



# Georgia HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## DAILY REPORT

34th  
Legislative  
Day

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- The House will reconvene for its 35th Legislative Day on Friday, March 22 at 9:30 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- One bill / resolution is expected to be debated on the floor.

### Today on the Floor

#### Rules Calendar

##### **HR 368 Interstate 14; construction; urge**

Bill Summary: House Resolution 368 urges the construction of Interstate 14.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Richard Smith (134th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Open
<b>House Committee:</b>	Transportation	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-28-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	
<b>Floor Action:</b>	Adopted (Resolution)		

##### **HR 421 Joint Study Committee on Infant and Toddler Social and Emotional Health; create**

Bill Summary: House Resolution 421 creates the House Study Committee on Infant and Toddler Social and Emotional Health. The purpose of the committee is to study the full continuum of services that is needed to best support babies, young children, and the significant adults in their lives. Additionally, this committee is to study the effects of adverse childhood experiences on infants and toddlers and the investment of services for these ages specifically. The committee is composed of five members of the House and will stand abolished on December 1, 2019.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Open
<b>House Committee:</b>	Health & Human Services	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-19-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 158 Nays: 5	<b>Amendments:</b>	
<b>Floor Action:</b>	Adopted (Resolution)		

##### **SB 17 Public Utilities and Public Transportation; authorize telephone cooperatives and their broadband affiliates; provide broadband services**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 17, 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.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House Committee:</b>	Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-12-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 169 Nays: 1	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**SB 55 Retirement; method and manner by which a member of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia may purchase an annuity; revise**

Bill Summary: SB 55 authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System to offer a lifetime annuity benefit to certain members. Interested members may transfer some or all funds, \$25,000 at minimum, from their 401(k) plan or 457(b) plan into an account for the system to purchase an annuity. Furthermore, members have the option to elect whether the annuity be calculated based on his or her lifetime only or to provide the annuity benefit to a named survivor. The Department of Audits and Accounts has certified SB 55 as a non-fiscal retirement bill.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House Committee:</b>	Retirement	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-12-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**SB 97 Self-Service Storage Facilities; limit fees charged and collected by self-service storage facilities for the late payment of rent; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 97 updates and revises the regulations regarding self-service storage facilities. In addition to modernizing statutory language and updating definitions, the bill allows the owner of a self-service storage facility to charge and collect a fee from an occupant for the late payment of rent pursuant to the terms of a rental agreement. The bill mandates that this fee shall be no more than \$20 per month for each month there is a late payment or 20 percent of the monthly rent for each month there is a late payment, whichever is greater. The bill allows owners to obtain a lien against occupants who are delinquent in the payment of these fees. Additionally, persons cannot use a self-service storage facility for residential purposes, and the bond required for public warehousemen does not apply to any owner of a self-service storage facility. The bill also sets an effective date of July 1, 2019 for rental agreements entered into or extended after that date.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Open
<b>House Committee:</b>	Judiciary	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-14-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 115 Nays: 53	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**SB 100 Telephone System for the Physically Impaired; state-wide dual party relay service and audible universal information access service; provisions; change**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 100, relating to telephone systems for the physically impaired, states that wireless devices and applications may be distributed as part of the telecommunications equipment distribution program.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. P. K. Martin (9th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House Committee:</b>	Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-19-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 164 Nays: 1	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**SB 121 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Data Base; length of time prescription information is retained from two years to five years; increase**

Bill Summary: SB 121 increases the data retention time of the prescription drug monitoring program from two to five years. In addition, the bill adds the attorney general's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to the list of entities that can have access to the data through the issuance of an administrative subpoena.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House Committee:</b>	Judiciary Non-Civil	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-14-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 158 Nays: 6	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**SB 137 Tuskegee University; specialty license plate; establish**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 137 creates a specialty license plate honoring Tuskegee University. The funds raised by the sale of this plate will be disbursed to the Atlanta Tuskegee Alumni Club, Inc.

