The House will reconvene for its 27th Legislative Day on Monday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m.
The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
28 bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

**HB 664** Income tax; deduction from income for contributions to savings trust accounts; revise

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 664 amends 48-7-27, relating to the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan, by increasing the limit for single filers to $4,000 per year and for joint filers to $8,000 per year.

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**Rule Applied:** Structured

**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Action:** 02-08-2018 Do Pass


**HB 732** Crimes and offenses; trafficking an individual for sexual servitude; provisions

**Bill Summary:** HB 732 allows patrons of individuals trafficked for the purpose of sexual servitude to be punished as a felony with imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 20 years when the offense is committed against an individual who is older than 16 years of age, and punished with imprisonment for not less than 10 nor more than 20 when the offense is committed against an individual who is younger than 16 years of age or when the individual is known to have a developmental disability.

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**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

**House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

**Action:** 02-15-2018 Do Pass


**HB 784** Specialty license plates; promote conservation of waterfowl populations and their habitats; establish

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 784 creates a specialty license plate to promote the conservation and enhancement of waterfowl populations and their habitats. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this plate goes to the Wildlife Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

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**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

**House Committee:** Motor Vehicles

**Action:** 02-12-2018 Do Pass by Committee

**Amendments:**
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 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.

**HB 809  Motor vehicles; Georgia State Patrol motor vehicles for traffic law enforcement may be a solid color; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 809 allows for Georgia State Patrol cars to be painted a solid color or a two-toned uniform color.

**HB 815  Special license plates; Georgia Masonic Charities; establish**

Bill Summary: House Bill 815 amends the provisions relating to the special license plates honoring Georgia Masonic Charities. Currently all proceeds from the sale of this plate are deposited into the general fund. This bill allows a portion of the proceeds to be disbursed to the Georgia Masonic Charities Foundation, Inc.

**HB 825  Death investigations; chief medical examiner to inter and disinter unidentified human remains under certain circumstances; allow**

Bill Summary: HB 825 allows a chief medical examiner to inter unidentified human remains after authorities have exhausted all efforts in identifying those remains. Moreover, the bill allows a chief medical officer to disinter unidentified human remains when the chief medical examiner determines that further testing may result in the identification of those remains.
HB 830  Controlled substances; Schedule I and II; change certain provisions

Bill Summary: HB 830 is the annual controlled substance update regarding Schedule I, II, IV, and V drugs to include new synthetic opiates and synthetic marijuana.

House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil  Committee Action: 02-15-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote: Yeas: 161  Nays: 5

HB 833  Professions and businesses; professional land surveyors; change provisions

Bill Summary: HB 833 removes the requirement that land surveyors receive at least 5 hours of course study in hydrology. The bill also raises the required semester hours of course study, or the equivalent, in surveying subjects approved by the board from 15 to 18 hours. Moreover, HB 833 grandfathers in those who have already received credit in hydrology course work so that they may sit for the board approved examination for licensure. In addition, HB 833 adds surveyors to the list of professionals where it is a misdemeanor to hold oneself out as a surveyor when such an individual has not completed the licensing requirements.

House Committee: Regulated Industries  Committee Action: 02-13-2018 Do Pass by Committee
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157  Nays: 6

HB 847  Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enter into an interstate compact

Bill Summary: HB 847 creates the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact and authorizes the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to administer the operations of the compact in Georgia. Moreover, the bill provides for a coordinated licensure information system among the states entering into the compact. HB 847 would allow psychologists to practice telepsychology in states in which they are not licensed but are members of the compact.

House Committee: Regulated Industries  Committee Action: 02-20-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote: Yeas: 171  Nays: 0

HB 849  Income tax; reporting of federal partnership adjustments; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 849 amends 48-7-21, 48-7-27, and 48-7-53, relating to the federal partnership adjustments and assessments, by implementing federal adjustments allowing partners, who are members of a state partnership entity, to pay the partnership's full state tax liability when audited. This changes the Code's current requirement for each individual partner to separately pay their own partnership tax. One partner paying the full state tax liability on behalf of the partnership does not grant the paying partner a deduction or credit for paid amounts, a refund on paid amounts, or add to the paying partners return.

House Bill 849 also requires reporting requirements for partnerships to be subject to final federal adjustments and provides a final determination date in which the federal audit changes have to be reported to the state. The Department of Revenue's commissioner has the ability to determine a de minimis amount of tax liability owed to the state, and partners are allowed to file refund claims of Georgia income tax that arise from final federal adjustments. The commissioner is also responsible for assessing the Georgia income tax, interest, and penalties arising from all final adjustments.

