have additional assignments than their Task Force ones.

It is imperative to lobby your State Senators for their support of this bill when it comes to the floor for a vote. Futher support is needed to get it on the calendar -- so call the following members of the rules committee to ask it be placed on the Senate Calendar. We want to see it acted on this session with the original intent restored to the bill.

Does the Anti-What Terrorism Bill (HB 83) Do?

1) Establishes an Anti-Terrorism Task Force within the GBI. 2) Task Force investigates all terroristic acts against persons and their residencies.

Rules Committee

Nathan Dean (D 31) Frank Coggin (D 35) Carl Harrison (D 37) Pierre Howard (D 42) Al Scott (D 2) Terrell Starr (D 44) Bud Stumbaugh (D 55) Roy Barner (D 33) Richard Greene (D 26) Wayne Garner (D 30)

DO THIS **IMMEDIATELY!!**

NAACP PRESENTS '83 AGENDA TO LEGISLATORS AT LUNCHEON

The Atlanta NAACP hosted a luncheon meeting for members of the Georgia General Assembly Friday in which over 100 members of the NAACP Lobbying Network presented an agenda of the organization's concerns to the legislators.

The luncheon, co-hosted by Georgia Power Company, was held in the Garden Room Restaurant near the State Capitol and attended by many state representatives and senators.

Mrs. Yvonne Wiltz, NAACP Lpbby Coordinator, presented the agenda of concerns. She also urged those present to call a 24 hour "hotline" telephone -- 349-4606 -- to keep up with what state and policymakers are doing. Representative Sidney Marcus assured cooperation of legislator who were present. State Senator Julian Bond, who is also president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), revealed that NAACP monitors keep tabs of legislators' vote. He said a "report card" is made of the votes after each legislative session. He also said the NAACP - despite its



L-R State Senator Julian Bond, President-Atlanta NAACP Representative Sidney Marcus, Chairman-Fulton County House Delegation, Jondell Johnson, Executive Director-Atlanta NAACP Joe Hudson, Member-Lobbying Network, Yvonne Wiltz, Legislative coordinator-Atlanta NAACP

name - welcomes all citizens, regardless of race into the organization.

Concerns of the NAACP, mainly representing interests of poor people, were set forth as follows for this session of the General Assembly: Five Main Concerns: 1. Anti-Terrorism Task Force. 2. Fair Employment Practices. 3. Minority Business Enter-4. Emergency Assistance Program. 5. Voter Registration Sites.

Other Issues - We Support: 1. Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday. 2. Increased AFDC paymen-

ts and HB 152. 3. Increased

teachers' salaries and benefits. 4. Funding for Grady Hospital, Morehouse Medical School, health care family violence centers, compensatory shelters, education. Increase motel/hotel mixed drinks tax. 6. Sales tax exemption on prescription drugs. 7. Full Day Kindergarten. method Revised distributing funds to local school systems. Strengthening of state patrol services. 10. Project of the Equality Principle.

We Also Oppose: 1. Workfare. 2. HB 146: State Employment Students Loans. 3. Tuition-Free Tax Credits.



Jondelle Johnson

staff

Julian Bond, President; Jondelle Johnson, Exc. Dir.; Lorenzo Benn and Clinton Warner, Co-Chairman; Politica Action Committee, Yvonne Wiltz, Coordinator, Lobbying Network

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Let's Honor Martin Luther King

Legislation to make a legal holiday on Martin Luther King's birthday was introduced by Representative Calvin Smyre (D-Columbus). HB 167 would create an optional holiday for State Employees to select one to three birthday observances --Martin Luther King, Jr., Robert E. Lee, or Thomas Jefferson. It would remain open due to a statue prohibiting closing of state offices during a General Assembly Session.

By a vote of 7-6 by the State Planning and Community Affairs Committee, the bill received a do-pass to carry it back to the full house body. Those legislators voting in favor included Paul Bolster (D-30), Dean Alford (D-57), Dorothy Felton (D-22), Bob Holmes (D-28), and Eleanor Richardson (D-52). Representative Dick Lane (D-27) was absent from the meeting.

The battle is not won!
There are two more hurdles rules committee to have the
bill placed on the daily
calendar and the full house
to pass the bill.

Opposition to the bill has been based on cost to the state. But, it was pointed out that only \$69,000 would be required to keep the state building operable during three optional holidays.