**Authored By:** Sen. David Lucas (26th)  
**House Committee:** Motor Vehicles  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 164 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 03-19-2019 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**SB 167 Relative Search by DFCS; foster placement for a child adjudicated as a dependent; determine such child's permanency plan; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 167 increases the amount of preference given to foster parents regarding custody cases. Six months from the date a relative receives notice of a dependency hearing and fails to demonstrate an interest in and willingness to provide a permanent home for a child, the court may excuse the Division of Family and Children Services from considering the relative as a placement. Moreover, the court may presume that continuation of the child's placement with current caregivers is in the best interest of the child if the court finds that the child has been living in a stable home environment for 12 months and that removal of the child would be detrimental to the child's well-being.

**Authored By:** Sen. Matt Brass (28th)  
**House Committee:** Juvenile Justice  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 165 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 03-18-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute  
**Amendments:**

**Postponed Until Next Legislative Day****SB 32 Torts; conditions upon immunity from civil liability in instances of rendering emergency care; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 32 adds to the Code a provision relating to the rescue of incapacitated animals locked in a motor vehicle. The bill bars any civil liability of property damage to a person who, in good faith, rescues or attempts to rescue an endangered animal from a locked motor vehicle. Additionally, immunity from civil damages extends to the individual if that person assists in contacting law enforcement and awaits the arrival of emergency services.

**Authored By:** Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

**SB 132 Insurance; modernization and updates; provide; Commission on the Georgia Health Insurance Risk Pool; repeal Article 2 of Chapter 29A**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 132 amends Title 33, relating to insurance, by modernizing and updating the language of various sections. Additionally, this bill repeals the Commission on the Georgia Health Insurance Risk Pool effective July 1, 2019.

**Authored By:** Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

**SB 133 Insurance; modernization and updates; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 133 amends Title 33, relating to insurance, by modernizing and updating the language of various sections.

**Authored By:** Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

## Local Calendar

### HB 602 Rome Building Authority; create

Bill Summary: House Bill 602 creates the Rome Building Authority.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-18-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 160 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

### HB 607 Chatham County; State Court judges; provide for an accountability court supplement

Bill Summary: House Bill 607 provides for an accountability court supplement of \$6,000 for judges of the Chatham County State Court if the court has implemented a drug court, mental health court, under the influence court, or veterans court division.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-18-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 160 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

### HB 608 Hoboken, City of; change corporate limits

Bill Summary: House Bill 608 changes the corporate limits of the city of Hoboken.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Steven Meeks (178th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-18-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 160 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

### HB 610 Carroll County; Magistrate Court; authorize to charge a technology fee for each conviction of a traffic or ordinance violation

Bill Summary: House Bill 610 authorizes the Carroll County Magistrate Court to charge a technology fee for each conviction of a traffic or ordinance violation.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. J. Collins (68th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-18-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 160 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

### HB 611 South Fulton, City of; levy an excise tax

Bill Summary: House Bill 611 authorizes the governing authority of the city of South Fulton to levy an excise tax.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Derrick Jackson (64th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-18-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 160 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

### HB 612 Hapeville, City of; homestead exemption for residents 65 years or older; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 612 provides a \$20,000 homestead exemption from city of Hapeville ad valorem taxes for residents who are 65 or older, who are veterans, or who are disabled.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. David Dreyer (59th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-18-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 160 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 614 Hapeville, City of; increase existing homestead exemption to \$15,000.00**

Bill Summary: House Bill 614 increases a city of Hapeville homestead exemption from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. David Dreyer (59th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-18-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 160 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 616 Polk County; grand jury shall not be required to be impaneled on the first day of each term; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 616 provides that the grand jury of Polk County shall not be required to be impaneled on the first day of each term.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Trey Kelley (16th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-18-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 160 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 617 Haralson County; grand jury shall not be required to be impaneled on the first day of each term; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 617 provides that the grand jury of Haralson County shall not be required to be impaneled on the first day of each term.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Trey Kelley (16th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-18-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 160 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

