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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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DAILY REPORT

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House Budget & Research Office
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- The House will reconvene for its 39th Legislative Day on Friday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Six bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Conference Committee Reports

HB 31 General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Bill Summary: House Bill 31, the Fiscal Year 2020 budget, is set by a revenue estimate of \$27.5 billion, an increase of \$1 billion or 3.95% over the FY 2019 original budget. K-12 Education is designated to receive 63% of the new revenue. For the total budget, all education agencies receive 55% of available funds, followed by 22% budgeted for health and human services agencies, 8% for public safety activities and the remaining 15% for economic development and general government agencies.

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

Authored By: Rep. David Ralston (7th)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open

Conference Committee Reports: (Adoption of the conference committee report represents final passage of the bill.)

Motions to Insist

SB 110 Courts; State-wide Business Court; pursuant to the Constitution of this state; establish

Bill Summary: SB 110 provides the general legislation for the statewide business court as approved by the constitutional referendum in 2018. The terms of court are the same as the Georgia Supreme Court. Except as otherwise provided under the Georgia Constitution, pretrial proceedings shall be held in Atlanta, the main office, or at the court's sole discretion, via teleconference; all trials shall be held in the county as determined according to traditional venue rules, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. A judge shall appoint another court judge if there must be a recusal, and if one is not available, the Georgia Supreme Court shall order a sitting judge of the Court of Appeals, superior, or state court to sit by designation in that case.

The court shall not have jurisdiction over cases involving physical or emotional injury, residential landlord and tenant disputes, or foreclosures, but it will have jurisdiction over equity cases, regardless of the amount in controversy, related to: corporations; small business entities; internal affairs of businesses; sale of goods under the uniform commercial Code; securities; arbitration; licensing of any intellectual property right arising from e-commerce agreements involving commercial real property; and where the state and federal courts have concurrent jurisdiction. When damages are the only relief requested, the amount in controversy must be at least \$250,000 unless the dispute is only for damages related to commercial real property, and then the amount in controversy must exceed \$1 million.

Cases may come before the court by: (1) a party filing in the court to initiate a civil action that has not already been filed in superior court or state court; (2) a party to an action already in state or superior court who files a transfer to the court within 60 days of all parties being served, or the case becomes transferable and filed within those 60 days and the judge finds the case within the court's authority and orders the transfer; or (3) all parties to an action already in a state or superior court agree to remove to the business court and file that agreement within 60 days of commencing the action in state or superior court. The filing fee is \$5,000 to be paid by the party or parties seeking initiation or transfer, or by all parties pro rata where removed by agreement. When a pleading or petition for transfer or removal is filed with the Georgia State-wide Business Court, the date of filing shall be the date of receipt by the court and any applicable statute of limitations shall be tolled until the court accepts or rejects acceptance of the pleading or petition. Upon proof of such transfer or removal the state court or superior court shall certify the transfer or removal.

The court shall initially consist of one judge, one clerk, and one division which shall be appointed and confirmed by December 31, 2019. It will commence operations on January 1, 2020 and begin accepting cases on August 1, 2020; however, the General Assembly may create additional judges, clerks, or divisions based on caseload and need. To qualify as a court judge, the appointee must be for the past seven years a: Georgia resident, U.S. citizen, and admitted to the practice of law in Georgia with at least 15 years of legal experience in complex litigation, preferably in business. Court judges and clerks are appointed by the governor, subject to majority approval of the House and Senate Judiciary committees, serve a five-year term, and may be reappointed at the end of their term so long as the judge remains qualified. An oath of office for the judge is provided. The salary for the judge is \$174,500. The salary for the clerk shall be the same as the clerk of the Court of Appeals. The judge may be reimbursed like other state employees, including expenses for travel, if the judge resides 50 miles or more from the main office in Atlanta.

