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# DAILY REPORT

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- The House will reconvene for its 21st Legislative Day on Wednesday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- 9 bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

## Today on the Floor

### Rules Calendar

#### **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.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. John Pezold (133rd)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House Committee:</b>	Public Safety & Homeland Security	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-05-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 169 Nays: 2		

#### **HB 654 Child support; reforms recommended by the Ga. Child Support Commission; enact**

Bill Summary: This bill amends the definition of "child support order" and "final child support amount" to clarify that the amount and the order can be two separate items and are not necessarily synonymous. Also, when there is more than one child for whom support is being determined, the court shall still establish the amount and duration of support, but if an amount in a final order is likely to change within two years, the court may allow for the use of separate worksheets to determine payments. This order shall not preclude a petition for modification.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Beth Beskin (54th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House Committee:</b>	Judiciary	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-06-2018 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 170 Nays: 0		

**HB 665 Abandoned vessels; revise notice requirements; provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 665 eliminates duplicative notification requirements for when an abandoned vessel is removed from a public or private waterway. The bill removes the Georgia Bureau of Investigation from the list of entities requiring notification, resulting in all notifications being made to the Department of Natural Resources.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Open
<b>House Committee:</b>	Natural Resources & Environment	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-08-2018 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 162 Nays: 0		

**HB 668 Guardian and ward; petitions for appointment of a guardian under certain circumstances; provisions**

Bill Summary: This legislation amends Code sections relating to a petition for appointment of a guardian. It allows a petition to be filed regarding a proposed ward who is at least 17-years old and deemed to lack sufficient capacity to make or communicate significant responsible decisions concerning his or her health or safety at age 18 or in adulthood. When a petition is filed prior to the ward turning 18, any order appointing a guardian shall take affect when the ward turns 18.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Betty Price (48th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Open
<b>House Committee:</b>	Judiciary	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-06-2018 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 115 Nays: 44		

**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.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Alan Powell (32nd)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House Committee:</b>	Public Safety & Homeland Security	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-05-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 154 Nays: 14	<b>Amendments:</b>	AM 41 0324

**HB 757 Local government; regulatory powers of cities and counties with certificate of public necessity and convenience; provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 757 clarifies certain provisions regarding taxicabs. The bill reinforces existing local law governing taxicab medallions, and such local laws will remain in effect so long as they are consistent with existing state law. HB 757 applies state law to reinforce local ordinances that still require a medallion for the pickup of passengers. Moreover, the bill requires the drivers of taxis to prominently display a photo identification card. In addition, the bill defines a "soft taximeter" which is a smartphone, tablet, or similar device that is used as a taximeter and prohibits local governments from rejecting the use of such a device. HB 757 sets the maximum age limit of vehicles used to pick up passengers at airports to be no less than eight-years old for taxis, limos, or rideshares.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Alan Powell (32nd)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	Modified-Structured
<b>House Committee:</b>	Regulated Industries	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-06-2018 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 150 Nays: 15		

**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)  
**House Committee:** Interstate Cooperation  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 159 Nays: 3  
**Floor Action:** Adopted (Resolution)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 02-05-2018 Do Pass

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

*The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 21st Legislative Day, Wednesday, February 14 and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Wednesday, February 14, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 22nd Legislative Day.*

### **HB 190 Domestic relations; marriage articles and antenuptial agreements; change provisions**

**Bill Summary:** HB 190 amends Title 19 to create uniformity between marriage contracts, commonly known as "prenuptial agreements", and divorce contracts, also known as "antenuptial agreements". The bill requires antenuptial agreements be in writing and attested to by at least two witnesses, one of whom must be a notary, which is the same standard for marriage contracts.

In addition, a marriage agreement may not contain provisions that prevent a spouse from paying his or her existing debts. The younger spouse in a marriage or antenuptial agreement cannot invalidate that agreement as long as the spouse is of legal age to contract marriage. If a marriage contract is in writing, it is understood to express the intentions of the parties and no lack of form shall invalidate it.