EDITORIALS

Jury Striking - Fair Or Unfair?

THere is a dangerous bill presently in the Judiciary committee of the house of Representatives. The bill is to amend Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Gerogia Annotated relating to juries, so as to equalize the number of premptory challenges to jurors and choosing alternate jurors which the state and the defendant have in certain criminal trials; to repeal conflicting laws; and, for other purposes.

The bill's crux lies in striking of Chapter 12 of Title 14, Code section 14-12-165 which expounds that every person who is convicted of a crime which can result in the death penalty or imprisonment for not less than four years may preem-

Fair Employment Bill Passes Committee

HB 348: Fair employment practices Act: Revised. This bill, authored by Representative Sanford Bishop was favorably reported out or the special Judiciary Committee on Thursday, February 10th.

This legislation will enable the Georgia Office of Fair Employment Practices to more effectively tackle the problem of discrimination in employment in our state agencies.

Highlights of Bill

1) GOFEB to investigate and make determinations about complaints of discrimination.

2) If complaints are unresolvable by GOFEP, a hearing will be held to make determinations.

3) Monitoring of affirmative action programs to increase minorities in state government.

State Lottery And Pari-Mutuel Betting

Can it be that Georgia will follow other states down the "Primrose Path" towards a Statewide Lottery System and Pari-Mutuel Betting? Many states use either or both of these vehicles to increase their revenues. It has been shown that Georgia's revenues could be increase by

ptorily challenge 20 of the jurors impowered to try him. From that, the new Code change would state that "Every person indicted for a felony may preemptorily challenge ten."

Another factor of this bill is in alternate jurors selection. They must be drawn from the same source and in the same manner and have the same qualifications as the jurors already sworn. This section we feel will not allow for equality in selection of

jurors. The language implies that the racial composition for the first jury will remain in the selection of the alternate jurors. This restrictive language leads to difficulties in having a racially balanced jury.

LEGISLATORS TOUGHEN Laws on D.U.I.

Viewpoint

The Legislators of our state are following suit with Legislators from across the nation in locking in and clamping down on drunken drivers.

74,000 arrests for driving under the influence were recorded in 1981. During this period, 600 deaths were recorded that directly resulted from drunken driving. Citizens have pleaded with our legislators to address the problem. Our Legislators have responded by passing a bill with stiffer penalities - by a vote of 167-3 in the House.

The bill will provide the following penalities. The first offense calls for a mandatory fine of \$300, up to one year prison sentence and 120-day suspension of drivers' license with judge's discretion to issue a limited permit. Second offense

carries a mandatory fine of \$600, 90 days to 1 year prison sentence (possible commuted sentence to 48 hours or 80 hours of community service), and 3-year suspension of drivers' license with reissuance in 120 days if violator completes alcohol and drug abuse education course. Third offense carries a mandatory fine of \$1,000, 120 days to 1-year prison sentence and 3-year suspension of drivers' license.

The time has finally come for the careless over-indulger to suffer as their victims have suffered. Without strong penalties to discourage drunken driving, the number of arrests and related deaths will continue to soar. We applaud the House members and encourage our Senators to vote yes, thus quickly putting this statue into effect.

ALERT......S.O.S.!!!

Call your Senators and Representatives at 659-1100 (or at home) to support........HB 83: Anti-terrorism Task Force (unammended)

HB 348: Fair Employment Practices Act

HB 167: Martin Luther King, Jr., birthday

Oppose.......SB 22: Jury Strikes. Call Nathan Dean, Chairman Rules Committee to put HB 348 and HB 167on calendar. Call J.C. Daughtery, Chairman Special Judiciary to oppose SB 22. Call the Governor's Office to ask support for HB 348.

90 million dollars a year. The revenues from the lottery would be earmarked for education. Opponents of the measure argue against it on the gounds that leagalized gambling invites organized crime.

Proponents argue the States Budget could use a 90 million dollar "shot in the arm." Governor Joe Frank Harris has openly expressed his opposition to any form of gambling for the citizens of Georgia. The option of a referendum for the citizens to decide seems logical and fair. It will be interesting to see the outcome of this.

UTILITY COMPANY RATE HIKES

On a more sober note; the Georgia Senate adopted legislation which will allow utility companies to enact and further burden consumers with temporary rate hikes while permanent increases are being discussed before the public service commission (PSC).

