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# DAILY REPORT

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- The House will reconvene for its 19th Legislative Day on Thursday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Eight bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

## Today on the Floor

### Rules Calendar

#### **HR 164 General Assembly; dedication of revenues derived from fees or taxes to the public purpose for which such fees or taxes were imposed; authorize - CA**

**Bill Summary:** House Resolution 164 allows the General Assembly to, by general law, dedicate funds from fees or taxes for the purpose for which they were imposed. The general law dedicating the fees must reference this provision of the Constitution; provide the specific purpose for which the fees will be used; identify the agency to administer the funds; require annual reporting of the revenue and expenditures by the department administering the funds; and include a sunset date not to exceed 10 years. The total amount of funds dedicated by this provision of the Constitution may not exceed one percent of the total state revenues of the prior fiscal year. All funds dedicated by this provision do not lapse.

Any law enacted pursuant to this provision requires the approval of two-thirds of the members of each branch of the General Assembly; however, it takes only a simple majority to repeal a law enacted pursuant to this provision. In the event the governor declares a financial emergency, which shall be deemed to exist if revenue collections decrease by three percent or more from the previous year, the fees dedicated by this provision may be made subject to appropriation. This option is limited to three, two-year periods during any 10-year period. The resolution also provides ballot language.

**Authored By:** Rep. Jay Powell (171st)  
**House Committee:** Ways & Means  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 169 Nays: 1  
**Floor Action:** Adopted (Resolution)

**Rule Applied:** Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-14-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

#### **HR 165 Property; conveyance of certain state owned real property; authorize**

**Bill Summary:** HR 165 is a conveyance resolution for properties located in six counties, conveying property owned by the state of Georgia or amending those conveyances, as follows:

Article 1 conveys approximately 0.062 of an acre, being a portion the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center, under the custody of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, to the City of Savannah, or to a local government or state entity, for a consideration of \$10 so as long as the property is used for public purposes in perpetuity.

Article 2 conveys approximately 1.398 acres in fee and 1.244 acres of permanent easement, being a portion of approximately 146 acres, commonly known as the Atlanta Farmers Market, under the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the purpose of the construction of a C-D roadway to service the I-75 and I-285 interchange for a total consideration of \$529,976; said total consists of \$290,693 for the improved property, \$81,298 for the permanent easement, \$135,000 in cost to cure and \$22,935 in damage to trade fixtures.

Article 3 conveys approximately 15.005 acres of real property, commonly known as the Southwest Probation Center, under the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections, to Colquitt County for \$10 so long as the property is used for a public purpose in perpetuity and that Colquitt County shall not take, nor fail to take, any action which would cause any outstanding tax exempt bonds to be deemed private activity bonds or arbitrage bonds under the tax code and shall not use the above-described property for any nongovernmental purpose, or any purpose that would give rise to private business use within the meaning of the tax code, which shall cause a reversion to the state of Georgia, or its successors and assigns, of all the rights, title, privileges, powers, and easement granted herein; or to a local government or state entity for fair market value; or by competitive bid for fair market value.

Article 4 concerns a ground lease of approximately 0.68 acres, being a portion of 8.38 acres, commonly known as the Cumming Park and Ride Lot, under the custody of the Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority, to the city of Cumming for term of 50-years with a 25-year renewal option for a consideration of \$10,600 annually and the requirements that the city of Cumming maintain the storm water detention pond in accordance to law and remove of the water tank upon the termination of the lease.

Article 5 conveys approximately 41.188 acres, commonly known as Lanier Technical College at Oakwood, under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia, to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, or to a local government or state entity, for a consideration of \$10 so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity.

Article 6 leases approximately 276 square feet of office space located in the Georgia Public Safety Training Facility, under the custody of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, to Justice Federal Credit Union for a term of 10-years, with two 5-year renewal options, for an initial annual rent of \$5,000, to be increased annually at a compounded rate of 3 percent, and for such further terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission as to be in the best interest of the state of Georgia.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Open
<b>House Committee:</b>	State Properties	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-13-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 165 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	
<b>Floor Action:</b>	Adopted (Resolution)		

## **HR 182 Property; granting of non-exclusive easements; authorize**

**Bill Summary:** HR 182 authorizes the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the state of Georgia in the counties of Barrow, Camden, Cobb, Floyd, Houston, and White, as follows:

Article 1 grants an easement to the Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately one acre under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to construct, install, operate, and maintain underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment that will serve a new visitor center at Fort Yargo State Park for \$10.