Either spouse may voluntarily execute an antenuptial agreement. Either spouse can at any time during the marriage, either directly or indirectly through a trustee, transfer title of any property to which the spouse has title without notice, subject to limitations by prior purchasers or creditors. The superior court judge can at any time upon petition change/remove trustees, and does not need to transmit the proceeding in each case to the clerk of the superior court for recording purposes. Antenuptial agreements may be enforced by a court of equity for: the parties to the marriage; a spouse at any time during the life of the other spouse, as long as third parties (such as creditors), if done in good faith and without notice, are not affected; or the offspring of the marriage and their heirs after either spouse's death, so long as the court may enforce in favor of other persons, not including volunteers. This amendment removes requirements and sanctions for recording or failure to record marriage contracts and voluntary settlements with the office of the clerk of the superior court.

Finally, the antiquated term "marriage articles" is removed and "agreements made upon consideration of marriage" is retained.

**Authored By:** Rep. Meagan Hanson (80th)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 01-23-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

### **HB 302 Ad valorem tax; property; change certain requirements to notice pertaining to millage rate adoption**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 302 amends 48-5-32.1, relating to advertising and notice requirements pertaining to the adoption of a millage rate, by changing the title of the notice to 'Notice of Proposed Property Tax Revenue Increase' and by revising the content of the notice to include the proposed millage rate, the total increase in tax property tax revenue expected to be generated with the proposed millage rate, the value of property assessments and the reason for the increase. The notice is also modified to include a statement of what the necessary millage rate reduction would be to remain at the previous year's property tax revenue.

**Authored By:** Rep. Randy Nix (69th)  
**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Rule Applied:** Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-08-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 740 Education; local school system to conduct certain screenings, assessments, and reviews prior to expelling a student; require**

Bill Summary: House Bill 740 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-742 relating to the suspension or expulsion of students in kindergarten through third grade by requiring schools to provide a multi-tiered system of supports, such as response to intervention, prior to the suspension or expulsion unless such student possessed a weapon, drug, other dangerous instrument, or the physical safety of others is at risk.

**Authored By:** Rep. Randy Nix (69th)

**House Committee:** Education

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

**Committee Action:** 02-08-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 749 Income tax; retirement income is applicable as a retirement benefit from noncivilian service in the United States armed forces; clarify an exemption**

Bill Summary: House Bill 749 amends 48-7-27, relating to the computation of taxable income, by specifying that income from military retirement is excluded from state income tax. The bill also states that any military retirement income received by a surviving family member of a deceased veteran is excluded from income tax regardless of the age of the surviving family member.

**Authored By:** Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th)

**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Rule Applied:** Structured

**Committee Action:** 02-08-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 767 State government; verification of lawful presence that may be utilized in conjunction with electronic filing of an application for unemployment insurance; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 767 allows the Georgia Department of Labor (DOL) to require submission of a valid driver's license number or number from a state-issued identification, as well as a Social Security number, when a person is electronically filing an application for unemployment benefits. This bill allows Georgians to apply for benefits on-line and not have to drive to a DOL service center.

**Authored By:** Rep. William Werkheiser (157th)

**House Committee:** Industry and Labor

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

**Committee Action:** 02-07-2018 Do Pass Substitute

**HB 789 Labor and industrial relations; marketplace contractors to be treated as independent contractors under state and local laws; provisions**

Bill Summary: House Bill 789 provides for marketplace contractors as independent contractors under state and local laws. Further, it codifies Georgia case law as to what constitutes an independent contractor.

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

**House Committee:** Industry and Labor

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

**Committee Action:** 02-07-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 800 Workers' compensation; eligibility for appointment as director emeritus and administrative law judge emeritus; change certain provisions**

Bill Summary: House Bill 800 eliminates the positions of director emeritus and administrative law judge emeritus of the State Board of Worker's Compensation. The bill is effective July 1, 2018 and as those positions are vacated.

**Authored By:** Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd)

**House Committee:** Industry and Labor

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

**Committee Action:** 02-07-2018 Do Pass Substitute

**HR 158 General Assembly; provide for dedication of revenues derived from fees or other taxes to the public purpose for which such fees or other taxes were imposed; authorize - CA**

Bill Summary: House Resolution 158 allows the General Assembly to dedicate funds from fees or taxes by general law. The general law dedicating the fees must: reference this provision of the Constitution; provide the specific purpose for which the fees will be used; identify the agency to administer the funds; require annual reporting of the revenue and expenditures by the department

administering the funds; and include a sunset date not to exceed t10 years. The total amount of funds dedicated by this provision of the Constitution may not exceed one percent of the total state revenues of the prior fiscal year. All funds dedicated by this provision do not lapse.

