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TO: Members of the Georgia House of Representatives
FROM: Martha Wigton, Director
RE: 2013 Session Legislative Report

The following report compiles all the bills and resolutions passed during the 2013 Session of the Georgia General Assembly. The listed legislation will become effective July 1, 2013 or became effective upon signature of the governor; local Acts become effective upon the governor's approval unless a different effective date is specified in the Act. Highlighted legislation represents significant bills and resolutions identified by committee staff.

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2013 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

HB 5

Forest Park, City of; councilmember votes for calling special meeting; change number

**Rep. Keisha Waites of the 60th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the number of councilmember votes to call special meetings, transact business, override vetoes, remove the city manager, remove a director or a board member, and for other purposes in the City of Forest Park.

HB 21

Adoption; postadoption contact agreements; provide

**Rep. Mary Oliver of the 82nd
House Committee on Juvenile Justice**

Bill Summary:

HB 21 codifies parameters for postadoption contact agreements. Any disagreement over postadoption visitation will not set aside any adoption order.

The parties to a postadoption contact agreement include: the adopting parent(s); birth relative(s), which is defined to include a biological father, who is not the legal father, and the adopted child if he or she is 14 years of age or older.

A postadoption contact agreement must contain certain warnings in bold face, be in writing and signed by all parties. It may set forth certain privileges such as future contact and visitation with the child. HB 21 provides for the ability to modify and/or enforce the agreement.

Any party may file the agreement with the court if the agreement provides for court enforcement or is silent on the issue. Jurisdiction over enforcement continues in the original court granting the adoption petition. Any litigation expenses over enforcement are borne by the party that fails to comply or files a frivolous action.

HB 36

Game and fish; definition of "game fish"; revise

**Rep. Ben Watson of the 166th
House Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks**

Bill Summary:

This legislation includes Red Drum within the category of "game fish".

HB 45

Public property; writing off small amounts due to the state; change certain provisions

**Rep. Earl Ehrhart of the 36th
House Committee on Appropriations**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 45 extends the sunset until July 1, 2016 for state agencies and departments to administratively discharge \$100 or less for financial obligations that have been determined uncollectable and are reported within State Accounting Office guidelines. The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia may discharge amounts of \$3,000 or less. In order for these obligations to be considered uncollectable, the agency must provide

documentation of the efforts made to collect the debt to the commissioner of the agency, who will determine if the cost of further collection efforts is in the public's financial interest; if not, a certificate will be issued deeming the efforts of collection to be costly and the obligation can then be removed for accounting purposes.

This bill also extends until July 1, 2016 the provisions for the University System and Technical College System to maintain collections from tuition and fees, not to exceed 3 percent or 15 percent of the collections respectively, as unexpended funds.

HB 55

Wiretapping; interception of wire or oral transmissions by law enforcement; change provisions

**Rep. Rich Golick of the 40th
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

HB 55 allows a superior court judge who has jurisdiction over a particular crime under investigation to issue a warrant with statewide application and allows statewide interception of pin registers or trap and trace devices.

HB 57

Controlled substances; definition of Schedule I; expand

**Rep. Matt Ramsey of the 72nd
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

HB 57 updates the Code to include the most recent components used in synthetic marijuana.

HB 59

Alarm monitoring services; licensed persons and companies to utilize alarm verification; require

**Rep. Tom Taylor of the 79th
House Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security**

Bill Summary:

This legislation requires an alarm monitoring company to use a second contact for alarm verification in the event that no contact is made on the first attempt so that in the event of a false alarm, the dispatched law enforcement can disregard and continue on with their duty. No second verification call will be required in the event that there is a fire alarm, panic, robbery-in-progress, or crime-in-progress which has been verified to be true by video or audible means.

HB 63

Greene County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

**Rep. Mickey Channell of the 120th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reappoint the Board of Commissioners of Greene County.

HB 64

Greene County; participate in county health insurance program; clarify qualifications

**Rep. Mickey Channell of the 120th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to establish and clarify qualifications and eligibility of officers and employees for participation in the Greene County health insurance program.

HB 65

Greene County; Board of Education; change description of districts

**Rep. Mickey Channell of the 120th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Greene County Board of Education.

HB 68

Physicians; continuing education requirements licensed to practice orthotics or prosthetics; revise provisions

**Rep. E. Culver "Rusty" Kidd of the 145th
House Committee on Health & Human Services**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 68 amends the continuing education requirements for orthotics and prosthetics practice. This bill changes the requirements from 40 hours annually to an amount deemed appropriate by the board, but not more than 40 hours.

HB 70

Special needs students; waiver of one of the scholarship requirements under certain conditions; provide

**Rep. Rich Golick of the 40th
House Committee on Education**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 70 relates to the scholarship program for special needs students. This bill makes changes to annual notification options available to parents of special needs children. The State Board of Education is authorized to require a local board of education to expedite the development of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and to waive the prior school year requirement as a result of a child's medically fragile condition. The board shall review these requests on a case by case basis. This bill also states the deadline for the quarterly payments.

HB 71

Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System; total percentage of investments permissible in real estate investments; increase

**Rep. Lynne Riley of the 50th
House Committee on Retirement**

Bill Summary:

HB 71 allows the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System, and any other association of like political subdivisions which contracts with its members for the pooling of assets, to invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate. Current law states that such systems may invest an amount up to five percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate. This is a non-fiscal retirement bill.

HB 72

Newnan, City of; change description of election districts

**Rep. Lynn Smith of the 70th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion and provide terms of office for the Newnan City Council.

HB 78

Crimes and offenses; protection of disabled adults and elder persons; change provisions

**Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 78 updates and modernizes Georgia's statutory definition of elder maltreatment to include both sexual abuse and exploitation (financial abuse). It also enhances the mandatory reporting of elder maltreatment by adding additional individuals to the list of mandatory reporters.

HB 78 requires reporters to make a report to the law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney if the abuse or exploitation occurred in a long-term care facility. If the abuse or exploitation did not occur in a long-term care facility, the reporter must disclose to both law enforcement and adult protective services that have been designated by the Department of Human Services.

The final version of HB 78 contains a necessary adjustment to the Evidence Code in Sections 1-4 and 1-4A which protect privileged documents and work product from being admissible in court.

HB 79

Official Code of Georgia; revise, modernize and correct errors or omissions

**Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 79 is the annual general reviser bill. It revises, modernizes and corrects errors and omissions in the O.C.G.A., as well as updates House committee names in accordance with the 2013-2014 legislative term.

HB 83

Mortgage broker licensing requirements; licensed real estate brokers and salespersons assisting in a short sale real estate transaction; exempt

**Rep. David Knight of the 130th
House Committee on Small Business Development**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 83 amends the Georgia Code as it relates to the licensing of mortgage lenders and brokers by providing an exemption for licensed real estate brokers and salespersons assisting in short sale real estate transactions from mortgage broker licensing requirements.

HB 86

Putnam County State Court; judge and solicitor-general; change compensation

**Rep. Mickey Channell of the 120th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide compensation for the judge and the solicitor-general of the State Court of Putnam County.

HB 87

Elections; use of the boundaries of a gated community as the boundaries of a precinct; authorize

**Rep. Dustin Hightower of the 68th
House Committee on Governmental Affairs**

Bill Summary:

HB 87 adds the private property lines of a restricted access residential (gated) community to the list of acceptable boundaries for voting precincts.

HB 94

Damages; reduction of earnings to present value; change provisions

**Rep. Andrew Welch of the 110th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 94 amends provisions relating to the reduction of future medical expenses, living expenses, lost wages or economic damages to present value. It provides that the trier of fact base may reduce the future damages to present value based on a discount rate of five percent or any other discount rate the trier of fact deems appropriate.

HB 99

Malt beverages; amount produced by a person in his or her private residence; change

**Rep. Jason Spencer of the 180th
House Committee on Regulated Industries**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 99 makes changes to the provisions regarding malt beverages produced by a person in his or her residence and provides regulations for home-brew special events in the following manner:

- No more than 100 gallons may be produced in any private residence per calendar year if there is only one person of legal drinking age residing there;
- No more than 200 gallons may be produced in any private residence per calendar year if there are two or more persons of legal drinking age residing there;
- No more than 50 gallons may be produced in a 90-day period;
- Malt beverages may only be consumed at the residence where produced and only by persons of legal drinking age, except for as provided by this Code section;
- Malt beverages may be transported and delivered in a sealed container by the producer for use at home-brew special events in a quantity not to exceed 25 gallons;
- Transported malt beverages must be clearly labeled with the producer's name, address of residence where it was produced, name and address of special event location, and the permit number of the event;
- A home-brew special event permit will cost \$50 and will be valid for no more than six events per calendar year;
- Consumption of malt beverages at home-brew special events will be limited to the participants and judges of the event;
- Any local governing authority that issues home-brew special event permits must adopt governing ordinances or resolutions; and
- Beverages will not be sold or made available for consumption to the general public.

HB 101

Non-profit organizations; exclude certain events from "food service establishment" definition

**Rep. James Epps of the 144th
House Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs**

Bill Summary:

The bill excludes certain events held by non-profit organizations from the definition of "food service establishment". It allows counties or municipalities to delegate permitting authority to the local board of health for non-profit food sales and food service events and provides that no fees will be charged to the non-profit organization for the issuance of such a permit.

HB 103

Insurance; issuance of group life insurance policy to certain groups as approved by the Commissioner; allow

Rep. Jason Shaw of the 176th
House Committee on Insurance

Bill Summary:

HB 103 allows the issuance of a group life insurance policy to certain groups as approved by the Commissioner of Insurance that do not otherwise qualify as a group. Further, it removes the participation requirement before the extension of group life policy coverage to dependents of employees or members.

HB 105

Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Rep. David Ralston of the 7th
House Committee on Appropriations

Bill Summary:

The original FY 2013 budget approved during the 2012 Session set spending at \$19.342 billion, \$838 million or 4.5% over the Amended FY 2012. House Bill 105, the Amended FY 2013 Budget (AFY 2013), set spending at a slightly lower amount, \$19.325 billion, based on revised revenue projections.

To that end, the revenue estimate for Amended FY 2013 adjusts state funds, including lottery, down by \$218.8 million and tempers the loss of some of those funds with adjusted payments to the Treasury of \$22 million from some of our authorities, increased Tobacco Settlement Funds of \$7.7 million, and the mid-year adjustment reserve for education of \$172.7 million. The net is a \$16.4 million reduction from the original FY 2013 appropriation.

These revenue sources, coupled with reductions to agencies enable the funding for growing needs in the state within a protracted but recovering economy. This budget exemplifies the spirit and intent of an "amended" budget and is limited to making only the changes needed to balance within the new revenue estimate, funding the mid-term adjustment for K-12 education, and realigning agency budgets based on need. Highlights of the changes include:

K-12 Education

- HB 105 provides \$167 million to fully fund enrollment growth and charter system adjustments.
- QBE, Equalization, and State Schools were exempt from reductions.
- The General Assembly softened reductions to programs that directly impact students including Career/Technical and Agricultural Education, Communities in Schools, Georgia Youth Science and Technology Centers, Governor's Honors program, Residential Treatment Centers and RESAs.
- Reductions to School Nutrition and Sparsity Grants were completely restored.

Higher Education

- The \$2.7 million reduction to the special appropriation for Georgia Gwinnett College was restored.

Public Safety

- The House and Conference Committee agreed to restore a reduction of \$749,551 for senior judges, which helps prevent a backlog of cases and serves as a cost-saving measure to the creation of new judgeships.

Economic Development

- The House and Conference Committee agreed to restore \$436,557 in funding for the supplemental firefighter program in the Forestry Commission. Firefighters logged more than 23,000 service hours across the state last year.
- \$90,000 was also restored for 1,000 hours of aerial fire detection by the air patrol in Georgia. This is one of the most efficient uses of resources and the best method for early fire detection.
- The Amended FY 2013 budget provides \$567,958 to keep the Xpress buses running through the end of the fiscal year. Xpress buses operate in 13 metro counties, but draw riders from 40 counties statewide.
- HB 105 includes \$27 million in motor fuel funds for the removal of the Georgia-400 Toll Plaza.
- The Amended FY 2013 budget also includes \$350,000 for operational costs for the Department of Agriculture to issue Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption (GATE) certificates issued statewide.

Health

- The Amended FY 2013 budget appropriates over \$19 million (\$16.6 million in state funds and \$2.4 million in Indigent Care Trust Fund reserves) to draw down federal Disproportionation Share Hospital (DSH) payments for deemed and non-deemed private hospitals. The net effect to these hospitals is \$56 million.

- Medicaid received a mid-year infusion of \$193 million for the benefit plans that provide health care coverage to the aged, blind, and disabled population, as well as low-income Georgians. PeachCare received an additional \$20 million to cover children's health services through the rest of FY 2013.
- The General Assembly continues to address the state's physician shortage by restoring \$659,320 for new residency development programs at Gwinnett Medical Center and Southwest Georgia Consortium and reinstating \$1.25 million in recommended cuts to the graduate medical education residency slots, the Mercer School of Medicine operating grant and the Morehouse School of Medicine operating grant.
- HB 105 maintains funding for hypertension services provided through Public Health districts to 3,381 of Georgia's low-income citizens and restores \$180,036 to the hemophilia contract to provide lifesaving services to Georgians living with hemophilia.

Human Services

- HB 105 includes \$5 million for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute to help the new agency with rising costs in its medical programs. This funding will also assist the vocational rehabilitation program at Warm Springs to maximize its program funding at a 4:1 federal matching rate.

General Government

- HB 105 provides \$200,000 to convert DSL lines to T1 lines at Department of Driver Services' customer service centers to provide additional bandwidth for Real ID documentation and \$510,134 for archival storage for Real ID implementation.
- The Amended FY 2013 budget also includes \$625,000 to maintain the Fraud Detection contract in the Department of Revenue.

HB 106

General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

**Rep. David Ralston of the 7th
House Committee on Appropriations**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 106, the Fiscal Year 2014 budget effective July 1, 2013, is set by a revenue estimate of \$19.9 billion. This reflects an increase of \$578.5 million, or 3%, which is a very modest increase over the original Fiscal Year 2013 budget.

The greatest portion of that growth will cover needs in education, which nets \$289.4 million in new funds. Of that amount, K-12 education spending will increase by \$241.2 million and pre-kindergarten will have another \$13.5 million, of which \$12.9 million is specifically set to fund 10 more days in the school year for 84,000 students and nearly 4,000 teachers.

Health and Human Services agencies net an additional \$231.1 million in the FY 2014 budget. The Department of Community Health and its attached agencies will be adjusted by \$208.9 million, Behavioral Health by \$17.7 million, and Public Health by \$4.7 million. Highlights of changes include:

K-12 Education

- HB 106 provides \$146.5 million to fully fund Quality Basic Education (QBE) enrollment growth of 1.4% for 23,922 students, as well as training and experience for teachers. While state agencies had to submit budget reductions of 3%, the QBE formula was exempted for new reductions.
- Equalization Grants, the additional funds for school districts to narrow the gap between systems in terms of property tax wealth per pupil, are increased by \$38.3 million to reflect full funding of the required \$474.4 million. This is the first year that Equalization has been fully funded since FY 2009.
- The budget includes \$2.6 million in additional funding based on the State Education Finance Study Commission's recommendations for year two of increased state support of school nurses, professional development for school level administration, central office redirection to classroom technology and the corresponding hold harmless for smaller districts, and year one of a three-year plan to fund school counselors at a 1:450 ratio for all QBE programs.
- \$2.6 million in Sparsity Grant reductions for the 21 smallest school systems that do not generate enough earnings by FTE to provide the standard, required educational programs and services was restored. Failure to restore these funds would have had a devastating impact on systems that receive these funds.
- Reductions to Career/Technical Education, Agricultural Education, and Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs) were softened. Funding reductions for Communities in Schools, the Governor's Honors program, and School Nutrition were restored.
- The FY 14 budget also includes \$12.9 million in lottery funds to add 10 additional days for the Pre-Kindergarten program bringing the total number of days to 180.

Higher Education

- HB 106 increases HOPE Scholarships and Grants by 3% for the more than 200,000 HOPE recipients and provides \$6.5 million to pay a greater portion of the HOPE Grant for emerging professions in strategic industries.
- The budget maintains the current funding level for Tuition Equalization Grants (TEG) and provides \$20 million in continuation funding for the Low Interest Loans program for students experiencing a gap in affordability. Like TEG, the loan program does not require specific academic achievement nor any income threshold to qualify.
- HB 106 maintains QuickStart activities without a reduction and softens reductions to the Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension Service, Forestry Cooperative Extension, and Forestry Research. In addition, \$425,000 is provided in new funding for the Agricultural Experiment Station for new scientist positions.
- The budget provides \$62.8 million for enrollment growth in the University System and restores \$8.3 million to the Technical College System to allow them to maintain teaching faculty based on the anticipated enrollment increase of 9,000 students due to the new HOPE GPA requirements.

Public Safety

- Accountability Court funding is in continuation at over \$11 million; 12 additional assistant district attorneys are funded for circuits with accountability courts; and \$749,551 was restored for senior judges to continue to staff the initiative at lower personnel costs.
- Two new judgeships and supporting positions are funded for the Chattahoochee and Oconee Circuits beginning January 1, 2014.
- The budget also provides \$892,502 for promotional increases for assistant district attorneys and prosecuting attorneys in an effort to retain experienced staff.
- Juvenile Justice reforms are reflected with \$5 million in new grants for community-based options for juvenile offenders, as well as \$4.8 million to open more than 100 beds.
- \$4.3 million is added in GBI and the Department of Natural Resources for the second year of a three-year legislative initiative to retain experienced, certified law enforcement personnel in state service by providing competitive salaries.
- \$968,972 is budgeted to retain 15 agents in the Regional Investigations, Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes, and Chemistry Lab units within the GBI. These positions were previously funded by federal grants.

Economic Development

- The budget maintains seed money for economic development projects, including \$9.475 million in Regional Economic Business Assistance (REBA) grants and \$20 million in OneGeorgia for rural economic development.
- Funding is also provided for the Georgia Rural Water Association to provide services such as water testing for small and rural communities which could not afford it otherwise.
- Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemptions (GATE) for more than 25,000 certificates has been funded with \$550,000.
- Funds were partially restored to provide aerial fire detection by the Forestry Commission's air patrol which supports the work of 760 fire departments statewide. The General Assembly also restored \$356,652 in funding for the supplemental firefighter program, in which 23,000 hours of service were logged in the last year.
- Road project funding, increased by \$16.4 million in the Governor's recommendation, is further enhanced with another \$25.7 million in motor fuel funding added by the General Assembly. Of the additional funding, \$15 million is added specifically to Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants (LMIG) for a total of nearly \$122.5 million in FY 2014 for local road projects.
- \$8.1 million dollars is provided for the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) to keep the Xpress bus services at current levels. Xpress buses serve a 13-county metro area and draw riders from 40 counties in the state.

Health

- In the Department of Community Health, \$13.4 million was added to fully restore the proposed reduction to Medicaid providers, including nursing homes, which when matched with federal funds has a \$40 million impact.
- Budget writers also restored \$4.6 million, which allows for an increase to the new E&M reimbursement coding system for physicians that was implemented by the Department of Community Health in November 2012. When matched with federal funds, this appropriation has a \$14 million impact on payments.
- 20 slots for Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) waivers were provided in the budget, for a total fund add of \$967,137, to reduce the waiting list.
- \$500,000 is included to fund two new health centers, which in addition to providing existing healthcare services, have agreed to provide hypertension treatment.
- Mercer and Morehouse Medical School Operating Grants have been fully restored; Mercer's \$647,733 with state funds and Morehouse's \$329,627 by moving existing funds into a mechanism for increasing its federal matching dollars for an overall increase.
- The budget includes \$489,475 for continued expansion funding of all programs that provide physician residency training through the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce.
- Nearly \$1.6 million is added for the third year of a seven-year hold-harmless to the new Grant-in-Aid formula through the Department of Public Health.

Human Services

- HB 106 includes an increase of \$1.87 million in the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities' budget for community services for the developmentally disabled population, as well as \$11.9 million for an additional

250 New Options and Comprehensive Supports (NOW/COMP) waivers.

- The House championed and the Senate agreed to fund \$250,000 for another 200 slots for services provided by the Marcus Autism Center. These funds have a one-to-one federal match for a total add of \$500,000.
- The budget provides \$4.8 million for a 3% increase to foster care service providers who care for 10,500 foster care children, including those who care for 2,200 special needs foster children in the state with significant physical, emotional and behavioral needs. This is the first rate increase provided in 10 years.
- The General Assembly also restored \$264,435 for family service worker positions, who provide direct elder living care, and \$484,559 for Alzheimer's care and respite services.

General Government

- State pension obligations are fully funded with an additional \$130 million across all agencies, including \$70 million for the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and \$57.5 million for the Employees' Retirement System (ERS).
- HB 106 transfers the functions of the State Archives to the Board of Regents and provides \$300,000 in new funds for additional staff and expanded operating hours.
- \$106,000 is provided to the Professional Licensing Boards for Call Center positions to reduce waiting times for licensing services.
- Driver Services upgrades in technology infrastructure are increased by \$741,485.
- \$1,250,000 is budgeted for the tax fraud prevention contract for the Department of Revenue.
- The Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission is fully funded with an increase to maintain database enhancements.

Bonds

- The bond package included in the Fiscal Year 2014 budget totals \$850 million.
- Of the total bond package \$646 million, or 76%, is appropriated for K-12 education, higher education and public libraries. This includes \$239 million in funding for K-12 construction, vocational equipment and new school buses statewide. This figure also includes \$7 million for technology infrastructure upgrades at local school systems. This funding is the first step in ensuring that our schools are set-up to deliver a 21st century education.
- The bond package also includes a sizeable investment, \$398.6 million, for both the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia to maintain and repair existing facilities as well as to build and equip new classrooms and lab space to meet the needs of a growing student population. This includes a number of major construction projects for the University System and Technical College System including a new science building at Clayton State University, a Humanities – Law Building at Georgia State University and a new cancer research building at Georgia Regents University in Augusta. The General Assembly was also able to fund a number of small capital projects, mainly renovations. These projects include renovations at Armstrong Atlantic State University, Columbus State University and Georgia Gwinnett College. The renovation projects funded in the budget, combined with \$61.1 million budgeted for major repairs and renovations (MRR) at both the Regents institutions and technical colleges, will help both systems be good stewards of the 56 institutions and more than 63 million in square footage statewide they must maintain.
- This budget includes \$4.5 million for three new library projects and \$3.995 million in 5-year bonds for renovations and new equipment statewide for public libraries. This is the second year the House has championed MRR funding for libraries to address needed repairs, including structural issues, roofing and HVAC projects, and life safety/code compliance projects at library facilities across the state. The budget includes funds to replace 3,000 outdated computers throughout the state. In FY12, public libraries reported 13.2 million individual computer user sessions statewide.
- HB 106 also includes \$128.8 million, 15% of the bond package, for economic development projects to meet the needs of our growing state. This includes \$24.2 million for the water and sewer construction loan program and \$50 million to continue deepening the Savannah Harbor – which is vital to both Georgia's and the nation's economy. A Corps of Engineers study showed that every dollar spent on the harbor expansion project will yield a \$5.50 benefit nationally.
- The remaining \$75 million, 9% of the bond package, is largely spent on public safety agencies including renovations and improvements at armories, state prisons and juvenile facilities statewide.