**HB 619 Newton County; coroner; provide for salary supplements authorized by the governing authority**

Bill Summary: House Bill 619 provides for salary supplements for the coroner of Newton County as authorized by the governing authority.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-18-2019 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 160 Nays: 0	<b>Amendments:</b>	

## **Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules**

*The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 35th Legislative Day, Friday, March 22, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Friday, March 22, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 36th Legislative Day.*

**SB 32    Torts; conditions upon immunity from civil liability in instances of rendering emergency care; provide**

**Bill Summary:** SB 32 adds to the Code a provision relating to the rescue of incapacitated animals locked in a motor vehicle. The bill bars any civil liability of property damage to a person who, in good faith, rescues or attempts to rescue an endangered animal from a locked motor vehicle. Additionally, immunity from civil damages extends to the individual if that person assists in contacting law enforcement and awaits the arrival of emergency services.

**Authored By:** Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)  
**House** Judiciary  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-19-2019 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

## Committee Actions

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

### Education Committee

**HR 52 Education; all schools, local educational agencies and state educational agency to recognize that dyslexia has a profound educational impact that must be addressed; encourage**

Bill Summary: House Resolution 52 encourages all schools, local educational agencies, and the Georgia Department of Education to recognize the profound educational impact students with dyslexia experience and work toward early diagnosis and implementation of remedial interventions for dyslexic students.

**Authored By:** Rep. John Corbett (174th)  
**House Committee:** Education

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass

**SB 48 Dyslexia; identification of and support for students in pre-kindergarten through second grade; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 48 instructs the State Board of Education to develop policies for referring students in kindergarten and grades one through three for screening who have been identified as having dyslexia characteristics or other disorders. SB 48 also requires the Georgia Department of Education to implement guidance and training in all schools regarding the teaching of students with dyslexia and requires that all schools submit data to the department regarding students with dyslexia. Additionally, the bill requires the Professional Standards Commission to create a dyslexia endorsement for teachers and require dyslexia instruction in teacher preparation programs. The state school superintendent is to establish a three-year pilot program. After the pilot program is concluded, the state school superintendent will make recommendations regarding the identification of and interventions for students with characteristics of dyslexia to the House Education Committee and the Senate Committee on Education and Youth.

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

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**SB 60 "Jeremy Nelson and Nick Blakely Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act"**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 60 creates the 'Jeremy Nelson and Nick Blakely Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act'. This Act requires the Department of Education to develop and publish guidelines relating to cardiac arrest. A student who faints or passes out during or immediately after participating in an interscholastic athletic activity will be removed from participation by the athletic director, coach, or trainer. If a student exhibits any of the other warning signs for cardiac arrest, that student may be removed immediately if the athletic trainer reasonably believes the symptoms are cardiac related.

In the absence of an athletic trainer, coaches who observe any symptoms must notify the parents or guardians of the student so the parent or guardian can determine what treatment, if any, is necessary.

A student who is removed from participation after exhibiting a symptom of cardiac arrest will not be allowed to return to play without a written release by a health care provider. A coach must review the guidelines and materials each school year and is not allowed to coach until the requirements of this Act are completed.

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

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**SB 68 Local School Systems; financial management; strengthen provisions**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 68 increases training requirements for local boards of education by the addition of financial management training and requires all previous annual training requirements be completed before becoming eligible for re-election. Newly-elected board members will receive guidance and training specific to his or her local school system's most recent audit findings and the risk status of the local school system.

The Department of Audits and Accounts shall designate local school systems that have had irregularities or budget deficits for three or more consecutive years as high-risk local school systems and school systems with one year to two consecutive years of irregularities or budget deficits as moderate-risk local school systems. The local school superintendent must submit a corrective action plan to the Department of Education within 120 days of receiving notice of the risk designation from the local board of education. The local school superintendent or a high-risk or moderate-risk local school system will also be required by Senate Bill 68 to complete financial management and financial governance training.

