



# Georgia

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday  
March 27,  
2019

# DAILY REPORT

Committee  
Day

House Budget & Research Office  
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- The House will reconvene for its 38th Legislative Day on Thursday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.

## Committee Actions

*Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.*

### Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee

#### HR 586 House Study Committee on Urban Farming; create

**Bill Summary:** HR 586 creates the House Study Committee on Urban Farming. The committee will consider the challenges and advantages to farming operations in urban environments. The committee is composed of six members of the House of Representatives, with the author of the resolution designated as the chairperson.

**Authored By:** Rep. J. Craig Gordon (163rd)  
**House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs  
**Committee Action:** 03-27-2019 **Failed**

#### HR 591 House Study Committee on Workforce Housing; create

**Bill Summary:** HR 591 creates the House Study Committee on Workforce Housing. The committee is tasked with reviewing current practices and regulations relating to residential design mandates and the effects of those mandates on affordable housing options and consumer choices. The committee is composed of five members of the House of Representatives, as appointed by the speaker of the House.

**Authored By:** Rep. Vance Smith (133rd)  
**House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs  
**Committee Action:** 03-27-2019 Do Pass

### Education Committee

#### SB 15 "Keeping Georgia's Schools Safe Act"

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 15 creates the 'Keeping Georgia's Schools Safe Act'. The act requires public schools to conduct site threat assessments by a certified private individual or company or by a government agency. Every public school must conduct a site threat assessment before January 1, 2021, and every five years thereafter. Every public school must submit a school safety plan to the Department of Education after the local law enforcement agency has approved the plan. The Department of Education will post a list of which schools have submitted a school safety plan and which schools have yet to meet this requirement.

Additionally, SB 15 streamlines communication efforts between schools and relevant state intelligence agencies by designating a single individual at each school as the school safety coordinator. The bill also requires schools to use and promote a statewide mobile application, the 'See Something Send Something' anonymous app, to report suspicious activity or potential threats.

**Authored By:** Sen. John Albers (56th)  
**House Committee:** Education

**Committee Action:** 03-27-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**SB 108 Competencies and Core Curriculum; computer science in middle school and high school; require**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 108 requires all public high schools to offer a course in computer science by the 2024-2025 school year. SB 108 outlines a phase-in schedule, lays out the requirements for charter and middle schools, and allows the General Assembly to offer grants for the professional development of teachers who wish to teach computer science courses. Courses may be taught by a teacher trained in computer science instruction or through a proctored virtual course offered by the Georgia Virtual School.

**Authored By:** Sen. P. K. Martin (9th)  
**House Committee:** Education

**Committee Action:** 03-27-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Governmental Affairs Committee

**SB 71 Hospital Authority; sale or lease of a hospital; provisions; revise**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 71 ensures that the proceeds from the sale or lease of a hospital owned by a hospital authority or political subdivision of the state are put into an irrevocable trust and are only used to provide indigent health care. If certain conditions are met by the hospital authority or political subdivision, additional investment options are permitted.

**Authored By:** Sen. Ben Watson (1st)  
**House Committee:** Governmental Affairs

**Committee Action:** 03-27-2019 Do Pass

**SB 213 Campaign Contributions; content of and certain reporting times for certain campaign disclosure reports; revise**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 213 provides that campaign contribution disclosure reports must be filed after an election year. In each non-election year, constitutional officers, executive heads of state departments, and members of the General Assembly must submit campaign contribution disclosure reports on January 31 and June 30; elected state officials, county officials, members of local boards of education, and municipal officers must submit on June 30 and December 31. The bill replaces March 31 with April 30 as a date for report submission during election years. Any person who makes contributions on behalf of candidates must submit a campaign contribution disclosure report on December 31, regardless of whether the supported candidate must submit a report on that date.

**Authored By:** Sen. Bill Heath (31st)  
**House Committee:** Governmental Affairs

**Committee Action:** 03-27-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Insurance Committee

**SB 142 Insurance; statement indicating that the subscriber's health policy is fully insured is included on a subscriber's health insurance identification card; require**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 142 requires that the subscriber's health insurance identification card include a statement indicating that the subscriber's health policy is fully insured.