HB 115

Local boards of education; suspension and removal of members under certain circumstances; revise provisions

**Rep. Tom Dickson of the 6th
House Committee on Education**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 115 changes the procedure used by the State Board of Education for suspending members of a local school board following their school system losing accreditation. The bill requires the local board to notify the state board within

three business days of a local system losing accreditation and extends the period of time the state board has to conduct the hearing from 30 to 90 days. Once the hearing has begun, the local board of education, by a majority vote of the members, has the ability to petition the state board to continue the hearing.

HB 116

Georgia Foundation for Public Education; state board donations, gifts and other property held in trust; authorize transfer

**Rep. Tom Dickson of the 6th
House Committee on Education**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 116 gives the State Board of Education the ability to transfer items that belong to the board (such as donations, gifts, property, etc.) to the Georgia Foundation for Public Education and gives the authority over the administration and management of those items to the foundation.

HB 122

Sexual Offender Registration Review Board; review and utilize records of Board of Pardons and Paroles in making assessments; authorize

**Rep. Kevin Tanner of the 9th
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

HB 122 allows the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Board of Pardons and Paroles to share confidential supervision records of an offender with the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board.

HB 124

Local elections; votes cast for disapproval of Sunday alcohol sales by retailers shall not nullify prior election results; provide

**Rep. Brett Harrell of the 106th
House Committee on Regulated Industries**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 124 relates to the local authorization and regulation of sales of alcoholic beverages on Sundays by upholding past electoral decisions. The legislation states that if more than one-half of the votes cast on the question of Sunday package sales were against the matter, their rejection will not nullify the prior election results that allow retailers of malt beverages and wine to sell said beverages on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 PM and 11:30 PM. The legislation defines a "retail package liquor store" as a retail business establishment owned by an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other business entity primarily engaged in the retail sale of distilled spirits, malt beverages, and wine in unbroken packages, not for consumption on the premises which derives at least 75 percent of its total annual gross sales from a combination of these beverages.

HB 126

Park rangers; any person obstructing or hindering the lawful discharge of official duties; prohibit

**Rep. Mark Hamilton of the 24th
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

HB 126 adds a new Code section relating to the obstruction of a park ranger from his or her duties. It creates a misdemeanor and a felony offense depending on whether or not the park ranger's person is harmed.

HB 131

HOPE; dual credit courses; treated the same as advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses for determining eligibility; provide

**Rep. Valerie Clark of the 101st
House Committee on Higher Education**

Bill Summary:

HB 131 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-157 by providing that dual credit courses shall be treated in the same manner as advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses for the purposes of determining eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship.

HB 132

Georgia Board of Pharmacy and Georgia Board of Dentistry; administratively attached to Department of Community Health; provide

**Rep. Lee Hawkins of the 27th
House Committee on Regulated Industries**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 132 transfers the administration of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy and the Georgia Board of Dentistry from the Secretary of State to the Department of Community Health. These changes will take effect on July 1, 2013. This legislation also provides additional powers to the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency, including the ability to employ personnel who are not special agents and to contract with licensing boards to conduct investigations.

HB 139

Sheriffs; general qualification requirements; revise

**Rep. Mark Hamilton of the 24th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 139 allows a person to sign an affidavit instead of producing a high school diploma for sheriff qualification. In addition to the affidavit, the person must produce a certified copy of his or her birth certificate. It also allows the person three days after qualifying to have a fingerprint check. If the fingerprint search results in a criminal record, the probate judge must immediately notify the election superintendent of such record.

HB 141

Kidnapping; certain businesses and establishments post a model notice to enable persons who are the subject of human trafficking to obtain help and services; require

**Rep. Edward Lindsey of the 54th
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

HB 141 requires certain businesses (bars, primary airports, bus stations, truck stops, etc.) to post a national human trafficking hotline number. If an establishment fails to comply, law enforcement may notify them and allow 30 days for compliance, or the establishment is fined. HB 141 provides an exception for agricultural day haulers such as a day worker who works in fields. The bill sunsets January 1, 2019.

HB 142

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission; change certain provisions

**Rep. David Ralston of the 7th
House Committee on Rules**

Bill Summary:

This bill allows the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission to adopt any rules and

regulations necessary and appropriate except they cannot require the reporting or disclosure of more information than required by law.

The bill also prohibits lobbyists from making expenditures for tickets to admission to athletic, sporting, recreational, musical concert, or other entertainment events, unless consideration of equal or greater than face value is received. It also prohibits lobbyists from a reimbursement or payment of expenses for recreational or leisure activities.

An individual lobbyist can make expenditure for transportation, travel, lodging, registration, food and beverages as long as the expense does not exceed \$75. A lobbyist can provide food and beverages to the House or Senate, standing committees but not more than one event per calendar year, caucuses of members of the majority or minority political parties of the House or Senate and other approved caucuses. Also permissible are monetary fees and honorariums paid to a public officer for speaking engagements or participation in seminars, discussion panels or other activities which directly relate to the official duties of that public officer. It is permissible to reimburse or pay for actual and reasonable expenses for the member or support staff related to transportation as long as the event is within the United States. It is also permissible to reimburse or pay for actual and reasonable expenses for lodging, travel, registration, food, and beverages for attending meetings that directly relate to the office duties of a public officer as long as the event is within the United States.

It defines "lobbyist" as someone who receives or anticipates receiving more than \$250 per calendar year in compensation or reimbursement or payment of expenses for undertaking to promote or oppose the passage of any legislation. The registration fee for a lobbyist is dropped.

If someone is required to register they cannot meet at a state building unless they are wearing their lobbyist badge. If someone files a complaint against a member of the General Assembly, he or she must state if her or she is acting as an agent for another person.

HB 143

Campaign contributions; disclosure reports; change certain provisions

**Rep. David Ralston of the 7th
House Committee on Rules**

Bill Summary:

This bill changes the signing and filing requirements for candidates for county or municipal offices. Candidates for county office will now file the required disclosure reports with the election superintendent in the county and candidates for municipal office will file the reports with the municipal clerk or the chief executive officer of the municipality if there is no clerk.

It also changes the dates for the contribution disclosure reports in a non-election year from June 30 and December 31 to January 31 and June 30 so that contributions made right before the beginning of a legislative session will be reported during session. In an election year, reports are due January 31 instead of March 31.

In addition, any candidate for elected county office, member of a local board of education, or elected municipal office who provides written notice that they do not intend to accept nor make a combined total of expenditures exceeding \$2,500 in a calendar year does not have to file a report. If they end up exceeding \$2,500, but not \$5,000, they have to file the June 30th and October 25th reports. If they exceed \$5,000 they have to file all reports.

HB 146

Criminal procedure; the issuance of arrest and search warrants by video conference; change provisions

**Rep. Tom Weldon of the 3rd
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

HB 146 removes the existing geographic restriction on the location of a judge signing an electronic warrant.

The bill adds additional procedural safeguards in the issuance of a good behavior bond by a judicial officer. It allows any judicial officer authorized to hold a court of inquiry to issue a notice to appear for a show cause hearing to any person whose conduct in the county is sufficient to justify the belief that there exists imminent danger of injury to any person, damage to any property, or disturbance of the peace. The court may require from the person a bond with sureties for good behavior. At

the time of or at any time after the filing of an application for a show cause hearing, the judicial officer may issue an order of arrest for the person(s) named in the application. Upon the arrest of such person, a hearing shall be held within 24 hours; otherwise, such person shall be released on bond with sureties and reasonable conditions for his or her good behavior until a hearing can be held.

HB 147

Elberton, City of; change description of election districts

Rep. Tom McCall of the 33rd

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the City of Elberton City Council.

HB 150

Law enforcement officers; the reproduction of arrest booking photographs; enact provisions

Rep. Roger Bruce of the 61st

House Committee on Judiciary

Bill Summary:

HB 150 provides that a person who publishes website arrest booking photos for purposes of commerce is deemed to be transacting business in Georgia. It allows a subject individual, which has a limiting definition, to request that his or her photo be taken down without fee or compensation. The website is allowed 30 days to comply.

HB 154

Worker's compensation; awards and benefits; change certain provisions

Rep. Mark Hamilton of the 24th

House Committee on Industry and Labor

Bill Summary:

HB 154 is the product of the advisory committee process of the State Board of Workers' Compensation. It caps medical payments for non-catastrophic cases at 400 weeks; requires insurers to reimburse for mileage expenses within 15 days (down from 30); changes the interest rate from seven percent to five percent on advances on settlements; requires a good faith effort for an employee to try an available job within the restrictions from their physician; and increases the maximum Temporary Total Disability (TTD) and Temporary Partial Disability (TPD) rates to \$525 and \$350 per week, respectively.

HB 155

Game and fish; licensing and operation of shooting preserves; revise provisions

Rep. David Knight of the 130th

House Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks

Bill Summary:

The term "pen raised game bird" is defined to be any bobwhite quail, chukar or red-legged partridge, coturnix or Japanese quail, ring-necked pheasant, mallard duck, or black duck. A blanket commercial license is no longer included as permissible for releasing pen raised game birds. Rules surrounding the laws regarding the release of pen raised game birds are as follows:

- The land to compromise the preserve must consist of not more than 1,000 acres and not less than 100 contiguous acres and must be owned or leased by the applicant.
- The boundary lines of the premises must be marked by signs indicating that they are the boundary line signs, and that the premises are posted against trespassing.
- As a condition of holding a shooting preserve license, the owner or his or her lessee or agent, prior to allowing anyone to hunt on a shooting preserve, will confirm that the person has completed a hunter education course.
- If a hunter education course isn't verified, education instruction will be provided that, at a minimum, demonstrates techniques for proper firearm handling, unloading and safety.

If a pen raised game bird is removed from a shooting preserve there must be accompanying contact information of the preserve from which it was taken. The Department of Natural Resources must be allowed to access records of all pen raised game birds propagated, released or taken on the preserve during all regular business hours. The licensee must also notify the department within 24 hours of the diagnosis of any epizootic disease of any pen raised game bird on the preserve. Also, the department must issue written approval for the release of any wildlife or wild animal except pen raised game birds on a shooting preserve.

Lifetime shooting preserve licenses, available to any individual, resident or non-resident, which entitles the holder to hunt pen raised game birds and fish in any private or state waters within the boundaries of a properly licensed shooting reserve is \$75.

HB 156

Electronic pornography; certain acts amounting to unlawfully seducing or enticing a child through use of computer online service; clarify

**Rep. Jay Neal of the 2nd
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

HB 156 amends the Code whereby any person having custody or control of a child who is solicited online for the sexual exploitation of that child will be held criminally liable. The final version also addresses sexting by minors to carve out a Romeo and Juliet exception for sexting to ensure minors are not committing a felony.

HB 160

Mortgages; vacant and foreclosed real property registries; revise provisions

**Rep. Mike Jacobs of the 80th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

Section 1 of HB 160 prohibits the assignment of legal malpractice claims to a non-injured party. Section 2 provides clean-up language to the new Code section added to the Property Title during the 2012 Session dealing with vacant and foreclosed real property, and Section 3 prohibits future fees on transfers except in limited circumstances such as homeowner's association dues, service fees and real estate broker fees.

HB 161

Trial juries; oath of bailiffs; change provisions

**Rep. Alex Atwood of the 179th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 161 modernizes the oath of bailiffs and makes sure it applies to oaths given in all courts which hold jury trials. It removes antiquated language and tightens the oath by taking into consideration modern technology.

HB 164

Sales and use tax; exemption regarding sale or use of engines, parts, equipment or other property used in maintenance of certain aircraft; eliminate sunset

**Rep. Alex Atwood of the 179th
House Committee on Ways & Means**

Bill Summary:

This legislation extends the sunset date to June 30, 2015 for the exemption of sales tax on materials used for the maintenance of aircraft that are repaired or maintained within the state, but are registered outside of the state.

HB 171

Fulton County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

**Rep. Lynne Riley of the 50th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

HB 174

Lavonia, City of; change and extend the corporate limits

**Rep. Alan Powell of the 32nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Lavonia.

HB 175

Covenants and warranties; certain covenants run with the land as a matter of public policy of this state; provide

**Rep. Dustin Hightower of the 68th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 175 states that a covenant runs with the title to land if a property owner and a third party agrees to it for no more than 20 years, and it is adequately described in the recorded covenant.

HB 177

Oconee River Greenway Authority; change the membership

**Rep. Joe Wilkinson of the 52nd
House Committee on Natural Resources & Environment**

Bill Summary:

HB 177 amends the makeup of the Oconee River Greenway Authority by allowing no more than four (the current law requires two) residents of each county which is in the geographic jurisdiction of the authority who have training or experience in biology, botany or environmental science and who shall be appointed by the chairperson of the governing authority of such county to serve on the authority.

HB 178

Georgia Pain Management Clinic Act; enact

**Rep. Tom Weldon of the 3rd
House Committee on Health & Human Services**

Bill Summary:

This article is enacted to provide for state administrative control, supervision, and regulation of pain management clinics. It defines "Board" as the Georgia Composite Medical Board and "chronic pain" as physical pain treated for a period of 90 days or more in a year, but shall not include perioperative pain, which means pain immediately preceding or following a surgical procedure. The bill defines "nonterminal condition" as a medical condition which is reversible, where there is a reasonable hope of recovery, and where the patient's medical prognosis is a life expectancy of two years or more. In addition, it defines a "pain management clinic" as a medical practice advertising "treatment of pain" or utilizing "pain" in the name of the clinic, or a clinic with greater than 50 percent of its annual patient population being treated for chronic pain for nonterminal conditions by the use of Schedule II or III controlled substances. This term does not include any clinic or practice owned or operated by a hospital, ambulatory surgical center, skilled nursing facility, hospice, or home health agency. The legislation:

- (a) Requires all pain management clinics to be licensed by the board and biennially reviewed. Each location should be licensed if a physician practices in more than one location.
- (b) Requires all pain management clinics to be owned by physicians licensed in the state.
- (c) Allows the board to establish minimum standards of continuing education for all physicians owning a pain management clinic.
- (d) Allows the board to investigate applicants.
- (e) States that owners and physicians practicing in the pain management clinic will be responsible for that clinic's actions.
- (f) Allows the board to deny or refuse to renew a license.
- (g) Prohibits medical treatment or services unless a physician, a PA authorized to prescribe controlled substances, or an APN authorized to prescribe controlled substances is on-site.
- (h) Allows the board to enter into agreements with other states or third parties to exchange information concerning the licensure of any pain management clinic.

The bill allows the board to deny, suspend, or revoke a license if the licensee or physician has furnished fraudulent information in any application, been convicted of a crime relating to any controlled substance, had federal registration to prescribe, distribute, or dispense controlled substances suspended or revoked, or violated the provisions in this article.

It requires the board to be notified if any of the following occur: permanent closing of a licensed pain management clinic; change of ownership, management, or location; change of physicians practicing; theft or loss of drugs or devices; any known conviction of any employee of a licensed pain management clinic; any known conviction based upon charges of fraud of any employee; disasters, accidents, theft, destruction, loss of records; and any other matters the board may require by rule.

All pain management clinics that dispense controlled substances or dangerous drugs shall be registered with the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy.

HB 178 establishes that all licenses shall expire biennially unless renewed, and the board may require continuing education as a condition of license renewal. Anyone who operates a pain management clinic in Georgia without a license shall be guilty of a felony.

Any hospital which operates an outpatient clinic with greater than 50 percent of the clinic's annual patient population being treated for chronic pain for nonterminal conditions by the use of Schedule II or III controlled substances shall notify the board annually of such clinic.

Law enforcement officers, medical examiners, the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Medical Examiner's Office are authorized to send pertinent records on deaths suspected of being a result of a pain management clinic to the board.

HB 179

Pharmacies; The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights; change certain provisions

**Rep. Andrew Welch of the 110th
House Committee on Insurance**

Bill Summary:

HB 179 amends the Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights to prohibit recoupment of the cost of drugs or medicinal supplies by a Pharmacy Benefit Manager that were properly dispensed by the pharmacy. A pharmacy shall be allowed at least 30 days to correct any clerical errors found during an audit or to appeal an audit report if it is considered to be unfavorable.

HB 182

Juvenile court administration; hearing on the order of an associate court judge; delete provisions

**Rep. Tom Weldon of the 3rd
House Committee on Juvenile Justice**

Bill Summary:

The bill eliminates the second hearing a juvenile may have with the elected or appointed juvenile court judge after an associate juvenile court judge has issued an order/decision, and the bill complements the new Code sections proposed by HB 242, the Juvenile Justice Reform Bill also known as the Juvenile Code Rewrite (2013 Session).

HB 187

Controlled substances; date of incorporation of local ordinances by reference; change

**Rep. Pam Dickerson of the 113th
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

HB 187 allows the General Assembly to adopt and incorporate all drug-free commercial zones which have been adopted by local municipal or county ordinance and entered in the register of the Department of Community Affairs on or before July 1, 2013.

HB 188

Professions and businesses; certain military certifications entitle persons to obtain certain professional licenses in this state; provide

**Rep. Christian Coomer of the 14th
House Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs**

Bill Summary:

HB 188 provides for newly discharged veterans who have received specialized skilled trades training to be issued an initial license if the training is determined by the agency to be sufficient for a license issuance. This initial license would only apply to the first application and the licensee would still be subject to future requirements. Additionally, the legislation provides for a spouse of an active duty personnel stationed in Georgia to be able to receive a license for certain skilled trades if the issuing agency determines that the craftsman has met standards that meet or exceed those standards established in Georgia.

HB 189

Natural Resources, Department of; notify local governing authorities before making certain significant changes in park service; require

**Rep. Debbie Buckner of the 137th
House Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks**

Bill Summary:

HB 189 adds a new Code section, 12-3-12, which defines the terms and conditions around "change in services" to mean the permanent change of a primary existing operational function; reduction by 50 percent or more of the hours of operation or services, or closure of any park, historic site, recreational area operated by the department. The department must provide 60 days' written notice and send it to the applicable chairperson of the county commissioners and the mayor prior to making a change in services.

HB 192

Podiatry; podiatric medicine includes the diagnosis and treatment of cosmetic conditions regarding the human foot and leg; provide

**Rep. E. Culver "Rusty" Kidd of the 145th
House Committee on Health & Human Services**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 192 amends the definition of podiatry practice to include the diagnosis and treatment of cosmetic conditions relating to the human foot and leg.

HB 193

Sales and use tax; tangible personal property to certain nonprofit health centers; provide exemption only for a limited period of time

**Rep. Ron Stephens of the 164th
House Committee on Ways & Means**

Bill Summary:

HB 193 provides a two-year exemption from sales tax paid by certain nonprofit groups. The exemption begins on July 1, 2013 and continues through June 30, 2015. These groups include: Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), volunteer health clinics, qualified food banks, and qualified job training organizations. Additionally, food donated for hunger relief or in times of disaster will be exempt from sales tax during the designated time period.

HB 193 clarifies the current definition of "delivery charge" to ensure that sales tax is not charged on postage, and the definition of "incremental sales and use tax" in reference to remittances to the state under the 'Georgia Tourism Development Act' is clarified.

Lastly, HB 193 Provides for a 120-day period, commencing upon final adjudication of any dispute, to be allowed for counties and municipalities to file a certificate specifying percentage of proceeds allocated to each political subdivision participating in a joint special use tax under §48-8-89.

HB 194

Public utilities; venue for actions against gas companies; provide

**Rep. Jay Powell of the 171st
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

In a tort or breach of contract suit against a railroad or electric utility, a case is usually heard in the county where the incident occurred. HB 194 applies this same standard to gas utilities.

HB 197

Ad valorem tax; land subject to a forest land conservation use covenant; provide taxation

**Rep. Jay Powell of the 171st
House Committee on Ways & Means**

Bill Summary:

HB 197 clarifies certain provisions within the conservation use properties and forest land protection laws. Additionally, the legislation proposes to allow the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue to appoint independent performance review boards to evaluate tax digests that have been called into question for technical accuracy. Lastly, the legislation provides for a mechanism to produce a valuation of a property that is under valuation appeal.

HB 198

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; licensing of health insurance navigators; provide

**Rep. Richard Smith of the 134th
House Committee on Insurance**

Bill Summary:

HB 198 provides for limited licensing by the Commissioner of Insurance for individuals serving as "navigators" under the federal 'Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act' (ACA), in which the applicant:

- Establishes, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, that he or she has the background, experience, knowledge, and competency in the subject matter that will enable him or her to deliver accurate information and advice to individuals and groups in this state seeking to obtain health insurance coverage under the provisions of the federal act;

- Successfully completes 35 hours of instruction in health benefit insurance and the exchange provisions of the federal act, Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids through a training program approved by the commissioner;
- Passes a required examination, unless such applicant is exempted based on experience, qualifications and pursuant to regulations adopted by the commissioner;
- Is not less than 18 years of age and of good moral character and submits in a form approved by the commissioner such information, including without limitation criminal history and regulatory background information; and
- Completes continuing education classes approved by the commissioner for license renewals.

HB 201

Grady County Lake Authority Act; enact

Rep. Darlene Taylor of the 173rd

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create the Grady County Lake Authority and to provide for its powers and duties.

