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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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DAILY REPORT

29th
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- The House will reconvene for its 30th Legislative Day on Monday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee does not have a meeting scheduled at this time.

Today on the Floor

Motions to Agree

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

Bill Summary: The original FY 2018 budget approved during the 2017 Session set spending at \$24.9 billion. House Bill 683, the Amended FY 2018 budget, recognizes \$415.6 million in additional revenue or 1.66 percent over the original FY 2018 budget. This brings the total appropriation for Amended FY 2018 to \$25.4 billion.

The bill, tracking sheet and highlights will be updated on posted on the House Budget and Research Office website as soon as the House amendment to the Senate substitute is agreed to by the Senate.
<http://www.house.ga.gov/budget>

Authored By: Rep. David Ralston (7th)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open

Motions to Agree (A motion to agree to the House amendment to the Senate substitute by the Senate will represent final passage of the bill.)

HB 918 Revenue and taxation; Internal Revenue Code; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 918 provides for the annual Internal Revenue Code (IRC) update for the 2017 and 2018 tax years, which includes the following changes:

- 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income floor for medical expense deduction is extended through 2018 and applied to all taxpayers;
- Net operating losses may be carried forward indefinitely, but may not be carried back to apply against prior year's tax liabilities;
- Entertainment expenses are no longer allowed as business deductions;
- Transportation fringes and other transportation benefits are no longer qualified deductions for employers providing the benefits;
- Eligibility of building improvements for a 15-year recover period is expanded;
- Like-kind exchanges are limited to exchanges of real estate;
- The definition of capital asset is revised by removing patents, inventions, certain models or designs, and secret formulas or processes;
- Gains from investment in a Qualified Opportunity Fund are allowed to be temporarily deferred and permanently excluded if the investment is held 10 years; and,
- Disaster tax relief provisions, that:
 - Allow write-off of hurricane losses;
 - Suspend limitations on deductions for charitable contributions made for hurricane relief;
 - Give victims penalty-free access to retirement funds; and,
 - Eliminate the requirement that personal losses must exceed 10 percent of adjusted gross income to qualify for deduction.

The bill also doubles the state income tax standard deduction to \$4,600 for single filers, \$3,000 for married filing separately, and \$6,000 for married filing jointly. The top personal income tax bracket rate and the corporate income tax rate are reduced to 5.75 percent in tax year 2019 and 5.50 percent in tax year 2020. The rate reduction for 2020 is dependent upon the General Assembly passing a joint resolution affirming the change and the resolution being signed by the governor. The changes in this bill expire on December 31, 2025. The bill also states that there shall be no liability for title ad valorem tax fees when obtaining a replacement title on a vehicle that is not less than 15-years old when the commissioner of the Department of Revenue is provided proof that the title no longer exists.

Authored By: Rep. Chuck Efstoration (104th) **Rule Applied:** Structured
Motions to Agree (*A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.*)

Rules Calendar

HR 655 Gold Star Father Day; November 9 annually in Georgia; recognize

Bill Summary: HR 655 provides that the Georgia House of Representatives will recognize November 9th as Gold Star Father Day annually in Georgia.

Authored By: Rep. Rhonda Burnough (77th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Open
House Committee: Defense & Veterans Affairs **Committee Action:** 02-12-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote: Yeas: 161 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

SB 131 Juvenile Code; adoption proceedings be stayed while an appeal to terminate parental rights is pending; provide

Bill Summary: SB 131 provides that the appeal of an order granting a petition terminating parental rights will stay an adoption proceeding, relating to the child, until the conclusion of the appellate proceedings. The bill also adds to what a judge may take into consideration when determining grounds to terminate parental rights to include that a continuation of the parent and child relationship is likely to cause harm to said child. Moreover, SB 131 adds to the best interest of the child standard when the statutory grounds for terminating parental rights have been met by including the benefit to the child of a stable and permanent home environment and the detrimental impact to the child with the lack thereof. The bill also adds protections for a child waiving the right to an attorney, where liberty is not in jeopardy.