Any law enacted pursuant to this provision requires the approval of two-thirds of the members of each branch of the General Assembly; however, a repeal of a law enacted pursuant to this provision may be done with a simple majority vote. In the event the governor declares a financial emergency, which exists if revenue collections decrease by three percent or more from the previous year, the fees dedicated by this provision may be made subject to appropriation, but this is limited to three, two-year periods during any 10-year period. The resolution also provides ballot language.

**Authored By:** Rep. Jay Powell (171st)  
**House Committee:** Ways & Means

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

**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)  
**House Committee:** Education

**Rule Applied:** Open  
**Committee Action:** 02-05-2018 Do Pass

## Committee Actions

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

### Banks & Banking Committee

#### HB 780 Banking and finance; changes to provisions applicable to financial institutions; provide

**Bill Summary:** This bill allows banks and credit unions to exercise any banking or corporate power, right, benefit, privilege, or immunity of a national bank or federal credit union ("federal power") or avail themselves of any federal preclusion or preemption during the same period of time that a national bank or federal credit union is authorized to do so.

Banks and credit unions intending to exercise federal powers or avail themselves of federal preclusion or preemption must give notice of the proposed action to the commissioner of Banking and Finance. The commissioner shall determine whether the exercise of federal power is appropriate and must consider the institution's financial condition, regulatory safety and soundness, as well as other things. Based on the determination, the commissioner may object and must deliver notice of objection within 45 days of receipt of notice from the bank or credit union. The commissioner may extend notice by 45 days by mail. If the commissioner objects, the bank or credit union may not exercise federal power or avail itself of federal preclusion or preemption, but the institution is not prevented from providing a future notice.

The bank or credit union shall also notify the commissioner by mail if it no longer wishes to exercise a federal power or avail itself of any federal preclusion or preemption. The department must publish a list of each bank and credit union exercising a federal power or availing itself of any federal preclusion or preemption. The bill also clarifies that these powers are independent from and in addition to other powers contained in the Code and in no way limit the authority of the commissioner's other powers granted to banks and credit unions in the Code.

Additionally, the bill removes language requiring a two-thirds affirmative vote of the shares entitled to vote for a bank or trust company to acquire issued shares of its own common stock. It replaces other provisions requiring two-thirds vote with a majority vote, unless the articles or by-laws require a greater vote.

Credit unions are now permitted to purchase life insurance on any person whose death might cause financial loss to the credit union (i.e. directors, officers, and like personnel). A provision is also added that prevents oaths taken by board members and officers of banks and credit unions from modifying legal duties or standards of care. The board may now appoint an honorary director who may be paid, but the director may not: vote at any meeting; be counted in determining a quorum; or be subject to liability as a director.

A licensee must notify the department in writing of any change of executive officer and initiate a criminal background within 10 days of the effective date of such change. This addition is duplicated for the cashing of financial instruments.

**Authored By:** Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th)  
**House Committee:** Banks & Banking

**Committee Action:** 02-13-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

### Health & Human Services Committee

#### HB 161 Drug related objects; employees of harm reduction organizations are not subject to certain offenses; provide

**Bill Summary:** HB 161 provides that employees and agents of an organization which provides direct assistance and services that involve syringe exchanges, counseling, homeless services, advocacy, drug treatment, and HIV screenings, are not subject to crimes relating to hypodermic needles. It shall be unlawful for a person employed by or an agent of a harm reduction organization to sell, lend, exchange, or otherwise distribute to any person a hypodermic syringe or needle

designed or marketed primarily for human use for a legitimate medical purpose.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Betty Price (48th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-13-2018 Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Health & Human Services	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute
<b>Committee:</b>			

### **HB 473 Handicapped persons; additional rights and responsibilities of persons with service animals; provide**

**Bill Summary:** HB 473 relates to the rights and responsibilities of handicapped persons with service animals. Every physically- or mentally-impaired person shall have the right to be accompanied by a service animal whenever necessary to perform its purpose in any facility, all common carriers, airplanes, motor vehicles, railroad trains, motor buses, streetcars, boats, other public conveyances or modes of transportation, hotels, lodging places, places of public accommodation, amusement, resort, and other places to which the general public is invited.