HB 202

Highways, bridges, and ferries; performing value engineering studies; provide requirements

Rep. James Epps of the 144th

House Committee on Transportation

Bill Summary:

HB 202 is the annual Department of Transportation (DOT) bill and amends two sections of the Code. Section 1 amends Code Section 32-2-41.2, relating to the development of benchmarks, reports, and value engineering studies by the DOT to require value engineering studies to be performed on all projects whose costs exceed \$50 million, except for any design build projects. Section 2 amends Code Section 32-5-30, relating to congressional balancing of funds. Congressional balancing currently is not applied to any federal funds specifically designated for projects earmarked by a member of Congress in excess of appropriated funds, but this legislation also excludes from the balancing requirement any funds for a project undertaken for purposes of improving the Eisenhower Interstate System and any funds for a project undertaken for improving any part of the state designated freight corridor, when the designation is made by the director or planning with the approval of a majority of the board.

HB 204

Sale City, City of; staggered, four-year terms of office for city council; provide

Rep. Jay Powell of the 171st

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide four-year, staggered terms of office for the city council and four-year terms of office for the mayor in the City of Sale City.

HB 206

Hoschton, City of; corporate boundaries and powers; provide

Rep. Tommy Benton of the 31st

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Hoschton.

HB 207

Licenses; issuance of a special turkey-hunting permit for young and mobility impaired hunters; authorize

**Rep. Jason Shaw of the 176th
House Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks**

Bill Summary:

HB 207 adds a new Code section, 27-2-4.4, which defines a “mobility impaired person” to mean anyone having one of the following conditions: dependence upon a wheelchair or similar device; hemiplegia; monoplegia; paraplegia; or single-leg amputation above the knee. If an individual is 16-years or younger or if they are “mobility impaired”, the commissioner may issue special authorization to hunt turkeys during an extended open season. Special authorization shall only be for the weekend prior to the first weekend of the open turkey season, as established by the department, and shall not be valid for subsequent seasons unless reauthorization is approved.

HB 208

Nursing homes; annually offer influenza vaccinations to health care workers and other employees; require

**Rep. Ben Watson of the 166th
House Committee on Health & Human Services**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 208 requires nursing homes to offer free flu shots to their health care workers and employees.

HB 209

Pharmacists and pharmacies; revise definition of "security paper"; revise requirements

**Rep. Ben Watson of the 166th
House Committee on Health & Human Services**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 209 changes many provisions relating to the practice of pharmacy within the state.

The bill adds Medicare and Medicaid approved prescription pads under the definition of “security paper.” The bill also expands the definition of a “dispenser” to allow for any pharmacy or facility located in another state or foreign country that delivers a dispensed controlled substance into Georgia and allows the board to require pharmacists licensed in other jurisdictions to pass at least one exam that includes an examination on Georgia pharmacy law to be licensed in Georgia. Those pharmacists are to have the same liability for prescriptions that issuing practitioners have under current rules of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

This legislation changes the requirements to use remote order entry specifically for small, rural hospitals. Explicitly, the bill authorizes hospital pharmacies to use remote order entry when at least one licensed pharmacist is physically present in a hospital that remotely serves another hospital or hospitals on weekends, provided the other hospital or hospitals are under the same ownership and have an average daily census of less than ten acute patients.

The bill requires the board to establish rules and regulations governing compounding in compliance with USP-NF standards. Pharmacists who compound sterile drugs for specific practitioners to use in patient care are required to follow federal law and board rule using USP-NF standards. Also, practitioners who compound drugs for administering or dispensing to their own patients are required to do so using USP-NF standards.

The bill requires a pharmacy that has had a change in the pharmacist in charge to name a replacement pharmacist in charge or else become suspended.

The bill allows a person, pharmacy, or facility located outside of Georgia to apply to the board for a nonresident pharmacy permit. This permit would allow them to ship, mail, or deliver dispensed drugs. To obtain this license, the board will establish an application process that must include the following:

- Proof of a valid license or permit to operate a pharmacy in each state in which they dispense drugs.

- Addresses, names, and titles of all principal corporate officers and the pharmacist in charge in this state.
- A statement of whether the applicant is in compliance with all lawful directions and requests for information.

The board must include the following in the rules and regulations that nonresident pharmacy permit holders must: be licensed in his or her state of location; provide written notification to the board within ten days of any change in principal corporate officers or pharmacist in charge; file a change of location application upon any change to the state of registration; respond within 10 days to all communications from the board concerning emergency circumstances arising from errors in dispensing; provide written notification to the board of each location where records are maintained; and maintain a toll-free telephone number operational during the permit holder's regular hours of operation, but not less than six days per week for a minimum of 60 hours per week to facilitate patient counseling.

HB 210

Gasoline and aviation fuel; temporary suspension of the collection of taxes; provide legislative findings

**Rep. Chad Nimmer of the 178th
House Committee on Ways & Means**

Bill Summary:

This legislation ratifies the Governor's Executive Order from June 8, 2012, which suspended the increase in prepaid state taxes on motor fuels until December 31, 2012.

HB 211

Motor fuel excise tax; public school systems under certain circumstances; exempt

**Rep. Tommy Benton of the 31st
House Committee on Ways & Means**

Bill Summary:

HB 211 exempts school districts from the excise tax on fuel used in school buses from July 1, 2013 until June 30, 2015.

HB 220

Crisp County; Board of Commissioners; change descriptions of districts

**Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Crisp County Board of Commissioners.

HB 223

Banks County; board of elections and registration; create

**Rep. Dan Gasaway of the 28th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create a board of elections and registration for Banks County and to provide for its powers and duties.

HB 224

Coffee County; reestablish Board of Commissioners

**Rep. Chuck Sims of the 169th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to replace and update laws so as to reestablish the Coffee County Board of Commissioners.

HB 226

Solid waste management; tire transportation, storage, and disposal; revise certain requirements

Rep. Randy Nix of the 69th
House Committee on Natural Resources & Environment

Bill Summary:

Effective January 1, 2013, HB 226 requires a person who collects or transports any tires, other than new tires, to obtain a tire carrier permit issued by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) which shall be displayed on each vehicle used to collect or transport tires. This does not apply to a common carrier that collects tires exclusively from outside of Georgia. The bill also adds language that a person holding a tire carrier permit shall pay the EPD a nominal fee for each decal issued.

HB 226 also requires a person to obtain a scrap tire processing permit issued by the EPD prior to processing scrap tires. "Processing scrap tires" means "any method, system, or other treatment designed to change the physical form, size, or chemical content of scrap tires for beneficial use."

The bill amends who is exempted from this Code section by exempting private individuals transporting no more than 10 of his or her own tires, or a private individual transporting more than 10 tires if he or she can provide proof of purchase with receipt of the tires. The section does not apply to a tire retailer transporting its own used tires if the dealer can provide proof of purchase with receipt for all of the used tires being transported, as well as a document verifying the origin, route, and destination of the used tires. The section also does not apply to anyone transporting tires collected as part of an organized site cleanup activity.

The bill lowers the number of scrap tires a person can store in Georgia from 100 to 25. This does not apply to tire retailers with no more than 1,500 scrap tires in storage, or tire retreaders with no more than 3,000 scrap tires in storage so long as the retreader is actively retreading. The amendment does not apply to a licensed used motor vehicle parts dealer or registered secondary metals recycler with no more than 500 scrap tires in storage, nor does it apply to a scrap tire processor approved by the division so long as the number of scrap tires in storage does not exceed the quantity approved by EPD if all of the scrap tires are secured in a locked enclosure or are otherwise adequately secured in a manner suitable to prevent unauthorized access. The EPD, however, may grant a waiver of the enclosure requirement if the person requesting the waiver can definitively show a significant and unique economic hardship which impairs his or her ability to continue operating his or her business.

The bill also changes the amount of the surety bond provided to the director by a scrap tire carrier or scrap tire processor prior to issuance of a permit to ensure compliance with these provisions to not less than \$10,000 and not greater than \$20,000.

HB 229

Insurance; removing the insurer annual publication requirement; provide

Rep. Sam Teasley of the 37th
House Committee on Insurance

Bill Summary:

HB 229 removes the annual financial statement publication requirement for insurance companies and provides that the Commissioner of Insurance shall provide on the department's website a financial summary position of each insurer.

HB 232

Regents Retirement Plan; level of employee participation; change

Rep. Paul Battles of the 15th
House Committee on Retirement

Bill Summary:

HB 232 changes provisions under the Board of Regents Retirement Plan. Currently, a participating employee contributes to an optional retirement plan a percentage of his or her earnable compensation as determined by the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System at a level that is no less than five and no more than six percent. HB 232 removes the limit on the level of employee participation and shifts the responsibility of determining the required employee contribution rate to the Board of Regents. This is a non-fiscal retirement bill.

HB 233
Albany, City of; levy an excise tax

Rep. Winfred Dukes of the 154th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the City of Albany to levy a hotel/motel tax.

HB 234
Contracts; new chapter that provides for notice of automatic renewal provisions in service contracts; enact

Rep. Lynn Smith of the 70th
House Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs

Bill Summary:

The legislation adds a new Chapter 12 of Title 13 that provides for: notice of automatic renewal provisions in service contracts; notice to a consumer prior to the automatic renewal of a service contract, and for other purposes.

“Automatic renewal” is a provision under which a service contract is renewed for a specified period of more than one month if the renewal causes the service contract to be in effect more than six months after the day of the initiation of the service contract. Such renewal is effective unless the consumer gives notice to the seller of the consumer’s intention to terminate the service contract.

“Consumer” means a person receiving service, maintenance, or repair benefits under a service contract. The term does not include a person engaged in business or employed by or acting on behalf of a governmental entity if the person enters into the contract as part of the person’s business activities.

“Seller” means any person, firm, partnership association or corporation engaged in commerce that sells, leases, or offers to sell or lease any service to a consumer pursuant to a service contract; the “service contract” is a written contract for the performance of services for a specified period of time.

Code Section 13-12-2 requires that any seller who sells, leases, or offers to sell or lease any service to a consumer pursuant to a service contract that has an automatic renewal provision shall disclose the automatic renewal provision clearly and conspicuously in the contract or contract office.

Code Section 13-12-3 provides that any seller who sells, leases, or offers to sell or lease any service to a consumer under a service contract for 12 months or more and that automatically renews for a specified period of more than one month, unless the consumer cancels the contract, shall provide the consumer with written or electronic notification of the automatic renewal process. The notification shall be provided to the consumer no less than 30 days or no more than 60 days before the cancellation deadline pursuant to the automatic renewal provision.

Such notice shall disclose clearly and conspicuously that unless the consumer cancels, the contract will automatically renew, as well as the methods by which the consumer may obtain details of the automatic renewal provision and cancellation procedure, including contacting the seller at a specified telephone number or address, referring to the contract or any other method.

This chapter shall not apply to: a financial institution as defined in Chapter 1 or 2 of Title 7 or any depository institution as defined in 12 U.S.C. Section 1813(c)(2); a foreign bank maintaining a branch or agency licensed under the laws of any state of the United States; any subsidiary or affiliate of an entity provided in paragraph (1) or (2) of this Code section; any electric utility as provided in Chapter 3 of Title 46; any entity regulated pursuant to Chapter 45 of Title 43; or any county, municipal corporation, authority, or local government or governing body.

Violations of this chapter render the automatic renewal provision of a contract void and unenforceable.

HB 235

Optometrists; revise definition of optometry; remove certain exemption

Rep. Earl Ehrhart of the 36th
House Committee on Insurance

Bill Summary:

HB 235 allows optometrists to continue to prescribe Schedule III-IV drugs. It specifically allows hydrocodone to continue to be prescribed regardless of federal classification; prohibits optometrists from administering pharmaceutical agents via injection; certifies that optometrists may use oral steroids for treatment where appropriate for no more than 14 days; and requires optometrists 65 years of age and older adhere to continuing education requirements.

HB 238

Public School Employees Retirement System; limitation on maximum level of benefits; clarify certain provisions

Rep. Howard Maxwell of the 17th
House Committee on Retirement

Bill Summary:

HB 238 increases the membership dues for firefighters and volunteer firefighters who are members of the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund from \$15 to \$25 per month. This is a non-fiscal retirement bill.

HB 240

Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids; certain speech-language pathology; require reimbursement

Rep. John Carson of the 46th
House Committee on Health & Human Services

Bill Summary:

House Bill 240 requires Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids to reimburse services provided by speech-language pathologists who are clinical fellows licensed by the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

HB 241

Atlanta, City of; Board of Education; change description of districts

Rep. Pat Gardner of the 57th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Atlanta Board of Education.

HB 242

Juvenile proceedings; substantially revise, supersede, and modernize provisions

Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
House Committee on Judiciary

Bill Summary:

Overview

In 2012, Governor Nathan Deal reappointed the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform ("Council"). He tasked them with studying the state's juvenile justice system and coming up with ways to improve public safety and decrease costs. HB 242, the Juvenile Justice Reform bill, substantially revises, supersedes and modernizes provisions relating to juvenile proceedings and enacts comprehensive juvenile justice reforms recommended by the Council.

Article 1 – General Provisions

Article 1 provides general definitions and principles that apply in all juvenile court proceedings. Specifically, Article 1 provides clear definitions of key terms, including:

- **“Abuse”** The current juvenile court provisions do not include a definition of abuse. HB 242 defines abuse to include emotional abuse and prenatal abuse, in addition to physical abuse, sexual abuse and exploitation.
- **“Child in Need of Services (CHINS)”** This definition would create a new designation to take the place of what is currently called an “unruly” child. Detailed provisions related to this new designation are found in Article 5.
- **“Class A and Class B Felonies”** HB 242 proposes to revise the state’s 32-year-old juvenile ‘Designated Felony Act.’ “Class A” and less serious “Class B” structure that would give juvenile court judges greater latitude than they have today, especially in sentencing.
- **“Dependency”** Currently, Georgia uses the term “deprivation” to describe cases where the court intervenes to protect children from abuse and neglect. HB 242 changes this term to “dependency,” which is the term used in all other states for these cases.
- **“Party”** This definition clarifies that children are parties to juvenile court proceedings involving their interests.

Article 2 – Juvenile Court Administration

Article 2 governs the creation and administration of juvenile courts and the appointment of judges. Article 2 reorganizes existing provisions and makes minor stylistic revisions. It contains very few substantive changes from current law.

Article 3 – Dependency

Article 3 relates to cases involving children who have been abused or neglected by the adults responsible for their well-being. HB 242 renames what are currently known in Georgia as “deprivation” cases, calling them instead dependency cases. This change stresses the child’s relationship with the court and provides consistency with national standards.

Article 4 – Termination of Parental Rights

Article 4 governs cases involving a petition to involuntarily terminate the rights of a parent to the custody and control of his or her child because the parent is unable to safely and adequately care for the child. These petitions generally follow dependency proceedings, and therefore several provisions cross-reference or incorporate changes made by Article 3.

Article 5 – Children in Need of Services

Article 5 creates a new approach for intervening with children who are currently considered “unruly.” Children in Need of Services (CHINS) include children who have committed an act that would not be against the law but for the fact that they are children, such as skipping school, running away from home, and violating curfew. CHINS also include children who are “habitually disobedient” to their parents and place themselves or others in unsafe circumstances through their behavior.

Article 6 – Delinquency

Article 6 relates to cases involving children who have committed acts that would be crimes if the children were adults. These acts are known as “delinquent acts” and the cases are known as “delinquency” cases. Article 6 reorganizes and clarifies the delinquency provisions of current law.

Article 7 – Competency in Delinquency Cases

Article 7 governs the way courts determine whether a child is competent to participate in delinquency or child in need of services proceedings, and how the court responds to a child who is not competent. Competency is important because due process requires that people not be subjected to the possible loss of their liberty in criminal or delinquency cases unless they understand the charges, the legal proceedings, and have the capacity to effectively assist their attorney in their defense. Article 7 of HB 242 revises current law regarding competency in juvenile proceedings.

Article 8 – Parental Notification

Article 8 renumbers provisions of current law requiring notification of parents when people under the age of 18 seek abortions. The language of these provisions is not modified by HB 242; the provisions are simply renumbered to fit into the new structure of O.C.G.A. Title 15, Chapter 11.

Article 9 – Access to Hearings and Records

Article 9 governs access to hearings and records in juvenile proceedings.

Article 10 – Emancipation

Article 10 relates to “emancipation,” which is the process by which a child becomes a legal adult responsible for his or her own care and able to enter into contracts and other adult transactions. Emancipation also releases parents from their obligations to the child and their rights to the care and control of the child. A child is automatically emancipated when they

turn 18, when they marry, and when they enlist in the U.S. military. Current law also provides for a child who does not meet these automatic criteria to petition the court for early emancipation. Article 10 of HB 242 reorganizes and clarifies current law regarding emancipation, but does not make any substantive changes.

Provisions Outside the Juvenile Code

While the vast majority of HB 242 is a rewrite of O.C.G.A. Title 15, Chapter 11, some related provisions outside the juvenile code would also be amended. Those additional changes include:

- An amendment to O.C.G.A. § 42-5-52 that would allow DJJ to transfer a child age 16 and older to the Department of Corrections if the child was committed to DJJ for either class of designated felony act and the child's behavior presents a substantial danger to someone in the DJJ facility.
- An amendment to O.C.G.A. § 49-4A-1 to define key terms, including detention assessment, evidence based programs or practices, risk and needs assessment, and risk assessment.
- An amendment to O.C.G.A. § 49-4A-2 to:
 - Require that detention assessments, risk assessments, and risk and needs assessments be developed, made available for use by intake workers and courts, and validated every 5 years.
 - Require DJJ to develop policies and regulations to ensure the use of evidence-based practices with children committed to DJJ.
 - Require DJJ to collect and analyze data and performance outcomes and to report that information to the leadership of the executive and legislative branches of Georgia government.
- An amendment to O.C.G.A. § 49-4A-3 that:
 - Clarifies that the same person may not serve as both the Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources and the Commissioner of the DJJ.
 - Requires the use of evidence-based services and practices for children committed to DJJ.
- An amendment to O.C.G.A. § 49-4A-7 that requires any DJJ contract to provide services to delinquent children be a performance-based contract that includes financial incentives or consequences based on the results achieved by the contractor as measured by output, quality, or outcomes measures.
- An amendment to O.C.G.A. § 49-4A-8 that requires DJJ to maintain records on of specified data for evaluating the merits of treatment methods.
- Amendments to various statutes to clarify types of facilities by shifting away from the term "youth development center" and "regional youth detention center" and other facility terms to "secure residential facility" and "non-secure residential facility."
- An amendment to O.C.G.A. § 17-4-25.1 that requires the agency requesting transportation of a juvenile to be responsible for all costs associated with the transport.
- Adds a new Code section to Title 15, Chapter 18 to clarify the representation of the state in delinquency cases. Under new section 15-18-6.1, the District Attorney's office has responsibility for prosecuting delinquency cases in juvenile court and appeals from those cases, though the District Attorney can delegate certain types of cases to the Solicitor General. If the District Attorney's office lacks the resources to provide representation of the state in delinquency cases, notice must be sent to the chief judge of the superior court, the juvenile court judges, and the chair of the county governing authority, at which point the county can appoint an attorney or attorneys to serve as prosecutors for the juvenile court.
- Various amendments to keep language consistent and update cross-references.
- Provides that the new law would take effect on January 1, 2014.

HB 244

Elementary and secondary education; annual performance evaluations; revise certain provisions

**Rep. Randy Nix of the 69th
House Committee on Education**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 244 revises certain provisions relating to annual performance evaluations. It provides for the development of an evaluation system, no later than the 2014-2015 school year, for teachers, assistant principals and principals. This bill lists the evaluation measures, as well as a rating system the State Board of Education shall adopt.

HB 247

Emerson, City of; provide new charter

**Rep. Paul Battles of the 15th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Emerson.

HB 250

Local excise tax; sale or use of energy; revise certain provisions

**Rep. Tom Rice of the 95th
House Committee on Ways & Means**

Bill Summary:

HB 250 clarifies the manner in which localities can impose the excise tax on energy used in manufacturing, as well as the manner in which that tax may be collected. "Dealer," for purposes of the energy excise tax, means any person or company that sells energy in a retail format. These dealers are allowed compensation for the collection of such taxes, in the manner that three percent of the first \$3,000 and 1.5 percent thereafter, of any monthly amounts paid to each governmental authority which is levying such a tax. The bill also provides penalties and actions that may be brought against dealers who knowingly fail remit such taxes.

HB 252

Athens-Clarke County; chief magistrate judge; provide nonpartisan elections

**Rep. Regina Quick of the 117th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the nonpartisan election of the Chief Magistrate Judge of the Magistrate Court of Athens/Clarke County.

HB 253

Athens-Clarke County; provide future nonpartisan elections for office of probate judge

**Rep. Regina Quick of the 117th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the nonpartisan election of the Probate Judge of the Probate Court of Athens/Clarke County.

HB 254

**Motor vehicles; electronic proof of insurance may be accepted under certain circumstances;
provide**

**Rep. Bruce Williamson of the 115th
House Committee on Insurance**

Bill Summary:

HB 254 allows that an electronic copy of one's "proof of insurance" may be accepted by law enforcement as proof of valid insurance; however, an electronic copy of one's policy information on a mobile device does not constitute consent for law enforcement to access other information on the mobile device.

HB 255

Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005; administration responsibilities from Department of Revenue to Department of Public Safety; transfer

Rep. Terry Rogers of the 10th
House Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security

Bill Summary:

This legislation moves responsibility for the administration of the 'Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005' from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Public Safety effective July 1, 2014.

HB 256

Tobacco; regulation of cigar wraps; provide

Rep. Ben Harbin of the 122nd
House Committee on Juvenile Justice

Bill Summary:

HB 256 adds the definition of "cigar wraps" to the article dealing with tobacco use so that it will be regulated like other tobacco products.

HB 266

Internal Revenue Code; certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law; incorporate

Rep. Allen Peake of the 141st
House Committee on Ways & Means

Bill Summary:

HB 266 is the annual bill to align the Georgia Revenue Code with the Internal Revenue Code.

In Section 1, the bill extends the Section 179(b)(1) and (2) income tax deductions at the current levels provided for within the Code. Additionally, retirement income for airline pilots that was forced to be transferred into a Roth IRA account in 2007 and therefore was subject to state tax will become eligible for a refund as long as an amended return is filed by November 15, 2013.