Subject to Georgia Supreme Court approval, the judge of the court is empowered to create rules governing the business court that shall contain guidelines and procedures for filing documents and pleadings with the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and to that end may empanel a commission of up to eight volunteer individuals to assist. The judge may appoint and remove law assistants, who are either admitted or in the process of being admitted to the bar. The court may also purchase supplies, publications, and employ other staff as needed, and the clerk will pay them based on appropriations by the General Assembly. Appeals shall be made to the Court of Appeals, unless otherwise taken by the Supreme Court. The court is also authorized to grant relief by declaratory judgment. Proceedings shall be filed in the court as other proceedings are filed in superior court, and similarly trial shall not commence earlier than 20 days after services unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. Also, like superior court, the court has contempt authority. Lastly, only non-attorneys may reject electronic service of pleadings.

Authored By: Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
Motions to Insist: *(A motion to insist sends the bill back to the Senate for consideration.)*

Motions to Agree

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

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) **Rule Applied:** Structured
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

HB 600 Monroe County; Board of Commissioners; provide for the removal of the duties of disbursements

Bill Summary: House Bill 600 repeals a section relating to the road superintendent and provides for oaths, bonds, removal, and compensation for each member of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

Authored By: Rep. Robert Dickey (140th) **Rule Applied:**

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 and each civil case.

Authored By: Rep. J. Collins (68th)

Rule Applied:

Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

Rules Calendar**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; however, 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)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open

House Judiciary

Committee 03-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee

Committee:

Action: Substitute

Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 2

Amendments:

Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

HR 533 House Study Committee on Innovative Financial Options for Senior Living; create

Bill Summary: HR 533 creates the House Study Committee on Innovative Financial Options for Senior Living. The committee is composed of five members and can meet up to five times prior to the abolishment date of December 1, 2019. The committee is responsible for studying the availability of affordable independent living with supportive services and exploring options to expand these types of housing for Georgia seniors.

Authored By: Rep. John LaHood (175th)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open

House Human Relations & Aging

Committee 03-25-2019 Do Pass by Committee

Committee:

Action: Substitute

Floor Vote: Yeas: 171 Nays: 2

Amendments:

Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

SB 2 Public Utilities and Public Transportation; electric membership corporations and their affiliates; authorize; broadband services; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 2 states an electric membership corporation (EMC) may provide and operate broadband facilities or form, fund, support, and operate a broadband affiliate. An EMC or an affiliate may apply for and utilize loans, grants, or other financing and enter into contracts, agreements, partnerships, or other types of business relationships.

No EMC, broadband affiliate, or gas affiliate shall permit cross-subsidization between its electricity services activities, its broadband activities, or its gas activities. Furthermore, an affiliate providing retail broadband service may not condition the receipt of electricity service upon receipt of broadband services, nor provide more favorable terms for electricity services in exchange for the purchase of retail broadband service.

A communications service provider or a member of an EMC in good standing shall be authorized to bring an action for declaratory judgment in the superior court of the county in which the principal office of the EMC is located to determine if the EMC has failed to comply with the cross-subsidization provisions. The bill provides for the selection of a judge who is not from the circuit in which the proceeding was instituted. Additionally, the judge presiding may appoint a special master for the purpose of determining whether the EMC has failed to comply with the cross-subsidization requirements.

The bill states that an EMC that terminates, without cause, a new or existing pole attachment agreement with a provider shall not be permitted to form or utilize a broadband affiliate for one year from the date of termination if the number of poles with attachments under the terminated agreement constitutes one-half or more of all EMC's poles containing an attachment by a provider.

Lastly, the bill states the General Assembly finds a person providing broadband services should be permitted to use existing electric easements to provide or expand access to broadband services.

Authored By: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)
House Committee: Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications
Floor Vote: Yeas: 107 Nays: 62

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-20-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

SB 6 Correctional Institutions of the State and Counties; use of unmanned aircraft systems to deliver or attempt to deliver contraband to a place of incarceration; prohibit

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 6 makes it unlawful for any person to intentionally use an unmanned aircraft system to deliver to an inmate weapons, liquor, drugs, telecommunications devices, or tobacco products without the authorization of the warden or superintendent or his or her designee.