House Committee: Ways & Means  Committee Action: 02-15-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote: Yeas: 170  Nays: 0
HB 867  Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; quorum for transaction of business; revise

Bill Summary: House Bill 867 changes the quorum requirement for the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council to conduct business from seven members to 11 members. This legislation also authorizes investigators appointed by the executive director of the council to retain their weapon and badge upon retirement. This bill removes the 30-day wait period between academy entrance exams for peace officers who do not perform satisfactorily. Additionally the bill removes the entrance exam for persons who hold a degree from an accredited post-secondary institution. Lastly, the section related to training and certification of police chaplains is repealed.

House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security  Committee Action: 02-14-2018 Do Pass by Committee
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167  Nays: 1  Amendments:

Postponed Until Next Legislative Day

HB 793  Sales and use tax; certain aquarium construction; provide exemption

Bill Summary: House Bill 793 reinstates the exemption for tangible personal property used in renovating or expanding 501(c)(3) aquariums that charge for admission for the period of July 1, 2018 until January 1, 2022, or until the tax refund exceeds $4.5 million. The bill also requires taxpayers seeking this exemption to electronically file the following information with the department the total number of visitors admitted, average monthly number of full-time employees, and total amount of exempt purchases made by the taxpayer in the preceding calendar year. The department is required to submit a report to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee containing the information collected from taxpayers applying for this exemption.

The bill also adds an exemption for state and local sales tax for tangible personal property used for the construction of a museum. Museum is defined as a 501(c)(3) designated facility, having a primary mission of celebrating the diverse heritage of automobiles, that contains a main building with a permanent gallery of at least 57,000 square feet, three temporary galleries, a theatre, a garage for restoration or storage of at least 26,500 square feet, and an outdoor pavilion. All tangible personal property that will remain at the museum after completion of construction are eligible for the exemption. The exemption applies from July 1, 2018 until December 31, 2020 and is capped at $960,000. Sales tax must be paid at the time of purchase by either the qualifying organization or a contractor working for the organization and a refund will be issued after the organization files a claim with the department. An organization claiming the exemption must annually submit a report to the department which includes the total number of visitors admitted, the average monthly number of full-time employees, and the total amount of exempt purchases made in the preceding year. The department must then submit the report to chairpersons of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee.


HB 900  Lamar County; Board of Education; revise compensation of members and chairperson

Bill Summary: This bill changes the compensation of the members and chairperson of the Lamar County Board of Education to $500 per month, with the chairperson receiving an additional $150 per month.

Authored By: Rep. Johnnie Caldwell (131st)  Rule Applied:

HB 901  Adrian, City of; revise terms of office of mayor and city council members

Bill Summary: This bill revises the terms of the office of the mayor and members of the city council of the City of Adrian.

Authored By: Rep. Matt Hatchett (150th)  Rule Applied:
HB 911  Griffin, City of; provide for mayor and mayor pro tem

**Bill Summary:**  This bill provides for a mayor and a mayor pro tem for the City of Griffin.

**Authored By:**  Rep. David Knight (130th)  

**Rule Applied:**

HB 912  Spalding County; State Court; provide for imposition of court costs in certain criminal cases

**Bill Summary:**  This bill requires a person before the State Court of Spalding County who is ordered to pay a fine, convicted, pleads guilty, or enters a plea of no contest to any violation to pay court costs, not to exceed $50, unless otherwise ordered by the sentencing judge. Any person who fails to appear for a scheduled court appearance shall pay a failure to appear fee, not to exceed $100, unless otherwise ordered by the judge.

**Authored By:**  Rep. David Knight (130th)  

**Rule Applied:**

HB 921  Cave Spring, City of; levy an excise tax

**Bill Summary:**  This bill authorizes the City of Cave Spring to levy an excise tax.

**Authored By:**  Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th)  

**Rule Applied:**

HB 933  Dillard, City of; eliminate one council post

**Bill Summary:**  This bill eliminates one council post in the City of Dillard.

**Authored By:**  Rep. Matt Gurtler (8th)  

**Rule Applied:**

HB 942  Savannah State Farmers Market Authority Act; enact

**Bill Summary:**  This bill creates the Savannah State Farmers Market Authority.

**Authored By:**  Rep. Carl Gilliard (162nd)  

**Rule Applied:**

HB 945  Macon-Bibb County; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

**Bill Summary:**  This bill provides a homestead exemption, which has the effect of a valuation freeze, from Macon-Bibb County ad valorem taxes for county purposes.

**Authored By:**  Rep. Allen Peake (141st)  

**Rule Applied:**

HB 946  Houston County; Board of Education; modify compensation of members

**Bill Summary:**  This bill changes the compensation of the members of the Houston County Board of Education. Board members will be paid $600 per month and $100 for meetings other than regular school board meetings. The special meeting compensation is limited to four times in a month.

**Authored By:**  Rep. Heath Clark (147th)  

**Rule Applied:**

HB 952  Dahlonega, City of; filling of vacancies; provide

**Bill Summary:**  This bill states if there is a vacancy in one or more elected offices of the City of Dahlonega, the remaining elected officials shall appoint a qualified person to fill the unexpired term. The appointee shall not be eligible to run in the next election.