Section 2 of the legislation contains provisions relating to the title ad valorem tax (TAVT) fee system enacted under HB 386 in 2012, in addition to substantive changes as listed below:

- "Fair Market Value" is defined by either a new car sale or a used car sale. Fair Market Value of new cars is the greater of either the average of retail and wholesale book values or the actual sale price of the vehicle, minus any trade in value. Fair Market Value of used cars is the average of retail and wholesale book values, minus any trade-in value.
- The commissioner of the Department of Revenue is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations that apply to the sale of used vehicles by dealers that directly finance the transaction, allowing for a discounted rate of now more than 2.5% lower than combined state and local rate for other titled transactions. The time period that a dealer has to remit the title ad valorem tax to the county agent is increased to 30 days from the current 10 days, with increased penalties for failure to remit such tax to the county. The opt-in period for vehicles purchased from January 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013 is extended until February 28, 2014. Additionally, vehicles purchased out of state are allowed to opt-in to the TAVT program; so long as they meet the opt-in requirements.
- For rental car companies, each of their vehicle purchases will now be subject to a combined rate of 1.3 percent for the TAVT, instead of the current 1.5 percent. If a rental car company cannot demonstrate an average amount of \$400 of sales tax attributable per vehicle in the previous calendar year, then the purchases of vehicles by such company will be subject to the standard TAVT rate until the sales tax can be demonstrated to qualify for the rental car rate. Loaner vehicles may now exist for a period of 366 days rather than the current six month limit.
- Finance companies that lease vehicles to consumers will be required to register with the Department of Revenue on a yearly basis and pay a \$100 registration fee. Additionally, lessees will be required to register their vehicle in the county of residence within 30 days of the beginning of the lease.
- HB 266 codifies certain instances that do not trigger a TAVT payment when administrative changes are made to the title or for the purposes of sale or resale. For vehicles that were made during 1963-1985 and have a title, the TAVT fee that will be applied to these vehicles is set at a combined 1 percent of the fair market value.

- Lastly, when an appeal on the assessed value of a vehicle is filed, the taxpayer is required to pay the amount in full and then be refunded if the appeal is successful. Current Code requires a taxpayer to remit 80 percent of the originally assessed amount upon initiation of the appeal.

Section 3 clarifies that the Research and Development credits established in §48-7-40.12 and earned in Tax Year 2012 will apply to tax years 2012 and forward.

Section 4 provides an exemption from sales and use tax on car lease payments that are executed after March 1, 2013.

Section 5 clarifies the original intent of HB 386, which sought to exclude on-road excise taxed fuel from being considered tax exempt under the GATE program and requires taxpayers to select either the energy in manufacturing exemption or the agricultural exemption, but not both.

Section 6 requires a good-faith standard to be applied to the acceptance sales tax exemption forms.

HB 268

Agricultural products dealers; cotton and eggs from definition of "agricultural products"; remove

**Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th
House Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs**

Bill Summary:

HB 268 revises the definitions of agricultural products to remove eggs.

The bill revises Code Section 2-9-4 relating to licenses for dealers in agricultural products to provide that an annual fee not to exceed \$400 shall be required before a license is issued, and such license shall be valid until revoked or suspended as provided in this article or until the annual license renewal fee is unpaid.

The bill further amends Code Section 2-9-5 to provide that the bond shall be equal to the maximum amount of products purchased from or sold for Georgia producers or estimated to be purchased or sold in any month by the applicant; provided that the minimum amount of such bond shall be \$10,000 and the maximum amount of such bond shall be \$230,000. In the case of pecans, such bond shall not exceed \$500,000. It also adds new language to provide that if a bond of a dealer is canceled, the license of such person shall be immediately revoked without notice or hearing, and such person shall be ineligible to reapply for a license for a period of four years after revocation.

The bill provides exclusions for: farmers or groups of farmers in the sale of agricultural products grown by themselves; persons who buy for cash, certified check, cashier's check, or the equivalent; or holders of food sales establishment licenses issued pursuant the 'Georgia Food Act,' who conduct no business at the wholesale level and who have fewer than 10 employees.

No warehouse that is in full compliance with the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 shall be required to obtain a license or maintain a surety bond under this article.

The bill revises the definition of grain to include but not limited to wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye field peas, soybeans, clover, and grain sorghum. The term does not include grain which has been produced or packaged for purchase or distribution as seed.

Finally, the legislation amends the surety bond maximum amount from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

HB 273

Bibb County; State Court; provide additional judge

**Rep. Nikki Randall of the 142nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for an additional judge, the appointment thereof, the election of, the terms of office for, and the compensation for, in the State Court of Bibb County.

HB 274

Game and fish; regulate practice of falconry

Rep. Jon Burns of the 159th
House Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks

Bill Summary:

HB 274 repeals Code Section 27-2-17 and replaces it with a new section which states that in order to trap, take, transport, or possess raptors for falconry, one must first possess a valid falconry permit, in addition to any licenses and permits otherwise required; for non-residents, a valid general or master level falconry license or permit from his or her state, or place of residence, is required, provided that the state has been certified by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and they must also possess all licenses and permits required by this title to trap, take, or attempt to trap or take a raptor from the wild in this state.

The department is responsible for providing the necessary forms for falconry permits, as well as inspecting the applicant's housing facilities and equipment. The department has the right during reasonable times to enter the premises of persons subject to this Code to inspect and certify compliance with federal and state standards. If this Code section is satisfied, it is lawful for a falconer to take small game with raptors, so long as the individual observes all other laws regulating the taking of small game.

HB 276

Hazardous site response; appropriations to Department of Natural Resources and Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Authority; change certain procedures

Rep. Chad Nimmer of the 178th
House Committee on Natural Resources & Environment

Bill Summary:

HB 276 amends O.C.G.A. 12-8-95.1(h) by extending the levying of fees for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund until July 1, 2018 and strikes language that allows for a transfer on an annual basis to the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Authority (Pollution Prevention Assistance Division).

The bill also relates to tire disposal restrictions and fees by adding a new paragraph to O.C.G.A. 12-8-40.1(h) that states, "the fee amount provided for in this subsection shall be subject to revision pursuant to Code Section 45-12-92.2."

This bill extends the \$.75 per ton tipping fee collected by any solid waste disposal facility other than an inert landfill to 2018, and provides for automatic fee adjustments for the hazardous waste fees, the solid waste disposal fee, and the tire disposal fee.

For the purpose of making appropriations to the functions required to administer the programs supported by the fees collected, the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) must determine the base amount of the fee. "Base amount" is defined as the total amount of fee proceeds collected during the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the current appropriation amount is being determined. Additionally, OPB must establish what amount would be 25 percent of the base amount collected in fees, and add that amount to the current appropriation to determine the target amount of appropriation. If the new appropriation is equal to or greater than 95 percent of the base amount, or equal to or greater than the target amount, the amount of the fee collected will not be reduced.

However, if the new appropriation amount is less than the target appropriation amount, the fees collected will automatically be reduced by 25 percent. In this case, OPB must notify the collecting entity, when an appropriations act becomes law. Any fiscal year when the appropriation again meets the target amount, the fee amount will increase back to the prior amount. This new automatic adjustment of fees does not preclude any appropriation of greater amounts from taking place by OPB. Each collecting agency affected by this bill must confer with OPB to promulgate rules and regulations as would be required, including appropriate public notification of any fee amount change.

Prior to the adoption of the current fiscal year's amended appropriations bill, the application of a single fee outlined in this Code section may be waived and suspended for up to a single fiscal year.

HB 277

Randolph County; vehicles shall be registered and licensed to operate during four-month nonstaggered registration; repeal

**Rep. Gerald Greene of the 151st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to repeal an Act providing that all vehicles shall be registered and licensed to operate in Randolph County during the four-month nonstaggered registration period.

HB 278

Arlington, City of; provide duties of mayor

**Rep. Gerald Greene of the 151st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to abolish the office of city manager and redefine the powers and duties of the mayor in the City of Arlington.

HB 281

Cobb County Commission on Children and Youth; provide annual report

**Rep. John Carson of the 46th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to require the Cobb County Commission on Children and Youth to produce and distribute an annual report to the Cobb legislative delegation, the county commissioners, and the county judicial officers, and to provide a sunset date for the Commission of July 1, 2024.

HB 283

Education; update and revise terminology; provisions

**Rep. Brooks Coleman of the 97th
House Committee on Education**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 283 implements recommendations from the State Education Finance Study Commission, renames vocational to career technical and agriculture, removes obsolete No Child Left Behind language, renames commission charter schools to state charter schools, clarifies that Charter Advisory Commission is only for charter systems, implements budget savings for charter systems, and establishes a non-profit for the Office of Student Achievement.

HB 284

Return to Play Act of 2013; enact

**Rep. Jimmy Pruett of the 149th
House Committee on Education**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 284 enacts the 'Return to Play Act of 2013'. This Act requires public and private schools that provide youth athletic activities to provide information to parents on the nature and risk of concussions and head injury. It also establishes concussion management and return to play policies.

HB 286

Hawkinsville, City of; Pulaski County; create and incorporate new political body corporate under name Hawkinsville-Pulaski County, Georgia

**Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a unified form of government for the City of Hawkinsville and Pulaski County and to provide for its powers and duties.

HB 287

Secretary of State, Office of; Division of Archives and History; reassign to Board of Regents of University System of Georgia

**Rep. Matt Hatchett of the 150th
House Committee on Governmental Affairs**

Bill Summary:

HB 287 reassigns the Division of Archives and History from the Secretary of State's Office to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

HB 289

Funds transfers; Uniform Commercial Code and federal law; clarify certain provisions

**Rep. Trey Kelley of the 16th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 289 clarifies Article 4A of the Uniform Commercial Code's applicability to remittance transfers under the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act.

HB 294

Lamar County school district; \$7,000 of assessed value of specified five-year phase-in period for residents 70 years or older; provide homestead exemption

**Rep. J. Caldwell of the 131st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a homestead exemption from Lamar County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$7,000 of the assessed value of the homestead after a specified five-year phase-in period for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older.

HB 298

Agricultural Commodity Commission for Georgia Grown Products; create

**Rep. Robert Dickey of the 140th
House Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs**

Bill Summary:

The bill amends Chapter 8 of Title 2 of the O.C.G.A. relating to agricultural commodities promotion to: create the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Georgia Grown Products, provide for the operation and the function of the commodity commission, and for other purposes.

HB 302

Controlled substances; substances included under Schedule I and III; add

**Rep. Bruce Broadrick of the 4th
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

HB 302 is the annual update drug bill by the Board of Pharmacy moving new and existing drugs into different classes.

HB 304

Freeport exemption; applicability to fertilizer production processes; clarify

**Rep. Tom McCall of the 33rd
House Committee on Ways & Means**

Bill Summary:

This legislation clarifies a part of the Freeport exemption law to ensure that raw materials used in the production of fertilizers are included.

HB 312

Insurance; regulating insurance holding company systems; provide comprehensive revision of provisions

**Rep. John Carson of the 46th
House Committee on Insurance**

Bill Summary:

HB 312 is the annual "housekeeping" bill for the Department of Insurance. It updates laws concerning holding companies in the State of Georgia so that they conform to standards set by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for accreditation purposes.

HB 315

Nurses; continuing competency requirements as requirement for license renewal; provide

**Rep. Sharon Cooper of the 43rd
House Committee on Health & Human Services**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 315 provides continuing competency requirements for nurses. Beginning in the 2016 license renewal cycle, applicants must satisfy one of the following continuing competency requirements: 30 hours of continuing education hours; maintenance or certification by a national certifying body; completion of an academic program of study in nursing; verification of competency by a health care facility in which the nurse practiced 500 hours, and/or other activities as prescribed and approved by the board. A non-practicing nurse may request that their license be placed on inactive status. To restore an inactive license, the licensee must submit an application, pay a fee, and provide evidence of competency to resume practice. First time renewal applicants are exempt.

HB 315 also requires registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nursing employers, and state nursing licensing agencies to report to the Nursing Board if they suspect or know of a nurse violating Code Section 43-26-53. These violations are as follows: practicing nursing without a valid, current license; practicing nursing under cover of any illegal or fraudulently obtained diploma or license; practicing nursing during the time a license is suspended, revoked, surrendered or administratively revoked; using any words, abbreviations, figures, letters, title, sign, card or device implying that the person is an RN, LPN, or APN unless that person is licensed as such; fraudulently furnishing a license to practice nursing; knowingly aiding or abetting any person violating this Code section; being convicted of any felony or crime involving moral turpitude or related to controlled substances or dangerous drugs, and/or displaying an inability to practice nursing with reasonable skills and safety due to the use of drugs or alcohol.

The board may seek an order from a court of competent jurisdiction for a report from a nurse if he/she is not forthcoming voluntarily. The board may also seek a citation for civil contempt if a court order for a report is not obeyed by such nurse. No nurse, employer, or agency that, in good faith, either reports or fails to report, will be subject to civil or criminal liability or discipline for unprofessional conduct. No physician or licensed health care professional who examines a nurse at the request of the board will be subject to suit for damages by the nurse examined.

HB 317

Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia; administrative medicine licenses; provide

**Rep. Sharon Cooper of the 43rd
House Committee on Health & Human Services**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 317 amends the Code to allow for “administrative medicine” to be defined and licensed in the State of Georgia. The bill defines “administrative medicine” as “administration or management utilizing the medical and clinical knowledge, skill, and judgment of a licensed physician capable of affecting the health and safety of the public or any person but shall not include the practice of medicine.”

People practicing administrative medicine are subject to the same provisions and rules of the Medical Composite Board as a full licensed, but are not authorized to engage in the practice of medicine. The board is required to adopt rules for the issuance of an administrative medicine license, and these rules must include: eligibility for the license; issuance and renewal of the license; fees applicable to the license; continuing education requirements, and the scope of practice of a person who holds the license.

HB 318

Georgia Tourism Development Act; revise certain definitions; provisions

**Rep. Ron Stephens of the 164th
House Committee on Economic Development & Tourism**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 318 establishes the Invest Georgia Fund within Georgia Tech's Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC) to provide access to seed capital for Georgia-based, high-tech and innovation companies. Invest Georgia will be overseen by a five-member appointed board. Through a competitive bid process, the board will select a third-party fund administrator, which will then competitively select venture capital funds to manage investment activities focused on both Georgia early or seed stage and growth stage companies. The venture capital funds must have or establish a physical presence in Georgia in order to ensure that the investments are Georgia-focused.

The state may contribute up to \$100 million over a five-year period into the fund to serve as principal. The returns from the investments by the venture funds will be distributed in the following manner: the principal amounts of the investment will be retained by the Invest Georgia Fund as well as 80 percent of the profit, while the remaining 20 percent will be retained by the venture fund as profit.

Further, this legislation extends the “Angel Income Tax Credit” for the 2014 and 2015 tax years, and the credit would not be applicable until 2016 and 2017, with a reduced aggregate cap on the credit being limited to \$5 million per tax year. A two-year exemption is also provided to both state and local sales tax for certain qualified zoos. This exemption is to be in effect from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

House Bill 318 also makes changes to the ‘Georgia Tourism Development Act’ by providing sales and use tax refunds in an amount equal to the lesser of the annual sales and use tax or 2.5 percent of the total of all approved costs incurred at any time prior to January 1st of the year the claim is filed for qualified tourism attraction projects.

The commissioners of the Departments of Economic Development and Community Affairs will have the discretion to grant an approved company the sales and use tax refund for new projects or an incremental sales and use tax refund for expansions of existing tourism attractions. The term of the agreement granting a refund will be 10 years, commencing on the date the attraction opens and begins to collect taxes or, for an expansion, the date construction is complete. For each calendar year

or partial calendar year occurring during the term of the agreement, the company will file a claim with the Department of Revenue for a refund by March 31st of the following year. No sales and use tax refund will be granted to a company that is simultaneously receiving any other state tax incentive associated with any one tourism attraction project. Refunds will be made without interest. Applications must be filed with the Department of Community Affairs, which will also be responsible for reviewing the compliance of an agreement.

HB 319

Fairburn, City of; exercise all redevelopment and other powers under the Redevelopment Powers Law; authorize

**Rep. Sharon Beasley-Teague of the 65th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the City of Fairburn to exercise all redevelopment powers as permitted under the State Constitution and the Redevelopment Powers Law pending a local referendum to approve the authorization.

HB 320

Solid waste management; currently existing and compliant inert waste landfill operations from regulatory permitting; exempt

**Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th
House Committee on Natural Resources & Environment**

Bill Summary:

HB 320 provides for an exemption to the new Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) inert landfill rules and regulations for existing inert landfills that are certified by a professional engineer to be operating in compliance with the Permit by Rule regulations by January 1, 2014.

The bill also states that money deposited in the Solid Waste Trust Fund may be expended by the director of EPD pursuant to existing statutory provisions (§12-8-30.6, §12-8-40.1 and §12-8-27).

HB 321

Fairburn, City of; millage caps on ad valorem taxation of real and personal property; remove

**Rep. Sharon Beasley-Teague of the 65th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to remove the millage caps on ad valorem taxation of real and personal property in the City of Fairburn.

HB 323

Motor vehicles; age for operation of certain commercial motor vehicle operators; modify

**Rep. Alan Powell of the 32nd
House Committee on Motor Vehicles**

Bill Summary:

HB 323 is the annual "housekeeping" bill for the Georgia Department of Public Safety (DPS). It codifies certain rules and regulations that have been adopted by DPS in order to be in compliance with federal law.

HB 324

Georgia Student Finance Commission; board of commissioners; Georgia Student Finance Authority; board of directors; verification of lawful presence; provide exemptions

**Rep. Matt Dollar of the 45th
House Committee on Higher Education**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 324 amends O.C.G.A. 50-36-2, which relates to requirements, procedures, and conditions for verification of lawful presence within the United States, by stating that the board of commissioners of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, and the board of directors of the Georgia Student Finance Authority shall set forth policies, regulations, or both regarding postsecondary benefits that comply with federal law.

HB 328

Lowndes County; nonpartisan nomination and election of judge of Probate Court; provide

**Rep. Amy Carter of the 175th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the nonpartisan election of the judge of the Probate Court of Lowndes County.

HB 329

Lowndes County; judge of Small Claims Court shall be magistrate judge elected on nonpartisan basis; provide

**Rep. Amy Carter of the 175th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the nonpartisan election of the magistrate judge of the Small Claims Court for Lowndes County.

HB 332

Georgia Board of Nursing; reconstitute; provisions

**Rep. Bruce Williamson of the 115th
House Committee on Health & Human Services**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 332 reconstitutes the Georgia Board of Nursing. This bill states that in the event that a board member changes employment which conflicts with this Code section, the position will be immediately vacant. The board will consist of 13 members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. The new board must consist of two registered nursing educators, one practical nursing educator, two registered nurses employed in nursing service administration, one registered nurse employed in nursing home administration or nursing service administration, two advanced practice nurses, one additional registered nurse, three licensed practical nurses, and one consumer member. The bill also eliminates the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses.

HB 334

Euharlee, City of; provide new charter

**Rep. Trey Kelley of the 16th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Euharlee.

HB 336

Civil practice; tort claims arising out of use of motor vehicles; provide for certain pre-suit settlement offers

**Rep. Jay Powell of the 171st
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 336, also known as the "bad faith legislation," sets forth the guidelines for information which must be included in an offer to settle a personal injury or death claim arising from a motor vehicle accident.

HB 337

Elementary and secondary education; public and private schools to stock supply of auto-injectable epinephrine; authorize

**Rep. Barry Fleming of the 121st
House Committee on Education**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 337 authorizes public and private schools to stock a supply of auto-injectable epinephrine. This bill also states that the school shall designate an employee or agent trained in the possession and administration of the auto-injectable epinephrine to be responsible for the storage, maintenance and distribution of it.

HB 338

Georgia Council for the Arts; role of arts in economic development and other vital functions to the state; clarify

**Rep. Joe Wilkinson of the 52nd
House Committee on Economic Development & Tourism**

Bill Summary:

The legislation clarifies the role of the Georgia Council for the Arts as it relates to economic development by making the council an advisory body made up of nine members appointed by the governor and serving three-year terms. Members will represent a broad array of major fields of the arts and creative industries, and will be a balanced representation of the entire state. The governor will appoint a chairperson on an annual basis for a term ending on June 30th of the year following his or her appointment. The chairperson will be responsible for calling upon the council to meet at least twice per fiscal year. The council will advise the governor through the Department of Economic Development on how to advance the arts in education, tourism, community development, and economic development in Georgia. They will also assist local governments and communities to plan, build, and connect the arts to their tourism, community, and economic development initiatives.

HB 340

Enigma, City of; provide four-year terms for mayor and city council

**Rep. Penny Houston of the 170th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide four-year terms of office for the mayor and city council in the City of Enigma.

HB 342

Senoia, City of; provide new charter

**Rep. Matt Ramsey of the 72nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Senoia.

HB 345

Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; clarify and consolidate the definitions of the term "teacher"

**Rep. Tommy Benton of the 31st
House Committee on Retirement**

Bill Summary:

This non-fiscal retirement bill consolidates and clarifies the definition of a "teacher" relating to the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia.

HB 347

Fulton County; board of elections and registration; revise manner of appointment of members

**Rep. Lynne Riley of the 50th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to revise the manner of appointing the members of the board of elections and registration for Fulton County.

HB 349

Criminal cases; provide state with more direct appeal rights

**Rep. Rich Golick of the 40th
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

HB 349 is based on recommendations of the Governor's Criminal Justice Reform Council ("Council") recommendations.

Sections 1-3 grant the state the right to appeal a pre-trial ruling excluding evidence. These sections were not part of the Council's recommendations.

Section 4 allows a judge to use his discretion to depart from mandatory minimums for drug trafficking of most substances up to 50 percent in certain enumerated circumstances. In addition, Section 4 addresses a recent Georgia Supreme Court case, *Wilson v. State*, by removing the word 'knowingly' in regards to the weight of the drugs. This amendment clarifies that the person does not have to have subjective knowledge of the actual weight of the drug in order to be found guilty under the statute.

Section 5 allows departure from mandatory minimums for drug trafficking of ecstasy when the prosecuting attorney and the defendant agree to a sentence below such mandatory minimum.

Section 6 further clarifies that a person convicted under a drug statute does not have to have subjective knowledge of the actual weight of the drug in order to be found guilty.

Section 7 revises the definition of administrative probation to allow the Board of Pardons and Paroles to utilize resources elsewhere while remaining in compliance with the Interstate Compact.

Sections 8-10 grant discretion to the court for departure from a mandatory minimum sentence for a serious violent felony when the prosecuting attorney and defendant agree.

Section 11 creates a Council on Criminal Justice Reform for periodic review of criminal and correctional laws.

Section 12 contains provisions to allow an individual who becomes eligible for a HOPE GED voucher while incarcerated in this state to use the voucher within 24 months from his or her date of release.