The bill also prohibits the intentional photographing or otherwise recorded images of a place of incarceration through the use of the unmanned aircraft system. There is a provision that allows a person to obtain the warden's or superintendent's authorization for photographing or recording as evidence of a noncriminal intent; however, the failure to receive the prior authorization does not suffice as evidence of a criminal intent.

Persons who commit or attempt to commit a violation of this provision are guilty of a felony. Upon a conviction for attempting to deliver or for delivering contraband, the person is sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 10 years. A conviction of a violation of the photography provision results in a sentence of imprisonment for not less than one but no more than five years.

Authored By: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security
Floor Vote: Yeas: 166 Nays: 4

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-22-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

SB 72 Game and Fish; hunting on wildlife management areas; prohibition; remove

Bill Summary: SB 72 removes county-specific restrictions on maximum open hunting seasons for opossums and raccoons, subsequently setting a statewide maximum open season of October 15 to February 29 for both animals. An archery extension to the maximum open season concerning deer for specific counties is removed, and the Department of Natural Resources may extend the season for archery by rule to January 31 for any region, county, or locale. The bill sets a maximum deer bag limit of 12, except by rule of the department for deer taken on department-managed lands. The department may exempt a bear taken on department-managed lands from the maximum bag limit.

SB 72 also defines "air gun" as any pistol, handgun, or shoulder-held device of not less than 0.30 caliber that propels a projectile utilizing unignited compressed air or gas. The bill prohibits the use of an air gun, except for hunting big game during primitive weapon hunts, primitive weapon seasons, and firearm seasons. This portion of the bill shall be reviewed by the General Assembly during the 2024 Legislative Session and stand repealed on July 1, 2024 without action from the General Assembly.

The bill allows for the use of feed or bait to lure feral hogs, so long as the feed or bait is not placed in a manner that prohibits the hunting of any species of wildlife on any adjoining property.

The bill designates the shoal bass as the official riverine sport fish of Georgia and replaces "conservation ranger" with "game warden".

Authored By: Sen. Tyler Harper (7th)
House Game, Fish, & Parks
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 152 Nays: 22

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

SB 77 **State Flag, Seal, and other Symbols; additional protections for government statues; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 77 provides that any person who damages, destroys, loses, takes, or removes a publicly-owned military service monument is liable for attorney's fees and court costs expended by the public entity, as well as triple the amount of the full cost of repair or replacement of the monument. An agency may relocate a monument if necessary for construction or expansion, but the monument must be relocated to a site of similar prominence. The bill prohibits the relocation of a monument to a museum, cemetery, or mausoleum.

Authored By: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 100 Nays: 71

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-13-2019 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

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)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 174 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 03-27-2019 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

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 the chairpersons of the Transportation Committees of the House and the Senate; the chairpersons of the Appropriations Committees 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; and four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, 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 departments of Transportation, Human Services, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and 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 are two pilot programs: one to provide provisional vouchers for the use of transit to the unemployed and underemployed, and another to provide a tax credit to employers that provide a transit benefit program to potential employees in order to use transit to travel to or from work. Each pilot is established for a three year period and will be evaluated for effectiveness.

The legislation goes on to extend the sunset for the creation Cobb County Special District for Transit so that the county has until 2021 to submit a proposed map of the district and a proposed rapid transit contact, and hold a referendum for approval.

The bill amends the requirement for the Georgia Department of Transportation to provide a ten year strategic plan to the House and Senate Transportation committees by requiring that the Department include an accounting of the hotel/motel fees and the highway impact fees collected for use by the Department. With the accounting of the fees from the previous fiscal years, the Department is also responsible for reporting in the plan the proposed uses for the fee revenues and the uses are required to identify specific projects, with priority given to construction of new highways, maintenance of existing infrastructure, bridge repairs and replacement, safety enhancements, and administrative expenses.

Senate Bill 131 abolishes the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and transfers employees of the authority to the Department of Mobility and Innovation. The State Road and Tollway Authority will continue to perform the same functions and is 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
Floor Vote: Yeas: 104 Nays: 70

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-27-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

SB 135 Workers' Compensation; certain provisions; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 135 provides that any director or administrative law judge of the State Board of Workers' Compensation in office on June 30, 2019 is eligible to be appointed as director emeritus or administrative law judge, respectively, of the board under certain conditions. The bill provides exceptions to the 400-week limitation for the medical treatment of injuries that are not designated as catastrophic. The compensation maximums are raised for temporarily total injuries, partial but temporary injuries, and deaths.