**Authored By:** Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)  
**House** Insurance  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-27-2019 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

### SB 195 "Prescription Drug Benefits Freedom of Information and Consumer Protection Act"

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 195 provides a framework for regulating the offering or issuance of travel insurance in Georgia. Any person licensed in a major line of authority as an insurance producer is authorized to sell, solicit, or negotiate travel insurance. A person will not act or represent themselves as a travel administrator for travel insurance in Georgia unless that person is a license property and casualty insurance producer in Georgia, or holds a valid managing general agent (M.A.) or third-party administrator (T.A.) license in Georgia.

**Authored By:** Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)  
**House** Insurance  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-27-2019 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

## Rules Committee

### SB 131 'Georgia Major Airport Authority Act'

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 131 relates to aviation, highways, bridges, and ferries to provide for transportation reformation and commercial airport operations oversight. The bill also relates to state and local governments regarding revenue taxation, public officers and employees. The term "commercial airport" is defined in the bill as any airport in this state with at least 300 commercial passenger boardings in a calendar year.

This legislation creates the Major Airport Legislative Oversight Committee to be composed of members of the House of Representatives and the Senate; the chairpersons of the Appropriations Committee of the House and the Senate; four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, two of whom shall represent a county or adjoining county which has a commercial airport located within it. Each appointed member shall serve two-year terms with the chairperson appointed by the Speaker of the House and the vice-chairperson appointed by the President of the Senate.

The committee shall periodically examine and review operations, contracts, safety, financing, organization and structure of commercial airports in the state. The Georgia Department of Transportation, Department of Economic Development, the attorney general and the state auditor will assist the committee in performing its responsibilities. The committee may employ staff and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents in relation to its obligations. The attorney general is authorized to bring appropriate legal actions to enforce any laws specifically relating to any local government or authority overseeing a commercial airport or subpoenas issued by the committee. A report of any findings or recommendations by the committee will be submitted to the General Assembly by January 1st of each year.

Part II of the bill amends 48-8-3.5, relating to taxation on sale or use of jet fuel, by extending the sunset on the sales tax exemption on jet fuel to June 30, 2039 and establishing an excise tax of \$0.005 per gallon on jet fuel.

Part III of the bill creates the Department of Mobility and Innovation to govern and coordinate transit services across the state. This governance structure employs the establishment of mobility zones and mobility managers. The department will absorb the functions related to the administration, implementation, or coordination of transit services and all federal and state funding relating to those functions that are currently assigned to the Department of Transportation, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and the Department of Community Health.

The legislation requires that sales tax collected on ride-share services be used for transit and transit projects. Also established by this bill is a pilot program to provide provisional vouchers for the use of transit to the unemployed and underemployed. Senate Bill 131 abolishes the Georgia Regional

Transportation Authority and transfers employees of the authority to the department. The State Road and Tollway Authority will continue to perform the same functions, but will be administratively attached to the Department of Mobility and Innovation. Additionally, the Atlanta-region Transit Link (ATL) will also be administratively attached to the department.

**Authored By:** Sen. Burt Jones (25th)  
**House Committee:** Rules

**Committee Action:** 03-27-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care Committee

### HR 584 House Study Committee on Exploring a Floor and Trade Charity Care System; create

**Bill Summary:** House Resolution 584 creates the House Study Committee on Exploring a Floor and Trade Charity Care System. Members are charged to study new ideas to distribute the burden of uncompensated care more evenly across the different types of health care providers. A floor and trade or tradeable credit program for uncompensated care could provide a market oriented approach for the innovative provision of indigent and charity care.

The study committee, which will be abolished on December 1, 2019, is composed of ten members: five members of the House, one member representing safety net hospitals, one member representing hospitals that provide inpatient psychiatric and substance abuse services, one member representing hospitals in rural counties; one member representing freestanding ambulatory surgery centers or other freestanding outpatient specialty care providers; and one representative from the Department of Community Health knowledgeable in health care financing and Medicaid reimbursement.

