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DAILY REPORT

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- The House will reconvene for its 16th Legislative Day on Tuesday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- 4 bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 701 State employment; drug testing; allow testing for all forms of opioids

Bill Summary: HB 701 amends definitions for drug testing for state employment to allow testing for all forms of opioids. It shall not be defined as an "illegal drug" pursuant to a valid prescription or when used as otherwise authorized by state or federal law.

Authored By: Rep. Kevin Tanner (9th)
House Health & Human Services
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 159 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 01-30-2018 Do Pass
Action:

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 16th Legislative Day, Tuesday, February 6, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Tuesday, February 6, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 17th Legislative Day.

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.

Authored By: Rep. Paul Battles (15th)
House Committee: Retirement

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 01-24-2018 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

Rule Applied: Open
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

Rule Applied: Open
Committee Action: 01-31-2018 Do Pass

HB 729 Ad valorem tax; property; repeal certain provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 729 repeals 48-5-8, relating to the reduction of the state property tax through the years of 2011 to 2016.

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

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee Action: 02-01-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Committee Actions

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

Education Committee

HB 655 Quality Basic Education Act; post sign containing telephone number to receive reports of child abuse; require every public school

Bill Summary: House Bill 655 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-324 by adding a new Code section requiring the posting of signs which contain the toll-free number to report incidents of child abuse in a visible, public area of a school.

Authored By:	Rep. Ricky Williams (145th)	Committee	02-05-2018 Do Pass
House	Education	Action:	
Committee:			

HB 722 Move on When Ready Act; definition of eligible postsecondary institution; revise

Bill Summary: House Bill 722 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-161.3. relating to the 'Move on When Ready Act' to further define an "eligible postsecondary institution" as any non-profit, baccalaureate degree granting institution which has been physically located within Georgia for at least 10 years and which holds institutional accreditation by an accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the United States Department of Education.

Authored By:	Rep. David Casas (107th)	Committee	02-05-2018 Do Pass
House	Education	Action:	
Committee:			

HB 739 Tracy Rainey Act; enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 739 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-200.2 relating to professional certification of military spouses by specifying the Code section shall be known as the 'Tracy Rainey Act.'

Authored By:	Rep. Al Williams (168th)	Committee	02-05-2018 Do Pass
House	Education	Action:	
Committee:			

HR 898 Joint Study Committee on the Establishment of a State Accreditation Process; create

Bill Summary: House Resolution 898 creates a Joint Study Committee on the Establishment of a State Accreditation Process to determine if a state accreditation entity should be created in Georgia for the purpose of accrediting primary and secondary public schools or local school systems.

Authored By:	Rep. Brooks Coleman (97th)	Committee	02-05-2018 Do Pass
House	Education	Action:	
Committee:			

Interstate Cooperation Committee

HB 777 Historic Chattahoochee Compact; repeal

Bill Summary: This bill repeals the Historic Chattahoochee Compact found in Title 12, Chapter 10, Article 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The compact's purpose was to promote cooperative development between Alabama and Georgia in the Chattahoochee Valley area to help the area reach its full potential for historic preservation and tourism.

Authored By:	Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)	Committee	02-05-2018 Do Pass
House	Interstate Cooperation	Action:	
Committee:			

HR 943 Joint Georgia-North Carolina and Georgia-Tennessee Boundary Line Commission; create

Bill Summary: This resolution creates the Joint Georgia-North Carolina and Georgia-Tennessee Boundary Line Commission to establish, survey, and proclaim the true boundary lines between Georgia and the two other states. There shall be six commission members, three appointed by the president of the Senate and three appointed by the speaker of the House. The commission shall issue a report of its findings with the secretary of the Senate and the clerk of the House. If no report is approved by the commission, the co-chairs may file the meeting minutes. The commission will be abolished on December 1, 2018.

It also directs the governor of Georgia to communicate with the governors of North Carolina and Tennessee for the purpose of having joint surveys and settlements of the disputed boundary questions.

Authored By:	Rep. Marc Morris (26th)	Committee	02-05-2018 Do Pass
House	Interstate Cooperation	Action:	
Committee:			

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee**HB 724 Monticello, City of; change corporate limits**

Bill Summary: This bill revises the corporate boundaries of the City of Monticello.

Authored By:	Rep. Susan Holmes (129th)	Committee	02-05-2018 Do Pass
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Action:	
Committee:	Local		

HB 730 Clermont; Town of; provide for councilmember wards

Bill Summary: House Bill 730 provides councilmember wards for the town of Clermont.

Authored By:	Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th)	Committee	02-05-2018 Do Pass
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Action:	
Committee:	Local		

HB 771 Heard County; Board of Education; provide new method of compensating members

Bill Summary: This bill provides a new method of compensating the members of the Heard County Board of Education. Each member of the board shall receive \$300 a month in addition to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred while meeting or traveling outside of the county.

Authored By:	Rep. Randy Nix (69th)	Committee	02-05-2018 Do Pass
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Action:	
Committee:	Local		

HB 772 Camilla, City of; provide new charter

Bill Summary: This bill provides a new charter for the City of Camilla.

Authored By:	Rep. Jay Powell (171st)	Committee	02-05-2018 Do Pass
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Action:	
Committee:	Local		

SB 286 State Court of Troup County; charge and collect a technology fee for certain filings; authorize

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the State Court of Troup County to charge and collect a technology fee for certain filings. The fee shall not exceed \$10.