Authored By: Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
House Committee: Industry and Labor
Floor Vote: Yeas: 173 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-22-2019 Do Pass
Amendments:

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 Committee: Insurance
Floor Vote: Yeas: 160 Nays: 10

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-27-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

SB 214 Barbers and Cosmetologists; the number of apprenticeship hours required; change

Bill Summary: SB 214 redefines tattoo artist and tattoo studio as "body artists" and "body art studios." Body artist permits are issued by the Department of Public Health, and the department is authorized to establish reasonable permit fees. Further, the department may deny, suspend, or revoke a body artist permit with appeals conducted in accordance with the 'Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.' The bill requires body art studios to conspicuously display a warning that any body art can disqualify an individual from military service.

Moreover, the bill refines and updates the Code regarding electrical contractors to allow for continuing education classes, within and outside the state, that meet requirements of the Division of Electrical Contractors. Moreover, the programs must self-sustaining by individual fees set and collected by the provider of the program. In addition, persons not licensed or who do not have a certificate of competency issued by the division are prohibited from advertising in any manner that he or she is in the business or profession of electrical contracting or plumbing unless the work is performed by a licensed electrical contractor or plumber.

SB 214 also removes outdated language in the Code regarding the Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers.

Authored By: Sen. P. K. Martin (9th)
House Committee: Regulated Industries
Floor Vote: Yeas: 162 Nays: 11

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 03-26-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

Postponed Until Next Legislative Day**SB 95 Local Government; terms for contracts for utility services; change**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 95 revises Code Sections 36-1-26, 36-30-3, and 36-80-17, by stating no contract for solar utility services or wind utility services shall be for a term in excess of 20 years.

Authored By: Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured

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.

Authored By: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)

Rule Applied: Structured

SB 161 Education; weighted scores for certain coursework for purposes of determining HOPE scholarship and Zell Miller scholarship eligibility; provide

Bill Summary: SB 161 provides that a high school student who achieves an A, B, C, or D in an advanced placement, dual credit, or international baccalaureate course will receive an increase of 0.5 points per relevant course for the purpose of calculating the student's grade point average for the consideration of HOPE and Zell Miller scholarships. The change applies to students graduating during or after the 2018-2019 school year.

Authored By: Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

Local Calendar**HB 639 Kennesaw, City of; corporate limits; change provisions**

Bill Summary: House Bill 639 changes provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city of Kennesaw.

Authored By: Rep. Ed Setzler (35th) **Rule Applied:**
House Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-26-2019 Do Pass
Committee: Local **Action:**
Floor Vote: Yeas: 152 Nays: 5 **Amendments:**

HB 650 Gainesville, City of; change corporate boundaries

Bill Summary: House Bill 650 changes the corporate boundaries of the city of Gainesville.

Authored By: Rep. Matt Dubnik (29th) **Rule Applied:**
House Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-26-2019 Do Pass by Committee
Committee: Local **Action:** Substitute
Floor Vote: Yeas: 152 Nays: 5 **Amendments:**

HB 665 Locust Grove, City of; dissolution and reactivation of districts under certain conditions; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 665 provides for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in the city of Locust Grove.

Authored By: Rep. David Knight (130th) **Rule Applied:**
House Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-26-2019 Do Pass
Committee: Local **Action:**
Floor Vote: Yeas: 152 Nays: 5 **Amendments:**

HB 678 Richmond County; Probate Court; change compensation of judge

Bill Summary: House Bill 678 changes the compensation of the judge of the Richmond County Probate Court to \$142,000 a year.

Authored By: Rep. Henry "Wayne" Howard (124th) **Rule Applied:**
House Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-26-2019 Do Pass
Committee: Local **Action:**
Floor Vote: Yeas: 152 Nays: 5 **Amendments:**

HB 681 Camden County Public Service Authority; revise a term; provide for composition

Bill Summary: House Bill 681 revises the definition of "project" under an act creating the Camden County Public Service Authority, in addition to providing for the composition of the authority and an annual certified audit of the authority.

