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DAILY REPORT

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- The House will reconvene for its 14th Legislative Day on Thursday, February 1 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- 1 bill / resolution is expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 658 Excise tax; rooms, lodgings, and accommodations; remove sunset date for the time during which a certain tax may be collected

Bill Summary: House Bill 658 removes the sunset date of December 31, 2028 for the eight percent hotel/motel tax allowed in a county where a coliseum and exhibit hall authority were created on January 1, 1991.

Authored By: Rep. Earl Ehrhart (36th)
House Committee: Ways & Means
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 3

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee Action: 01-25-2018 Do Pass

HB 694 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.

Authored By: Rep. Brett Harrell (106th)
House Committee: Ways & Means
Floor Vote: Yeas: 161 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee Action: 01-25-2018 Do Pass

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 14th Legislative Day, Thursday, February 1 and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 15th Legislative Day.

HB 671 Special license plates; Georgia Beekeepers Association; establish

Bill Summary: House Bill 671 creates a special license plate promoting the conservation and protection of the official insect of this state, the honey bee. A portion of the proceeds raised by the sale of this plate shall be disbursed to the Georgia Beekeepers Association.

Authored By: Rep. Emory Dunahoo (30th)
House Committee: Motor Vehicles

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 01-29-2018 Do Pass

Committee Actions

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

Appropriations Committee

HB 683 Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Bill Summary: The original FY 2018 budget approved during the 2017 Session set spending at \$24.9 billion. House Bill 683, the Amended FY 2018 budget, recognizes \$306.7 million in additional revenue or 1.2 percent over the original FY 2018 budget. This brings the total appropriation for Amended FY 2018 to \$25.3 billion.

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

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

Committee Action: 01-31-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Governmental Affairs Committee

HB 493 Open and public meetings; agency minutes and online videos; require public commentary be included

Bill Summary: House Bill 493 provides that the meeting minutes for any public meeting by a local governing authority must contain a description of any public comment period, the name of every person providing public comment, and a brief description of that person's commentary. It also requires any video archive of a public meeting to contain the complete meeting and to be maintained for at least two years.

Authored By: Rep. Valencia Stovall (74th)
House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Committee Action: 01-31-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 618 Skidaway Island, City of; incorporate

Bill Summary: House Bill 618 is a bill to incorporate the city of Skidaway Island.

Authored By: Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)
House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Committee Action: 01-31-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 626 Sharon Springs, City of; incorporate

Bill Summary: House Bill 626 is a bill to create the city of Sharon Springs.

Authored By: Rep. Todd Jones (25th)

House Governmental Affairs

Committee:

Committee

Action:

01-31-2018 Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

HB 679 Local government; no annexation or deannexation shall be effective 90 days prior to and ending on the date of a municipal election; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 679 provides that an elector who resides in an area that is annexed into a city, which annexation becomes effective between the period beginning on the fifth Monday prior to an election and the day of the election, shall not be eligible to vote in that election nor any runoff that results from such election.

Authored By: Rep. Beth Beskin (54th)

House Governmental Affairs

Committee:

Committee

Action:

01-31-2018 Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

Higher Education Committee**HB 700 Georgia Student Finance Authority; service cancelable educational loans; include graduate degree programs**

Bill Summary: HB 700 allows members of the Georgia National Guard who are enrolled in a graduate degree program at an eligible postsecondary institution to apply for a service cancelable loan. Before applying for the service cancelable loan, the applicant must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and exhaust all other available aid. The service cancelable loan can be revoked if the recipient fails to maintain good standing as a member of the Georgia National Guard for the required period or fails to maintain good academic standing. The loan will be canceled after a period of two years following the last year of study; however, the two-year requirement can be waived by the adjutant general of Georgia for good cause.

Authored By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)

House Higher Education

Committee:

Committee

Action:

01-31-2018 Do Pass

Retirement Committee**HB 538 Fulton County; Board of Education; pension and retirement pay to teachers and employees; create system**

Bill Summary: HB 538 allows the Fulton County Board of Education to create a new retirement system for its teachers and employees. All currently covered employees, beneficiaries, assets, liabilities, duties, responsibilities, and terms of the current retirement system are transferred to the new system. The new retirement system is considered a local system and can be amended by the local board of education, but the board must notify the Fulton County delegation of the General Assembly of any amendments to the retirement plan. 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.

Authored By: Rep. Wendell Willard (51st)

House Retirement

Committee:

Committee

Action:

01-31-2018 Do Pass

HB 588 Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; member may purchase annuity; revise method and manner

Bill Summary: HB 588 allows the board of the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) to offer a supplemental guaranteed lifetime annuity for eligible members. Eligible members may transfer some or all of their funds from a 401(k) plan or 457(b) plan to an account under the system in order to purchase the annuity, with a maximum transfer of \$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.

Authored By: Rep. Howard Maxwell (17th)
House Committee: Retirement
Committee Action: 01-31-2018 Do Pass

HB 692 Deferred compensation plans; governing authority of a municipality may pay costs or fees associated with an employee's participation in a plan; provide

Bill Summary: HB 692 allows municipalities to pay the costs or fees associated with an employee's participation in a deferred compensation plan. Employers are authorized to establish an automatic enrollment arrangement permitted by and operated in accordance with federal laws and regulations. Currently, participation in a deferred compensation plan occurs at the request of the employee and the employee determines the level of participation. This bill has been certified as a non-fiscal retirement bill by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts.

Authored By: Rep. Howard Maxwell (17th)
House Committee: Retirement
Committee Action: 01-31-2018 Do Pass

SB 101 Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; full-time hourly employee with Department of Natural Resources; provide for creditable service for prior service

Bill Summary: SB 101 allows members of Employees' Retirement System (ERS) to obtain creditable service for prior service covered under the Georgia Defined Contribution Plan. The member must accrue at least two years of service in ERS; apply to the Board of Trustees as a contributing member; provide proof of service to the Board of Trustees; authorize the transfer of funds from the Georgia Defined Contribution Plan; and pay to the Board of Trustees the full actuarial cost of service after accounting for the transfer of funds from the Georgia Defined Contribution Plan. 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.

Authored By: Sen. William Ligon, Jr. (3rd)
House Committee: Retirement
Committee Action: 01-31-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Committee Meeting Schedule

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

Thursday, February 1, 2018

8:00 AM [NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT](#) 606 CLOB

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

1:00 PM [DMVS Subcommittee of the Motor Vehicles Committee](#) 403 CAP

2:00 PM [EDUCATION](#) 606 CLOB