Authored By:	Sen. Matt Brass (28th)
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House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-05-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
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Motor Vehicles Committee

HB 672 Motor vehicles; use of speed detection devices by law enforcement officers employed for the patrol of a public elementary or secondary school; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 672 allows those school systems that have their own police force to use speed detection devices within their jurisdiction.

Authored By:	Rep. Erica Thomas (39th)	Committee Action:	02-05-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
House Committee:	Motor Vehicles		

HB 714 Motor vehicles; reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles; update

Bill Summary: House Bill 714 is the annual update to the 'Uniform Carriers Act.' It updates the effective date from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018 to comply with federal law.

Authored By:	Rep. Terry Rogers (10th)	Committee Action:	02-05-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
House Committee:	Motor Vehicles		

Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee

HB 79 Law enforcement; retaining license plate data obtained from automated license plate recognition systems beyond certain periods; prohibit

Bill Summary: House Bill 79 defines "automated license plate recognition system" and "captured license plate data" in the Code. Automated license plate recognition system means one or more high-speed cameras combined with computer algorithms to convert images of license plates into computer readable data. Captured license plate data means the GPS coordinates, date/time, photograph, license plate number, and any other data collected by the automated license plate recognition system. The data collected shall be destroyed by the law enforcement agency that collects the data after 30 months unless the data is the subject matter of a toll violation or law enforcement purpose. The bill allows law enforcement agencies to exchange data with other law enforcement agencies for official purposes but imposes penalties for improper use. Finally, the bill states that data collected is not subject to open records requests.

Authored By:	Rep. John Pezold (133rd)	Committee Action:	02-05-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
House Committee:	Public Safety & Homeland Security		

HB 487 Disaster Volunteer Relief Act; granted leave from work with pay in order to participate in specialized disaster relief services; authorize certain employees of state agencies

Bill Summary: House Bill 487 allows state employees, under the 'Disaster Relief Volunteer Act', who are certified volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol United States Air Force Auxiliary to be granted paid leave for no more than 15 work days in a 12-month period. This leave is to be specifically used for participation in specialized emergency services operations for the Civil Air Patrol upon the request of the Patrol after activation by a county emergency management agency, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, or a comparable federal agency for that employee's services and upon the employee's agency approval.

Authored By:	Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd)	Committee Action:	02-05-2018 Do Pass
House Committee:	Public Safety & Homeland Security		

HB 657 Firearms; providing to person on probation as a felony first offender; make unlawful

Bill Summary: House Bill 657 penalizes any person attempting or intentionally aiding an attempt to persuade a dealer to transfer a firearm to someone other than the buyer with imprisonment of not less than one nor more than five years. The legislation also provides the same penalty of imprisonment for at least one year but not more than five years for knowingly providing a firearm to any person who is on probation as a felony first offender or to anyone who has been convicted of a felony by any court of this, or any other, state.

Authored By: Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security
Committee Action: 02-05-2018 Do Pass

HB 699 Firefighter certification; military firefighter training may be accepted as required basic training; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 699 amends the Code relating to firefighter training so that any training received and documented as a member of the armed forces may be satisfactory for obtaining certification from the council for completion of the required basic firefighter training.

Authored By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security
Committee Action: 02-05-2018 Do Pass

HB 703 Governor's Office of Public Safety Support; create

Bill Summary: House Bill 703 creates the Governor's Office of Public Safety Support. The office is established to respond to and provide counseling services or any other critical incident support services to all requesting public entities that employ public safety officers for incidents. Counseling extends to the immediate family of the public safety officers, as well. The office is responsible for creating training courses in critical incident stress management and any other related subject matter for the benefit of the public safety officers. The director, appointed by the governor, certifies individuals as having received training and demonstrated ability to provide emotional and moral support to public safety officers and their families. "Public safety officer" is defined in the bill to include: emergency management rescue specialists; emergency medical technicians; firefighters or other employees of a fire department; law enforcement officers or other employees of a law enforcement agency; members of the Georgia National Guard; prison guards; state highway employees; and any other individual employed by a public entity who, due to circumstances, performed activities and actions similar to that of the others.

Authored By: Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st)
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security
Committee Action: 02-05-2018 Do Pass

HB 737 Law enforcement; court-ordered blood tests for protection of officers who have significant exposure to HIV, hepatitis B, or hepatitis C; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 737 allows law enforcement officers who come in contact with a person's broken skin or membranes with blood or bodily fluids other than tears, saliva, or perspiration to request the person to submit to a test and release the results to the officer if such contact was of such magnitude that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have demonstrated it can result in the transmission of HIV, hepatitis B, or hepatitis C.

Authored By: Rep. Clay Cox (108th)
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security
Committee Action: 02-05-2018 Do Pass

HB 751 Georgia Emergency Communications Authority Act; enact

Bill Summary: House Bill 751 establishes the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority with the primary purpose to administer, collect, audit, and remit 9-1-1 revenues for the benefit of local governments.

Authored By: Rep. Alan Powell (32nd)

House Public Safety & Homeland Security **Committee**

Committee:

Action: 02-05-2018 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](#).*

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

9:00 AM	RULES	341	CAP
1:00 PM	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	606	CLOB
1:30 PM	Resource Management Subcommittee of Natural Resources	406	CLOB
2:00 PM	GAME, FISH, AND PARKS	403	CAP
2:00 PM	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	606	CLOB
2:00 PM	REGULATED INDUSTRIES	506	CLOB
2:00 PM	JUDICIARY (CIVIL)	132	CAP
3:00 PM	REAPPORTIONMENT	415	CLOB