**Authored By:**  Rep. Kevin Tanner (9th)  

**Rule Applied:**
Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 27th Legislative Day, Monday, February 26 and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Monday, February 26, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 28th Legislative Day.

HB 121 Trusts; minor or unborn beneficiaries; change provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 121 revises the Code section relating to trusts. First, it extends from 90 to 360 years the timeframe to terminate or satisfy a trust in a legal instrument, usually a deed or will, within Georgia's common law Rule Against Perpetuities. The court's time limit to reform these dispositions is modified in the same manner. This Code section is effective July 1, 2018 for non-vested property interest and power of appointment made before July 1, 2018.

The bill also addresses the requirements of a trust's representative and their ability to receive notice and give consent on behalf of another party, as well as when his or her decisions are binding on a beneficiary or settlor, a person who grants or settles property in trust for the benefit of the beneficiary. All references to non-sui juris beneficiaries (beneficiaries who are not able to act independently) represented by a guardian or conservator have been removed. Representatives may include, but are not limited to: a person making binding decisions on behalf of a minor, unborn child, incapacitated or other beneficiary having a substantially identical interest and no conflict of interest; or a representative appointed by the court, such as a guardian ad litem, for any party whose interest is inadequately or not represented.

Interested persons, primarily the trustee and those required to consent for binding settlements, may enter into binding non-judicial settlement agreements in matters relating to the trust and trust property. The bill clarifies that a transfer of property to a trust is a transfer of property to the trustee since the title already transfers to the trustee.

The power of modification of a trust is amended to provide for: 1) court-approved modification with the consent of the settlor and all beneficiaries; 2) court-approved modification after the death of the settlor with the consent of all beneficiaries; and 3) discretionary modifications by a court to facilitate efficient administration of the trust. Additionally, the bill provides that a trust can give a person power to modify or terminate the trust without court approval. Non-charitable irrevocable trusts that cannot be modified without the consent of the beneficiaries are revised for when and who must consent to modify and terminate the trust. Powers of the trustee are granted the ability to modify, invade, and move money between trust funds.

If any contribution to the original trust where the principal is being distributed qualifies for a tax benefit, the trustee cannot distribute the funds in a way that prevents the tax benefit status. Limitations on the invasion of the trust are provided with requirements for the trustee and the secondary trust to which the assets are being distributed. If the trust owns stock in an S corporation, the trustee may not distribute to a second trust if it is not a permitted shareholder of S corporation stock. Except in instances of willful misconduct, a trustee shall not be liable for the validity of a distribution of property from one trust to the other if there is a failure due to a reliance on the distribution; however, a trustee is not compelled to use the powers enumerated in this Code section.

Unless the original trust instrument expressly provides otherwise, a trustee may distribute funds between a secondary and original trust even if there is a conflict between the parameters of the trusts and this Code section. The settlor and debts/liabilities of the original trust carry over to the secondary trust, and a trustee may terminate a trust if the value is less than $100,000 and he/she decides the value is insufficient to justify the cost of administration.

A payment to a beneficiary's creditors in a discretionary trust is clarified to stipulate that a distribution may be for health, education, maintenance and support, and such terms make the trust discretionary.

The bill provides for a settlor's right to be reimbursed from a grantor trust for income and cannot be reached by a settlor's creditors. Additionally, after the death of the settlor's spouse, the assets of a marital trust are protected from creditors in the same manner currently provided to the assets of a surviving spouse from a settlor not in trust.
Provisions relating to compensation of trustees are clarified. The ability to modify a trust agreement for compensation of the trustee can be made unanimously by the representatives and qualified beneficiaries without court approval or by petition to the court. For all other instances, a fee schedule is provided that aligns with federal tax brackets.

This bill amends the method by which a trustee may resign. Unless otherwise required by the trust instrument, the trustee need only provide a 30-day written notice to the qualified beneficiaries, the settlor (if living) and all co-trustees, or he/she may petition the court, rather than either obtaining unanimous consent from the qualified beneficiaries and their guardians or petitioning the court. The trustee is not relieved from liability to the trust for actions made prior to resignation.

The bill removes a definition of "fiduciary" found in the express trust Code section to clarify that "fiduciary" is not limited to trustees but can also include a "personal representative," which can be an executor or trustee when these powers are incorporated by reference in a will or granted to a personal representative by the probate court. The express powers of a trustee include the same powers over a trust that an unmarried competent owner has over individually-owned property. Such trustee, without court authorization, may determine what is principal and what is income of any estate or trust and allocate or appropriate receipts and expenses between principal and income.

Lastly, this bill creates a new Code section that provides a statutory mechanism for the appointment of a trust director. Trust directors have power of direction over a trust while the person is not serving as trustee, regardless of whether that person is a beneficiary or settlor and regardless of how the trust instrument refers to such person. A trust director is given the same fiduciary duty and liability as a trustee in the exercise of the director's power, and the bill clarifies the duties and liabilities of the trust director and directed trustee.