SB 68 requires specific contractual obligations to be made relating to maintaining or achieving financial stability of the local school system when entering into a flexibility contract with the State Board of Education. If a system has been designated as a high-risk local school system, there must be a written corrective action plan in place.

The Department of Education will monitor the financial stability of each local school system and provide support and guidance to high-risk and moderate-risk local school systems.

Part II of Senate Bill 68 amends multiple provisions of the Code relating to the Chief Turnaround Office by moving the oversight of turnaround schools from the State Board of Education to the Department of Education and establishing a teacher leader stipend.

“Teacher leaders”, known as turnaround instructional innovation specialists, will be eligible to receive a stipend funded by a 2:1 state/local partnership with \$5,000 coming from the state and another \$2,500 from the local system. A teacher leader must agree to teach in a turnaround school for at least three consecutive years and to other criteria as required by the state school superintendent in O.C.G.A. 20-14-49.4(c) in order to receive a stipend. After receiving a stipend for three consecutive years the teacher leader will be eligible to convert the state portion of the stipend into a permanent salary step increase on the state salary schedule, subject to appropriations.

Part III of Senate Bill 68 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-989.7 to allow teachers who have accepted a contract for the fourth or subsequent consecutive school year to appeal a personnel evaluation of 'Unsatisfactory,' 'Ineffective,' or 'Needs Development'. Local school systems must develop an appeals policy for teachers.

**Authored By:** Sen. Freddie Sims (12th)  
**House** Education  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 03-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

**SB 83 Quality Basic Education; elective courses in History and Literature of the Old and New Testament Eras; provisions; revise**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 83 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-148 by expanding the curriculum provisions to allow high schools to provide elective courses on the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.

Senate Bill 83 codifies the 'Realizing Education Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Scholarship Act'. The REACH scholarship is a needs-based mentoring and scholarship program established to provide support to students to ensure graduation from high-school and postsecondary educational success. The legislation further defines the student eligibility, school requirements, and commitment requirements by all parties to the REACH scholarship program.

**Authored By:** Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)  
**House Committee:** Education

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

### HB 599 Douglas County; Board of Commissioners; change expense allowance of chairperson and members

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 599 states the chairperson of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners shall be full time and shall be paid 66 percent of the base salary for a superior court judge as set forth in Code Section 45-7-4. The other four board members shall serve part time and shall be paid 16 percent of the base salary of a superior court judge as set forth in Code Section 45-7-4. The members of the board shall be paid up to \$6,000 a year for expenses incurred on official business.

**Authored By:** Rep. Kimberly Alexander (66th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass

### HB 613 Flovilla, City of; municipal court; dissolve

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 613 dissolves the municipal court of the city of Flovilla and grants all matters of jurisdiction to the Butts County Magistrate Court.

**Authored By:** Rep. Susan Holmes (129th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass

### HB 622 Sinclair Water Authority; determination of a quorum of the members of the board; change

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 622 changes the determination of a quorum of the members of the Sinclair Water Authority.

**Authored By:** Rep. Ricky Williams (145th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass

### HB 625 Coweta County; levy an excise tax

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 625 authorizes the governing authority of Coweta County to levy an excise tax.

**Authored By:** Rep. Lynn Smith (70th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass

### HB 626 Newnan, City of; levy an excise tax

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 626 authorizes the governing authority of the city of Newnan to levy an excise tax.

**Authored By:** Rep. Lynn Smith (70th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass

## Judiciary Committee

### HR 228 President of the United States and United States Congress; enact legislation securing the citizenship of internationally adopted adult individuals; urge

**Bill Summary:** HR 288 urges the United States Congress to enact legislation that secures the citizenship of internationally adopted children who were born before February 27, 1982; were legally adopted by United States citizens; and legally entered the United States in the custody of their adopted citizen-parents, but are not American citizens themselves because their adopted parents did not complete all of the necessary processes to provide them with valid citizenship. They are subject to a criminal background check regarding conviction for use of physical force.