Article 2 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 1.56 acres under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground and overhead electrical distribution lines to serve TCSG-265 (Classroom and Library Building) at the Camden County Campus of Coastal Pines Technical College for \$10.

Article 3 grants an easement to the city of Marietta or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.0157 of an acre under the custody of the States Properties Commission for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a pedestrian trail crossing, for the project known as Chattahoochee River (KMCR) Trail (P.I. 0010705) over the Western and Atlantic Railroad for \$1,879.

Article 4 grants an easement to the North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.08 of an acre under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground distribution lines and underground electrical equipment to serve the new Department Region One Game Management and Fisheries Office Buildings for \$10.

Article 5 grants an easement to Flint Energies, Inc. or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.449 of an acre under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground electrical equipment and lighting poles at Flat Creek Public Fishing Area for \$10.

Article 6 grants an easement to Habersham Electric Membership Corporation or its successors and assigns over approximately 0.3 of an acre under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground electrical equipment and distribution lines to serve a new entrance sign at Hardman Farm Historic Site for \$10.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Open
<b>House Committee:</b>	State Properties	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-13-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 166 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	
<b>Floor Action:</b>	Adopted (Resolution)		

## Postponed Until Next Legislative Day

### **HB 35 Sales and use tax; certain poultry diagnostic and disease monitoring services; create exemption**

Bill Summary: House Bill 35 amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from state sales and use tax, by adding an exemption on sales tax for 501(c)(5) non-profit organizations which, as their primary purpose, provide poultry-related diagnostic and disease monitoring services.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Sam Watson (172nd)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Structured
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## Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

*The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 19th Legislative Day, Thursday, February 21, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Thursday, February 21, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 20th Legislative Day.*

### **HB 59 Education; military students enroll in public school based on official military orders prior to physically establishing residency; allow**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 59 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-150 to allow parents or guardians on active duty in the military to pre-enroll a student when official military orders to transfer into or within the state of Georgia are received. Students will be eligible to enroll in the same manner and time as students residing within the local school system, in the public school of the attendance zone in which he or she will be residing, or in a public school in a school system in which the military base or off-base military housing is located.

**Authored By:** Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)  
**House Committee:** Education

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 02-14-2019 Do Pass

### **HB 85 Sales and use tax; organ procurement organizations; exempt sales**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 85 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:** Rep. Penny Houston (170th)  
**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Rule Applied:** Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-14-2019 Do Pass

### **HB 130 State Board of Education; authorize the Georgia Foundation for Public Education to establish a nonprofit corporation to qualify as a public foundation; authorize**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 130 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-14.1 as it relates to the 'Georgia Foundation for Public Education' to authorize the foundation to establish a nonprofit under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The creation of a nonprofit would allow the foundation to solicit and accept more funding to carry out its purpose for supporting educational excellence in public schools and at the Georgia Academy for the Blind, Georgia School for the Deaf, and Atlanta Area School for the Deaf.

**Authored By:** Rep. Randy Nix (69th)  
**House Committee:** Education

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 02-14-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

### **HB 160 Community Health, Department of; pilot program to provide coverage for bariatric surgical procedures; reinstate**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 160 reinstates a four-year pilot program, beginning January 1, 2020, to provide coverage for bariatric surgical procedures for the treatment and management of obesity and related conditions under the state health insurance plan. The Department of Community Health (DCH) will partner with a postsecondary institution in Georgia for pilot program management, data collection, patient engagement, and other activities related to the pilot program, including benefits for medically-necessary bariatric procedures for 250 participants selected for inclusion in the pilot program.

Eligible participants include people who elected coverage under a state health insurance plan and who meet other criteria established by the department. A governor-appointed panel shall review the results and outcomes of the pilot program beginning six months after the program initiation and shall conduct subsequent reviews every six months for the remainder of the pilot program. DCH shall provide a final report to the chairpersons of the House and Senate Health and Human Services committees and the House and Senate Appropriations committees by June 30, 2024.

