

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018  
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

\*Rules Suspended

[HB 920.](#)

By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Reeves of the 34th, Willard of the 51st, Oliver of the 82nd, and Nimmer of the 178th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for adoption, so as to allow for the use of the department's information concerning the parties to an adoption under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 921.](#)

By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Dempsey of the 13th, and Coomer of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Cave Spring to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 922.](#)

By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Blackmon of the 146th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Raffensperger of the 50th, and Hill of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for freedom of religious speech for students and faculty members in public schools; to provide for student protections in student expression, class assignments, organization of religious groups and activities, and limited public forums; to provide for model policies by each local school system on student expression; to provide for freedom of religious expression by faculty and employees of public schools while fulfilling the duties of their jobs; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 923.](#)

By Representatives McCall of the 33rd, Rhodes of the 120th, Gravley of the 67th, Collins of the 68th, Turner of the 21st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-3-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unlawful enticement of game, so as to remove definitions relating to unlawful enticement of game and hunting in the vicinity of feed or bait; to remove certain prohibitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GAME, FISH, & PARKS

[HB 924.](#)

By Representatives Rhodes of the 120th, Rogers of the 10th, and Efstoration of the 104th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue bonds, so as to revise the definition of the term "undertaking"; to provide for elections regarding revenue certificates related to electric generating, transmission, and distribution systems; to provide for exceptions to such elections by local act; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 925.](#)

By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Hogan of the 179th, McGowan of the 138th, Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, and others:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding sheriffs, so as to provide for a minimum annual salary for each deputy appointed by sheriffs; to establish within the Department of Community Affairs the Deputy Sheriffs Compensation Grant Program; to provide for rules and regulations; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to provide for an excise tax on the sale of contact lenses and spectacles for which a prescription is required by law; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date contingent on a certain ratification of the Constitution of Georgia; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 926.](#)

By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Belton of the 112th, Stovall of the 74th, Chandler of the 105th, Clark of the 98th, and others:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require each local school system to submit certain information relating to student health and physical education; to provide for a report by the State Board of Education; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 927.](#)

By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th, Dempsey of the 13th, Oliver of the 82nd, LaRiccia of the 169th, Houston of the 170th, and others:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to dependency proceedings, so as to require certain information be provided to a caregiver, foster parent, preadoptive parent, or relative by DFCS upon placement of a child; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[HB 928.](#)

By Representatives Williams of the 145th, Jasperse of the 11th, Chandler of the 105th, Mathiak of the 73rd, and Gardner of the 57th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship, so as to extend the period during which a student may receive a HOPE scholarship; to provide for requirements for continued eligibility for certain students; to amend Code Section 20-3-519.5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a

HOPE grant, so as to provide additional courses of study for an associate's degree eligible for a HOPE grant; to extend the period of eligibility for a HOPE grant; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[HB 929.](#)

By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Powell of the 171st, and Burns of the 159th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the water and sewer projects and costs tax (MOST), so as to allow for additional renewals of the tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 930.](#)

By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Smyre of the 135th, Coomer of the 14th, Shaw of the 176th, Oliver of the 82nd, and others:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36, Title 48, and Chapter 32 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, revenue and taxation, and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority; to amend Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mass transportation, so as to provide for a new article; to create a special district in Cobb County for purposes of entering a rapid transit contract with the authority; to repeal Code Section 36-1-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to referendum approval required prior to expenditure of public funds for establishment of fixed guideway transit; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HB 931.](#)

By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Dreyer of the 59th, Shannon of the 84th, Drenner of the 85th, and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to voluntary manslaughter, so as to exclude the discovery or disclosure of an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity as being serious provocation in the context of voluntary manslaughter; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[\\*HB 940.](#)

By Representatives Cauble of the 111th, Coomer of the 14th, Powell of the 32nd, Rutledge of the 109th, and Alexander of the 66th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to allow the Department of Driver Services to mark and return surrendered licenses and personal identification cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HR 1137.](#)

By Representatives Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Hitchens of the 161st, Tarvin of the 2nd, Hill of the 3rd, Caldwell of the 131st, and others:  
A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to support the members of the armed forces by using the last portion of service

before discharge to support and repair the mental and physical health of our service men and women by passing laws to accomplish this goal; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1138.](#)

By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Hogan of the 179th, McGowan of the 138th, Smyre of the 135th, Hugley of the 136th, and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the proceeds of excise taxes on the sale of contact lenses and spectacles for which a prescription is required by law be dedicated to funding the wage compensation of deputy sheriffs; to provide that such funds shall not lapse; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HR 1159.](#)

By Representative Hill of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Risks Associated with Kratom; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1160.](#)

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A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Risks Associated with Kratom; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES