



# Georgia HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday  
January 28,  
2019

## DAILY REPORT

5th  
Legislative  
Day

House Budget & Research Office  
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- The House will reconvene for its 6th Legislative Day on Tuesday, January 29 at 1:00 p.m.
- No bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

### Committee Actions

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

#### Economic Development & Tourism Committee

##### **HB 22 Public utilities and public transportation; telephone cooperatives and their affiliates to provide broadband services; specifically authorize**

Bill Summary: House Bill 22, which relates to the 'Rural Telephone Cooperative Act', gives cooperative non-profit corporations the ability to furnish, improve, and expand broadband services. These services may be furnished in conjunction or separately from telephone service; however, broadband services are not eligible for fund recovery through the Universal Access Fund.

**Authored By:** Rep. Penny Houston (170th)  
**House Committee:** Economic Development & Tourism **Committee Action:** 01-28-2019 Do Pass

##### **HB 23 Public utilities and public transportation; electric membership corporations and their affiliates to provide broadband services; specifically authorize**

Bill Summary: House Bill 23 authorizes electric membership corporations (EMCs) and their affiliates to provide broadband services, in addition to authorizing financing and partnerships. This bill prohibits cross-subsidization between an EMC's broadband services and its natural gas and electric activities. To ensure the EMCs do not cross-subsidize, yearly audits will take place. Additionally, the customer has the recourse to take a situation to a superior court judge, who will make a ruling on whether or not the EMC has failed to comply with the cross-subsidization clause. Lastly, the bill prohibits EMCs from disconnecting broadband service if the customer does not pay their electric or gas bill and vice versa.

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**House Committee:** Economic Development & Tourism **Committee Action:** 01-28-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## 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](#).*

Tuesday, January 29, 2019	
11:00 AM	<a href="#">APPROPRIATIONS HIGHER EDUCATION</a> - 606 CLOB
1:00 PM	<a href="#">INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION</a> - 506 CLOB
1:30 PM	<a href="#">APPROPRIATIONS GENERAL GOVERNMENT</a> - 133 CAP
1:30 PM	<a href="#">APPROPRIATIONS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</a> - <del>CANCELLED</del> - 415 CLOB
2:00 PM	<a href="#">JUDICIARY (CIVIL)</a> - 132 CAP
2:00 PM	<a href="#">RETIREMENT</a> - <del>CANCELLED</del> - 515 CLOB
2:00 PM	<a href="#">REGULATED INDUSTRIES</a> - <del>CANCELLED</del> - 506 CLOB
2:00 PM	<a href="#">JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE TRANSPORTATION</a> - 406 CLOB
3:00 PM	<a href="#">ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS</a> - 403 CAP
3:00 PM	<a href="#">APPROPRIATIONS HEALTH</a> - 341 CAP
4:00 PM	<a href="#">PUBLIC SAFETY &amp; HOMELAND SECURITY</a> - 606 CLOB