**Authored By:** Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)  
**House Committee:** Health & Human Services

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-12-2019 Do Pass

**HB 183 Ad valorem tax; right to appeal for any taxpayer that fails to file a property tax return or whose property tax return was deemed returned; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 183 amends O.C.G.A. 48-5, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, by stating that the failure to return real property shall not affect the taxpayer's right to appeal.

**Authored By:** Rep. Brett Harrell (106th)  
**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Rule Applied:** Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-14-2019 Do Pass

**HB 186 Health; sale or lease of a hospital by a hospital authority; revise provisions**

Bill Summary: House Bill 186 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:** Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)  
**House Committee:** Governmental Affairs

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-13-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HR 37 Georgia Commission on Freight and Logistics; create**

Bill Summary: House Resolution 37 creates the Georgia Commission on Freight and Logistics. The commission will be composed of 22 members:

- Three members of the House appointed by the speaker and three members of the Senate appointed by the lieutenant governor, including the chairs of the House and Senate Transportation committees;
- Six representatives of entities which provide freight and logistics services, possess expertise in the operations of a major airport hub, or lead a major commodity or major commodity shipper, major air shipping provider, or major manufacturing operation based in this state. Three of these industry representatives are appointed by the speaker and three by the lieutenant governor;
- Four members who each serve as a local government official, two appointed by the speaker and two appointed by the lieutenant governor;
- The executive director of the Georgia Municipal Association;
- The executive director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia;
- The president of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce;
- The president of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce;
- The commissioner of transportation, ex officio; and
- The executive director of the Georgia Ports Authority, ex officio.

The charge of the commission is to study and determine the best course of action with regard to funding and policy development relating to freight and logistics to ensure growth and support of this industry.

**Authored By:** Rep. Kevin Tanner (9th)  
**House Committee:** Transportation

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-14-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Committee Actions

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

### Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee

#### HB 213 Georgia Hemp Farming Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 213 allows for the cultivation and processing of hemp and hemp products in Georgia. The bill further provides for colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia to conduct research on hemp, including the development of new hemp varieties, seed development, and consumer uses.

House Bill 213 requires hemp growers to apply annually for a license and pay a license fee of \$1,000. Any grower must be a qualified agriculture producer and provide the Department of Agriculture with the following upon application for a license: a legal description and global positioning coordinates to locate fields and greenhouses used for cultivation of hemp; a written agreement with a permitted producer with which the grower intends to enter into a partnership; written consent allowing the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and other affected law enforcement to enter premises where hemp is being cultivated, harvested, or handled to conduct inspections; and a criminal background check. No person may hold more than one hemp growers license nor be issued a license if convicted of a felony.

The state may only issue up to 12 permits to produce hemp, after which the Department of Agriculture may award additional permits based on the financial standing and hemp processing experience of applicants. Hemp producers must pay an initial fee of \$100,000 for a permit and \$25,000 for the annual renewal of the permit. A producer must provide the following to the Department of Agriculture to receive a permit: a legal description and global positioning coordinates to locate facilities for processing hemp; a written agreement with a licensed grower with which the producer intends to enter into a partnership; written consent allowing the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and other affect law enforcement, to enter premises where hemp is being processed; a surety bond in the amount of \$100,000 issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the state; and a criminal background check. Every permittee shall at all times have written agreements with at least five growers. A permitted producer may also apply for and be issued no more than one growers license.

The Department of Agriculture, using its own personnel or qualified independent contractors, has the right to test hemp at the fields and greenhouses of growers, as well as at the processing facilities of producers. If a test sample taken from a grower's facility reveals a delta-9-THC concentration greater than 0.33 percent, then the grower's crop must be destroyed under the supervision of law enforcement. If the sample from the grower reveals a delta-9-THC concentration between .30 percent and .33 percent, the sample shall be retested; if the retested sample is found to be above .30 percent, the crop shall be destroyed under the supervision of law enforcement. If a sample test taken from a processing facility reveals a delta-9-THC concentration above .30 percent, all hemp products at the facility shall be destroyed.