Authored By: Rep. Steven Sainz (180th) **Rule Applied:**
House Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-26-2019 Do Pass
Committee: Local **Action:**
Floor Vote: Yeas: 152 Nays: 5 **Amendments:**

HB 682 Camden County Spaceport Authority Act; enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 682 creates the Camden County Spaceport Authority.

Authored By:	Rep. Steven Sainz (180th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-26-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 152 Nays: 5	Amendments:	

HB 683 Saint Marys Airport Authority; repeal Act

Bill Summary: House Bill 683 repeals an act creating the Saint Marys Airport Authority.

Authored By:	Rep. Steven Sainz (180th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-26-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 152 Nays: 5	Amendments:	

HB 684 Cartersville, City of; independent school district ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

Bill Summary: House Bill 684 provides a homestead exemption from city of Cartersville school taxes in the amount of 50 percent of the assessed value of a homestead that does not exceed \$500,000 for those aged 65 to 69. Each resident 70 to 79 years of age receives a 75 percent exemption of the assessed value of a homestead that does not exceed \$500,000. Each resident 80 and older shall receive a 100 percent exemption of the assessed value of a homestead that does not exceed \$500,000.

Authored By:	Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-26-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 152 Nays: 5	Amendments:	

HB 685 Fort Valley Utility Commission; provide for establishment and powers

Bill Summary: House Bill 685 provides for the establishment and powers of the Fort Valley Utility Commission. The bill also states the commission shall annually pay to the city of Fort Valley, in lieu of franchise fees, the greater of \$1.25 million or 5.75 percent of all revenue collected for charges for services for the year.

Authored By:	Rep. Patty Bentley (139th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-28-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 157 Nays: 13	Amendments:	

HB 686 Fort Valley, City of; remove a certain geographical area from corporate limits

Bill Summary: House Bill 686 removes a certain geographical area from the corporate limits of the city of Fort Valley.

Authored By:	Rep. Robert Dickey (140th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-28-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 157 Nays: 13	Amendments:	

HB 688 Covington, City of; term limits for the governing authority of such municipality; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 688 provides for term limits for the mayor and councilmembers of the governing authority of the city of Covington.

Authored By:	Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-26-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 152 Nays: 5	Amendments:	

HB 689 Henry County Governmental Services Authority; purpose of the authority to include providing stormwater facilities and undertakings as defined by the Revenue Bond Law; expand

Bill Summary: House Bill 689 expands the purpose of the Henry County Governmental Services Authority to include providing stormwater facilities and undertakings as defined by the Revenue Bond Law.

Authored By:	Rep. Demetrius Douglas (78th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-26-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 152 Nays: 5	Amendments:	

HB 694 DeKalb County; clerk of the Superior Court; require that tax parcel identification number information be included on documents recorded in the real property records

Bill Summary: House Bill 694 provides for the clerk of the DeKalb County Superior Court to require that tax parcel identification number information be included on documents recorded in the real property records of the clerk.

Authored By:	Rep. Billy Mitchell (88th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-26-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 152 Nays: 5	Amendments:	

HB 695 Brookhaven, City of; increase term limit of mayor

Bill Summary: House Bill 695 increases the term limit of the mayor of the city of Brookhaven and provides for the filling of vacancies in the offices of the mayor and councilmembers.

Authored By:	Rep. Matthew Wilson (80th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-26-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 152 Nays: 5	Amendments:	

HB 696 Forsyth County; creation of one or more community improvement districts; create

Bill Summary: House Bill 696 provides for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Forsyth County.

Authored By:	Rep. Todd Jones (25th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-26-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 152 Nays: 5	Amendments:	

HB 697 Alamo, City of; provide for incorporation, boundaries, and powers

Bill Summary: House Bill 697 amends an act providing a new charter for the city of Alamo to provide for: general powers and limitations on powers; the powers, duties, authority, election, terms, method of filling vacancies, compensation, expenses, qualifications, and prohibitions relative to the members of the governing authority; and for official positions and duties of those positions.