Authored By: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
House Committee: Juvenile Justice **Committee Action:** 02-08-2018 Do Pass by Committee
Floor Vote: Yeas: 162 Nays: 0 **Amendments:** Substitute

Committee Actions

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

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

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.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Allen Peake (141st) | | |
| House Committee: | Intragovernmental Coordination - Local | Committee Action: | 03-01-2018 Do Pass |

HB 964 Rockdale County; Board of Education; modify compensation of members

Bill Summary: This bill changes the compensation of the members of the Rockdale County Board of Education to \$1,000 per month. In 2020, the compensation will increase to \$1,200 per month.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Vernon Jones (91st) | | |
| House Committee: | Intragovernmental Coordination - Local | Committee Action: | 03-01-2018 Do Pass |

HB 979 Johns Creek, City of; term limits for mayor and councilmembers; provide

Bill Summary: This bill states that no person elected as mayor or councilmember in a City of Johns Creek election shall serve more than two consecutive, four-year terms of office.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Brad Raffensperger (50th) | | |
| House Committee: | Intragovernmental Coordination - Local | Committee Action: | 03-01-2018 Do Pass |

HB 980 Dade County; levy an excise tax

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the governing authority of Dade County to levy an excise tax.

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| Authored By: | Rep. John Deffenbaugh (1st) | | |
| House Committee: | Intragovernmental Coordination - Local | Committee Action: | 03-01-2018 Do Pass |

HB 985 Hull, Town of; revise terms of office and timing of elections for mayor and councilmembers

Bill Summary: This bill revises the terms of office and the timing of elections for the mayor and councilmembers of the Town of Hull.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Tom McCall (33rd) | | |
| House Committee: | Intragovernmental Coordination - Local | Committee Action: | 03-01-2018 Do Pass |

HB 990 Rockdale County; Board of Education; modify compensation of members

Bill Summary: This bill changes the compensation of the members of the Rockdale County Board of Education to \$1,000 per month.

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| Authored By: | Rep. Pam Dickerson (113th) | | |
| House Committee: | Intragovernmental Coordination - Local | Committee Action: | 03-01-2018 Do Pass |

HB 991 Putnam County; Board of Education; change compensation of members

Bill Summary: This bill changes the compensation of the members of the Putnam County Board of Education to \$700 per month.

Authored By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local **Committee Action:** 03-01-2018 Do Pass

HB 1003 Gilmer County; Board of Education; provide for compensation of members

Bill Summary: This bill states members of the Gilmer County Board of Education shall be compensated \$400 per month.

Authored By: Rep. David Ralston (7th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local **Committee Action:** 03-01-2018 Do Pass

SB 262 Stockbridge, City of; corporate boundaries of the city; revise

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

Authored By: Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local **Committee Action:** 03-01-2018 Do Pass

SB 270 City of Trenton in Dade County; position of city clerk from elective to appointive; change

Bill Summary: This bill changes the position of city clerk for the City of Trenton from elective to appointive.

Authored By: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local **Committee Action:** 03-01-2018 Do Pass

SB 387 City of Dahlonega; 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 succeeding election.

Authored By: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local **Committee Action:** 03-01-2018 Do Pass

SB 392 City of Doerun; new charter; provide

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

Authored By: Sen. Dean Burke (11th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local **Committee Action:** 03-01-2018 Do Pass

Ways & Means Committee**SB 371 Taxes; furnishing of sales and use tax information to municipalities and counties; change provisions**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 371 amends 48-2-15, relating to confidential information secured in the administration of taxes, by allowing counties and municipalities to request information included on the vendor's sales tax certificate for all vendors that have filed a report for a designated period from the commissioner of the Department of Revenue. Any information furnished by the commissioner is

to remain privileged and confidential in nature. The finance officer or taxing official of a county or municipality is not authorized to contact in any manner any taxpayer identified in such information. If the finance officer or taxing official finds any discrepancies, anomalies, or other issues relating to the data received, they must notify the commissioner of their findings. The information disclosed may only be shared with members of the governing authority of the county or municipality when the members of the governing authority are in executive session.

Authored By: Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)
House Committee: Ways & Means

Committee Action: 03-01-2018 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 and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).

No Meetings are currently scheduled at this time