**HB 392 Move on When Ready Act; students taking dual credit courses at certain eligible postsecondary institutions; allow funding**

**Bill Summary:** HB 392 allows eligible postsecondary institutions under Move on When Ready to receive payments for five terms annually for students enrolled in the institution if the institution utilizes a nonstandard term system composed of five terms, beginning with the first summer school term in 2019.

**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.
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 peer counseling services and 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; and corrections officers.

**Authored By:** Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** Public Safety & Homeland Security  
**Committee Action:** 02-14-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 721  Motor vehicles; criteria by which the Department of Driver Services shall authorize licensed driver training schools to administer on-the-road driving skills testing; revise

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 721 clarifies that only third party drivers' testing centers which are certified by the Department of Driver Services (DDS) may test for a driver's license. Further, only those driving centers licensed by DDS for at least 10 years may perform road and written testing on its behalf.

**Authored By:** Rep. Alan Powell (32nd)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** Motor Vehicles  
**Committee Action:** 02-12-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 760  Insurance; certain policies, definitions, and property insurance; revise

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 760 allows property and casualty insurers, at the time of policy renewal, to simply notify the insured of changes in the policy without having to cancel the existing policy and offer a new one.

**Authored By:** Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**House Committee:** Insurance  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2018 Do Pass

HB 761  Motor vehicles; filing of certificates of title by dealers; provide

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 761 amends the law relating to the process of applying for a certificate of title from the Department of Revenue by making the electronic submission of application voluntary rather than mandatory.

**Authored By:** Rep. Jason Ridley (6th)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** Motor Vehicles  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2018 Do Pass

HB 866  Commerce and trade; charging fee for placing a security freeze on a consumer's account; prohibit consumer credit reporting agencies

**Bill Summary:** HB 866 would prohibit credit reporting agencies from charging a fee for placing or removing a security freeze on a consumer's account.

**Authored By:** Rep. Scot Turner (21st)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** Banks & Banking  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2018 Do Pass

HB 871  Sales and use tax; 50 percent of the sales price of manufactured homes; create exemption

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 871 amends 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, by adding a state sales tax exemption for 50 percent of the sales price of a manufactured home that will be converted to real property. Within 30 days of purchase, the manufactured home must be permanently located on a property and at no point can the manufactured home be moved to another property. If the
manufactured home is not permanently located on a property within 30 days, the commissioner shall recover 1.5 times the amount exempted.

**HB 886 Sales and use tax; exemption for agricultural machinery and equipment; provisions**

**Bill Summary:** HB 886 raises the minimum amount for eligibility on the sales and use tax exemption for agricultural machinery and equipment as a qualified agricultural producer from $2,500 to $5,000 in agricultural sales, products, or services. The bill also requires that the certificate provided by the Department of Agriculture to qualified agricultural producers be valid for three years. The Department of Agriculture shall collect a fee of $150 at the time of registration or renewal.

**Authored By:** Rep. Dominic LaRiccia (169th)  
**Rule Applied:** Structured  
**House Committee:** Ways & Means  
**Committee Action:** 02-15-2018 Do Pass by Committee

**Substitute**

**HB 890 Crimes and offenses; make it unlawful to use an emergency exit after having shoplifted**

**Bill Summary:** HB 890 criminalizes the use of an emergency exit door after committing the crime of shoplifting and is punished as a misdemeanor.

**Authored By:** Rep. Barry Fleming (121st)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil  
**Committee Action:** 02-15-2018 Do Pass

**HB 898 Motor vehicles; fleet vehicles and fleet vehicle registration plans; revise provisions**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 898 updates the law as it relates to the registration of a vehicle fleet to comply with Department of Revenue’s new electronic registration system. Further, it reduces the number of vehicles that constitutes a fleet from 1,000 to 100 vehicles.

**Authored By:** Rep. Alan Powell (32nd)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** Motor Vehicles  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2018 Do Pass

**HB 906 Public records; public disclosure of personal information of certain foster parents; exclude**

**Bill Summary:** HB 906 excludes personal information of foster and former foster parents from being disclosed to the public.

**Authored By:** Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** Juvenile Justice  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2018 Do Pass

**HB 909 Health; designation of perinatal facilities; provisions**

**Bill Summary:** This bill relates to the Department of Public Health to provide for the designation of perinatal facilities. The department shall establish a procedure for a perinatal facility to request approval as a designated facility which has achieved a particular maternal or neonatal level of care. The department shall establish rules for the criteria for levels of maternal and neonatal care, which may range from basic care to additional levels of care that may be appropriate for the protection of mothers and infants at risk.