Authored By:	Rep. Jimmy Pruet (149th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-26-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 152 Nays: 5	Amendments:	

HB 698 Covington, City of; provide new charter

Bill Summary: House Bill 698 provides a new charter for the city of Covington.

Authored By:	Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-26-2019 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 152 Nays: 5	Amendments:	

SB 7 Board of Ethics of DeKalb County; change a definition

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 7 changes a definition regarding the DeKalb County Board of Ethics to exclude certain employees and persons; to provide for reporting of violations by county employees; to change the manner of appointment and terms of office of the members of the board; to provide for an ethics administrator; and to provide for preliminary investigations by the board and penalties for violations regarding board inquires.

Authored By: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 13

Rule Applied:
Committee 03-28-2019 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 39th Legislative Day, Friday, March 29, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Friday, March 29, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 40th Legislative Day.

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 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's 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 Committee: Education

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-21-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 117 Public Retirement Systems Standards Law; that does not require an individual to pay the full actuarial cost of obtaining such creditable service; prohibit passage of any law

Bill Summary: SB 117 prohibits any public retirement system from enacting any law, rule, or regulation for creditable service unless the individual is required to pay the full actuarial cost of service. Furthermore, the bill revises all existing Code sections where members of public retirement systems are allowed to purchase or earn creditable service and now requires any individual who

becomes a member on or after July 1, 2019 to pay the full actuarial cost associated with obtaining creditable service. The member can make a one-time lump sum payment or payments over a period of time, not to exceed 120 months. The Department of Audits and Accounts has certified SB 117 as a non-fiscal retirement bill.

Authored By: Sen. Ellis Black (8th)
House Retirement
Committee:

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

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 Transportation
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-21-2019 Do Pass
Action:

Committee Actions

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

Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee

SB 162 Local Government; disaster mitigation improvements and broadband services infrastructure; downtown development authorities; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 162 states a local government may regulate the occupancy or rental of residences when the rental is for a fee and is for less than 30 consecutive days; however, the regulations shall not completely prohibit all such occupancies or rentals within the local government's jurisdiction.

Authored By: Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
House Committee: Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications

Committee Action: 03-28-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

HB 685 Fort Valley Utility Commission; provide for establishment and powers

Bill Summary: House Bill 685 provides for the establishment and powers of the Fort Valley Utility Commission. The bill also states the commission shall annually pay to the city of Fort Valley, in lieu of franchise fees, the greater of \$1.25 million or 5.75 percent of all revenue collected for charges for services for the year.

Authored By: Rep. Patty Bentley (139th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action: 03-28-2019 Do Pass

HB 686 Fort Valley, City of; remove a certain geographical area from corporate limits

Bill Summary: House Bill 686 removes a certain geographical area from the corporate limits of the city of Fort Valley.

Authored By: Rep. Robert Dickey (140th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action: 03-28-2019 Do Pass

SB 7 Board of Ethics of DeKalb County; change a definition

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 7 changes a definition regarding the DeKalb County Board of Ethics to exclude certain employees and persons; to provide for reporting of violations by county employees; to change the manner of appointment and terms of office of the members of the board; to provide for an ethics administrator; and to provide for preliminary investigations by the board and penalties for violations regarding board inquires.

Authored By: Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action: 03-28-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 89 City of Decatur; corporate limits; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 89 changes the corporate limits of the city of Decatur.

Authored By: Sen. Elena Parent (42nd)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action: 03-28-2019 Do Pass

SB 230 "City of Tucker Public Facilities Authority Act"

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 230 creates the city of Tucker Public Facilities Authority.

Authored By: Sen. Steve Henson (41st)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-28-2019 Do Pass

SB 244 Dade County Water and Sewer Authority; composition; terms of office for members, and vacancies; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 244 provides for the composition of and terms of office for members of the Dade County Water and Sewer Authority.

Authored By: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-28-2019 Do Pass

SB 246 DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections; board members; appoint and nominate

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 246 provides that the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections members shall be appointed by the chief judge of the superior court.