**Authored By:** Rep. Todd Jones (25th)  
**House Committee:** Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care

**Committee Action:** 03-27-2019 Do Pass

### HR 590 House Study Committee on Georgia's Barriers to Access to Adequate Health Care; create

**Bill Summary:** House Resolution 590 creates the House Study Committee on Georgia's Barriers to Access to Adequate Health Care. Committee members are charged to undertake a study of the needs, issues, and problems associated with Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder with Streptococcal infection (PANDAS) disorders. These disorders create the sudden onset of obsessive-compulsive disorder in children, causing previously healthy and emotionally-adjusted children to experience severe anxiety and emotional disturbances.

The study committee, which will be abolished on December 1, 2019, is composed of eight members: five members of the House, one practicing psychiatrist, one practicing pediatrician, and one public health practitioner.

**Authored By:** Rep. Karen Bennett (94th)  
**House Committee:** Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care

**Committee Action:** 03-27-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Ways & Means Committee

### SB 119 "Georgia Measuring Success Act"

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 119 amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, by including an exemption for organ procurement organizations. Each organ procurement organization is required to submit an annual report to the Department of Community Health, which includes the number of donors and transplants facilitated by the organization in the prior fiscal year.

**Authored By:** Sen. John Albers (56th)

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**SB 120 "Georgia Tax Credit Business Case Act"**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 120 adds a new Code section, relating to fiscal bills generally, to allow the chairpersons of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee to request from the Department of Audits and Accounts an economic analysis of up to three existing or proposed tax incentives per committee. The requests must be made by May 1, and the department must return the economic analysis to both committees by December 1 of the same year. The economic analysis must include an estimate of the annual fiscal impact of the law or proposed law for the next five years, as well as the net change in state revenue, state expenditures, economic activity, and, if applicable, public benefit resulting from the tax incentive. During the following legislative session, if a fiscal note is requested and a relevant economic analysis was completed, then a summary of the relevant economic analysis must be attached to the fiscal note.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. John Albers (56th)		
<b>House Committee:</b>	Ways & Means	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-27-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**SB 128 Income Tax Payment; person required to submit a statement of taxes withheld shall be assessed a late penalty after the due date; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 128 amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-2, relating to definitions regarding sales and use tax, by revising the definition of "dealer" to lower the established economic nexus within the state from \$250,000 to \$100,000 in annual revenue and by adding the terms "marketplace facilitator" and "marketplace seller" as well as expanding the definition of "dealer" to require marketplace facilitators to collect and remit sales tax on behalf of marketplace sellers. The bill also repeals the reporting requirements for out-of-state retailers.

A "marketplace facilitator" is a person that contracts with a marketplace seller to make available or facilitate taxable retail sales on the marketplace seller's behalf. This includes promoting, marketing, advertising, taking orders or reservations for, providing the physical or electronic infrastructure that brings purchasers and marketplace sellers together for, or otherwise assisting the marketplace seller in making retail sales and collecting, charging, processing, or otherwise facilitating payment for the retail sales on behalf of the marketplace seller.

A "marketplace seller" is a person that conducts retail sales through or facilitated by any physical or electronic marketplace or platform operated by a marketplace facilitator.

The definition of "dealer" is expanded to include marketplace facilitators who facilitate taxable sales to be delivered, held for pickup, used, consumed, distributed, stored for use or consumption, or rendered as a service in Georgia if the total value of all sales, including sales from marketplace sellers and the marketplace facilitator itself, exceeds \$100,000 in the previous or current calendar year.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)		
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## Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.  
To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit [www.house.ga.gov](http://www.house.ga.gov) and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*

### Thursday, March 28, 2019

8:00 AM	<a href="#">Resolutions Subcommittee of Transportation</a>	506 CLOB
8:15 AM	<a href="#">TRANSPORTATION</a>	506 CLOB
8:30 AM	<a href="#">JUDICIARY (NON-CIVIL)</a>	132 CAP
9:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES</a>	341 CAP
10:00 AM	<a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 38)</a>	House Chamber
1:00 PM	<a href="#">JUVENILE JUSTICE</a>	406 CLOB