In addition, if such person is a student at a private or public school in this state, they have the right to be accompanied by a service animal. Every person who is a trainer of a service animal shall have the same right to be accompanied as a physically- or mentally-impaired person, as long as the trainer is identified as the owner or trainer of the service animal. The service animal must wear a collar, leash, or other appropriate apparel or device that provides identification with the school for which it is being trained.

Trainers and physically- or mentally-impaired persons shall be entitled to full and equal access to all housing accommodation and shall not be required to pay extra compensation for having a service animal; however, they are liable for any damage done to the premises.

The Department of Human Services may authorize private service organizations that provide assistance to physically- or mentally-impaired persons to create and issue information cards containing the rights of the trainer, physically- or mentally-impaired persons and the penalty of imprisonment for up to 30 days, a fine up to \$2,000 or both for denial and interference with their rights. Any person who knowingly and willfully misrepresents themselves as a qualified trainer shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$2,000, imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Tom Kirby (114th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-13-2018 Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Health & Human Services	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute
<b>Committee:</b>			

### **HB 769 Health; recommendations from the House Rural Development Council; implement**

**Bill Summary:** HB 769 implements recommendations from the House Rural Development Council relating to health care issues. The bill revises provisions relative to pharmacy practices, as well as provisions relative to credentialing and billing. This legislation provides for the establishment of the Rural Center for Health Care Innovation and Sustainability and the establishment of micro-hospitals. Also, HB 769 provides for a grant program for insurance premium assistance for physicians practicing in medically underserved rural areas of the state. Finally, HB 769 increases the value of the tax credit to 100 percent related to contributions to rural hospital organizations.

Sections 1 and 2 allow remote pharmacy drug orders for hospital patients by a pharmacist licensed in this state, who is located within the United States, from a remote location indicating that the specific drug order has been reviewed by a pharmacist. Remote orders shall be reviewed a pharmacist who is physically in the hospital within 24 hours or by the next business day.

Section 3 directs the Department of Community Health to take steps to streamline and expedite the credentialing and billing process for state medical plans and examine the potential for a uniform billing platform. The department will also review standardization of billing codes among providers, post billing criteria on the department's website, and enable concurrent processes for credentialing and contract negotiation for new providers. Billing for telehealth-delivered care, which allows for payments to both the on-site presenter and off-site provider will be examined. The Department of

Community Health will also review maximized billing for a patient who sees multiple specialists through multiple encounters during a single visit in a safety net setting.

A Rural Center for Health Care Innovation and Sustainability will be established through the existing Office of Rural Health to provide leadership training and health data analysis for rural hospitals. This postsecondary institution partner will have a health program or college that focuses on rural and underserved areas of the state. No later than January 1, 2019, an education curriculum and training will be provided to leadership of rural hospital organizations, hospital executive leadership, hospital board members, and hospital authority members for best practices and hospital operating standards. No rural hospital organization shall be eligible to receive contributions from the tax credit, qualify or receive any state funds unless the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer, every board member and every hospital authority member has completed the education program approved by the center no later than December 31, 2020, or within 12 months of initial hiring or appointment and every two years thereafter.

The center is authorized to make application for and receive funds and grants for purposes and projects. The Rural Center for Health Care Innovation and Sustainability is authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with colleges and universities for participation in the work of the center. Each year on or before December 31st, the center will file a report to the governor, the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House Committee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, and the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. The report will include recommendations, a summary of activities on who received training from the center, and the status of rural health care in the state.

Sections 4 and 5 define "micro-hospital" to mean a hospital in a rural county which has at least two and not more than seven inpatient beds and provides emergency services seven days a week and 24 hours per day. The legislation allows for the creation of micro-hospitals without requiring a new certificate of need when a hospital is closing or recently closed and is purchased by a hospital in a contiguous county. The relocation of any micro-hospital can occur within the same county, as long as the facility does not propose to offer any new or expanded clinical health services at the new location.

Section 6. The bill creates a grant program within the Georgia Board of Physician Workforce to provide financial assistance for liability premiums for some rural physicians as an offset for establishing and/or operating a practice in an unserved or underserved area of the state. The board will form rules and regulations for the program, but eligible applicants must: be licensed in Georgia and board-certified; maintain a practice in the medically underserved area for a certain time; complete 100 hours of continuing education; provide extended or weekend hours; and accept Medicaid and Medicare patients.