Authored By: Sen. Steve Henson (41st)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-28-2019 Do Pass

Judiciary Non-Civil Committee**SB 222 Criminal Procedure; Georgia Council on Criminal Justice Reform; create**

Bill Summary: SB 222 clarifies the Code regarding a law enforcement officer's ability to issue a citation rather than arrest an offender for certain misdemeanors, so long as the identity of the offender is obtained through fingerprints, a valid government issued identification card, or driver's license. If the fingerprints are not obtained at the issuance of said citation, the law enforcement agency that employs the officer is responsible for obtaining the fingerprints of the offender. Moreover, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation is tasked with developing a uniform misdemeanor citation and complaint form for use by all law enforcement officials who are empowered to arrest individuals for misdemeanors and local ordinance violations.

It codifies the current standard practice that the state cover the cost of depositions when the depositions are insisted upon by the state, in the same manner as any other motion hearing on a criminal calendar.

Authored By: Sen. Jesse Stone (23rd)
House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil
Committee Action: 03-28-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Juvenile Justice Committee**HR 585 House Study Committee on Gang and Youth Violence Prevention; create**

Bill Summary: HR 585 creates the House Study Committee on Gang and Youth Violence Prevention. The committee consists of six House members appointed by the speaker of the House and six non-legislative members as follows: the commissioner of juvenile justice; the commissioner of human services; the state school superintendent; and three persons who are representatives of social service organizations that provide programs for youth. The allowances for the committee are for up to five days and the committee stands abolished December 1, 2019.

Authored By: Rep. Carl Gilliard (162nd)

House Committee: Juvenile Justice **Committee Action:** 03-28-2019 Do Pass

SB 190 Child Custody Intrastate Jurisdiction Act; party may bring a counterclaim for contempt in response to a complaint seeking a change of legal or physical custody; provide

Bill Summary: SB 190 updates and clarifies the Code regarding legal custody and physical custody of a minor child. The bill also allows for counter claim actions in custody cases.

Authored By: Sen. John Kennedy (18th)
House Committee: Juvenile Justice

Committee Action: 03-28-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Regulated Industries Committee

SB 146 Alcoholic Beverages; retail package liquor stores conduct tasting events; samples of alcoholic beverages may be served; provide

Bill Summary: SB 146 allows cities or municipalities that permit the sale of alcoholic beverages for on or off premises consumption on Sunday, the ability to extend the on premises sale and consumption from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight without a referendum but through the adoption of a resolution or ordinance. The bill also provides exceptions to the distance requirements for the sale of alcoholic beverages in relation to college campuses, located within a historic district, when permitted by local resolution or ordinance. Moreover, the bill allows a representative or salesperson of a manufacturer or wholesaler to provide small samples of alcoholic beverages to a retail dealer or employees for consumption on licensed premises. SB 146 allows for 24 tasting events to occur in a retail package liquor stores in all municipalities and counties in which the sale of alcoholic is lawful, subject to the following conditions: the event takes place on licensed premises; the event does not exceed four hours; only one type of alcoholic beverage is served, however, more than one brand may be offered so long as not more than four packages are opened at any one time; not more than eight ounces of malt beverages may be served to a consumer; not more than five ounces of wine may be served to a consumer; not more than one and one-half ounces of distilled spirits may be served to a consumer; such alcoholic beverages are part of the licensee's inventory; only food that is lawful to sell on the licensed premises may be offered and at no cost to the consumer; any operator or employee may refuse to provide any brand, type, or quantity of alcoholic beverage to any consumer; the licensee notifies the Department of Revenue; any broken package containing alcoholic beverages are kept under lock and key except when in use during the event; representatives and salespersons of manufacturers may attend the event, but not host or provide anything of value to any consumer, or to the licensee, or to any employee of the licensee; and any other conditions required by the governing authority.