The backers of this erroneous bill contend that the time during which the

utility companies proposals are being studied by the PSC the utilities are losing profits and the customers are losing "Maximum efficient service". Advertisaries attempted to argue however unsuccessfully that the measure will cost the unconsidered consumer extra dollars.

Let us hope there is more fiber in the House of Representatives.

Legislative Glossary

Committee Substitute: A substitute piece of legislation drawn up by a committee considering a particular bill.

Floor Ammendments: Ammendment(s) made to a bill being discussed on the floor of the House or Senate.

Majority Leader:
Spokesperson of the political party which has taken the largest number of legislators in that house.

Minority Leader: Spokesperson of the political party which has fewer votes in a body elected by that party's caucus.

RAISE THE DRINKING AGE?

Is it necessary to raise the drinking age in order to lower the teenage fatalities incurred in association with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol?

Some critics of the bill say what is actually necessary is stiffer penalties for the offender. One excellent example cited - if raising the legal drinking age to 21 would lower the fatalities by one-fourth, then why not raise the age limit to 27 or 30.

A study, conducted by a group of Boston University researchers, concluded that raising the drinking age is not likely, by itself, to drastically cause a significant lowering of driving fatalities or the consumption of Alcohol by teens.

The bill, raising the age limit to 21, was passed by a 34 to 20 vote in the Senate but was killed in a House Committee.

Legistrative Mailbag

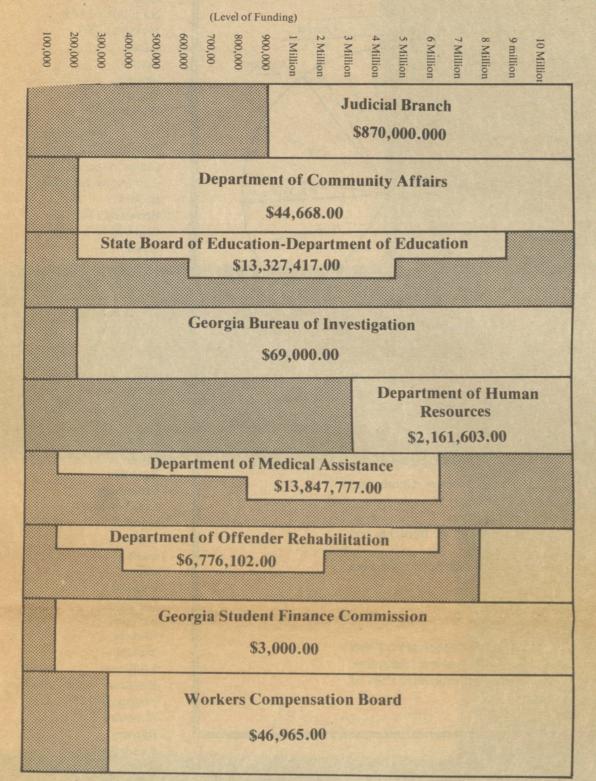
Dear Editor:

I wanted to write to the Atlanta NAACP to Congratulate the Lobbying Network on their newspaper.

It is so informative and I appreciate receiving it. The hotline is a great idea!

Keep up the good work.
We need such a paper to be informed about our legislature.
Sincerely,
James McDougal

Supplemental Appropriations Bill (HB 207)



Fulton To Purge 17,000 From Voter List

According to the Fulton County Registration Office, 17,000 people will be purged from the county's registered voters roll. This figure reflects the lowest number of people purged in 16 years. Persons who do not vote once during a three year period are automatically dropped from the rolls. The purging takes place in odd-number years.

Chief registration Joseph C. McCoy's office will mail notices beginning this week. If a person desires to remain on the roll, he/she may fill out and return the enclosed card accompanying the notice.

The number being purged of 62 percent will be mailed to Atlanta Voters, and 38 percent to be residents of unincorporated Fulton County. The racial percentage show 54 percent whites will be purged as opposed to

46 percent black voters. This purging will reduce the county's poll of registered voters to approximately 283,000 or 2/3 of voting population.

Atlanta City Council

At their regular meeting on Monday, February 7th, President Marvin Arrington expressed feelings that the City Council is being ignored by the Mayor. It appears that the Council is not being consulted on issues before they are submitted for a vote. After all, Council members representing their constituents should have it-put into serious matters affecting their well-being.