Section 13 codifies current law regarding child hearsay of a child witness to sexual or physical abuse of another child. This section was also not a recommendation of the Council.

Section 14 contains provisions that allow a court to restrict a felony charge that did not result in a conviction, if the individual was convicted of an unrelated misdemeanor (not a lesser included offense of the felony), and the court determines that the harm to the individual clearly outweighs the public's interest in the record being available.

Sections 15 and 16 allow for court discretion to grant a limited driving permit to a participant of drug court.

Sections 17 and 19 update some provisions dealing with the State Board of Pardons and Paroles and its ability to issue a medical reprieve to certain incapacitated persons.

Section 18 allows the Department of Corrections to collect fees for drug screenings for probationers.

Section 20 harmonizes the changes to current law made in Section 13.

HB 350

Group-care facility operators; persons otherwise issued licenses as provided by law; provide exceptions

**Rep. Allen Peake of the 141st
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

HB 350 subjects all day care employees to national and state fingerprint checks. Current law only requires day care directors to be subject to national fingerprint checks and exempts employees altogether.

HB 353

Trion, City of; provide for continuation and support of the independent school system of the town

**Rep. Eddie Lumsden of the 12th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the charter of the Town of Trion so as to provide for the continuation and support of the independent school system of the town and to provide limitations on the holding of other offices by the school superintendent and members of the board of education.

HB 354

Early Care and Learning, Department of; provide certain information to owners of early care and education programs; require

**Rep. Valerie Clark of the 101st
House Committee on Education**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 354 revises definitions relating to child care facilities, updates terminology in code relating to child care learning centers (which will no longer be referred to as day-care centers) and recommends that owners of any early care and learning program carry liability insurance coverage.

HB 359

Unclaimed property; commissioner of revenue to deposit certain funds in state treasury; require

**Rep. Chad Nimmer of the 178th
House Committee on Ways & Means**

Bill Summary:

HB 359 allows the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue to deposit revenues from unclaimed property into the general fund instead of retaining such revenues in a segregated account of the state.

HB 361

Labor organizations membership; provide for definitions; provisions

**Rep. Edward Lindsey of the 54th
House Committee on Industry and Labor**

Bill Summary:

HB 361 reiterates that Georgia is a "right to work" state. It provides that no employer shall deduct from the wages or other earnings of any employee any fee assessment or other sum of money whatsoever to be held for or to be paid over to a labor organization except on the annual written authorization from the employee which shall not exceed a period greater than one year. Such authorization may be revoked at any time at the request of the employee.

HB 364

McDonough, City of; levy an excise tax

**Rep. Brian Strickland of the 111th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the City of McDonough to levy a hotel/motel tax.

HB 366

Peace officers; disciplining certified officers and requirements for certification; clarify application of provisions

**Rep. Bill Hitchens of the 161st
House Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security**

Bill Summary:

HB 366 replaces "peace officer" with "officer", which has the effect of bringing communications officers and jail officers, who are already certified by Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST), under the purview of the executive director to suspend their certification when they are indicted for a felony. Section two of the bill removes the requirement for a six-month waiting period before retaking the academy entrance exam and lowers it to a 30-day waiting period. The legislation also changes POST training requirements for year of initial training and the year of retirement, and authorizes the executive director to suspend the certification of those who fail to complete or submit evidence of annual training requirements.

HB 371

Motor fuel tax; define liquefied natural gas

**Rep. Ben Harbin of the 122nd
House Committee on Ways & Means**

Bill Summary:

HB 371 defines liquefied natural gas as "methane or natural gas in the form of a cryogenic or refrigerated liquid for use as a motor fuel," and places a minimum on the gallon equivalent of liquefied natural gas at 6.06 pounds.

HB 372

HOPE; grant at technical college or university institutions; revise eligibility

**Rep. Christian Coomer of the 14th
House Committee on Appropriations**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 372 reduces from a 3.0 to a 2.0 the required grade point average to qualify for the HOPE Grant.

HB 376

Hawkinsville, City of; levy an excise tax

**Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the City of Hawkinsville to levy a hotel/motel tax.

HB 380

Fulton County; Board of Education; shall be the retirement and pension plan sponsor and funding agent of such plan; provide

**Rep. Lynne Riley of the 50th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the act which created a system of pension and retirement pay for the Fulton County Board of Education to provide for the: plan sponsor and funding agent of such plan; administration of the plan through a committee of the board of education; committee known as the pension board, and membership and duties of the pension board.

HB 381

Natural Resources, Department of; department creation and operation of a nonprofit corporation; revise provisions

**Rep. Matt Hatchett of the 150th
House Committee on Natural Resources & Environment**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 381 amends O.C.G.A. 12-2-6 by allowing three members of the Department of Natural Resources Board to serve as non-voting members of the Board of Directors for the Georgia Natural Resources Foundation.

HB 382

Torts; governing authority of school that enters into recreational joint-use agreement with public or private entity; limit liability

**Rep. Jay Powell of the 171st
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 382 provides that a governing authority of a school does not waive its sovereign immunity by allowing its recreation facilities to be used by another entity so long as there is a joint-use agreement and the entity has a \$1 million insurance policy.

HB 383

Warner Robins, City; revise qualifications for candidates for mayor and council

**Rep. Larry O'Neal of the 146th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the qualifications for candidates for mayor and council in the City of Warner Robins.

HB 384

Transportation, Department of; local governing authority designating public streets or portions thereof for combined use of motorized carts and regular vehicle traffic; modify provisions

**Rep. Jay Roberts of the 155th
House Committee on Transportation**

Bill Summary:

This bill would require each local governing authority allowing motorized carts upon public streets within its jurisdiction to erect signs on every highway which comprises a part of the state highway system at that point on the highway which intersects the corporate limits of the municipality or boundaries of the county. Signs shall be at least 24 by 30 inches in area and shall warn approaching motorists that motorized carts are authorized for use on public streets. Without the posting of required signs, the ordinances establishing operating standards for motorized carts are not effective.

HB 389

Insurance; provide conversion and enhanced conversion rights and coverage; sunset requirements

**Rep. Darlene Taylor of the 173rd
House Committee on Insurance**

Bill Summary:

HB 389 provides that upon the effective date of the federal 'Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act' (ACA), an insurer shall not be required to offer conversion and enhanced conversion rights and coverage. Each insurer may terminate, cancel, or non-renew all existing conversion and enhanced conversion coverage as of this date, provided that the insurer gives at least 90-days' notice prior to the discontinuance of the coverage to policyholders and to the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance.

Finally, as of the ACA effective date, health insurers or managed care organizations shall not be required to offer health care policies under the Georgia Health Insurance Assignment System and Georgia Health Benefits Assignment System. The insurer may terminate any existing policy with at least 90-days' notice to the insured and the commissioner. An insurer may not terminate, cancel, or non-renew any policy under this paragraph if, at the end of the 90-day cancellation period, the insured would not have at least 90 days of remaining open enrollment to obtain insurance coverage through an ACA exchange.

HB 393

Georgia Workforce Investment Board; provide for powers and duties; provisions

**Rep. Mark Hamilton of the 24th
House Committee on Industry and Labor**

Bill Summary:

HB 393 enumerates the powers and duties of the State Workforce Investment Board; sets a prioritization of service in addition to veterans and their spouses to add to those receiving unemployment compensation; defines entities who may act as a "fiscal agent/grant recipient"; codifies the role of the chief elected officials within the local workforce investment areas; mandates that local boards set a quorum policy with a minimum 50 percent of board membership being present for meetings; sets a clear conflict of interest policy for the local workforce boards so that members cannot hold contracts for services with the board in which they are asked to serve; establishes contracting for services policy for local workforce areas; sets sanctions for failing and non-performing local workforce areas in accordance with federal law; sets a cap on supportive services as a percentage of total allotment provided to each local workforce area and requires that supportive services must have full documentation for expenditures for each participant; provides the State Workforce Investment Board the authority to remove local workforce area board chairs and directors who are ineffective, not meeting performance standards, or have conflicts of interest; enables the State Workforce Investment Board to remove fiscal agents based on a lack of sound financial policies and recognized accounting standards, and sets an approval requirement for expenditures exceeding \$5,000 to a single vendor/sub-recipient/grantee in a local workforce area.

HB 402

Conservation; shore protection and coastal marshlands protection; revise various provisions

**Rep. Ron Stephens of the 164th
House Committee on Natural Resources & Environment**

Bill Summary:

HB 402 amends the 'Shore Protection Act' and the 'Coastal Marshland Protection Act' by extending to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) the authority to issue letters of permission and to impose reasonable fees for processing them. The bill defines the term "Letter of Permission" within the acts to allow DNR to authorize activities that do not result in new impacts outside of existing, serviceable structures or temporary activities that do not exceed six months. The bill also provides for a 15-day public notice period prior to the issuance of any such letter.

HB 407

Drivers' licenses; mandatory use of ignition interlock devices following second conviction for driving under influence of alcohol or drugs; modify and extend provisions

**Rep. Alan Powell of the 32nd
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

HB 407 amends Code sections relating to ignition interlock devices by mandating the use for one year when required by the court or applied for by the offender and granted by the court. If a court grants an exemption from the ignition interlock device requirements, the person is ineligible for a limited driving permit or any other driving privilege for one year.

HB 414

Columbus, City of; "Redevelopment Powers Law"; provide referendum

**Rep. Calvin Smyre of the 135th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the consolidated government of Columbus/Muscogee County to exercise all redevelopment powers as permitted under the State Constitution and the Redevelopment Powers Law pending a local referendum to approve the authorization.

HB 415

Columbus, City of; make certain stylistic changes to charter

**Rep. Calvin Smyre of the 135th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the charter of Columbus/Muscogee County to provide for: procedures for the creation or modification of service districts; redistricting; appeals to State Court; special elections; petitions; preparation of an annual operating and capital budget; the sale of any real property or public utility, and to provide for county agencies.

HB 416

Columbus, City of; personnel review board; change certain provisions

**Rep. Calvin Smyre of the 135th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the charter of Columbus/Muscogee County so as to provide for the powers and duties of the Personnel Review Board.

HB 417

Columbus, City of; make certain stylistic changes to charter

**Rep. Calvin Smyre of the 135th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the charter of Columbus/Muscogee County to provide for: procedures for the creation or modification of service districts; appeals to State Court; special elections; petitions; preparation of an annual operating and capital budget; the sale of any real property or public utility, and to provide for county agencies.

HB 431

Culloden, City of; elections and terms of members of city council; provide

**Rep. Robert Dickey of the 140th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for elections and terms of office for members of the city council in the City of Culloden.

HB 432

Appling County; Board of Education; change description of districts

**Rep. Greg Morris of the 156th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Appling County Board of Education.

HB 433

Appling County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

**Rep. Greg Morris of the 156th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Appling County Board of Commissioners.

HB 434

**Liens; mechanics and materialmen; special liens include amount due and interest on such amount;
provide**

**Rep. Tom Weldon of the 3rd
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 434 allows a materialman to file a lien that includes all of the costs provided for in an expressed or implied contract.

HB 435

Fulton County State Court; change compensation of chief judge

**Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the duties and compensation of the chief judge of the State Court of Fulton County.

HB 437

Atlanta Judicial Circuit; provide for selection of chief judge

**Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 437 provides an outline of enumerated duties for the chief judge of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, often in conference with the state court chief judge, when the judges are unable to agree. These duties include scheduling regular judge's meetings; managing available court space; making determinations of divisions; selection of jury clerk and oversight and developing a personnel system.

HB 440

Ellenton, City of; election and powers of city councilmembers; change certain provisions

**Rep. Sam Watson of the 172nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the charter of the City of Ellenton to change provisions relating to the election and powers of city councilmembers.

HB 441

Fulton County Superior Court; administrator shall have oversight of budget; provide

**Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 441 grants the Superior Court of Fulton County budget independence and grants the court administrator of the Superior Court of Fulton County oversight of the court's budget. After county funds have been appropriated for the operation of the court, the court administrator, with the approval of the chief judge, has authority to make changes to line item appropriations.

HB 442

Fulton County State Court; administrator shall have oversight of budget; provide

**Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the administration of the budget of the State Court of Fulton County so that the court administrator shall have oversight of the budget, and with the approval of the chief judge, is authorized to make changes to line-item appropriations. Unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse to the general fund of Fulton County.

HB 443

Fulton County Magistrate Court; successor to chief judge currently serving shall be appointed by Governor; provide

**Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide that the successor to the chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Fulton County currently serving shall be appointed by the governor, and after one four-year term, the chief magistrate shall be elected in nonpartisan elections. The bill provides for the appointment of magistrates, the assignment of responsibilities, and the filling of vacancies.

HB 444

Fulton County Superior Court; amount of supplement for judges; increase

**Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide compensation for the judges of the Superior Court of Fulton County.

HB 446

Guardian and ward; proposed ward who resided in another state prior to submission of guardianship or conservatorship petition for such proposed ward; provide certain additional notice requirements

**Rep. Allen Peake of the 141st
House Committee on Juvenile Justice**

Bill Summary:

HB 446 provides for an additional notice requirement for a proposed ward who resided in another state prior to the submission of a guardianship or conservatorship petition.

The petition must set forth any state in which the proposed ward was physically present, including a period of temporary absence, for at least the immediate preceding six months, and notice must be given to those persons who reside in such other state.

HB 447

Laurens County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

**Rep. Matt Hatchett of the 150th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Laurens County Board of Commissioners.

HB 450

Cherokee County State Court; charge technology fee for each civil case filed and each criminal fine imposed; authorize

**Rep. Mandi Ballinger of the 23rd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the State Court of Cherokee County to charge a technology fee not to exceed \$5 for each civil case filed and each criminal fine imposed.

HB 451

Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit; provide for additional judge

**Rep. Calvin Smyre of the 135th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 451 provides for the appointment of two new judgeships in the order of priority suggested by the Judicial Council. HB 451 creates one new judgeship in the Chattahoochee circuit and one in the Oconee circuit and provides for initial appointment of the new judgeships by the governor.

HB 451 provides for the election and term of the chief judge of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit.

Finally, it changes the county circuit dates for the Griffin Circuit. The Griffin Circuit includes Fayette, Pike, Spalding and Upson Counties.

HB 452

Milton, City of; change description of districts

Rep. Jan Jones of the 47th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the city council of the City of Milton.

HB 454

Budget report; require certain items to be included in tax expenditure review

Rep. Chuck Martin of the 49th

House Committee on Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight

Bill Summary:

House Bill 454 allows for the following analysis to be included in the tax expenditure review report when available: a detailed description of the expenditure, a review of intended legislative purpose, the effect on the administration of the tax system, and a detailed description of the entities benefiting from the expenditure.

HB 457

Hiram, City of; reincorporation, corporate boundaries, municipal powers, and exercise of powers; provide

Rep. Paulette Braddock of the 19th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Hiram.

HB 458

Condominiums; maximum allowable casualty insurance deductible imposed by associations; change

Rep. Alex Atwood of the 179th

House Committee on Insurance

Bill Summary:

HB 458 changes the maximum allowable casualty insurance deductible imposed by condominium associations on condominium unit owners from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

HB 463

Motor vehicle licenses; registration rates under International Registration Plan for apportioned vehicles; change

Rep. Tom Rice of the 95th

House Committee on Motor Vehicles

Bill Summary:

HB 463 seeks to streamline and modernize the ad valorem taxation of trucks used in interstate commerce. It will blend ad valorem into registration fees of these trucks which is already properly apportioned. It will equalize taxation of Georgia and non-Georgia based trucks and hold harmless county and local governments.

HB 466

Cornelia, City of; provide new charter

**Rep. Terry Rogers of the 10th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Cornelia.

HB 467

Danville, Town of; provide new charter

**Rep. James Epps of the 144th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the Town of Danville.

HB 470

Bibb County; Civil Service System and Civil Service Board; define a certain term; provisions

**Rep. Nikki Randall of the 142nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the Act which created a Civil Service System and a Civil Service Board for Bibb County so as to provide for the award of an attorney's fee under certain conditions.

HB 471

Calhoun, City of; levy an excise tax

**Rep. John Meadows of the 5th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the City of Calhoun to levy a hotel/motel tax.

HB 472

Gordon County; levy an excise tax

**Rep. John Meadows of the 5th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize Gordon County to levy a hotel/motel tax.

HB 473

Counties and municipal corporations; add option of fiscal year contracts

**Rep. Andrew Welch of the 110th
House Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs**

Bill Summary:

This bill adds "fiscal year" to calendar year as a length of contract for counties and municipal corporations that have multi-year leases, and purchase or lease-purchase contracts be aligned when the fiscal year does not match the calendar year.

HB 475

Drivers' licenses; commissioner to enter into reciprocal agreements on behalf of Georgia for recognition of licenses issued by foreign territories; authorize

**Rep. B.J. Pak of the 108th
House Committee on Motor Vehicles**

Bill Summary:

HB 475 permits the Commissioner of the Department of Driver Services (DDS) to enter into reciprocal agreements with other countries so that a holder of a valid driver's license in one country may obtain a license in the other without having to be tested. In Georgia, a foreign national would still have to prove lawful presence, and DDS shall not be authorized to enter into any reciprocal agreement with any foreign country that is designated as a state sponsor of terrorism by the U.S. Department of State. It requires that DDS note "Limited Term" on any licenses created by the provisions of this bill.

No agreement can be entered into unless the Department of Economic Development has certified that persons or entities from such country have made or are likely to make a substantial economic investment in this state toward the substantial creation of jobs in this state.

HB 476

Hinesville, City of; change corporate limits

**Rep. Al Williams of the 168th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Hinesville.

HB 479

Forsyth County; Board of Education; change compensation of chairperson and members

**Rep. Mike Dudgeon of the 25th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide compensation and expense reimbursement for the members of the Forsyth County Board of Education.

HB 480

Crimes and offenses; list of persons who may be present in courtroom when person under age of 16 testifies concerning a sex offense; add victim assistance personnel

**Rep. Mandi Ballinger of the 23rd
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

When a person under the age of 16 is testifying in a criminal trial concerning a sexual offense, the court clears the courtroom except for certain enumerated persons. HB 480 adds additional exceptions, such as victim assistance coordinators and advocates.

HB 482

Corrections, Department of; employees serving as certified peace officers may retain their weapons under certain circumstances; provide

**Rep. Jay Neal of the 2nd
House Committee on State Properties**

Bill Summary:

HB 482 allows an employee leaving his or her position after 20 or more years of honorable service as a certified officer within

the Department of Corrections or the Board of Pardons and Paroles to retain his or her department-issued weapon as part of his or her compensation.

HB 484

Monroe, City of; provide for jurisdiction of municipal court

Rep. Bruce Williamson of the 115th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the City of Monroe.

HB 485

Soperton, City of; City Court; change salary of judge and solicitor

Rep. Matt Hatchett of the 150th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide compensation for the judge and solicitor-general of the State Court of Treutlen County.

HB 487

Offenses against public health and morals; Georgia Lottery; correct a cross reference

Rep. Matt Ramsey of the 72nd
House Committee on Regulated Industries

Bill Summary:

House Bill 487 transfers the administration, licensure, and enforcement of coin-operated amusement machines from the Department of Revenue to the Georgia Lottery Corporation. The measure prohibits unauthorized cash payouts, but allows owners to give vouchers for store merchandise and lottery tickets which support the funding of the HOPE Scholarship program. The Georgia Lottery Corporation will maintain an electronic monitoring system to track funds accumulated by each machine to ensure that operators are paying taxes accordingly.

HB 496

Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority; create

Rep. Stephen Allison of the 8th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create the Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority and to provide for its powers and duties.

HB 497

Georgia Boat Safety Act; numbering and registration of vessels; revise provisions

Rep. Kevin Tanner of the 9th
House Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security

Bill Summary:

House Bill 497 relates to boat registration. Under this legislation, registration for vessels owned by individuals expires at the end of the owner's birth month in the last year of the registration period. Registration for vessels not owned by an individual expires on December 31 of the last year of the registration period. If a renewal is past due, there will be a \$10 late fee due to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Additionally, the bill states that any application filed with the department which lacks any information and remains incomplete 60 days after will expire and the applicant will have to reapply and pay the registration fee. In the event that ownership of a vessel changes while the valid registration is in effect, the new owner will file a new application with DNR and submit the fee for new registration. The registration number will be identical to the previous number unless that number was reassigned by the department during an expired registration period.

HB 499

Torts; payor guidelines and criteria under federal law shall not establish legal basis for negligence or standard of care for medical malpractice; provide

**Rep. Donna Sheldon of the 104th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 499 ensures that any administrative guideline set by the 'Affordable Care Act' does not create a legal basis for negligence of the standard or duty of care owed by a health care provider to a patient in a medical malpractice.

HB 505

Madison County; board of elections and registration; create

**Rep. Alan Powell of the 32nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create a board of elections and registration in Madison County and to provide for its powers and duties.

HB 506

Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit; provide for selection of chief judge

**Rep. Calvin Smyre of the 135th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HB 506 provides for the election and term of the chief judge of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit.

HB 508

Charlton County; Board of Education; change provisions relating to compensation of members

**Rep. Ellis Black of the 174th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide compensation for the members of the Charlton County Board of Education.

HB 514

Macon, City of; Payne City, City of; Bibb County; change provisions relative to initial budgets

**Rep. Nikki Randall of the 142nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the Act to provide a unified form of government for Macon/Bibb County to: delete references to the City of Payne City; change provisions relative to initial budgets; provide for the first annual budget; provide for the terms of certain boards, commissions, and authorities; provide for transition of membership and appointing authority; provide for membership on the transition task force, and to provide for a change in an effective date.

HB 517

Alcohol; local control of distance requirements of grocery stores and other licensees for retail sale of wine and malt beverages near college campuses; provide

**Rep. Chuck Williams of the 119th
House Committee on Regulated Industries**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 517 provides for local control of distance requirements for grocery stores and other retailers of wine and malt beverages by allowing licensees of the retail sale of these beverages to be located within 100 yards of any college campus as permitted by resolution or ordinance of the county or municipality.

HB 522

Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority; change name to Henry County Water Authority

**Rep. Dale Rutledge of the 109th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the Act which created the Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority to change the name of the authority and to provide for its powers and duties.

HB 525

Statesboro, City of; increase excise tax

**Rep. Jan Tankersley of the 160th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the City of Statesboro to levy a hotel/motel tax.

HB 526

North Fulton Regional Radio System Authority Act; enact

**Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create the North Fulton Regional Radio System Authority and to provide for its powers and duties.