The department shall establish separate criteria for levels of maternal care and neonatal care. Such criteria may include data collection and reporting, arrangements for patient transportation, and protocols for coordination with and referral of patients to and from other health care facilities. In establishing or revising the criteria for maternal and neonatal levels of care, the department shall conduct public comment hearings; solicit the views of hospitals, birthing centers, health care providers, and related professional associations; and give due consideration to the current recommendations of medical and scientific organizations in the field of perinatal medicine.
The department may suspend or revoke the designation of a designated facility, after notice and hearing, if the department determines that the facility is no longer in compliance with the criteria established. On or before December 31, 2019, the department shall post and annually update a list of designated facilities on its website. No person or facility may advertise to the public that it is a designated facility or has achieved a particular level of maternal or neonatal care unless it has been designated as such by the department.

**Authored By:** Rep. Deborah Silcox (52nd)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** Health & Human Services  
**Committee Action:** 02-20-2018 Do Pass

**HR 1090**  
**Jeff Davis County; Crisp County; change of use of certain property; authorize**

**Bill Summary:** HR 1090 grants an easement of approximately 3,956 acres under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources to the Department Transportation to allow for traffic safety improvements, including the widening of State Route 135/U.S. Route 221 and replacing the bridge across the Altamaha River. The land, found within the Bullard Creek Wildlife Management Area in Jeff Davis County, will be provided for a consideration of $10 and will expire three years after the date the resolution becomes effective.

**Authored By:** Rep. Sam Watson (172nd)  
**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** State Properties  
**Committee Action:** 02-21-2018 Do Pass

**HR 1103**  
**Property; conveyance of certain state owned real property; authorize**

**Bill Summary:** HR 1103 is a conveyance resolution for properties located in 12 counties, conveying property owned by the State of Georgia or amending those conveyances, as follows:

Article 1 conveys approximately .468 of an acre, a portion of an approximately 7.29-acre tract known as the Milledgeville Readiness Center in Baldwin County under the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense, to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a consideration of $35,219 and approximately $28,087 in paving costs and costs to cure for widening and improvements of State Routes 29 and 49.

Article 2 conveys approximately one acre, known as the Bryan County Unit under the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission, by competitive bid for fair market value or to a local government or state entity for a consideration of $10, so long as the property is used for public use.

Article 3 conveys approximately .048 of an acre, a portion of an approximately 10.32-acre tract known as the Savannah State Farmers Market in Chatham County, under the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a consideration rounded to $8,700 of $8,160 for fee simple acquisition and approximately $462 in paving costs for widening State Routes 25, 26, and 204.

Article 4, in Cherokee County, is a ground lease for up to 20 years for a new building to be bid for design and construction, on approximately five acres under the custody of the Department of Human Services to accommodate the growing needs of the Division of Family and Children Services and Division of Child Support Services in Cherokee County.

Article 5 conveys approximately 4.5 acres described as the former Albany Armory in Dougherty County under the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense, to Dougherty County or to a local government or state entity, for a consideration of $10, so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity and the payment of outstanding general obligation bonds and interest, or for fair market value and other provisions the State Properties Commission determines to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

Article 6 conveys to the City of Albany in Dougherty County for an exchange approximately .46 of an acre, a portion of the 24.5-acre Albany Technical College campus under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia, for 1.78 acres from the City of Albany and other provisions the State Properties Commission determines to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.
Article 7 conveys approximately eight acres, a portion of the Georgia World Congress Center campus in Fulton County under the custody of the Department of Economic Development and managed by the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority to that authority for a consideration of $10 and other provisions the State Properties Commission determines to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

Article 8 is a ground lease of approximately 1.22 acres in Fulton County, a non-railroad operations portion of the Western and Atlantic Railroad under the custody of the State Properties Commission, to Metro Green, LLC and John D. Stephens, for a term of 20 years commencing on January 1, 2020, for consideration of an initial annual rent of $7,628.70, to be increased annually at a compounded rate of 2.5 percent.

Article 9 conveys approximately 13.36 acres of the 87-acre Hall County Campus of Lanier Technical College, under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia, to the City of Gainesville for the consideration of $10.00 for a right-of-way dedication for use as a public road.

Article 10 leases 2.664 improved acres known as Building 4, a portion of Rutledge State Prison in the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections, to either the Muscogee County Sheriff or to Columbus, Georgia, the Consolidated Government of Columbus-Muscogee County, for a term of five years commencing on January 1, 2020, with a five-year renewal option, for consideration of that sheriff's department being responsible for all utilities, maintenance and repair of the building and the Department of Corrections remaining responsible for capital maintenance and repairs.

Article 11 is a three-year lease with one five-year renewal for approximately 20,812 square feet, a portion of the QuickStart Building CTC Training Center at Columbus Technical College in Muscogee County which is in the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia, to United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Division for the consideration of Pratt & Whitney's investment of approximately $2,000,000 in improvements and equipment to the QuickStart facility which will be left at the end of the lease for the benefit of the school.