The issue of salary increases for the managers in the executive branch would amount to \$45,000 and would probably be passed on to the consumer in some form. Discussion and action of this bill occur at the next meeting of Council on February 21st.

The Council, however, has voted to give theselves an

Assistant or Secretary. What will be the source of these monies?

Referred to committee was a bill to amend the Georgia Code to authorized the Board of Education of any system to place a referendum on the ballot to increase the sales tax by one percent.

Let Your Council Members Know How You Feel About These Issues.

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King Holiday Bill Passes State House Committee

(UPI)-A Georgia House Committee approved a bill Tuesday that would set aside Jan. 15 as a public and legal state holiday to honor slain civil rights leader Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I'm very much pleased that it passed," said Rep. Calvin Smyre, Columbus, the sponsor of the bill passed by the State Planning and Community Affairs Committee.

The black members of the General Assembly have been trying for years to pass a bill establishing Jan. 15 as a day to honor King, the only Georgian to win a Nobel Peace Prize.

Gov. Joe Frank Harris, in an afternoon news conference, said he favored passage of the bill.

"It will not cost the state any money," the governor said. "I am pleased that it passed the committee. It will be another option that state employees would have in taking a holiday."

Smyre said the bill "also provides that the state's holidays will coincide with the Federal Government's holidays." Although state workers will not have Jan. 15 off, the bill provides that in lieu of the state employees shall receive three personal non-work days with pay per year.

Smyre said it would be difficult to give state workers a day off in January when the General Assembly is in session.

Getting the bill approved has taken considerable work.

Smyre said the bill was reviewed by three subcommittees and by the State Planning and Community Affairs Committee twice before receiving approval Tuesday.

TEMPORARY RATE INCREASES FOR ELECTRIC COMPANIES

SB 18: A bill to amend article 2 of chapter 2 of title 46 of the official code of Georgia annotated, realting to jurisdiction, power and duties of the Public Service Commission, so as to provide definitions.

The Georgia senate approved a bill, introduced by Senator Tom Allgood of the 22nd, that would allow electric companies to impose temporary rate increases before they are approved by the Public Service Commission. This issue, after being debated for more than an hour, was passed 32 to 22.

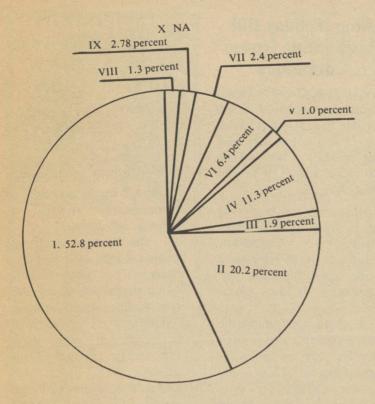
Senate Majority Leader Allgood argued that the two companies affected by the Georgia Power and Savannah Electric and Powerneeded this to avoid what he called "Regulatory Lag." Senator Allgood argued that the companies sometimes wait as long as six months while the Public Service Commission comsiders their requests for rate increases, which are often rejected or reduced in amount and then applealed to the courts. He said that the delay costs the companies money and that avoiding that expense could eventually lead to lower rates for consumers.

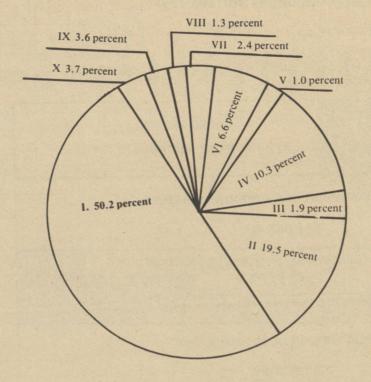
Senator Julian Bond introduced an amendment that would have required utilities to refund any temporary increase within 45 days if the Public Service Commission denied the rate increase. But the amendment was defeated on a tie vote. Senator Bond wanted to give the public and Public Service Commission 60 days notice of a temporary increase instead of 45 days, as the bill originally proposed.