HB 527

Milton, City of; millage rate for ad valorem property taxes; clarify cap

**Rep. Jan Jones of the 47th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the charter of the City of Milton to: clarify the cap on the millage rate for ad valorem property taxes; revise the term limits on the mayor and city council; provide that the affirmative vote of five councilmembers shall be required to override a veto, and to provide for the selection and term of a mayor pro tempore.

HB 528

Peachtree City, City of; levy an excise tax

Rep. John Yates of the 73rd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the City of Peachtree City to levy a hotel/motel tax.

HB 529

Cordele, City of; increase excise tax

Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the City of Cordele to levy a hotel/motel tax.

HB 534

Tifton, City of; change amount of homestead exemption for residents 65 or older

Rep. Penny Houston of the 170th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a homestead exemption from City of Tifton ad valorem taxes in the amount of \$35,000 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city aged 65 or older.

HB 535

Rabun County Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority; revise composition of board of directors

Rep. Stephen Allison of the 8th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the Act creating the Rabun County Convention and Visitors Bureau to revise the composition of the board of directors and the budget schedule.

HB 542

Hagan, City of; change description of election districts

Rep. Delvis Dutton of the 157th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the city council of the City of Hagan.

HB 544

Cherokee County; board of commissioners; candidates shall have resided within district for period of 12 months preceding election

Rep. Scot Turner of the 21st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide residency requirements for candidates for the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners.

HB 548

Smyrna, City of; change description of wards

**Rep. Rich Golick of the 40th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the city council of the City of Smyrna.

HB 551

Locust Grove, City of; change corporate limits

**Rep. David Knight of the 130th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Locust Grove.

HB 552

Appling County; board of elections; create

**Rep. Greg Morris of the 156th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create the Appling County Board of Elections and to provide for its powers and duties.

HB 553

Montgomery County; board of commissioners; provide for appointment of county manager

**Rep. Greg Morris of the 156th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the appointment of a county manager and the powers and duties thereof in Montgomery County.

HB 556

Columbus, City of; Recorder's Court; impose and collect technology fee for each fine imposed

**Rep. Calvin Smyre of the 135th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the Recorder's Court of Columbus/Muscogee County to impose and collect a technology fee, not to exceed \$15 for each fine imposed.

HB 557

Danielsville, City of; provide for staggered, four-year terms for mayor and council

**Rep. Tom McCall of the 33rd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the charter of the City of Danielsville to provide for: staggered, four-year terms for the mayor and council; the city clerk to serve as the city treasurer; the municipal judge shall be a licensed attorney; the office of elected officials of the city shall be vacated under certain circumstances.

HB 558

Colbert, City of; provide for staggered, four-year terms of office for mayor and council

**Rep. Tom McCall of the 33rd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the charter of the City of Colbert to provide for staggered, four-year terms of office for the mayor and council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 561

Jesup, City of; change description of election districts

**Rep. Chad Nimmer of the 178th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the board of commissioners of the City of Jesup.

HB 568

Warwick, City of; change description of council districts

**Rep. Ed Rynders of the 152nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the city council of the City of Warwick.

HB 569

Bibb County State Court; provide additional judge

**Rep. Allen Peake of the 141st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bibb County to provide: an additional judge for said court; the election and terms of office for the judges of said court; and compensation.

HB 570

Bibb County; Civil Service Board; Civil Service System; provide for award of attorney's fee under certain conditions

**Rep. Allen Peake of the 141st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend an Act creating a Civil Service System and a Civil Service Board for Bibb County to provide the award of an attorney's fee under certain conditions.

HB 572

Wilcox County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

**Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Wilcox County Board of Commissioners.

HB 573

Whitfield County; provide for creation of one or more community improvement districts

Rep. Tom Dickson of the 6th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Whitfield County.

HB 574

Johns Creek; City of; clarify cap on changing millage rate for ad valorem property taxes

Rep. Lynne Riley of the 50th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to incorporate the City of Johns Creek to clarify the cap on changing the millage rate for ad valorem property taxes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 575

Peachtree Corners, City of; city's ability to enter into agreements with other governmental parties; change certain provisions

Rep. Tom Rice of the 95th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Peachtree Corners to change certain provisions relating to the city's ability to enter into agreements with other governmental parties; to clarify the city's municipal elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 576

Wilcox County; board of elections and registration; create

Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create the Wilcox County Board of Elections and to provide for its powers and duties.

HB 577

Wilcox County; Board of Education; change description of districts

Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Wilcox County Board of Education.

HB 578

Columbia County; health insurance program; revise the time for vesting for certain officials

**Rep. Ben Harbin of the 122nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend an Act to provide certain officials of Columbia County who have served at least 15 years in office may continue to participate in the county health insurance program upon leaving office.

HB 583

Griffin, City of; Municipal Court; charge technology fee for each civil case and criminal fine imposed; authorize

**Rep. David Knight of the 130th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Griffin to charge a technology fee for each criminal and quasi-criminal fine paid.

HB 584

Cleveland, City of; provide new charter

**Rep. Terry Rogers of the 10th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Cleveland.

HB 585

Davisboro, City of; provide new charter

**Rep. Mack Jackson of the 128th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Davisboro.

HB 586

Kingsland, City of; creation of one or more community improvements districts; provide

**Rep. Ellis Black of the 174th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the City of Kingsland.

HB 587

Dooly County; Board of Education; provide for compensation of members

**Rep. Patty Bentley of the 139th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for compensation of the members of the Board of Education of Dooly County.

HB 588

Cobb County; Probate Court; change compensation of chief deputy sheriff and others

Rep. Don Parsons of the 44th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend an Act changing the compensation of the Clerk of Superior Court, the Sheriff, and the Judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system.

HB 589

Washington County; Board of Education; revise districts for election of members

Rep. Mack Jackson of the 128th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Washington County Board of Education.

HB 590

Polk County; Board of Education; revise districts for election of members

Rep. Trey Kelley of the 16th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Polk County Board of Education.

HB 591

Clayton County School System; repeal Act creating a code of ethics and ethics commission

Rep. Mike Glanton of the 75th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create a code of ethics and ethics commission for the Clayton County School System.

HB 592

Pierce County State Court; change compensation of judge and solicitor-general

Rep. Chad Nimmer of the 178th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to establish the State Court of Pierce County and to change the compensation of the judge and solicitor-general of the State Court.

HB 593

Washington County; board of commissioners; revise districts for election of members

Rep. Mack Jackson of the 128th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

HB 596

Telfair County; Board of Education; change description of districts

**Rep. Jimmy Pruett of the 149th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the election districts of the Board of Education of Telfair County.

HB 597

Scotland, City of; nonbinding advisory referendum to select mayor and city council; provide

**Rep. Jimmy Pruett of the 149th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for a nonbinding, advisory referendum for the purpose of ascertaining whether the General Assembly should enact legislation authorizing the City of Scotland to select its mayor and city councilmembers to serve for four-year terms.

HB 598

Fulton County; employees employed after July 1, 2013, to serve the Superior Court, Magistrate Court or State Court shall be employees at will; provide

**Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide that Fulton County employees first or again employed on and after July 1, 2013, to serve the Superior Court of Fulton County, the Magistrate Court of Fulton County, or the State Court of Fulton County shall be employees at will.

HB 600

City of Bainbridge Public Facilities Authority Act; enact

**Rep. Jay Powell of the 171st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create the City of Bainbridge Public Facilities Authority and to provide for its powers and duties.

HB 602

Americus-Sumter County Land Bank Authority; create

**Rep. Mike Cheokas of the 138th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create the Americus-Sumter County Land Bank Authority and to provide for its powers and duties.

HB 603

Cobb County State Court; change compensation of judges

**Rep. Stacey Evans of the 42nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide compensation for the judges of the State Court of Cobb County.

HB 604

Fulton County; dates on which governing authority may make or fix certain levies of ad valorem taxes; provide

**Rep. Jan Jones of the 47th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide to provide for dates on which the governing authority of Fulton County may make or fix certain levies of ad valorem taxes.

HB 609

Demorest, City of; corporate limits of city shall include certain property; provide

**Rep. Terry Rogers of the 10th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Demorest.

HB 613

DeKalb County; levy an excise tax

**Rep. Michelle Henson of the 86th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize DeKalb County to levy a hotel/motel tax.

HB 614

Brookhaven, City of; provide a definition for the governing authority; provisions

**Rep. Mike Jacobs of the 80th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the creation of community improvement districts in the City of Brookhaven.

HB 616

Lyons, City of; provide new charter

**Rep. Greg Morris of the 156th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Lyons.

HB 619

Chamblee, City of; change corporate limits of city

**Rep. Mary Oliver of the 82nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Chamblee and to provide for a referendum.

HB 620

Peachtree Corners, City of; Redevelopment Powers Law; provide for referendum

Rep. Tom Rice of the 95th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to authorize the City of Peachtree Corners to exercise all redevelopment powers as permitted under the State Constitution and the Redevelopment Powers Law pending a local referendum to approve the authorization.

HB 622

Quitman County; Board of Education; change certain provisions regarding the compensation of the chairperson and board members

Rep. Gerald Greene of the 151st

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide compensation for the members of the Quitman County Board of Education.

HB 623

City of Commerce Public Facilities Authority Act; enact

Rep. Tommy Benton of the 31st

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create the City of Commerce Public Facilities Authority and to provide for its powers and duties.

HB 624

Dawson-Terrell County Airport Authority; change membership

Rep. Gerald Greene of the 151st

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to change the membership of the Dawson-Terrell County Airport Authority.

HB 625

Rincon, City of; provide that corporate limits shall include certain property

Rep. Bill Hitchens of the 161st

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Rincon.

HB 626

Greene County Airport Authority; split position of secretary-treasurer into two separate positions

Rep. Mickey Channell of the 120th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the Act creating the Greene County Airport Authority to split the position of secretary-treasurer into two separate positions.

HB 627

Fulton County; change a certain provision relating to the dissolution of the district

Rep. Jan Jones of the 47th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the Act creating one or more community improvement districts in unincorporated Fulton County to change a certain provisions relating to the dissolution of the district.

HB 628

Walker, Dade and Catoosa Counties; board of hospital authority; revise method of filling vacancies

Rep. Jay Neal of the 2nd

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the Act creating the Walker, Dade, and Catoosa Hospital Authority to change the method of filling vacancies on the hospital board.

HB 629

Kennesaw, City of; provide new charter

Rep. Charles Gregory of the 34th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Kennesaw.

HB 630

Polk County; board of elections and registration; provide for districts

Rep. Trey Kelley of the 16th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the Act creating the Polk County Board of Elections and Registration to provide for districts for the board members.

HB 633

Powder Springs, City of; change description of wards

Rep. David Wilkerson of the 38th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the wards of the city council of the City of Powder Springs.

HB 634

Powder Springs, City of; provide for city council terms and qualifications for office

Rep. David Wilkerson of the 38th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Powder Springs.

HB 635

Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority; change membership and terms of office

Rep. Jimmy Pruett of the 149th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for membership on the Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority and to transfer the powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, and indebtedness of the Heart of Georgia Regional Airport Authority to the Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority.

HB 636

Heart of Georgia Regional Airport Authority; abolish authority

Rep. Jimmy Pruett of the 149th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to abolish the Heart of Georgia Regional Airport Authority and to transfer its powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, and indebtedness to the Dodge County-Eastman Development Authority.

HB 638

Cobb Judicial Circuit; supplement paid to judges of superior court and additional supplement to chief judge; provide

Rep. Earl Ehrhart of the 36th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide compensation for the judges of the Cobb Judicial Circuit.

HB 639

Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit; increase amount of supplement for judges of superior court

Rep. Billy Mitchell of the 88th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide compensation for the judges of the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit.

HB 640

Glennville, City of; change description of wards

Rep. Delvis Dutton of the 157th

House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the wards of the city council of the City of Glennville.

HB 641

Cobb County; office of tax commissioner; change compensation of certain employees

**Rep. Don Parsons of the 44th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide compensation for the tax commissioner, the chief clerk in the tax commissioner's office, the executive secretary to the tax commissioner, and the administrative specialist in the Office of the Tax Commissioner in Cobb County.

HB 642

Brookhaven, City of; clarify provisions regarding terms of office of mayor

**Rep. Mike Jacobs of the 80th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the charter of the City of Brookhaven to clarify provisions regarding the terms of office of the mayor; to provide for a finance director; to provide for the duties of such finance director, and to provide for a charter commission.

HB 653

Sumter County State Court; change compensation of judge

**Rep. Mike Cheokas of the 138th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide compensation for the judge of the State Court of Sumter County.

HB 661

Taylor County; board of elections and registration; create

**Rep. Patty Bentley of the 139th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create the Taylor County Board of Elections and Registration and to provide for its powers and duties.

HR 4

State of Georgia, State of Tennessee boundary; urge settlement

**Rep. Harry Geisinger of the 48th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

HR 4 urges the State of Tennessee to accept a settlement of the boundary dispute between the State of Georgia and the State of Tennessee. The settlement reflects the flawed 1818 survey as the boundary line along with a metes and bounds exception which would be made a part of the State of Georgia so that Georgia can exercise its riparian water rights to the Tennessee River at Nickajack.

The resolution authorizes the governor to enter into any necessary negotiations with the State of Tennessee to resolve this dispute. If no agreement is reached as of the last day of the 2014 session, the resolution further authorizes our Attorney General to initiate suite in the United States Supreme Court against the State of Tennessee for final settlement of the boundary issue.

HR 46

Pierce Lovett Cline Memorial Bridge; Newton County; dedicate

**Rep. Doug Holt of the 112th
House Committee on Transportation**

Bill Summary:

HR 46 is the House road and bridge dedication package and includes the following resolutions:

- HR 46, Rep. Doug Holt - dedicates the bridge on State Route 11 over Interstate 20 in Newton County as the Pierce Lovett Cline Memorial Bridge.
- HR 47, Rep. Jason Shaw - dedicates the portion of Interstate 75 in Lowndes County from the West Hill Avenue exit to the North Valdosta Road exit as the Governor Melvin Ernest Thompson Memorial Highway.
- HR 48, Rep. Jason Shaw - dedicates the portion of State Route 37 from Homerville to the Alabama state line and the portion of State Route 76 from Nashville in Berrien County to the Florida state line in Brooks County are dedicated as the Georgia Grown Trail: 37.
- HR 72, Rep. Mark Hamilton - dedicates the intersection of Georgia Route 400 and State Route 141 in Forsyth County as the William Everett Bennett Memorial Interchange.
- HR 229, Rep. Bubber Epps - dedicates the east bound and west bound bridges on the Fall Line Freeway at NeSmith Road between the City of Ivey and U.S. 441 in Wilkinson County as the William E. "Billy" Hubbard Bridges.
- HR 272, Rep. Bubber Epps - dedicates the bridge on Ga. 358 over Interstate 16 in Twiggs County as the K.S. "Bubba" Nobles, Jr., Memorial Bridge.
- HR 340, Rep. Bubber Epps - dedicates the east bound and west bound bridges on the Fall Line Freeway over the railroad, located between Highway 18 and Highway 57 in Wilkinson County, as the Brooks Brothers' Bridges.
- HR 450, Rep. Terry Rogers - dedicates State Route 197 in Habersham County from mile marker 32 to milepost 16.84 as the Colonel Benjamin H. and Anne Purcell Highway.
- HR 485, Rep. Robert Dickey - dedicates the intersection of Highway 42 and Highway 74 in Monroe County as the Leanna Nicole Craft Memorial Intersection.
- HR 503, Rep. Tom Kirby - dedicates the portion of Georgia Highway 20 in Walton County from its intersection with Highway 78 in Loganville to the Rockdale County line as the Major W. David Gray Memorial Highway.
- SR 579, Sen. Mike Dugan - dedicates the portion the portion of Ga. 101 in Paulding County from the Paulding/Carroll county line to State Route 120 as the Pleasant Eugene Holt Memorial Highway.

HR 205

Property; conveyance of certain state owned real property; authorize

**Rep. Jay Neal of the 2nd
House Committee on State Properties**

Bill Summary:

HR 205 is a conveyance resolution for property located in 22 counties, conveying property owned by the State of Georgia or amending those conveyances, as follows:

- Article I conveys property in Appling County, the former site of the Baxley Wilderness Program and currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, to the State Properties Commission to offer for competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.
- Article II conveys property in Baldwin County, a portion of the Georgia Veterans Cemetery in Milledgeville and under the custody of the Department of Veterans Services, to the Georgia Department of Transportation to be used for the Fall Line Freeway Stage 2 project.
- Article III conveys property in Baldwin County, a portion of the Georgia Veterans Cemetery and currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Veterans Services, to the Georgia Department of Transportation to be used in Fall Line Freeway Stage 2 project.
- Article IV conveys property in Ben Hill County, the former site of the Bainbridge Armory and currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense, to the City of Fitzgerald to be used by the Ben Hill County Board of Education, for the amount of the remaining general obligation bonds.
- Article V conveys property in Bibb County, the former site of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and currently under the custody of the Department of Economic Development, to Bibb County, on behalf of the Bibb County Board of Education.

- Article VI conveys property in Bibb County, the former site of the Army National Guard Macon Field Mechanics Service and currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense, to Bibb County, on behalf of the Bibb County Board of Education.
- Article VII conveys property in Bibb County, the former site of the Macon Regional Youth Detention Center and currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, to the State Properties Commission to offer for competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.
- Article VIII conveys property in Butts County, a portion of the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison currently under the custody of the Department of Corrections, to the Georgia Department of Transportation to be used for the State Route 26 road widening project.
- Article IX conveys property in Chatham County, a portion of the Crossroads campus of the Savannah Technical College currently under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia, to the Georgia Power Company for \$385,000.
- Article X conveys, by quitclaim deed, a portion of marshland, located in Chatham County. The property, which is claimed by Bradley Boulevard, LLC, is being conveyed for establishment of a mitigation bank.
- Article XI conveys, by quitclaim deed, an 861 acre portion of the Tronox property, located in Chatham County. The property, which is listed on the Georgia hazardous site inventory as a Superfund site, is being conveyed for environmental cleanup.
- Article XII conveys property in Chattooga County, the site of the former Northwest Regional Crime Lab and currently under the custody of the Georgia Bureau of Investigations, to the State Properties Commission to offer for competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.
- Article XIII conveys property located in Crawford County, currently under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources, to the Department of Transportation to be used for the bridge replacement project on State Route 128 above the Flint River, for fair market value including cost to cure any damages.
- Article XIV conveys property in Dougherty County, the former Southwest Georgia Easter Seals building and currently under custody of the Department of Human Services, to the State Properties Commission to offer by competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.
- Article XV conveys property in Floyd County, the site of the former Talmadge Gym located on the Cave Spring Georgia School for the Deaf campus and currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Education, to the State Properties Commission to offer for competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.
- Article XVI conveys property in Haralson County, formerly the West Georgia Inmate Boot Camp and currently under the custody of the Department of Corrections, to the State Properties Commission to offer by competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.
- Article XVII conveys property in McDuffie County, formerly the site of the Georgia State Patrol Hangar in Thomson and currently under the custody of the Department of Public Safety, jointly to the City of Thomson and McDuffie County.
- Article XVIII conveys property in Mitchell County, formerly used as the Pelham Probation and Detention Center and under the custody of the Department of Corrections, to the State Properties Commission to offer by competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.
- Article XIX conveys property in Muscogee County, a portion of the West Central Georgia Regional Hospital and currently under the custody of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, to Columbus-Muscogee for the purpose of the Eastern Connector Project.
- Article XX places restrictive covenants on property in Paulding County. The United States Department of Army Corps of Engineers provided funding for stream mitigation for a 110 acre portion of the 1,051 acre tract purchased from the Howell family in June, 2012. To meet requirements for the in-lieu funding a Declaration of Conservation Covenants and Restrictions must be placed on the 110 acres. The property remains in custody of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Article XXI conveys property in Polk County, which was to be the site of the Cedartown State Prison and under the custody of the Department of Corrections, to the State Properties Commission to offer by competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.
- Article XXII conveys land in Putnam County that was formerly the Putnam State Prison and currently under the custody of the Department of Corrections to the State Properties Commission to the City of Eatonton for \$10 or to offer for competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.
- Article XXIII conveys property in Richmond County that is currently a portion of the East Central Regional Hospital and under the custody of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to the Georgia Department of Transportation to be used for making traffic operation improvements for \$10.
- Article XXIV conveys property in Richmond County, formerly used as the Augusta Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Center and under the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, to the State Properties Commission to offer by competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.
- Article XXV conveys property in Spalding County, formerly used as the Griffin Regional Youth Development Center and under the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, to the State Properties Commission to offer by competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.

- Article XXVI conveys property in Tattnall County. The Georgia Department of Corrections and Stanley Farms, LLC have reached an agreement for an exchange of properties located on Harley Road and adjoining the Georgia State Prison in Reidsville. The state will convey two properties, 10.62 acres and 210 acres, to Stanley Farms, LLC in exchange for a 19.063 acre property and \$257,000.
- Article XXVII conveys property in Whitfield County, a portion of the Post 5 Dalton State Patrol Barracks property and under the custody of the Department of Public Safety, to the State Properties Commission to offer by competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.
- Article XXVIII conveys property in Wilkes County, formerly known as the Wilkes County Unit and under the custody of the State Forestry Commission to Wilkes County for \$10 or to offer for competitive bid or to a local government or state entity.