Article 12 conveys approximately .157 of an acre, a portion of the Putnam County Unit under the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission, by competitive bid for fair market value or to a local government or state entity for a consideration of $10, so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity, as well as other provisions the State Properties Commission determines to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

Article 13 conveys approximately .303 of an acre, known as the Rock House Property in Rabun County under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, to the Town of Tallulah Falls or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of $10, so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity, as well as other provisions the State Properties Commission determines to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

Article 14 conveys approximately 405.1 acres, known as Pointer Reservoir and Black Shoals Park in Rockdale County, under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, which has been leased to Rockdale County since 1999 for 50 years, for $10 for the continued operation of the property for recreational and other public purposes.

Article 15 conveys approximately 1,029 acres, known as the Former Camp Wilderness/Outdoor Therapeutic Center in White County, under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and managed under an intergovernmental agreement by White County for use as county office space, storage, training, and a fire station until January 22, 2063, to White County or to a local government or state entity for the consideration of $10 for use solely for public purpose in perpetuity.
HR 1104 Property; granting of non-exclusive easements; authorize

Bill Summary: HR 1104 authorizes the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in the counties of Bartow, Bulloch, Butts, Chatham, Clay, Columbia, Emanuel, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Harris, Henry, Liberty, Macon, Montgomery, Murray, Tattnall, Towns, and White, as follows:

Article 1 grants an easement to Bleckley County or its successors and assigns over approximately .32 of an acre in Bartow County under the custody of the State Properties Commission for the purpose of the construction, operation, and maintenance of a bridge over the Western and Atlantic Railroad in Land Lot 899, 14th District, 3rd Section for $10.

Article 2 grants an easement to Excelsior Electric Membership Corporation or its successors and assigns over approximately .40 of an acre in Bulloch County under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground electrical transmission lines to serve TCSG-330 (Plant Operations Building) at Ogeechee Technical College in 1209th G.M.D. for $10.

Article 3 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately .4 of an acre in Butts County under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the conference center at Indian Springs State Park in the 614th G.M.D. for $10.

Article 4 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately .05 of an acre in Chatham County in the custody of the Department of Corrections for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of electrical service lines and associated equipment to serve a new welding shop at Coastal State Prison in the 8th G.M.D. for $10.

Article 5 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 2.76 acres in Chatham County under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve TCSG-335 (Quickstart training center) at Quickstart Regional Center in the 7th G.M.D. for $10.

Article 6 an easement to Georgia Transmission Corporation or its successors and assigns over approximately .5 of an acre in Clay County under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the relocation of existing easement and construction, installation, operation and maintenance of new electrical transmission lines and associated equipment to serve George T. Bagby State Park in Land Lots 227 and 254, 7th District, for $10.

Article 7 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 1.1 acres in Columbia County under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the Grovetown-Columbia Campus of Augusta Technical College in the 1285th G.M.D. for $10.

Article 8 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately 1.38 acres in Columbia County under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve an adjacent property at the Grovetown-Columbia Campus of Augusta Technical College in the 1285th G.M.D. for fair market value but not less than $650.

Article 9 grants an easement to Excelsior Electrical Membership Corporation or its successors and assigns over approximately .5 of an acre in Emanuel County under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve new office buildings at George L. Smith State Park in the 1560th G.M.D. for $10.
Article 10 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately .14 of an acre in Floyd County under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the Machine Tools Renovation project at the Floyd County Campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College in Land Lot 325, 23rd Land District for $10.

Article 11 grants an easement to City of Cumming or its successors and assigns over approximately .098 of an acre in Forsyth County under the custody of the Department of Defense for the relocation of the existing easement and to construct, install, and maintain a new water pipe for the road widening on Pilgrim Mill Road at the Cumming Readiness Center in Land Lots 1113 and 1114, 3rd Land District, 1st Section for fair market value but not less than $650.

Article 12 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately .04 of an acre in Fulton County under the custody of the Department of Corrections for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground electrical transmission distribution system and the demolition of an overhead power line to provide power to the Probation Officers Facility located at 276 Memorial Drive, in Land Lot 76, 14th Land District for $10.

Article 13 grants an easement to Greystone Power Corporation or its successors and assigns over approximately .4 of an acre in Fulton County under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of overhead electrical equipment to provide electrical service to illuminate the parking area at Campbellton Road Boat Ramp in Land Lot 58, District 9C for $10.

Article 14 grants an easement to City of Atlanta or its successors and assigns over approximately .012 of an acre in Fulton County under the custody of the Department of Economic Development and managed by the Geo L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority for the construction, installation, and maintenance of a storm sewer as part of a sewer capacity relief project at 271 Northside Drive NW in Land Lot 83, 14th District for $12,300.

Article 15 grants an easement to TOJV, LLC or its successors and assigns over approximately .1419 of an acre in Fulton County and 24 feet high from the top of the area known as the "Plaza" under the custody of the Department of Economic Development and managed by the Geo L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority for the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of the Omni Hotel Connector near CNN Center and adjoining the College Football Hall of Fame and the World Congress Center in Land Lot 78, 14th District for $36,350.

