



Georgia

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday
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2019

DAILY REPORT

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Legislative
Day

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- The House will reconvene for its 11th Legislative Day on Friday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- One bill is expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 21 Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; additional judge of the superior court; provide

Bill Summary: This bill adds an 11th judge to the Superior Court of the Gwinnett Judicial Circuit. The additional judge is appointed by the governor for a term beginning January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2022, and until his or her successor is elected. The judge has the same powers, duties, dignity, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities as other superior court judges, and is authorized to employ court personnel as his or her counterparts in the Gwinnett Circuit. The non-partisan judicial election will be held in 2022. The term, starting January 1, 2023, is for four years.

Authored By: Rep. Chuck Efstoration (104th)
House Committee: Judiciary

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 01-29-2019 Do Pass

Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 11

Amendments:

HB 28 Griffin Judicial Circuit; additional judge of the superior court; provide

Bill Summary: This bill adds a fifth judge to the Superior Court of the Griffin Judicial Circuit. The additional judge is appointed by the governor for a term beginning January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2022, and until his or her successor is elected. The judge has the same powers, duties, dignity, jurisdiction, privileges, and immunities as other superior court judges, and is authorized to employ court personnel as his or her counterparts in the Griffin Circuit. The non-partisan judicial election will be held in 2022. The term, starting January 1, 2023, is for four years.

Authored By: Rep. Karen Mathiak (73rd)
House Committee: Judiciary

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 01-29-2019 Do Pass

Floor Vote: Yeas: 166 Nays: 6

Amendments:

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 11th Legislative Day, Friday, February 8, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Friday, February 8, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 12th Legislative Day.

HB 30 Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Bill Summary: The Amended Fiscal Year 2019 budget recognizes \$435.7 million in additional revenue for a 1.6% increase over the FY 2019 budget passed during the 2018 Special Session. This brings the total appropriation for Amended FY 2019 to \$26.9 billion.

The bill, tracking sheet and highlights may be found on the House Budget and Research Office website: <http://www.house.ga.gov/budget>.

Authored By: Rep. David Ralston (7th)
House Committee: Appropriations

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Committee Actions

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

Appropriations Committee

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Authored By: Rep. David Ralston (7th)
House Committee: Appropriations

Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Interstate Cooperation Committee

HB 26 Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enter into an interstate compact

Bill Summary: House Bill 26 enters the state of Georgia into the 'Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (Psypact)', and gives the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists the authority to administer and participate in the compact. A person permitted under this compact to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology, temporary practice, or both, may practice psychology in Georgia.

The compact is intended to regulate the temporary in-person practice of psychology by psychologists across state boundaries for 30 days within a calendar year. It authorizes the appropriate state authority to give legal recognition, in accordance with the compact, to psychologists licensed in another compact state. The compact also allows for telepsychological practice.

The compact creates a joint public agency known as the 'Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission' to promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of the compact. These rules shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all compact states. Furthermore, the commission shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance and bonds, to hire employees, to borrow money, and perform other necessary

functions. Each compact state will appoint a voting representative, while each state psychology regulatory authority will appoint a delegate to act on behalf of the compact state. The commission may also levy and collect an annual assessment from each compact state or impose fees on other parties to cover the cost of operations and activities of the commission and its staff. The aggregate annual assessment amount shall be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the commission. The commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing adequate funds, nor shall it pledge the credit of any compact state without its authority.

Furthermore, the bill amends the Code by requiring any person wishing to practice psychology in this state must provide to the board satisfactory evidence that the candidate has received satisfactory results from a fingerprint record check report conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Moreover, an application to the board for a license constitutes express consent and authorization for the board or its representative to perform a criminal background check.

Authored By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)
House Interstate Cooperation
Committee:

Committee 02-07-2019 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 39 **Physical Therapy Licensure Compact Act; enter into an interstate compact**

Bill Summary: House Bill 39 enters the state of Georgia into the 'Physical Therapy Licensure Compact Act'. It authorizes the State Board of Physical Therapy to administer the compact for the state. The bill is designed to increase public access to physical therapy services by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses. It also gives the board the power to conduct criminal history record checks as determined by the board through the Georgia Crime Information Center and Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of issuing licenses.

Compact state members create a joint public agency known as the 'Physical Therapy Compact Commission', which shall have the power to promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this compact. The commission has the power to purchase and maintain insurance and bonds, hire employees, borrow money, and perform other necessary functions. Each member state's licensing board shall select one delegate to be a member of the commission. The delegate must be a member of the licensing board, in addition to being a physical therapist, a physical therapist assistant, public member, or the board administrator.