HB 213 states that the following violations shall not result in a criminal or civil action, but require a corrective action plan to be submitted to the Department of Agriculture: failing to provide a legal description of the land; failing to obtain a license; producing a crop with more than the federally-defined THC level for hemp; or otherwise negligently violating rules and regulations. Any licensee that violates a corrective action plan three times in a five-year period shall have their license permanently revoked. If the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture determines that a licensee has violated state law with a culpable mental state greater than negligence, the commissioner shall report the licensee to the United States Attorney General and the state Attorney General.

Within 60 days of the effective date of the chapter, the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the governor and state Attorney General, shall submit to the secretary of agriculture of the United States a plan to regulate hemp production. The plan shall

include a system to maintain information regarding land on which hemp is produced, a procedure to test delta-9-THC concentration levels in hemp, and a procedure to enforce rules and regulations.

**Authored By:** Rep. John Corbett (174th)  
**House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 302 Local government; adopting or enforcing ordinances or regulations relating to or regulating building design elements as applied to one or two-family dwellings; prohibit**

Bill Summary: HB 302 states that no county or municipal corporation may prohibit through an ordinance or regulation any building design elements of one- or two-family dwellings that meet state minimum standard codes. The bill includes exceptions for structures located in a historic district as designated by either the 'Georgia Historic Preservation Act' or the National Register of Historic Places. HB 302 also allows for ordinances or regulations that are consistent with the 'Uniform Standards Codes for Manufactured Homes Act' or a condition of participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

**Authored By:** Rep. Vance Smith (133rd)  
**House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass

## Appropriations Committee

**HB 321 Health; hospital Medicaid financing program; extend sunset provision**

Bill Summary: HB 321 changes the sunset date on the hospital provider payment program from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2025.

**Authored By:** Rep. Jodi Lott (122nd)  
**House Committee:** Appropriations  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass

## Banks & Banking Committee

**HB 185 Financial institutions; change certain definitions**

Bill Summary: HB 185 updates regulations regarding the practices and procedures of financial institutions, along with the role of the Department of Banking and Finance in overseeing those institutions including credit unions and mortgage lenders. This bill extends the definition of "financial institution" to include banks and credit unions chartered by states other than Georgia or by the federal government, provided that those institutions have federal deposit insurance. This bill: amends the definition of "paid-in capital" to remove consideration of those funds reserved for an expense fund; updates the definition of "residential mortgage loan" to reflect current federal regulations; and eliminates consideration of "appropriated retained earnings" from the formation and dealings of financial institutions. HB 185 also removes the requirement that financial institutions maintain a designated "expense fund". Further, this bill amends the organizational requirements of incorporated institutions to require that each incorporated entity maintain an "audit committee", rather than the previously required "supervisory committee".

In addition, HB 185 broadens the discretionary powers of the department regarding investigations or examinations of financial institutions to provide greater flexibility in waiving these investigations or altering their frequency and scope. To this end, this bill amends the requirements for such investigations to allow them to be conducted at least once every 60 months; as compared to once every 24 months as previously mandated. Likewise, this bill limits the restrictions on the receipt of money, property, or loans by certain officers of financial institutions so as to restrict only those officials who examine or exercise supervisory responsibility over any such institution.

In the case of trust companies, this bill extends the circumstances under which the department may base approvals on results from the Georgia Crime Information Center and FBI fingerprint record check reports or other background fitness checks. For shareholders, this bill prohibits dissent from any sale made wholly for cash and from which all, or substantially all, of the net proceeds will be distributed to the shareholders within one year. For bank holding companies, this bill no longer requires an institution to be registered with the department in order to acquire control of a banking institution through formation of a de novo bank.

For credit unions, this bill eliminates previous mandates on proposed by-laws and amends a credit union's power to invest to allow the selling or purchasing of whole loans or loan participations. Customers of a bank that has been acquired by a credit union are also allowed to become members of the credit union once the original bank ceases to exist. The board of directors of a credit union are also empowered with the ability to expel members based on non-participation in the affairs of the credit union. The department's discretion and powers of oversight in investigating credit unions, including mergers of credit unions, is expanded.