FULTON COUNTY HOUSE DELEGATION 1983-1984 TERM

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F.Y. 1983 Operating Budget

F.Y. 1984 Governor's Recommendation

- I. INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT-Regents. University System of Georgia, Georgia Student Finance Commission, State Board of Education.
- II. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT- Department of Community Affairs, Department of Human Resources, Department of Medical Assistance, Department of Veteran's Services.
- III. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT-Department of Agriculture, State Forestry Comission, Department of Natural Resources, Soil and Water Conservation Committee
- IV. TRANSPORTATION- Department of Transportation
- V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- Department of Audits, Department of Banking and Finance, Department of Revunue, Secretary of State
- VI. PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY- Department of Public Safety, Gerogia Bureau of Investigation, Department of Defense
- VII. General Government- Office of Controller General, Office of Governor

VIII. LESGISTIVE JUDICAL- Department of Law

IX GENERAL OBLIGATIONS- General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund

COST OF LIVING SALARY ADJUSTMENTS, ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM, HEALTH I NSURANCE RATE ADJUSTMENTS- Conpensation resolutions claims pagent, Energy Conservation Program, Health Insurance Rate Adjustments, Cost of living Salary Adjustments, Workers conpensation, State of Regents.

Standing Committee

These are the legislators who decide what bills will be considered for the rest of the session. Call them and let them know you want them to place our "Bills" on the calendar.

Public Utilities

Brown of 47th, Chairman Hill of 29th, Vice Chairman Scott (Al) of 2nd, Secretary Barnes of 33rd Tysinger of 41st

Retirement

Turner of 8th, Chairman Tate of 38th, Vice Chairman Brown of 47th Coverdell of 40th McGill of 24th Timmons of 11th Trulock of 10th

Senate Rules

Dean of 31st, Chairman Horton of 17th, Vice chair-Coggin of 35th, Secretary Barker of 18th Bowen of 13th Garner of 30th

Greene of 26th Harrison of 37th Holloway of 12th Howard of 42nd Kidd of 25th Scott (Al) of 2nd Starr of 44th Strubaugh of 55th Trulock of 10th Walker of 19th Barnes of 33rd Ex Officio

Transportation

Holloway of 12th, Chairman Peevy of 48th, Vice Chairman Bryant of 3rd, Secretary Barnes of 33rd Brown of 47th Coleman of 1st Deal of 49th Dean of 31st Harris of 27th Land of 16th McKenzie of 14th

Interstate Cooperation

Hill of 29th, Chairman Foster of 50th, Vice Chair-Fincher of 54th, Secretary English of 21st

Holloway of 12th

Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment

Wilson, Chairman Hamilton of 31, chairman Smith, Secretary Adams of 36 Felton Jackson of 65 Lawrence Linder Milford Ray Sinkfield Williams of 6 Workman

Motor Vehicles

Jackson of 9, Chairman Dean, Vice-Chairman Crosby, Secretary Barnett of 10 Bostick Dixon Holcomb Lane of 27 McDonald Milford

Porter

Natural Resources Phillips of 120, Chairman

Lord, Vice-Chairman Crawford, Secretary Adams of 79 Alford Athon Auten Bailey Barnett of 59 Carter Cheeks Dobbs Ginsberg Hanner Heard Lane of 111 Long Lupton Patten Porter Reaves Wilder

Public Safety

Coleman, Chairman Hanner, Vice-Chairman Ramsey, Secretary Alford Barnett of 10 Benefield Benn

Colbert Couch Hamilton of 124 Jackson of 83 Lucas Martin Pettit Shepard Walker of 85

Retirement

Johnson of 72, Chairman Childs, Vice-chairman Cummings, Secretary Brooks Brown of 154 Clark of 13 Davis Lawler Millsaps Snow Steinberg Townsend

House Rules

Lee, Chairman Russell, Vice-Chairman Edwards, Secretary Argo Birdsong Buck Burruss Chambless Clark of 55 Connell Evans Galer Greer Isakson Lambert Lawson Marcus Martin Mullinax Parham Phillips of 125 Pinkston Ramsey Randall Robinson Thomas Townsend Walker of 115 Ware Williams of 54

EDUCATIONAL ISSUES

Wilson

The Georgia Board of Regent and the State Board of Relucation endorsed a high school curriculum for college bound students and improvements for teacher education.

Due to a decline in teacher graduates-30 percent statewide-teacher education in our state suffered tremendously. In order to meet the demand and lack of science and math teachers the boards recommended a revised method of certification for non-teaching graduates. Under the new revision during high school in order to be certified, four units of English, 3 of Science, 3 of Mathematics, 3 of Social Science and 2 of Foreign

Language will suffice.