Section 7. Revises the tax credits for rural hospitals to allow 'S' corporation shareholders, limited-liability company members, and married couples filing a joint return to contribute \$10,000 per taxable year, and single or head of household filers to contribute \$5,000 per taxable year. The credit's sunset is extended through December 2021.

**Authored By:** Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th)  
**House Committee:** Health & Human Services

**Committee Action:** 02-13-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## **HB 895 Crimes and offenses; sale to and by minors of drug products containing dextromethorphan; prohibit**

**Bill Summary:** HB 895 relates to schedules, offenses, and penalties regarding the regulation of controlled substances to prohibit the sale to and by minors of drug products containing dextromethorphan. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or willfully to sell or trade a finished drug product containing any quantity of dextromethorphan to a minor. A person making a retail sale of a finished drug product containing any quantity of dextromethorphan shall require and obtain proper identification from the purchaser before completing the sale, unless from the

purchaser's outward appearance the person making the sale would reasonably presume the purchaser to be age 25 or older.

If any person is found in violation by the Department of Public Health, they will receive a warning letter for the first violation, and will be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$150 for a second violation, and not more than \$250 for a third or subsequent violation.

Any minor who is in violation shall be subject to a fine in the amount of not more than \$25 for a first violation, not more than \$100 for a second violation, and not more than \$200 for a third or subsequent violation.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd)	<b>Committee</b>	02-13-2018	Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Health & Human Services	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute	
<b>Committee:</b>				

## Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

### HB 638 Stockbridge, City of; revise corporate boundaries

Bill Summary: This bill revises the corporate boundaries of the city of Stockbridge.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Dale Rutledge (109th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-13-2018	Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute	
<b>Committee:</b>	Local			

### HB 707 Roswell, City of; ad valorem tax; provide new homestead exemption

Bill Summary: This bill provides a homestead exemption, which has the effect of a valuation freeze, from City of Roswell ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Betty Price (48th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-13-2018	Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute	
<b>Committee:</b>	Local			

### HB 708 Johns Creek, City of; ad valorem tax; provide new homestead exemption

Bill Summary: This bill provides a homestead exemption, which has the effect of a valuation freeze, from City of Johns Creek ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Brad Raffensperger (50th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-13-2018	Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute	
<b>Committee:</b>	Local			

### HB 710 Milton, City of; ad valorem tax; provide new homestead exemption

Bill Summary: This bill provides a homestead exemption, which has the effect of a valuation freeze, from City of Milton ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Jan Jones (47th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-13-2018	Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute	
<b>Committee:</b>	Local			

### HB 711 Mountain Park, City of; ad valorem tax; provide new homestead exemption

Bill Summary: This bill provides a homestead exemption, which has the effect of a valuation freeze, from City of Mountain Park ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Jan Jones (47th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-13-2018	Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute	
<b>Committee:</b>	Local			

**HB 712 Alpharetta, City of; ad valorem tax; provide new homestead exemption**

Bill Summary: This bill provides a homestead exemption, which has the effect of a valuation freeze, from City of Alpharetta ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes.

**Authored By:** Rep. Chuck Martin (49th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-13-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 832 Peachtree Corners, City of; provide new charter**

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

**Authored By:** Rep. Scott Hilton (95th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-13-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 839 Clayton County Water Authority; change compensation of members**

Bill Summary: This bill changes the compensation of the members of the Clayton County Water Authority to \$525 per month.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mike Glanton (75th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-13-2018 Do Pass

**HB 845 Young Harris, City of; provide new charter**

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

**Authored By:** Rep. Matt Gurtler (8th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-13-2018 Do Pass

**HB 846 Villa Rica, City of; Redevelopment Powers Law; provide referendum**

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the City of Villa Rica to exercise all redevelopment and other powers found under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Georgia Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A.

**Authored By:** Rep. J. Collins (68th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-13-2018 Do Pass

**HB 863 Jonesboro, City of; homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxes; provisions**

Bill Summary: This bill grants each resident of the City of Jonesboro an exemption from city ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes. The exemption gradually decreases from \$50,000 in 2019 to \$10,000 in 2023 and thereafter.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mike Glanton (75th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-13-2018 Do Pass

**HB 864 Jonesboro, City of; provide new charter**

Bill Summary: This bill changes the corporate limits of the City of Jonesboro.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mike Glanton (75th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-13-2018 Do Pass

**SB 317 Homestead Exemption; Fulton County school district; ad valorem taxes for educational purposes; provide**

**Bill Summary:** This bill provides a homestead exemption, which has the effect of a valuation freeze, from Fulton County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. John Albers (56th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-13-2018 Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination -	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute
<b>Committee:</b>	Local		

**Judiciary Committee****HB 790 State government; recommendations of the Court Reform Council; implement**

**Bill Summary:** HB 790 revises the Georgia Code relating to the Office of State Administrative Hearings (OSAH) and administrative law judges (ALJ).