HR 411

Trooper Lieutenant Joseph "Joey" Keith Boatright Memorial Bridge; Carroll County; dedicate

**Rep. Dustin Hightower of the 68th
House Committee on Transportation**

Bill Summary:

This set of resolutions is being done at the request of the Georgia State Patrol. Each one honors a fallen state trooper who died in the line of duty while serving the state:

- HR 411, Rep. Dusty Hightower - dedicates the bridge on Ga. 61 over Interstate 20 in Carroll County as the Trooper Lieutenant Joseph "Joey" Keith Boatright Memorial Bridge.
- HR 71, Rep. Paul Battles - dedicates the portion of Ga. 20 in Bartow County from the Cherokee County line to Interstate 75 as the Trooper Frederick Herman Looney Memorial Highway.
- HR 144, Rep. Gerald Greene - dedicates the portion of Ga. 91 in Seminole County from the city limits of Donalsonville, Georgia, to the Florida state line as the Trooper Sergeant Charles Eugene Gray Memorial Highway.
- HR 145, Rep. Gerald Greene - dedicates the intersection of Ga. 45 and Ga. 234 in Calhoun County as the Trooper Harvey Lewis Nicholson Memorial Intersection.
- HR 161, Rep. Darlene Taylor - dedicates the portion of Ga. 122 in Thomas County from the intersection of Ga. 33 South to the city limits of Patten, Georgia, as the Trooper Roy Cecil Massey Memorial Highway.
- HR 217, Rep. Jay Powell - dedicates the portion of Ga. 262 in Mitchell County from the city limits of Vada, Georgia, east to the intersection of Ga. 112 as the Special Agent Welton Harrell Memorial Highway.
- HR 388, Rep. Butch Parrish - dedicates the portion of Ga. 56 in Emanuel County from U.S. 80 to the Burke County line as the Special Agent Garland E. Fields Memorial Highway.
- HR 45, Rep. Bubber Epps - dedicates the interchange at Interstate 16 and Ga. 87 in Bibb County as the Trooper Sergeant William Fredrick Black, Jr., Memorial Interchange.
- HR 451, Rep. Carl Von Epps - dedicates the bridge on GA 100 and Ga. 54 over Interstate 85 in Troup County as the Trooper John Frank Bass Memorial Bridge.
- HB 487, Rep. David Ralston - dedicates the portion of GA 60 Spur in Fannin County from Mineral Bluff to the North Carolina state line as the Trooper Clyde Arthur Wehunt Memorial Highway.
- HB 511, Rep. Jimmy Pruett - dedicates the portion of GA 30 in Telfair County from the intersection of US 411 south of McRae, Georgia to the city limits of Milan, Georgia as the Trooper Sergeant Major George W. Harrelson Memorial Highway.

HR 502

Joint Study Committee on Mental Health and School Violence; create

**Rep. Kevin Tanner of the 9th
House Committee on Health & Human Services**

Bill Summary:

HR 502 creates a nine-member study committee to review the issues connecting mental health care needs with associated school violence problems and to make recommendations and findings for addressing infrastructure needs and services as potential solutions by December 31, 2013.

HR 529

House Georgia Music Industry Study Committee; create

Rep. Ben Harbin of the 122nd

House Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Bill Summary:

House Resolution 529 calls for the creation of the House Georgia Music Industry Study Committee which will be composed of five members who will be appointed by the Speaker. The committee is charged with examining the issues facing Georgia's music industry, identifying opportunities, and exploring strategies to retain existing industry and talent and ensure growth, investment, and jobs.

HR 549

House Study Committee on Professional Licensing Boards; create

Rep. Ed Rynders of the 152nd

House Committee on Appropriations

Bill Summary:

HR 549 creates a House Study Committee on Professional Licensing Boards to study the existing structure of licensing boards to determine if the state organization is streamlined, optimizes efficiencies of scale, and provides oversight by the appropriate state entity. The committee will review for adequate staffing needs, as well as available, affordable technologies for faster, more reliable electronic record keeping. In addition, the members will assess adequate licensing fees to support the direct and indirect costs to the state for the various boards to provide such services, as well as any other effectiveness and efficiency matters associated with licensing professions in this state.

The committee will consist of seven members appointed by the Speaker of the House and report its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2013.

HR 644

House Study Committee on Timber Security; create

Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st

House Committee on Judiciary

Bill Summary:

HR 644 creates a House Timber Security Study Committee to study the unauthorized taking of wood and to establish penalties for those who take timber without authorization. The committee will be comprised of the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, five representatives appointed by the Speaker, and one member of the local law enforcement community and the forestry community appointed by the Speaker.

SB 1

Child's Health Insurance Information and Records; provide that both parents have equal access

Sen. William Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

House Committee on Judiciary

Bill Summary:

SB 1 prohibits health insurance policies from denying a parent the right to inspect, review, or attain copies of health insurance records relating to his or her own child. The health insurance records must be equally available to both parents unless a court order specifically removes the right of a noncustodial parent to such information or unless parental rights have been terminated.

SB 11

Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council; reestablish; membership; duties

**Sen. Earl "Buddy" Carter of the 1st
House Committee on Natural Resources & Environment**

Bill Summary:

SB 11 creates the Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council and states that the Environmental Protection Division shall coordinate its creation. The bill delineates the council's membership, which shall consist of the executive officer, or his or her designee, of the following entities: Association County Commissioners of Georgia; Department of Community Affairs; Department of Economic Development; Department of Homeland Security; Department of Natural Resources; Department of Public Health; Department of Revenue; Department of Transportation; Environmental Protection Division; Georgia Association of Regional Commissions; Georgia Emergency Management Agency; Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; Georgia Municipal Association; Georgia Technology Authority; Office of Planning and Budget; State Forestry Commission; and State Properties Commission

The bill states that the chairperson of the Georgia Geographical Information Systems Coordinating Committee shall serve in the council in a non-voting advisory capacity. Councilmembers will not be compensated for their services as members of the council, but their travel expenses may be covered by the entity they represent.

The bill lists the council's duties, which consist of: monitoring, studying and ascertaining Georgia's present geospatial capabilities, the need for strengthening capabilities, and the extent to which such needs are currently met; planning for a sustainable state geographical information systems program; seeking input from relevant stakeholders; compiling and disseminating reports; coordinating with and making recommendations to the governor, the General Assembly, state agencies, counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of Georgia regarding geographical information systems; and adopting by-laws for conducting business.

The bill requires the council to produce an audit of Georgia's geospatial capabilities that contains a complete status update and recommendations for utilizing Georgia's geospatial capabilities to meet Federal Emergency Management Agency notification requirements, recommendations for moving forward to achieve governmental data interoperability and enhanced delivery of services to Georgia citizens through the geospatial approach, and any other geospatial technology.

The new Code section will be repealed on June 30, 2016.

SB 14

Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan Task Force; create

**Sen. Renee Unterman of the 45th
House Committee on Human Relations & Aging**

Bill Summary:

SB 14 creates a Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan Task Force. The task force shall study and collect data to assess the current and future impact of the disease, identify resources available to those with the disease, review the national Alzheimer's plan and develop a state plan for addressing Alzheimer's disease. The task force will consist of six members: the director of the Division of Aging Services within the Department of Human Services, the commissioner of Department of Community Health or his or her designee, the state health officer or his or her designee, the chairperson of the House Committee on the Health and Human Services, the chairperson of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, and the chairperson of the House Committee on Human Relations and Aging. The members will not receive compensation outside of their authorized per diem.

The goal of the task force is to create a comprehensive state plan to address Alzheimer's and related dementias in Georgia, which is due to the governor and General Assembly on March 31, 2014. After the task force is abolished, the group becomes an advisory council to meet annually to review progress of the state plan.

SB 24

"Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act"; enact

**Sen. Charlie Bethel of the 54th
House Committee on Governmental Affairs**

Bill Summary:

SB 24, designated the 'Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act', authorizes the Department of Community Health (DCH) to establish, assess and discontinue provider payments on hospitals. Those payments may not be higher than what is necessary to match federal Medicaid funds and not higher than what is set by a general appropriations act. Terms of payments will be set by the DCH Board with their rule-making authority, and these payments may only be deposited into the Indigent Care Trust Fund to match federal Medicaid funds and will not lapse at the end of the fiscal year. Hospital provider payments cease if the department reduces Medicaid rates to hospitals, reduces rates during the Care Management Organizations' rate setting process, or changes any payment methodology, administrative rule or payment policy in effect at the close of Fiscal Year 2012 that would directly affect hospitals. Provider payments count toward the hospital's indigent or charity care requirements for Disproportionate Care (DSH) payments.

The General Assembly retains the authority to override the board's provider assessment, and the provisions of SB 24 are automatically repealed on June 30, 2017, unless reauthorized by the General Assembly.

SB 25

Macon, City of; City of Payne City; Bibb County; nonpartisan elections of mayor and commissioners

**Sen. Cecil Staton of the 18th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the nonpartisan election of the mayor and commission of the unified government of Macon/Bibb County.

SB 26

Bibb County; provide for future elections for coroner

**Sen. Cecil Staton of the 18th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the nonpartisan election of the coroner, the Judge of the Civil Court, the Chief Magistrate of Magistrate Court, and the Probate Judge of the Probate Court of the unified government of Macon/Bibb County.

SB 30

Board of Public Education for Bibb County; nonpartisan elections of members

**Sen. Cecil Staton of the 18th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the nonpartisan election of the members of the Macon/Bibb County Board of Education.

SB 31

Macon-Bibb County Water and Sewerage Authority Act; nonpartisan election for the members

**Sen. Cecil Staton of the 18th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the nonpartisan election of the members of the Macon-Bibb County Water and Sewerage Authority.

SB 61

"Georgia Self-service Storage Facility Act of 2013" change the due date for monthly rental payments

**Sen. Jesse Stone of the 23rd
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

SB 61 changes some provisions in the 'Georgia Self-service Storage Facility Act.'

It brings provisions up to date by adding electronic options for notification and advertisements, changes the due date for monthly rental payments, clarifies language regarding notification of enforcement of Owner's lien and changes provisions regarding delivery of the notification even allowing the option to have notification sent to an agent.

In addition, it adds Code provisions for a reasonable late fee and a towing option for owners who have a lien on a motor vehicle or watercraft after 60 days of maturity of the rental obligation. Finally, it adds special treatment for service members who are overseas on active duty.

SB 62

Federal and State Funded Health Care Financing Program Overview Committee; establish

**Sen. Judson Hill of the 32nd
House Committee on Human Relations & Aging**

Bill Summary:

SB 62 restricts the Fulton and DeKalb Hospital Authority's ability to get involved in the daily operating of Grady Hospital and clarifies the intent of the parameters that the Department of Community Health must adhere to for the administration of the hospital provider payment agreement (SB 24, 2013 Session).

It creates a joint Federal and State Funded Health Care Financing Programs Overview Committee of the General Assembly. The committee will consist of one member of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House; one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; the chairpersons from the House and Senate Appropriations, Health and Human Services, and Ways and Means/Finance Committees, and the minority leaders from each chamber. Members will serve a two-year term to run concurrent with their legislative term, and the chairperson and vice chairperson appointments alternate between the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. The committee will review actions and statutory duties, analyze reports, and make recommendations to the Department of Community Health, its board and the legislature on or before January 1st of each year.

SB 66

Courts; increase penalties that can impose for contempt of superior and state courts

**Sen. Jesse Stone of the 23rd
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

SB 66 raises the ceiling of fines for a contempt that a superior or state court may impose from \$500 to \$1000.

SB 70

Transportation, Dept. of; change type of projects eligible for design-build contracts and procurement process

**Sen. Steve Gooch of the 51st
House Committee on Transportation**

Bill Summary:

SB 70 amends Code relating to design-build contracts to include "systems" to the term design-build and "technology deployments" to the projects eligible for design-build procedure. The legislation adds utility relocation to the services that may be combined if it is found to be in the best interest of the public. In the procedures for administering design-build

contracts, language requiring the scope of service requirements is removed and the criteria for selection and award is amended to provide for a two-step procurement process. There is an exception to the requirement for statement of qualifications from which the department chooses qualified firms in the event that it is found to be in the state's best interest, this requirement may be omitted and the department may move directly to a one-step procurement process through the issuance of a request for proposal from which the department may select the lowest qualified bidder. The second step of the procurement process is amended to include a technical proposal along with the price proposal from the bidders. The department must select the lowest qualified bidder or in the event the department uses the best value procurement process, the request for proposal shall specify the requirements necessary for the selection of the best value proposer which shall include, at a minimum, a weighted cost component and a technical component.

SB 76

Returning Veterans Task Force; create; membership

**Sen. Lester Jackson of the 2nd
House Committee on Defense & Veterans Affairs**

Bill Summary:

SB 76 creates the Returning Veterans Task Force as a part of the Department of Veterans Service (DVS). The Returning Veterans Task Force shall consist of one representative from the departments of: Veterans Service, Community Health, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Labor, Defense, Board of Regents, and Technical College System of Georgia. Each representative will be appointed by the head of the same Department. The DVS representative shall serve as chairperson.

The purpose of the task force is to meet quarterly to develop strategies to improve services for honorably discharged veterans and offer annual recommendations by November 1st every year.

SB 81

Forest Resources; shorten the legal season for harvesting ginseng

**Sen. John Wilkinson of the 50th
House Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs**

Bill Summary:

The bill shortens the harvesting season for ginseng to September 1 to December 31, instead of August 15 to December 31.

SB 82

Education; change designations from North Georgia College to the University of North Georgia

**Sen. Steve Gooch of the 51st
House Committee on Higher Education**

Bill Summary:

SB 82 changes the designation of North Georgia College to the University of North Georgia, and designates the University of North Georgia as the senior military college of Georgia.

SB 83

Counties; support of paupers; provide for cremation as an alternative for deceased indigents

**Sen. Steve Gooch of the 51st
House Committee on Governmental Affairs**

Bill Summary:

SB 83 allows for cremation as an alternative to burial in the case of a pauper's funeral.

SB 86

Family Violence Order; provide greater protection of victims of family violence

**Sen. Jesse Stone of the 23rd
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

This bill expands the definition of a family violence order and distinguishes between a civil family violence and a criminal family violence order. SB 86 allows law enforcement to arrest a perpetrator upon probable cause to believe that the offender has violated a criminal family violence order as long as the officer has never had a prior or current familial relationship with the parties involved.

SB 87

Roadside Markets Incentive Program; repeal

**Sen. Frank Ginn of the 47th
House Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs**

Bill Summary:

The bill repeals Article 4 of Chapter 10 of Title 2 relating to the roadside market incentive program.

SB 91

"Emerging Crops Fund Act"; repeal

**Sen. Tyler Harper of the 7th
House Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs**

Bill Summary:

The bill amends Title 2 of the O.C.G.A. relating to agriculture and the 'Emerging Crops Fund Act.' The term "emerging crop" is defined to mean any plant of animal crop for which consumers demand. "Farmer" is defined as a resident who engages in or wishes to engage in the commercial production of an emerging crop on land in Georgia. This term includes partnerships in which all of the partners are either individuals or family-farm corporations meeting state requirements. To cover the costs of developing emerging crops, the legislation allows for loans of no more than \$50,000 through the fund administered by the Georgia Development Authority, which is also authorized to regulate the program.

SB 96

State Courts, Solicitors-General of; part-time solicitor-general; engage in private practice of law; not represent defendants in criminal matters in such solicitor-general's state court

**Sen. Jeff Mullis of the 53rd
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

SB 96 allows part-time solicitors-general and assistant solicitors-general to engage in private practice as long as the part-time solicitor does not represent defendants in criminal matters in such solicitor's state court or appear in any matter in which he or she has exercised jurisdiction.

SB 97

Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef; create; membership; powers

**Sen. John Wilkinson of the 50th
House Committee on Agriculture & Consumer Affairs**

Bill Summary:

The bill provides for the establishment of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef, as well as the governance of the commission and the balloting cycle of every three years.

Code Section 2-8-14 amends the composition of agricultural commodity commissions generally, so as to provide that each commission shall be comprised of ex-officio members to include: the Agriculture Commissioner; the president of the Georgia Farm Bureau; two members, elected from the respective House and Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committees who are producers of an affected agricultural commodity and not a member of the General Assembly, and five additional members, who are producers of the affected agricultural commodity. The additional membership of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef shall consist of three beef cattle farmers, a dairy farmer and an individual involved in the marketing of cattle.

The legislation provides that no marketing order issued by the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef shall impose an assessment in excess of \$1 per head on bovine animals sold, nor assess an animal which sells for less than \$100.

SB 100

Career and Technical Education Advisory Commission; reestablish; membership

**Sen. John Wilkinson of the 50th
House Committee on Education**

Bill Summary:

Senate Bill 100 reestablishes the Career and Technical Education Advisory Commission and provides for the membership, vacancies, terms, meetings and duties.

SB 104

Community Affairs, Dept of; comprehensive plans of local government; revise the minimum elements

**Sen. Frank Ginn of the 47th
House Committee on Governmental Affairs**

Bill Summary:

SB 104 codifies the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Community Affairs resulting from the recommendations of a task force created in the 2010 Session under Senate Bill 86. These rules relate to the comprehensive planning of local governments.

SB 105

"Uniform Fraudulent Transfers Act"; provide for a definition

**Sen. Hardie Davis of the 22nd
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

SB 105 creates an exception to the 'Uniform Fraudulent Transfers Act' for non-profit organizations unless such organization was aware or participated in the fraudulent transfer. In addition, Section 2 includes language from HB 531 (2013) to raise the bankruptcy exemption on motor vehicles from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

SB 113

Civil Practice; personal service of a summons on a corporation; provisions

**Sen. Emanuel Jones of the 10th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

SB 113 removes a "cashier," "secretary," and "other agent" from service of process to a corporation. In addition, the bill defines "managing agent" and clarifies service or process provisions on a foreign corporation which is not authorized to transact business in this state.

SB 115

Education; performance data of students in certain placements included in resident school system data

**Sen. Lindsey Tippins of the 37th
House Committee on Education**

Bill Summary:

Senate Bill 115 provides that performance data of students in certain placements are treated as a single local education agency.

SB 120

Probate Courts; provide for prosecuting attorneys in counties where there is not state court

**Sen. John Crosby of the 13th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

SB 120 establishes the process for counties to provide solicitors in probate courts that hear traffic cases. The county has discretion whether to ask for the service, and the district attorney (DA) has the right of first refusal to provide it. If the DA declines, the county may contract with a private attorney.

SB 121

License Plates; retired members of the General Assembly

**Sen. Ronald Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd
House Committee on Motor Vehicles**

Bill Summary:

SB 121 authorizes the creation of a specialty license plate for former members of the General Assembly who served at least eight years. It also provides for the creation of specialty license plates that support the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, AIDS Survival Project and the Atlanta Braves and designates \$10 from the sale of each plate to its respective organization.

It clarifies the meaning of "veteran" as a former member of the armed forces of the United States who is discharged from the armed forces under conditions other than dishonorable.

SB 122

Drivers' Licenses; authorize the issuance of a temporary driving permit; noncitizen applicant whose license has expired; filed extension

**Sen. Hunter Hill of the 6th
House Committee on Motor Vehicles**

Bill Summary:

HB 122 authorizes the issuance of a temporary driving permit to a noncitizen applicant whose Georgia driver's license has expired, will expire, and who has filed a request for a visa extension.

SB 136

"Kyle Glover Boat Education Law" and "Jake and Griffin BUI Law"; provide for greater public protection for hunting and boating

**Sen. Butch Miller of the 49th
House Committee on Game, Fish, & Parks**

Bill Summary:

SB 136 changes the legal limit for Boating Under the Influence (BUI) charges by lowering the legal limit for alcohol consumption to .08 grams from .10 grams. The presence of other illegal substances can all suffice for a BUI charge.

Failure to submit to a chemical test, or the failure of a chemical test, may provide grounds for the suspension of an individual's license, hunting or otherwise, as well as imprisonment of 10 days to 12 months. Similar changes are made to the rules surrounding Hunting Under the Influence (HUI) so that all "under the influence" thresholds and charges for driving, boating and hunting are the same under the law.

Children under the age of 12 are required to wear a life jacket while the vessel is in motion, and those 12 through 15 years of age may operate a personal water craft if he or she is accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older or he or she has successfully completed a boating education course approved by the department. On and after July 1, 2014, a person 16 years of age or older may rent or lease any vessel ten horsepower or more if such person has completed a boating education course approved by the department.

SB 137

Income Tax; authorize the commissioner of economic development to designate areas as opportunity zones

**Sen. Rick Jeffares of the 17th
House Committee on Ways & Means**

Bill Summary:

SB 137 requires that, effective July 1, 2013, both the commissioners of the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Community Affairs must approve the application for Opportunity Zone tax credits.

SB 139

Contracts; collection of closing fees; advance of money/extension of credit

**Sen. Butch Miller of the 49th
House Committee on Banks & Banking**

Bill Summary:

Senate Bill 139 provides an additional Code section relating to the collection of closing fees for the advance of money or the extension of credit. This bill states that any lender or seller may collect a one-time closing fee at the time of making a loan or extending credit in order to defray the cost of investigation and verification of a borrower's or purchaser's credit report for references. The closing fee may amount up to 4 percent of the face value of the loan or credit extension or total amount of the sales contract but shall not be more than \$50, and may be paid from the proceeds of the amount borrowed or added to the principal amount of the loan or credit extension. Lenders or sellers may retain no more than \$25 from the collected closing fee on loans or contracts that have been prepaid in full within 90 days, refunding the rest to the borrower. The closing fee shall not constitute interest or be considered an additional charge.

The Code section relating to licensing requirements was also addressed in this legislation. Federal and state government departments, agencies, authorities, and instrumentalities and their authorized agents are granted the ability to sell or issue checks.

SB 140

Insurance; include contracts, agreements, and instruments for repair of a motor vehicle

**Sen. Jack Murphy of the 27th
House Committee on Insurance**

Bill Summary:

SB 140 includes contracts, agreements, and instruments for the repair of certain wear and tear of a motor vehicle to include rips, burns, tears, holes, and punctures to interior fabric or carpet; cosmetic repair to aluminum or painted wheels, and exterior reconditioning of foggy or yellowed headlights within the definition of property insurance in a manner similar to vehicle service agreements or extended warranty agreements.

SB 142

Georgia Judicial Retirement System; board of trustees; authority to determine the time/circumstances of paying benefits; qualified plan under federal law

**Sen. Fran Millar of the 40th
House Committee on Retirement**

Bill Summary:

This bill adds and revises language relating to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System. First, language is added so that the board of trustees will be authorized to determine the time and circumstances of paying benefits to members, to preserve the system's status as a qualified plan under federal law. Also, language is added that states any state entity, other than the Georgia General Assembly, will notify the retirement system of any retired member who becomes employed and works over 1,040 hours in a calendar year. If the employer does not notify the system and wrongfully pays out any benefits, the employer would have to reimburse the system. If the employee fails to notify the employer that they are a member of the retirement system, the employer is held harmless for any liability. This is a non-fiscal retirement bill.

SB 143

Retirement System; board of trustees of public retirement systems; provide duties

**Sen. Fran Millar of the 40th
House Committee on Retirement**

Bill Summary:

This bill adds language to reference common law duties for the board of trustees of public retirement systems that can be found in Title 53. This is a non-fiscal retirement bill.

