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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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# DAILY REPORT

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- The House will reconvene for its 10th Legislative Day on Thursday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- No bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

## Committee Actions

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

### Retirement Committee

#### HB 135 Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; creditable service for certain law enforcement officers; expand

Bill Summary: HB 135 expands the definition of law enforcement officer to include any "investigator" of the Department of Driver Services. An individual who meets this definition will receive creditable service in the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) for prior service as law enforcement, as long as that person will not receive retirement benefits from a local government for that same service. The individual has to pay the full actuarial cost of the service, and service cannot be purchased until the individual has become vested in ERS at 10 years. This bill has been certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill. The actuary has determined that a state appropriation is not required to implement the changes.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Amy Carter (175th)	<b>Committee</b>	01-24-2018 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Retirement	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>			

#### HB 365 Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia; benefit payable upon death of certain members; increase

Bill Summary: HB 365 increases the death benefit for members of the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia from \$15,000 to \$25,000. This bill has been certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill. The actuary has determined that a state appropriation is not required to implement the changes set forth in this bill.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Tom Kirby (114th)	<b>Committee</b>	01-24-2018 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Retirement	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>			

#### HB 398 Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; update a cross-reference; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 398 allows individuals who are employed as investigators by the Georgia Board of Dentistry to become members of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, provided they are P.O.S.T. certified. The Georgia Board of Dentistry is required to pay the employer rate. This bill has been certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill. The actuary has determined that a state appropriation is not required to implement the changes set forth in this bill.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Paul Battles (15th)	<b>Committee</b>	01-24-2018 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Retirement	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>			

**HB 409 Appellate court judges; age of eligibility for certain benefits; decrease**

Bill Summary: HB 409 changes the retirement age for appellate court judges covered under the Employees' Retirement System from age 65 to age 60. The legislation also allows the surviving spouse to receive a benefit without regard to whether the appellate court judge had reached age 60. This bill has been certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill. The actuary has determined that a state appropriation of \$585,000 per year for the next 20 years is required to implement the changes set forth in this bill. It is recommended that the employer contribution rate be adjusted from 40.66 percent to 54.59 percent.

**Authored By:** Rep. Barry Fleming (121st)  
**House Committee:** Retirement

**Committee Action:** 01-24-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 571 Magistrates Retirement Fund; member in arrears for dues payments for 90 days shall be suspended; provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 571 suspends the membership of any Magistrates Retirement Fund member whose due payments are 90 days unpaid; the member is only allowed to apply for reinstatement during the first 30 days of his or her next full term in office. Also, the bill adds language that allows the member to elect survivor benefits or cancel the election in the event of death or divorce. Lastly, the bill authorizes retired members to continue receiving benefits if they become employed as a full-time or part-time magistrate. This bill has been certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill. The actuary has determined that a state appropriation is not required to implement the changes set forth in this bill.

**Authored By:** Rep. Sam Watson (172nd)  
**House Committee:** Retirement

**Committee Action:** 01-24-2018 Do Pass

## Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.  
To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit [www.house.ga.gov](http://www.house.ga.gov) and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*

### Thursday, January 25, 2018

8:00 AM	<a href="#">NATURAL RESOURCES &amp; ENVIRONMENT</a>	606 CLOB
9:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES</a>	341 CAP
10:00 AM	<a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 10)</a>	House Chamber
11:00 AM	<a href="#">Tags and Titles Subcommittee of Motor Vehicles</a>	510 CLOB - Upon Adjournment
1:30 PM	<a href="#">JUVENILE JUSTICE</a>	406 CLOB
2:00 PM	<a href="#">JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE EDUCATION</a>	606 CLOB
3:00 PM	<a href="#">WAYS &amp; MEANS</a>	406 CLOB