Internationally-adopted children who were born after February 27, 1982, and who otherwise meet this standard, have already been granted automatic citizenship by federal law. The resolution further establishes Georgia's disapproval for the deportation of individuals who were legally adopted as children by parents with United States citizenship. The legislation called for in this resolution does not affect individuals brought into the United States outside the legal adoption process.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mike Glanton (75th)

**House** Judiciary

**Committee:**

**Committee**

**Action:**

03-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

### SB 29 Waiver of Immunity for Motor Vehicle Claims; definition to clarify sheriff, deputy sheriff, other agent, servant, or employee of sheriff's office; include

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 29 revises the definition of "officer", as it relates to waiving sovereign immunity for local government entities, to expressly include sheriff, deputy sheriff, or other agent, servant, or employee of a sheriff's office, so that these individuals are protected from liability for official acts particularly in torts involving use of a covered motor vehicle in performance of his or her official duties.

**Authored By:** Sen. Harold Jones II (22nd)

**House** Judiciary

**Committee:**

**Committee**

**Action:**

03-21-2019 Do Pass

### SB 37 Statute of Frauds; clarify that a mutual agreement to modify an existing promise, agreement, contract; shall be in writing and subject to statute of frauds

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 37 amends the requirements for making obligations binding on a promisor. Currently, certain promises must be in writing to be enforceable. These promises include promises by an executor, administrator, guardian, or trustee to answer damages out of his or her own estate; promises to answer for the debt, default, or miscarriage of another; any agreement made upon consideration of marriage; any contract for sale of lands, or any interest in or concerning lands; any agreement that is not to be performed within one year from the making thereof; any promise to revive a debt barred by a statute of limitation; and any commitment to lend money.

This bill states any agreement to modify, alter, cancel, repeal, revoke, release, or rescind such a promise, agreement, contract or commitment must also be in writing and signed by all parties; however, when a party admits in a pleading, testimony, or otherwise in court that such an agreement was made, that agreement shall be enforceable even if not reduced to writing.

**Authored By:** Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)

**House** Judiciary

**Committee:**

**Committee**

**Action:**

03-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Juvenile Justice Committee

### SB 158 "Anti-Human Trafficking Protective Response Act"

Bill Summary: SB 158 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 the consent of the parents or legal guardian. Moreover, SB 158 directs DFCS and law enforcement to take the child to an available victim services organization, which is certified by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, to provide comprehensive trauma-informed services.

SB 158 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 that two or more separate sexually-related charges or indictments have occurred on the premises within a 24-month period prior to the notice, and another sexually related charge occurs within the next 24-month period after said notice. 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:** Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)  
**House Committee:** Juvenile Justice

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Natural Resources & Environment Committee

### HR 48 Georgia's coastal tourism and fisheries; support

Bill Summary: HR 48 declares the state of Georgia's opposition to oil and gas exploration and drilling activities, and expresses support for coastal Georgia tourism and fisheries.

**Authored By:** Rep. Carl Gilliard (162nd)  
**House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass

## Transportation Committee

### SB 200 Georgia Department of Transportation; procedure for appealing the rejection of a contract bid; require

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 200 requires that the Department of Transportation establish a procedure to appeal the rejection of any bid for contracts the department is authorized to enter into by rule and regulation.