Article 16 grants an easement to Diverse Power or its successors and assigns over approximately .05 of an acre in Harris County under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground electrical lines and equipment to provide electrical service to group camping dining hall at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Land Lot 16, 3rd Land District for $10.

Article 17 grants an easement to Atlanta Gas Light Company or its successors and assigns over approximately .92 of an acre in Henry County under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of gas distribution lines to serve TCSG-317 (Industrial Training and Technology Building) at Southern Crescent Technical College in Land Lot 136, 7th Land District for $10.

Article 18 grants an easement to Coastal Electric Cooperative or its successors and assigns over approximately .05 of an acre in Liberty County under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground electrical service equipment to provide electrical service for a new automatic gate at Fort Morris Historic Site in 1359th Land District for $10.

Article 19 grants an easement to Flint Electric Membership Corporation or its successors and assigns over approximately .0381 of an acre in Macon County under the custody of the Department of Education for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground electrical
distribution lines to serve a shooting range at Camp John Hope in Land Lot 161, 9th District for $10.

Article 20 grants an easement to Atlanta Gas Light or its successors and assigns over approximately .12 of an acre in Montgomery County under the custody of the Department of Corrections for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a natural gas pipeline to serve the prison fire station at Montgomery State Prison in the 1343rd and 1757th G.M.D. for $10.

Article 21 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company or its successors and assigns over approximately .003 of an acre in Murray County under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a support pole and anchor for the widening of SR52 Alternate at Chief Vann House Historic Site in Land Lot 224, 9th District for $10.

Article 22 grants an easement to Atlanta Gas Light or its successors and assigns over approximately 11.146 acres in Tattnall County under the custody of the Department of Corrections for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a natural gas pipeline to serve Rogers State Prison in the 1645th G.M.D. for $10.

Article 23 grants an easement to Department of Transportation or its successors and assigns over approximately 3.6 acres in Towns County under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a bridge for the road widening project for State Route 66 over Brasstown Creek at Brasstown Valley Resort in Land Lots 117 and 118, 17th District, 1st Section for fair market value but not less than $650.

Article 24 grants an easement to Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation or its successors and assigns over approximately .22 of an acre in White County under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground electrical equipment to serve new well house at Unicoi State Park in Land Lots 130, 159, and 162, 3rd Land District for $10.

Authored By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)  
House Committee: State Properties  
Rule Applied: Modified-Structured  
Committee Action: 02-21-2018 Do Pass
Committee Actions

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

Education Committee

HB 908  Education; certain individuals over 20 years old may be eligible to enroll in a state charter school; provide

Bill Summary:  House Bill 908 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-150 relating to the maximum enrollment eligibility age for students. Currently, students are no longer eligible for enrollment in general education programs if they reach the age of 20 by September 1st of the school year. This legislation creates an exception to the maximum age for enrollment eligibility by allowing students who have reached the maximum enrollment age to attend a state charter school or a local charter school until such student attains a high school diploma, a general educational development diploma, or no longer resides in this state. HB 908 further amends Code sections relating to state charter schools and local charter schools to amend the rules and regulations for these schools to allow them to serve over-age student populations. Funding for local charter schools and state charter schools which serve over-age students will be determined annually by the State Board of Education.

Authored By:  Rep. Robert Dickey (140th)
House Committee:  Education
Action:  02-23-2018  Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

HB 963  Quality Basic Education Act; annual development of promoted list of industry credentials that meet certain high-demand criteria; provide

Bill Summary:  House Bill 963 requires the State Workforce Development Board, in consultation with the Department of Education and the Technical College System of Georgia, to develop a list of high demand careers. This list must include industry credentials and state licenses which are linked to occupations that are in high demand and have an occupational wage of at least 70 percent of the average annual wage in this state unless the credential is a stackable credential needed for the next level of the occupation which meets the wage criterion. The list created by the Workforce Development Board should be distributed to all middle and high schools in this state and posted on the Department of Education's website. This legislation further requires local school systems to annually report the number of students earning industry credentials and state licenses by type from the list. This local school system report will be distributed to the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives annually.

Authored By:  Rep. Buzz Brockway (102nd)
House Committee:  Education
Action:  02-23-2018  Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

Game, Fish, & Parks Committee

HB 950  Game and fish; modify seasons and bag limits for deer, opossum, and raccoon; provisions

Bill Summary:  HB 950 makes changes to hunting seasons and bagging limits, including the removal of all county-specific restrictions for hunting opossums and raccoons. In addition, the bill adds Bibb, Chatham, Clarke, and Henry Counties to a list of counties with an extended, archery-only open deer season and allows for the Department of Natural Resources to create a deer management assistance program.