For mortgage lenders, the bill expands the exemptions for mortgage licensure and authorizes licensed mortgage lenders to engage in all activities that are authorized for a mortgage broker. This bill eliminates references to the 2010 effective date for requirements necessary to engage in activities of a mortgage loan originator. The bill also empowers the department with greater authority to implement federal legislation related to mortgage loan originators. In addition, the bill creates a process by which a mortgage loan originator license shall become inactive and eliminates the process for departmental issuance of notices of intent to suspend the license of a mortgage loan originator.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-20-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Banks & Banking	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>			

### **HB 193 Banking and finance; banks and credit unions to offer savings promotion raffle accounts in which deposits to a savings account enter a depositor in a raffle; allow**

**Bill Summary:** HB 193 allows banks and credit unions (financial institutions) to offer savings promotion raffle accounts. A financial institution may conduct a "savings promotion raffle", which is a contest where the participant or depositor deposits a specified amount of money into a savings account or other savings program offered by the financial institution where each entry or ticket has an equal chance of being drawn to win a specified prize. The financial institution must conduct the raffle in a manner that is safe and sound and not misleading on the chances of winning. In addition, the financial institution must provide all depositors with information on the terms of the raffle and the verifiable retail value of each prize that a depositor has a chance of receiving, including the odds of receiving a prize and information regarding any fees or penalties associated with such an account. The financial institution conducting the raffle(s) must also maintain all records the Department of Banking and Finance determines are necessary to conduct an examination or audit of the raffle(s), and may contract third-party service providers to handle the administrative details of these raffles. Additionally, the bill exempts savings promotion raffles from the definition of "lottery".

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Emory Dunahoo (30th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-20-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Banks & Banking	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>			

## **Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee**

### **HB 197 Office of Planning and Budget; provide for the establishment of the Strategic Integrated Data System**

**Bill Summary:** HB 197 creates the Georgia Data Analytic Center (GDAC Project), which is to be established by the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) by September 1, 2019. The GDAC Project will be capable of securely receiving, maintaining, and transmitting data in accordance with the 'Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996'. OPB will have oversight of the

GDAC Project. Any state agency or department that creates, receives, or maintains publicly-supported program, fiscal, or health data must transmit or allow access to its data as is deemed necessary to the GDAC Project, as long as sharing the data does not violate state or federal law. The GDAC Project may receive funding from private grants, fees, federal or local grants, or state appropriations. Beginning July 1, 2020, and continuing each year after, the OPB must publish a report outlining the implementation and uses of the data collected by the GDAC Project.

**Authored By:** Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)  
**House Committee:** Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Higher Education Committee

### HB 42 Professional licensing boards; refuse to issue a license of a person who is a borrower in default under an educational loan; prohibit

Bill Summary: HB 42 provides that an individual with a professional license identified by the federal government or the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation as unable to repay student loans, cannot have their professional license revoked solely due to their failure to repay those loans.

**Authored By:** Rep. Scot Turner (21st)  
**House Committee:** Higher Education  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Insurance Committee

### HB 99 Insurance; provide for modernization and updates

Bill Summary: House Bill 99 updates and modernizes Title 33, relating to insurance, by removing repetitive language, expired deadlines, and expired sections.

**Authored By:** Rep. Richard Smith (134th)  
**House Committee:** Insurance  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

### HB 167 Insurance; employees of licensed property and casualty insurers to adjust residential property insurance claims of \$1,000.00 or less without obtaining an adjuster license; allow

Bill Summary: House Bill 167 allows employees of licensed property and casualty insurers to adjust residential property insurance claims of \$1,000 or less without obtaining an adjuster license.

**Authored By:** Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd)  
**House Committee:** Insurance  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass

### HB 277 Insurance; allow good will from insurer acquisitions to be treated as an asset

Bill Summary: House Bill 277 allows "good will" from insurer acquisitions to be treated as an asset. This includes good will up to 10 percent of the acquiring insurer's capital and surplus shown on its statutory balance sheet for the most recently filed statement with the Insurance commissioner adjusted to exclude any net positive good will, electronic data processing equipment, operating system software, and net deferred tax asset.