**Authored By:** Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)  
**House Committee:** Transportation

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass

## Ways & Means Committee

### SB 65 Alternative Ad Valorem Tax on Motor Vehicles; transfer of a title between legal entities owned by the same person; not constitute a taxable event; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 65 amends Code Section 48-5C-1, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, by allowing an exemption from the title ad valorem tax when a title is transferred from one legal entity to another legal entity in which the same individual owns at least 50 percent of each entity and the title ad valorem tax has been levied on the vehicle and paid by the transferring entity or individual. The bill also amends the definition of "fair market value" as it relates to used

motor vehicles and kit cars, lowers the tax rate from 7 percent to 6.6 percent for January 1, 2020 through July 1, 2023, and extends the range for model year vehicles receiving a reduced rate of 0.5 percent from 1963 to 1985 model years to 1963 to 1989 model years.

The definition of "fair market value" of a new and used vehicle is amended to equal the retail selling price of the vehicle less any reduction for a trade-in when purchased from a new or used car dealer and the "fair market value" for kit cars is amended to equal the retail selling price of the kit.

The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2020.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)	<b>Committee</b>	03-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Ways & Means	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute
<b>Committee:</b>			

### **SB 127 Motor Fuel Tax; electronic filing of certain reports; require**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 694 amends O.C.G.A. 48-9-8, relating to reports from distributors regarding the motor fuel tax, by requiring that the monthly reports be submitted electronically.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)	<b>Committee</b>	03-21-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Ways & Means	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>			

### **SB 144 Taxes on Tobacco Products; issuance of special event tobacco permits; authorizing off-premise sales of certain tobacco products; provide**

**Bill Summary:** SB 144 allows for a licensed dealer engaged in the tobacco business to apply for a special event tobacco permit for the off-premise sale of cigars, cigarettes, or smokeless tobacco at a temporary location offsite from the licensed location for a period of no more than 10 days. All such permits will be issued by the commissioner of the Department of Revenue, who will also make rules and regulations regarding the application and issuance of such permits. SB 144 does not affect local ordinances regarding tobacco.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)	<b>Committee</b>	03-21-2019 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Ways & Means	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>			

### **SB 183 Revenue and Taxation; each person that files FORM 1099-K with the Internal Revenue Service shall also file electronically to the state revenue commissioner on or before federal deadline; provide**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 183 amends Code Section 48-2-32, relating to forms of payment, by requiring that each person that is required to file Form 1099-K with the IRS to electronically file a copy of the Form 1099-K with the commissioner of the Department of Revenue.

The bill also amends Chapter 7 of Title 48 by establishing late penalties for the delayed release of 1099 and W-2 forms to an employee and to the Department of Revenue. The penalties for submitting 1099s and W-2s after January 31 to the employee are: \$10 per statement filed up to 30 days late not to exceed \$50,000; \$20 per statement filed between 31 and 210 days late not to exceed \$100,000; and \$50 per statement filed more than 210 days late not to exceed \$200,000. The penalties for submitting 1099s and W-2s after January 31 to the Department of Revenue are identical to the penalties for employees.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)	<b>Committee</b>	03-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Ways & Means	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute
<b>Committee:</b>			

### **SB 216 Ad Valorem Taxation; local governments to accept prepayments of ad valorem taxes; allow**

**Bill Summary:** SB 216 amends Code Section 48-5-31.1, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, by allowing any taxpayer to enter into an agreement with any local government and tax commissioner or tax collector for the prepayment of ad valorem taxes. Before a taxpayer may begin making

prepayments of ad valorem taxes, the local government, with the concurrence of the tax commissioner or tax collector, must adopt a resolution authorizing prepayment agreements.

The bill also amends Code Section 48-4-1, relating to procedures for sales under tax levies and executions, by allowing the tax commissioner or tax collector to conduct a sale for taxes due in the office of the tax commissioner or tax collector or another location which must be identified in the notice required.

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**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Committee Action:** 03-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Committee Meeting Schedule

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### Friday, March 22, 2019

9:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES</a> 341 CAP
9:00 AM	<a href="#">INDUSTRY AND LABOR</a> 403 CAP
9:30 AM	<a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 35)</a> House Chamber
1:00 PM	<a href="#">PUBLIC SAFETY &amp; HOMELAND SECURITY</a> 406 CLOB