Authored By:  Rep. Jason Shaw (176th)
House Committee:  Game, Fish, & Parks
Action:  02-23-2018  Do Pass by Committee
Substitute
HB 988  Game and fish; regulation of hunting with air guns of less than 0.30 caliber; provide

Bill Summary: HB 988 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 allows for the use of an air gun for hunting big game and feral hogs during primitive weapon hunts, primitive weapon seasons, and firearm seasons. This bill shall be reviewed by the General Assembly during the 2021 legislative session.

Authored By: Rep. David Knight (130th)
House Committee: Game, Fish, & Parks
Committee Action: 02-23-2018 Do Pass by Committee

Insurance Committee

HB 519  Insurance; health benefit plans; utilize certain clinical review criteria to establish step therapy protocols; require

Bill Summary: House Bill 519 requires health benefit plans to utilize certain clinical review criteria to establish step therapy protocols, and it provides for a determination process for patients and their doctors to petition for an override of these protocols.

Authored By: Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd)
House Committee: Insurance
Committee Action: 02-23-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 818  Insurance; health care provider shall choose the method of reimbursement by insurer; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 818 allows healthcare providers to choose the method of reimbursement from insurers.

Authored By: Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th)
House Committee: Insurance
Committee Action: 02-23-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 878  Insurance; cancellation of an insurance policy by an insured; change certain provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 878 allows insurers and/or insurance agencies to let their insureds cancel their policy over the telephone.

Authored By: Rep. Heath Clark (147th)
House Committee: Insurance
Committee Action: 02-23-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 938  Insurance; limited credit insurance agency license; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 938 provides for a limited credit insurance agency license for the specific purpose of selling credit insurance.

Authored By: Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd)
House Committee: Insurance
Committee Action: 02-23-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Juvenile Justice Committee

HB 166  Jury duty; operators of family child care learning homes; provide exemption

Bill Summary:  HB 166 adds a new exemption to the jury duty exemption list. Any person who operates a family child care learning home and makes a request for exemption, by executing an affidavit on a form provided by the court stating that he/she is the operator of family child care learning home, shall be excused or deferred from jury duty.


HB 982  Courts; relative searches conducted by DFCS; change provisions

Bill Summary:  HB 982 clarifies and streamlines dependency proceedings regarding children in foster care. If the court finds within six months of the removal of such a child from his or her home that diligent search efforts by the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) have not resulted in the identification of relatives or fictive kin who are willing to provide a permanent home for the child, and the child is living with a foster parent in a stable home environment where removal from that home would be detrimental to the child's well-being, the court may excuse DFCS from continuing a search for relatives or fictive kin. Moreover, when a child has been in foster care for a cumulative period of 12 months and the parent has substantially neglected or willfully refused to remedy the situation, the court shall order DFCS to file a petition to terminate the parental rights of said parent and concurrently identify and approve a qualified family for adoption. In addition, if a petition to terminate parental rights has been filed by another party, DCFS shall seek to be joined as a party to the proceedings.


Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee

HB 779  Emergency management; homeland security division; provisions

Bill Summary:  House Bill 779 defines "emergency operations command" as the unified command group responsible for coordinating the public safety response to natural disasters, homeland security activities, and other emergencies within this state. Emergency operations command is comprised of: the director of emergency management and homeland security; the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; the commissioner of public safety; the commissioner of natural resources; the commissioner of transportation; and the adjutant general. The bill gives authority relevant to imminent or current terrorist activity within the state for leading the actions of the Homeland Security Task Force and the Emergency Operations Command. The director of emergency management and homeland security will also serve as the state's security manager for the purpose of identifying state personnel for security clearances through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Further, the bill establishes in Code that the Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center is a distinct division within the GBI. The bill allows the director of emergency management and homeland security to maintain GEMA analysts in the fusion center as determined by the director. The focus of these analysts will be homeland security.

Rules Committee

HB 973  Ethics in government; lobbyists shall acknowledge and agree to abide by sexual harassment policy of General Assembly; provisions

Bill Summary:  HB 973 requires a lobbyist, at time of registration, to sign a statement of receipt, understanding and agreement to abide by the Georgia General Assembly Employee Sexual Harassment Policy as set forth in the Georgia General Assembly Handbook. A violation of the policy can result in the suspension or revocation of the lobbyist's registration and a fine up to $1,000.

Authored By:  Rep. Jan Jones (47th)
House Committee:  Rules
Committee Action:  02-23-2018  Do Pass by Committee

Ways & Means Committee

HB 854  Sales and use tax; certain nonprofit horse shows, rodeos, or livestock events or exhibits; create exemption

Bill Summary:  House Bill 854 amends 48-8-3, relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, by adding an exemption for sales to or by a non-profit with the primary purpose of presenting horse shows, rodeos, or livestock events or exhibits including entrance and participation fees.

Authored By:  Rep. Ricky Williams (145th)
House Committee:  Ways & Means
Committee Action:  02-23-2018  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.

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