**Authored By:** Rep. John Carson (46th)  
**House Committee:** Insurance  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 310 Insurance, Department of; must submit an autism coverage report to General Assembly; move annual due date to June 15**

Bill Summary: House Bill 310 moves the due date of the Department of Insurance's autism coverage report to the General Assembly from January 15 to June 15.

**Authored By:** Rep. Greg Morris (156th)

**House Committee:** Insurance

**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass

**Juvenile Justice Committee****HB 228 Marriage; change minimum age from 16 to 17 and require any person who is 17 to have been emancipated**

Bill Summary: HB 228 raises the minimum age of marriage to 17 and require any person who is 17, and seeking a marriage license, to provide documentary proof of emancipation by law. Moreover, the older party to the marriage shall not be more than four years older than the younger party to the marriage. HB 228 requires both parties of such a marriage to present a certificate of completion of premarital education. The premarital education must include 6 hours of instruction involving marital issues and be conducted by a professional counselor, social worker, marriage and family therapist, psychologist, psychiatrist, or clergy whom are properly licensed.

Moreover, HB 228 makes changes to the Code regarding emancipation if the purpose is to marry. The court must appoint an attorney for the minor and must inquire into whether the intended marriage is in the minor's best interest or puts the minor at risk. The minor must provide information about the intended spouse including copies of criminal records or protective orders. HB 228 requires a waiting period of 15 days after the emancipation of the minor before the court can issue a marriage license.

**Authored By:** Rep. Andrew Welch (110th)

**House Committee:** Juvenile Justice

**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 234 Anti-Human Trafficking Protective Response Act; enact**

Bill Summary: HB 234 is the 'Anti-Human Trafficking Protective Response Act'. The bill authorizes the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) to provide emergency care and supervision of any child who is the victim of human trafficking for labor or sexual servitude without a court order, or consent of the parents or legal guardian. Moreover, HB 234 directs DFCS and law enforcement of such a child to an available victim services organization, certified by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, to provide comprehensive trauma-informed services. HB 234 limits the prosecution of prostitution to individuals who are 18 years of age or older. In addition, the occurrence of either of the following shall be prima-facie evidence of the existence of a nuisance when: the owner or operator of any building for any sexually related charges based on conduct in or on the premises of such buildings; or when the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the building is located notifies the owner in writing of three or more separate sexually related charges or indictments have occurred on the premises within a 12 month period. The bill provides a defense to nuisance claims if the owner or operator aids law enforcement in the investigation of criminal sexual related conduct.

**Authored By:** Rep. Chuck Efrstration (104th)

**House Committee:** Juvenile Justice

**Committee Action:** 02-20-2019 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](#).*

### Thursday, February 21, 2019

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8:00 AM	<a href="#">AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS</a>	403 CAP
8:00 AM	<a href="#">NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT</a>	606 CLOB
9:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES</a>	341 CAP
10:00 AM	<a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 19)</a>	House Chamber
1:00 PM	<a href="#">EDUCATION</a>	606 CLOB
1:30 PM	<a href="#">Kelley Subcommittee of Judiciary (Civil)</a>	132 CAP
2:00 PM	<a href="#">TRANSPORTATION</a>	506 CLOB
2:00 PM	<a href="#">Reeves Subcommittee of Judiciary (Non-Civil)</a>	415 CLOB
2:00 PM	<a href="#">STATE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS</a>	403 CAP
3:00 PM	<a href="#">Setzler Subcommittee of Judiciary (Non-Civil)</a>	415 CLOB
3:00 PM	<a href="#">GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS</a>	341 CAP
3:00 PM	<a href="#">WAYS AND MEANS</a>	606 CLOB
3:00 PM	<a href="#">ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM</a>	406 CLOB
3:00 PM	<a href="#">Telecommunications Subcmte of Energy, Utilities &amp; Telecomm.</a>	403 CAP
3:00 PM	<a href="#">Motor Vehicles Driver Safety &amp; Service Subcommittee</a>	515 CLOB
3:00 PM	<a href="#">WAYS AND MEANS</a>	606 CLOB