Authored By: Sen. Frank Ginn (47th)
House Committee: Regulated Industries

Committee Action: 03-28-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Transportation Committee

SB 103 Air Facilities; airports owned by a county, municipality shall not assess any fee to a veteran for motor vehicle parking; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 103 requires any airport owned or operated by a county, city, or other political subdivision of the state with scheduled commercial air service to establish at least two priority parking spaces for veterans. For the purposes of this Code section, the term 'veteran' applies to any person issued a motor vehicle license plate designated for veterans and who has that plate on the motor vehicle that he or she is operating or is a passenger therein.

Authored By: Sen. Gail Davenport (44th)
House Committee: Transportation

Committee Action: 03-28-2019 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SR 67 Senator Bill Jackson Interchange; Columbia County; dedicate

Bill Summary: Senate Resolution 67 is the annual Senate version of road dedications. The substitute includes the following dedications:

SR 67, Sen. Lee Anderson

Senate Resolution 67 dedicates the interchange at Interstate 20 and Highway 221/Exit 183 in Columbia County as the Senator Bill Jackson Interchange;

SR 49, Sen. Larry Walker, III

Senate Resolution 49 dedicates the portion of the Highway 87 Bypass from the intersection of Highway 87 and Bellflower Drive to the intersection of Highway 87 and Holly Ross Road in Bleckley County as the Jackie Holder Bypass;

SR 99, Sen. John Wilkinson

Senate Resolution 99 dedicates the bridge on State Route 66 over Crooked Creek/Brasstown Creek in Towns County as the Dick Campbell Bridge;

SR 175, Sen. Burt Jones

Senate Resolution 175 dedicates the bridge on State Route 16 between Pea Ridge Road and Old Phoenix Road in Putnam County as the Cecil J. Embry Memorial Bridge;

SR 215, Sen. Ben Watson

Senate Resolution 215 dedicates the interchange at Interstate 16 and State Route 307 in Chatham County as the SPD Patrol Officer Anthony Christie Memorial Interchange;

SR 265, Sen. Tyler Harper

Senate Resolution 265 dedicates the bridge on State Route 64 over the Satilla River in Atkinson County as the Lawrence James Gillis Bridge;

HR 77, Rep. Tommy Benton

House Resolution 77 dedicates the portion of Interstate 85 between mile markers 131 and 133 in Jackson County as the Edward Monroe Evans Highway;

HR 258, Rep. William Boddie

House Resolution 258 dedicates the bridge at the interchange of I-285 and Camp Creek Parkway in Fulton County as the Representative Joe Heckstall Bridge;

HR 370, Rep. Sheila Jones

House Resolution 370 dedicates the bridge on Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive SW over Interstate 285 in Fulton County as the Edward "Ed" Menifee Memorial Bridge;

HR 449, Rep. Emory Dunahoo

House Resolution 449 dedicates the new interchange on Interstate 985 at Exit 14 in Hall County as the Atlanta Falcons Training Facility Interchange;

HR 450, Rep. Randy Nix

House Resolution 450 dedicates the intersection of State Route 14 and Pegasus Parkway in Troup County as the Sgt. Corey E. Spates Purple Heart Memorial Intersection;

HR 451, Rep. Robert Trammell

House Resolution 451 dedicates the portion of State Route 16 from Old Carrollton Road to the Chattahoochee River as the Jimmy Lassetter Memorial Highway;

HR 479, Rep. Mike Cheokas

House Resolution 479 the portion of State Route 49 South from mile marker 1 to mile marker 2 in Sumter County as the Marcy Tarrer Massey Memorial Mile;

HR 497, Rep. Mike Glanton

House Resolution 497 dedicates the bridge on Interstate 75 at State Route 331/Forest Parkway Exit in Clayton County as the Sparkle K. Adams Bridge;

HR 532, Rep. Pat Gardner

House Resolution 532 dedicates the bridge on Lee Street over Interstate 20 in Fulton County as the Hank Aaron Bridge; and

HR 643, Rep. Jay Collins

House Resolution 643 dedicates the intersection of GA 113 and Interstate 20 at Exit 19 in Carroll County as the 3rd U.S. Army Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Intersection.

Authored By: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)

House Transportation

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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.
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Friday, March 29, 2019

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

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