SB 145

Agritourism; add farm weddings to the definition

**Sen. Bill Heath of the 31st
House Committee on Ways & Means**

Bill Summary:

SB 145 allows for property owners who have placed their property into a conservation use covenant to use their property for "farm weddings" and to host for not-for-profit equestrian performance events.

SB 156

Surface Mining; revise a definition

**Sen. Ross Tolleson of the 20th
House Committee on Natural Resources & Environment**

Bill Summary:

SB 156, relative to surface mining, states that the term "borrow pit" does not include excavated areas of fewer than five acres which are incidental to forestry land management and from which no earthen material is removed for sale.

SB 158

Temporary Medical Consent Guardianship; Physician Order for Life-sustaining Treatment; change certain signatures

**Sen. Nan Orrock of the 36th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

SB 158 corrects a drafting error in Code Section 29-4-18 to clarify that a Physician Order for Life-sustaining Treatment (a specific form to be developed by the Department of Public Health) is voluntarily executed by a patient or his or her authorized representative, and a physician.

SB 160

Public Employers; provide annual report relative to compliance with certain laws; provide for certain report to Dept. of Audits and Accounts

**Sen. Frank Ginn of the 47th
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

SB 160 makes updates to the Code dealing with immigration. First, it redefines the “physical performance of services” and allows for an exception from e-verify reporting for contracts smaller than \$2,499.99 unless the contract is between a public employer and someone already licensed under Titles 26, 43 or the State Bar of Georgia. SB 160 streamlines the business license process for renewals by only requiring the business submit its federal work authorization user number.

It adds to the definition of “public benefit” and streamlines the citizenship verification process for government benefits by only requiring that verification be provided upon initial application for a government benefit or service.

Finally, SB 160 creates a new Code section to establish guidelines for the annual immigration compliance report which each agency and political subdivision is required to send to the Department of Audits and Accounts.

SB 168

Public Contracts; contracting and bidding requirements

**Sen. Lindsey Tippins of the 37th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

SB 168 prevents bids from being disqualified based upon lack of previous experience with similar size jobs provided that the bid proposal is no greater than 30 percent in scope or cost from the builder’s previous experience in jobs.

SB 170

Forgery and Fraudulent Practices; identity fraud; add medical identity fraud

**Sen. Judson Hill of the 32nd
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

SB 170 adds medical identity fraud to the Code provisions relating to identity fraud.

SB 177

Georgia Tourism Foundation; change the membership

**Sen. Frank Ginn of the 47th
House Committee on Economic Development & Tourism**

Bill Summary:

Senate Bill 177 establishes the Georgia Tourism Foundation within the Department of Economic Development. The foundation will be comprised of no less than nine, but no more than 18 members appointed by the Governor, for a total membership of no more than 20. Membership will always include at least three members of the board of the Department of Economic Development, but at no time will the board members comprise more than one-third of the foundation’s membership. The Georgia Tourism Foundation will be authorized to fix a precise number of members, within these parameters, by a resolution adopted at a meeting attended by a majority of its members.

The foundation is granted the following charitable public purposes and powers for:

- Soliciting and accepting contributions of money and in-kind contributions of services and property for the State-wide Tourism Marketing Program;
- Making and disbursing contributions to the department for such purposes;
- Seeking recognition of tax exempt status by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and seeking confirmation concerning the deductibility of contributions;

- Formulating recommendations for the State-wide Tourism Marketing Program;
- Creating subsidiaries with like character and powers but with limited missions keyed to particular component programs and activities, per the governor's approval;
- Providing additional officers and governance through bylaws which are consistent with the goals of lessening the government burden in promoting tourism, establishing and maintaining tax exempt status, and soliciting deductible contributions; and the
- Authority to administer and disperse grants and gifts awarded by the federal government in accordance with the terms of said grants and gifts.

SB 178

Georgia Legislative Retirement System; define a certain term; broaden certain provision

**Sen. Fran Millar of the 40th
House Committee on Retirement**

Bill Summary:

This bill adds and revises language relating to the Georgia Legislative Retirement System. First, language is added so that the board of trustees would be authorized to determine the time and circumstances of paying benefits to members, to preserve the system's status as a qualified plan under federal law. This bill also revises the definition of the term "public employer" as it relates to rehired retirees who return to work more than 1,040 hours in a calendar year. The term public employer now includes any branch of state government and any state agency, department, board, or bureau, which includes the Board of Regents and any public school system.

SB 179

Public Contracts; if sealed competitive proposal requested/price or project cost not a selection factor; no bid bond shall be required

**Sen. Hunter Hill of the 6th
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

SB 179 clarifies when a bid bond is required on a public works contract, corrects some cross-references for payment bonds and establishes when public owners have the authority to utilize both liquidated damages and early contract completion incentives when a project schedule is deemed to have value.

It provides that no state agency, authority, department, commission, board, or similar entity that contracts for public works construction shall require the use of unionized labor by the entities with which they contract.

SB 182

Board of Education of Hancock County; change description of education districts

**Sen. David Lucas of the 26th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Hancock County Board of Education.

SB 183

Board of County Commissioners of Hancock County; change the description of the commissioner districts

**Sen. David Lucas of the 26th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Hancock County Board of Commissioners.

SB 185

Banking; secured transactions; change/provide for definitions; electronic chattel paper; provisions

**Sen. Jesse Stone of the 23rd
House Committee on Judiciary**

Bill Summary:

SB 185 provides necessary updates to Article 9, Secured Transactions, of the Uniform Commercial Code.

SB 193

Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; update

**Sen. Bill Cowser of the 46th
House Committee on Juvenile Justice**

Bill Summary:

SB 193 updates the 'Uniform Interstate Family Support Act' (UIFSA), last revised in 1996, which provides a substantive and procedural framework for the establishment, modification and subsequent enforcement of support orders among the states. UIFSA has been modernized to streamline interstate cooperation and to comply with the new Hague Maintenance Convention.

SB 194

Natural Resources Dept.; include an exemption for restoration of certain barns; promote Georgia tourist destinations

**Sen. Jeff Mullis of the 53rd
House Committee on Natural Resources & Environment**

Bill Summary:

SB 194 relates to powers and duties of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) relative to historic preservation and promotion and adds a new paragraph to O.C.G.A. 12-3-50 that states that nothing in this Code section prohibits someone from restoring or utilizing an agricultural structure, including barns, erected before 1965 that previously promoted Georgia tourist destinations to the traveling public for the purpose of advertising or promoting Georgia products or tourist destinations. DNR shall approve applications for such structures so long as no public funds from Georgia are used in connection with the restoration of utilization.

SB 199

Board of Education of McDuffie County; change description of the education districts

**Sen. Jesse Stone of the 23rd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the McDuffie County Board of Education.

SB 201

Ad Valorem; homestead exemption; White County school district; educational purposes

**Sen. Steve Gooch of the 51st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a homestead exemption from White County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$100,000 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older and whose income, not including certain retirement income, does not exceed \$25,000.

SB 204

Appeal and Error; limit the scope of judgments/orders; child custody cases; direct appeal

**Sen. Bill Cowsert of the 46th
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

SB 204 clarifies that appeals that result from a child custody modification are directly appealable to the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

SB 212

Education; require schools to provide training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation

**Sen. Jeff Mullis of the 53rd
House Committee on Education**

Bill Summary:

Senate Bill 212 would require schools to provide training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator for students in grades nine through twelve.

SB 216

Pharmacies; provide that medical director of an emergency service provider may contract with more than one pharmacy

**Sen. Earl "Buddy" Carter of the 1st
House Committee on Health & Human Services**

Bill Summary:

Senate Bill 216 allows the medical director of an emergency service provider to contract with more than one pharmacy as a provider of drugs and consultant services. The bill also changes the Code that requires pharmacists to be physically present in a hospital pharmacy for those hospitals within the state that remotely serve only on weekends, do not have more than four other hospitals under the same ownership or management, and have an average daily census of less than 12 acute patients.

SB 218

Highways, Bridges and Ferries; annual commercial wrecker emergency tow permits; qualifications for issuance

**Sen. Steve Gooch of the 51st
House Committee on Transportation**

Bill Summary:

SB 218 amends the Code relating to emergency tow permits, which were created in HB 835 during the 2012 Legislative Session. The bill clarifies language on weights on single and tandem axles.

SB 222

Conyers, City of; election/term of office of the mayor and councilmembers; repeal certain provisions

**Sen. Ronald Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to repeal provisions in the charter of the City of Conyers relating to the election and terms of office of the mayor and councilmembers.

SB 223

Board of Commissioners of Schley County; change the description of commissioner districts

**Sen. Ed Harbison of the 15th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Schley County Board of Commissioners.

SB 225

Criminal Procedure; relieve a surety from liability under certain circumstances

**Sen. Jesse Stone of the 23rd
House Committee on Judiciary Non-Civil**

Bill Summary:

SB 225 creates an exception for forfeiture of an appearance bond if the principal was receiving involuntary inpatient treatment. In addition, when a defendant fails to appear, it allows a bondsman to prove the location of a defendant to the district attorney, who may then decide whether or not to prosecute the defendant.

SB 226

Coroners; investigation fees; change certain provisions

**Sen. Steve Gooch of the 51st
House Committee on Governmental Affairs**

Bill Summary:

SB 226 codifies that the death investigation fee charged by coroners will be paid in addition to the base salary and will not be included in the salary for that officer. It allows coroners to choose annually whether they wish to take a salary or be paid on a fee basis.

SB 231

Georgia Driver's Education Commission; additional sums collected on fines; extend the sunset provisions

**Sen. Barry Loudermilk of the 14th
House Committee on Motor Vehicles**

Bill Summary:

SB 231 amends the act known as "Joshua's Law". It decreases the additional 5 percent fee charged on state fines to 1.5 percent and it extends the sunset date to June 30, 2016. Finally, it requires an annual report to be submitted to the General Assembly detailing the collection and expenditure of collected funds.

SB 234

Insurance; limited licenses to sell travel insurance; comprehensive revision of provision; issuance and regulation

**Sen. Burt Jones of the 25th
House Committee on Insurance**

Bill Summary:

SB 234 provides for a limited license for travel agents and agencies to sell travel insurance.

SB 236

Insurance; require insurers; indicate amount of the premium increase; Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

**Sen. Burt Jones of the 25th
House Committee on Insurance**

Bill Summary:

SB 236 requires health insurance companies to include an attachment on their annual premium statement identifying what percentage increase in premium cost is attributable to the federal 'Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act'. The provisions of this bill will repeal on December 31, 2014.

SB 238

Nelson, City of; powers and duties of mayor; provisions; revise

**Sen. Barry Loudermilk of the 14th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the charter of the City of Nelson to revise certain provisions relating to the powers and duties of the mayor and to add powers of the city council regarding city employees.

SB 242

Downtown Development Authorities; undertake projects; reducing energy or water consumption; renewable resources

**Sen. Hunter Hill of the 6th
House Committee on Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications**

Bill Summary:

Senate Bill 242 allows downtown development authorities to undertake projects reducing energy or water consumption, or make an improvement to property that produces energy from renewable resources within the territorial boundaries of a municipal corporation.

SB 249

Holly Springs, City of; election of councilmembers from wards

**Sen. Brandon Beach of the 21st
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for the election of councilmembers from wards and by a plurality vote in the City of Holly Springs.

SB 250

Port Wentworth, City of; change the description of the council districts

**Sen. Lester Jackson of the 2nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to reapportion the Port Wentworth City Council.

SB 253

Calton, City of; provide for a new charter

**Sen. Frank Ginn of the 47th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Carlton.

SB 254

Irwin County; create a board of elections and registration; provide for powers and duties

**Sen. Tyler Harper of the 7th
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to create the Irwin County Board of Elections and Registration and to provide for its powers and duties.

SB 256

Magistrate Court of Chatham County; provide chief magistrate shall appoint any pro tempore magistrates

**Sen. Lester Jackson of the 2nd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide that the chief magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Chatham County shall appoint any pro tempore magistrates.

SB 257

Town of Trion; provide for continuation/support of independent school system of the town

**Sen. Jeff Mullis of the 53rd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to amend the charter of the Town of Trion to provide for the continuation and support of the independent school system of the town and to provide limitations on the holding of other offices by the school superintendent and members of the board of education.

SB 258

Town of Trion; provide for a quorum/voting by the mayor and council

**Sen. Jeff Mullis of the 53rd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to provide for a quorum and voting by the mayor and council of the Town of Trion.

SB 259

Fort Oglethorpe, City of; change the corporate limits

**Sen. Jeff Mullis of the 53rd
House Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

Bill Summary:

A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Fort Oglethorpe.

SR 113

Public Property; granting of restrictive and nonexclusive easements for operation/maintenance of facilities; utilities 16 counties

Sen. Bill Jackson of the 24th
House Committee on State Properties

Bill Summary:

SR 113 is a Resolution granting nonexclusive easements for operation and maintenance of facilities, utilities, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through state-owned property in Barrow, Carroll, Chatham, Cobb, Crisp, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Forsyth, Hall, Henry, Laurens, Macon, Paulding, Richmond, and White counties.

- Article I grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.05 of an acre in Barrow County to Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating a power line and associated equipment. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located at Fort Yargo State Park. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article II grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.34 of an acre in Carroll County to Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating a power line and associated equipment. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at the West Georgia Technical College. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article III grants a nonexclusive easement on 5.848 acres in Chatham County to the Georgia Department of Transportation, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating a bridge. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located in the Back River and connects to Jasper County, South Carolina. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article IV grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.276 acres in Chatham County to the Georgia Power Company, for installing, maintaining, and operating an underground electric utility line. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at the Aviation Training Center on the Crossroads Campus of Savannah Technical College. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article V grants a nonexclusive easement contingent on the Department of Natural Resources' and State's approval, in Chatham County to Regents, for the purpose of ingress and egress. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located at the Wormsloe Historic Site. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article VI grants a nonexclusive easement on 1.01 acres in Cobb County to the City of Marietta, for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining a pedestrian trail and related sidewalks, ramps, piping and drainage structures, and signal boxes. The property is known as the Western and Atlantic Railroad tract and is currently in the custody of the State Properties Commission. The consideration for this easement is \$136,320.
- Article VII grants a nonexclusive easement on 1 acre in Crisp County to the Citizens Telephone Company, Inc., for installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground fiber optic line and necessary equipment to provide internet service. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located in the Georgia Veterans State Park at Lake Blackshear. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article VIII grants a nonexclusive easement on 2.92 acres in Dade County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining an overhead power line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located in the Cloudland Canyon State Park. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article IX grants a nonexclusive easement on 4.26 acres in Dawson County to Windstream Standard, L.L.C., for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground and above ground fiber optic line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located at Amicalola Falls State Park. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article X grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.04 acres in Dawson County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground electrical power line and necessary equipment. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at Lanier Technical College. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article XI grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.04 acres in the City of Decatur, DeKalb County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of moving, locating, maintaining, and operating power lines and related facilities. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense and is located at the Decatur Armory. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article XII grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.13 acres in the City of Cumming, Forsyth County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of moving, locating, maintaining, and operating above and underground power lines, transformers, and power boxes. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense and is located at the Cumming National Guard Regional Readiness Center. The consideration for this easement is \$10.

- Article XIII grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.04 acres in Hall County to the City of Gainesville, for the purpose of laying, constructing, operating, and maintaining utility structures including a sanitary sewer line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections and is located at the Gainesville Probation Office & Day Reporting Center. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article XIV grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.04 acres in Henry County to the Snapping Shoals Electric Membership Corporation, for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground electrical power line. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at the Southern Crescent Technical College. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article XV grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.21 acres in Laurens County to the Georgia Power Company, for the purpose of moving, locating, maintaining, and operating underground power lines. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense and is located at the Dublin Armory. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article XVI grants a nonexclusive easement on 1.63 acres in Macon County to the Flint electrical membership Corporation, for the purpose of installation, operation, and maintenance of an underground electrical power line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Education and is located at Camp John Hope. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article XVII grants a nonexclusive easement on 4.7 acres in Paulding County to Mark B. Shipp and J. Cliff Shipp, for ingress and egress. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located at the Sheffield Wildlife Management Area. The consideration for this easement is \$10 and the encumbrance of the Grantee's 45-acre property with the Right of First Refusal in favor of the State for the State to acquire that property for appraised value.
- Article XVIII grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.27 acres in Richmond County to the City of Augusta, for installation, operation, and maintenance of a sanitary sewer. The property is currently in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia and is located at the main campus of Augusta technical College in Richmond. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article XIX grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.21 acres in Richmond County to the City of Augusta, for the purpose of replacement of existing water meter, and installation of a new backflow preventer. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections and is located at the Augusta State Medical Prison. The consideration for this easement is \$10.
- Article XX grants a nonexclusive easement on 0.12 acres in White County to the Habersham Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining an overhead fiber optic cable line. The property is currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and is located in the Unicoi State Park and Lodge. The consideration for this easement is \$10.

SR 293

Ralph A. Pierce Memorial Highway; Lumpkin County; dedicate

**Sen. Steve Gooch of the 51st
House Committee on Transportation**

Bill Summary:

SR 293 is the Senate road and bridge dedication package and includes the following resolutions:

- SR 293, Sen. Steve Gooch - dedicates the portion of GA 52 in Lumpkin County from Ga. 115 to the Hall County line as the Ralph A. Pierce Memorial Highway.
- SR 379, Sen. Steve Gooch - dedicates the intersection of U.S. Highway 19 and Cavender Creek Road in Lumpkin County as the Judge William Jeffrey Lowe Memorial Intersection.
- SR 73, Sen. Donzella James - dedicates the bridge on State Route 29 over the train tracks near Roosevelt Highway and Welcome All Road in Fulton County as the Dekai Amonrasi Memorial Bridge.
- SR 96, Sen. Tim Golden - dedicates the portion of Interstate 75 in Lowndes County from the West Hill Avenue exit to the North Valdosta Road exit as the Governor Melvin Ernest Thompson Memorial Highway.
- SR 383, Sen. Jeff Mullis - dedicates the intersection of Battlefield Parkway and Dietz Road in Catoosa County as the Sergeant John A. Franklin Memorial Intersection.
- SR 418, Sen. William Ligon - dedicates GA 25-Spur E. from Brunswick to St. Simons Island in Glynn County as the F.J. Torras Causeway.
- Additional language to the substitute passed by the Senate dedicates the intersection of Highway 129 and Athens Street in Hall County as the Beulah Rucker Oliver Memorial Intersection.
- HR 512, Rep. Mickey Channell - dedicates the bridge on Veazey Road over Interstate 20 in Greene County as the Felton L. Hudson Memorial Bridge.

- HR 513, Rep. Carl Rogers - dedicates the portion of State Route 347 from Interstate 985 East to the Old Winder Highway as the Lanier Islands Parkway.
- HR 530, Rep. Nikki Randall - dedicates the interchange of I-475 and Thomaston Road in Macon-Bibb County as Veterans of All Wars Interchange.
- HR 570, Rep. Al Williams - dedicates the interchange and bridge at Interstate 95 over U.S. Highway 17 at South New Port Road in Liberty County as the Reverend Willie Anderson, Sr., Memorial Interchange.
- HR 604, Rep. Pat Gardner - dedicates the interchange at Interstate 75 and Exit 251 in Fulton County as the Senior Patrol Officer Gail Denise Thomas Memorial Interchange.
- HR 702, Rep. Ellis Black - dedicates the bridge on Ga. 177 over Sweetwater Creek between Fargo and Stephen Foster State Park in Clinch County as the Ray Daugharty Memorial Bridge.
- HR 719, Rep. Keisha Waites - dedicates the bridge on Cleveland Avenue over Interstate 75 in Fulton County as the John Charles Birdine, Jr., Memorial Bridge.
- HR 739, Rep. Rick Jasperse - dedicates the portion of U.S. 411 from Interstate 75 to the Murray County line as the Pathway to the Smokies.
- HR 759, Rep. Jason Shaw - dedicates the portion of Ga. 122 in Lanier County that runs beside Banks Lake from the City of Lakeland to the Lowndes County line as the Governor Eurith Dickson "Ed" Rivers Memorial Highway.
- HR 761, Rep. Penny Houston - dedicates the bridge on County Road 246 Kinard Bridge Road over Interstate 75 in Cook County as the Jim McClelland, Sr., POW Memorial Bridge.
- HR 46, Rep. Doug Holt - dedicates the bridge on State Route 11 over Interstate 20 in Newton County as the Pierce Lovett Cline Memorial Bridge.
- HR 47, Rep. Jason Shaw - dedicates the portion of Interstate 75 in Lowndes County from the West Hill Avenue exit to the North Valdosta Road exit as the Governor Melvin Ernest Thompson Memorial Highway.
- HR 48, Rep. Jason Shaw - dedicates the portion of State Route 37 from Homerville to the Alabama state line and the portion of State Route 76 from Nashville in Berrien County to the Florida state line in Brooks County are dedicated as the Georgia Grown Trail: 37.
- HR 72, Rep. Mark Hamilton - dedicates the intersection of Georgia Route 400 and State Route 141 in Forsyth County as the William Everett Bennett Memorial Interchange.
- HR 229, Rep. Bubber Epps - dedicates the east bound and west bound bridges on the Fall Line Freeway at NeSmith Road between the City of Ivey and U.S. 441 in Wilkinson County as the William E. "Billy" Hubbard Bridges.
- HR 272, Rep. Bubber Epps - dedicates the bridge on Ga. 358 over Interstate 16 in Twiggs County as the K.S. "Bubba" Nobles, Jr., Memorial Bridge.
- HR 340, Rep. Bubber Epps - dedicates the east bound and west bound bridges on the Fall Line Freeway over the railroad, located between Highway 18 and Highway 57 in Wilkinson County, as the Brooks Brothers' Bridges.
- HR 450, Rep. Terry Rogers - dedicates State Route 197 in Habersham County from mile marker 32 to milepost 16.84 as the Colonel Benjamin H. and Anne Purcell Highway.
- HR 485, Rep. Robert Dickey - dedicates the intersection of Highway 42 and Highway 74 in Monroe County as the Leanna Nicole Craft Memorial Intersection.
- HR 503, Rep. Tom Kirby - dedicates the portion of Georgia Highway 20 in Walton County from its intersection with Highway 78 in Loganville to the Rockdale County line as the Major W. David Gray Memorial Highway.
- SR 579, Sen. Mike Dugan - dedicates the portion the portion of Ga. 101 in Paulding County from the Paulding/Carroll county line to State Route 120 as the Pleasant Eugene Holt Memorial Highway.