The commission may levy and collect an annual assessment from each member state or impose fees on other parties to cover the cost of operations of the commission and staff. The aggregate annual assessment amount shall be allocated by formula to be determined by the commission. The commission shall not incur any obligations until securing adequate funds, nor shall the commission pledge the credit of any member state.

Authored By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)
House Interstate Cooperation
Committee:

Committee 02-07-2019 Do Pass
Action:

HR 51 **Joint Georgia-North Carolina and Georgia-Tennessee Boundary Line Commission; create**

Bill Summary: House Resolution 51 creates the joint Georgia-North Carolina and Georgia-Tennessee Boundary Line Commission. The commission shall be composed of six members, three appointed by the president of the Senate and three appointed by the speaker of the House. The commission shall meet with similar commissions of the North Carolina and Tennessee General

Assemblies in order to take action or pursue a remedy to establish the definite and true boundary lines between Georgia and North Carolina and Georgia and Tennessee.

Authored By: Rep. Marc Morris (26th)

House Committee: Interstate Cooperation Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

HB 95 Jenkins County; appointment of deputy magistrates; provide

Bill Summary: This bill states the chief magistrate and any deputy magistrate of Jenkins County shall be appointed by the county governing authority and shall not be elected officers.

Authored By: Rep. Butch Parrish (158th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass

HB 96 Candler County; Board of Education; modify compensation of members

Bill Summary: This bill states the chairperson and members of the Candler County Board of Education shall be paid \$500 per month, in addition to being reimbursed for actual expenses incurred during the performance of their official duties.

Authored By: Rep. Butch Parrish (158th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass

HB 97 Swainsboro, City of; corporate limits; change provisions

Bill Summary: This bill changes the corporate limits of the city of Swainsboro.

Authored By: Rep. Butch Parrish (158th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass

HB 108 Clayton County; State Court; provide rotation of office of chief judge

Bill Summary: This bill provides for the rotation of the office of the chief judge of the State Court of Clayton County.

Authored By: Rep. Rhonda Burnough (77th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass

HB 124 Centralhatchee, Town of; provide for a municipal court

Bill Summary: This bill provides for a municipal court in the town of Centralhatchee.

Authored By: Rep. Randy Nix (69th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass

HB 125 Bowdon, City of; provide for a municipal court

Bill Summary: This bill provides for a municipal court in the city of Bowdon.

Authored By: Rep. Randy Nix (69th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass

HB 127 Echols County; Probate Court; extend time for collecting technology fee

Bill Summary: This bill states the Echols County Probate Court's authority to assess a technology fee shall be terminated on July 1, 2025.

Authored By: Rep. John Corbett (174th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass

Judiciary Committee

HB 25 **Contracts; provide military service members civil relief concerning certain contractual obligations due to circumstances of active duty**

Bill Summary: HB 25 allows service members, meaning active duty members of the U.S. armed forces, Georgia National Guard, or Georgia Air National Guard, to terminate a contract with a provider of television, video, and audio programming services; internet access services; or health spa or gym services when such service member is ordered to relocate to a location that does not support identical contractual services from that provider for a period of at least 90 days. Additionally, the Code's reference to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act regarding self-service storage facilities is updated to reflect current federal numeration.

Authored By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)
House Committee: Judiciary
Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 91 **Hospitals and health care facilities; Federal Bureau of Investigation to retain fingerprints when an agency or entity is participating in the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's program; allow**

Bill Summary: HB 91 requires health professionals who are required to submit to a fingerprint based criminal background check to submit their fingerprints to the Department of Community Health or, in lieu of that, submission evidence that the department, within the immediate preceding 12 months, determined that there was a satisfactory clearance of their background. However, this time frame is amended to not apply when fingerprints are retained by the department due to its participation in the Georgia Crime Information Center's program of ongoing retention and continuing review of fingerprints and criminal history. This bill also allows the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation to retain fingerprints submitted by a health professional to the Department of Community Health for a fingerprint based criminal background check.

Authored By: Rep. Andrew Welch (110th)
House Committee: Judiciary
Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass

HB 92 **Georgia Municipal Courts Training Council; training hours completed by a municipal court judge in excess of those required may carry over to the following year; provide**

Bill Summary: HB 92 amends Code sections related to the Georgia Municipal Courts Training Council, so that training hours completed by a municipal court judge in excess of those required that year may carry over and be applied to the number of hours required for the next calendar year upon the request of the municipal court judge. However, no more than six hours per year may carry over.

Authored By: Rep. Dale Rutledge (109th)
House Committee: Judiciary
Committee Action: 02-07-2019 Do Pass

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 and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*

Friday, February 08, 2019

9:00 AM [RULES 341 CAP](#)

9:30 AM [FLOOR SESSION \(LD 11\)](#) House Chamber

11:30 AM [Academic Achievement Subcommittee of Education 417 CAP](#)