The bill requires an agency with a request for a hearing in a contested case to forward the request to OSAH within 30 days of receipt, or the party can file directly with OSAH.

An administrative law judge has the authority to impose civil penalties, of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, for failure to obey their orders or for other improper conduct, and the superior court in the county where the violation occurred shall enforce those penalties. Additionally, ALJs are authorized to issue writs for the collection of these penalties, and all penalties and costs assessed shall be tendered and made payable to OSAH and deposited in the general fund of the state treasury.

Administrative law judges have the power to determine the ultimate decision in contested cases, but those decisions are still subject to review by the Fulton County Superior Court or the superior court of the county where the petitioner maintains his or her residence or principle place of business; however, for "contested cases" referred to OSAH by a an agency of the executive branch where the determination by the ALJ is against the agency, the decision is merely an advisory opinion with the ultimate decision and reviewing authority remaining with the executory agency.

Finally, the issuance of subpoenas by an ALJ are governed by traditional evidence rules.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Chuck Efstrotation (104th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-13-2018 Do Pass
<b>House</b>	Judiciary	<b>Action:</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>			

**Regulated Industries Committee****HB 826 Law enforcement; alarm monitoring company may contract out certain requirement; provide**

**Bill Summary:** HB 826 provides an additional carve out for alarm monitoring companies regarding the alarm verification system where law enforcement will be dispatched immediately upon the event that an alarm is triggered where the alarm user is a banking institution, a wholesaler of firearms, or a wholesaler of pharmaceuticals, who have contracted with the alarm monitoring company for such service.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Geoffrey Cauble (111th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-13-2018 Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Regulated Industries	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute
<b>Committee:</b>			

**HB 835 Revenue and taxation; issuance of special event tobacco permits to licensed dealers; provisions**

**Bill Summary:** HB 835 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. HB 835 does not affect local

ordinances regarding tobacco.

**Authored By:** Rep. Jodi Lott (122nd)  
**House** Regulated Industries  
**Committee:**

**Committee** 02-13-2018 Do Pass  
**Action:**

## Committee Meeting Schedule

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### Wednesday, February 14, 2018

9:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES</a> 341 CAP
10:00 AM	<a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 21)</a> House Chamber
1:00 PM	<a href="#">Reeves Subcommittee of Judiciary (Non Civil)</a> 132 CAP
1:00 PM	<a href="#">Education Subcommittee on Academic Support</a> 415 CLOB
1:00 PM	<a href="#">State Government Administration Subcommittee of Governmental Affairs</a> 406 CLOB
1:00 PM	<a href="#">AGRICULTURE &amp; CONSUMER AFFAIRS</a> 403 CAP
2:00 PM	<a href="#">APPROPRIATIONS HIGHER EDUCATION</a> 341 CAP
2:00 PM	<a href="#">Ways &amp; Means Income Tax Subcommittee</a> 133 CAP
2:00 PM	<a href="#">Kelley Subcommittee of Judiciary (Civil)</a> 403 CAP
2:00 PM	<a href="#">BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT</a> 506 CLOB
2:00 PM	<a href="#">RETIREMENT</a> 515 CLOB
2:15 PM	<a href="#">GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS</a> 406 CLOB
3:00 PM	<a href="#">PUBLIC SAFETY &amp; HOMELAND SECURITY</a> 606 CLOB
3:00 PM	<a href="#">Setzler Subcommittee of Judiciary (Non Civil)</a> 132 CAP
3:00 PM	<a href="#">Ways &amp; Means Subcommittee on Public Finance and Policy</a> 133 CAP
4:00 PM	<a href="#">Fleming Subcommittee of Judiciary (Civil)</a> 132 CAP
4:00 PM	<a href="#">APPROPRIATIONS PUBLIC SAFETY</a> 406 CLOB