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DAILY REPORT

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- The House will reconvene for its 32nd Legislative Day on Friday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m.
- Two bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HR 1089 United States Congress; pass the federal Marketplace Fairness Act; urge

Bill Summary: House Resolution 1089 urges the United States Congress to pass the federal 'Marketplace Fairness Act' in support of a state's authority to establish equity and fairness for physical and remote retailer sales tax collections.

Authored By: Rep. Jay Powell (171st)
House Committee: Ways & Means
Floor Vote: Yeas: 150 Nays: 11
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee Action: 02-22-2018 Do Pass
Amendments:

HR 1225 Congress; pass the Building Rail Access for Customers and the Economy (BRACE) Act; urge

Bill Summary: HR 1225 urges Congress to pass the 'Building Rail Access for Customers and the Economy (BRACE) Act'. The 'BRACE Act' is a bill to make the tax credit for rail improvement and enhancements permanent.

Authored By: Rep. Brian Prince (127th)
House Committee: Transportation
Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 1
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 02-22-2018 Do Pass
Amendments:

Local Calendar

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.

Authored By: Rep. Vernon Jones (91st)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 123 Nays: 22

Rule Applied:
Committee Action: 03-01-2018 Do Pass
Amendments:

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 32nd Legislative Day, Friday, March 9, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

HR 1017 State and local educational agencies and schools; dyslexia has a profound educational impact that must be addressed; recognize

Bill Summary: House Resolution 1017 encourages all schools, local educational agencies, and the Georgia Department of Education to recognize the profound experience students with dyslexia encounter in education attainment and work towards early diagnosis and implementation of remedial interventions for dyslexic students.

Authored By: Rep. John Corbett (174th)
House Committee: Education

Rule Applied: Open
Committee Action: 02-15-2018 Do Pass

1162 House Study Committee on the Establishment of a State Accreditation Process; create

Bill Summary: House Resolution 898 creates the House 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: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 02-22-2018 Do Pass

Committee Actions

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

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee

HR 1397 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA); withdraw the Electronic Logging Device regulation on the agriculture industry; encourage

Bill Summary: HR 1397 encourages the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to exempt agriculture from electronic logging device regulations and to honor the hours of service provisions on the agriculture industry.

Authored By:	Rep. Robert Dickey (140th)	Committee	03-07-2018 Do Pass
House Committee:	Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	Action:	

Appropriations Committee

HB 684 General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Bill Summary: House Bill 684, the Fiscal Year 2019 budget, is set by a revenue estimate of \$26 billion, an increase of \$1.03 billion, or 4.1 percent, over the FY 2018 original budget. Nearly 90 percent of the new revenue is consumed by non-discretionary education, health and human services expenses. Specifically, \$582.5 million (56.3 percent) is budgeted for education; \$347.7 million (33.6 percent) is budgeted for health and human services; and \$104.7 million (10.1 percent) in remaining new funds is appropriated to public safety, economic development and general government agencies as well as debt service.

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

Authored By:	Rep. David Ralston (7th)	Committee	03-07-2018 Do Pass by Committee
House Committee:	Appropriations	Action:	Substitute

Defense & Veterans Affairs Committee

HR 1198 United States Congress; increase per diem rate for nursing care in state veteran homes to 75 percent of state private nursing rates; urge

Bill Summary: HR 1198 urges the United States Congress to raise the per diem rate for nursing care in state veteran homes to 75 percent of the state private nursing rates.

Authored By:	Rep. Jason Spencer (180th)	Committee	03-07-2018 Do Pass
House Committee:	Defense & Veterans Affairs	Action:	

SB 349 Notaries Public; identification of persons evidenced satisfactorily by a valid Veterans Health Identification Card; provide

Bill Summary: SB 349 provides that a valid veteran's health identification card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs qualifies as acceptable identification for a notary public to provide relevant services.

Authored By:	Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)	Committee	03-07-2018 Do Pass
House Committee:	Defense & Veterans Affairs	Action:	

Governmental Affairs Committee

SB 263 City of Eagles Landing; incorporate; charter; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 639 authorizes a local referendum for the creation of the city of Eagles Landing.

Authored By: Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Higher Education Committee

SB 82 HOPE; need based HOPE scholarship and grant; create

Bill Summary: SB 82 allows a member of the Georgia National Guard or a member of a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces located in Georgia to be classified as a legal resident under eligibility requirements for HOPE scholarships and grants.

Authored By: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)

House Committee: Higher Education

Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass

SB 331 Georgia Lottery for Education Act; winner of lottery prize to remain anonymous under certain conditions; allow

Bill Summary: SB 331 requires the Georgia Lottery Corporation to keep all information regarding the winner of awards of \$250,000 or greater confidential upon written request of the prize winner.

Authored By: Sen. Steve Henson (41st)

House Committee: Higher Education

Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Industry and Labor Committee

SB 377 State Workforce Development Board; transfer to Technical College System of Georgia; duties and obligations; revise

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 377 transfers the State Workforce Development Board from the Department of Economic Development to the Technical College System of Georgia.

Authored By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)

House Committee: Industry and Labor

Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass

Interstate Cooperation Committee

HR 944 People's Republic of China; organ harvesting; express concern

Bill Summary: HR 944 urges the People's Republic of China to end the practice of forced harvesting of organs from prisoners, especially from Falun Gong and other prisoners of conscience.

Authored By: Rep. Dewayne Hill (3rd)

House Committee: Interstate Cooperation

Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass

SR 794 Joint Georgia-North Carolina and Georgia-Tennessee Boundary Line Commission; create

Bill Summary: SR 794 creates the Joint Georgia-North Carolina and Georgia-Tennessee Boundary Line Commission to establish, survey, and proclaim the true boundary lines between Georgia and Tennessee and Georgia and North Carolina. 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 is abolished on December 1, 2018.

The resolution 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: Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
House Committee: Interstate Cooperation
Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

HB 937 Reynolds, City of; provide new charter

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

Authored By: Rep. Patty Bentley (139th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 942 Savannah State Farmers Market Authority Act; enact

Bill Summary: This bill creates the Savannah Farmers Market Commission.

Authored By: Rep. Carl Gilliard (162nd)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 994 Norcross, City of; authorize mayor and council to conduct advisory referendums

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the mayor and council of the City of Norcross to conduct advisory referendums.

Authored By: Rep. Pedro Marin (96th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass

HB 1010 Cherokee County; maximum salary amount and authority of the sheriff; provisions

Bill Summary: This bill gives the governing authority of Cherokee County the authorization to fix the number, salary, compensation, and expenses of the deputies, clerks, assistants, and other personnel employed by the sheriff, the clerk of the superior court, the tax commissioner, and the judge of the Probate Court of Cherokee County.

Authored By: Rep. Wesley Cantrell (22nd)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass

HB 1017 Greensboro, City of; change corporate limits

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

Authored By: Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass

SB 389 State Court of Houston County; location of state court; provide

Bill Summary: This bill states the Houston County State Court shall have jurisdiction over the entire county.

Authored By: Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local **Committee Action:** 03-07-2018 Do Pass

Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee**SB 367 Payment of Indemnification for Death or Disability; option of payment to an estate in the case of death; law enforcement officer; firefighter; emergency medical technician, emergency management specialist, state highway employee or prison guard; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 367 allows indemnification payments to be made to the estate of the deceased or organically brain-damaged person or to the estate administrator as provided for by will or operation of law. The bill specified that the payment to the estate would be allowed only in the event that the deceased or organically brain-damaged individual had no surviving unmarried spouse, dependents of the spouse, or dependents of the deceased or organically brain-damaged person.

Authored By: Sen. Greg Kirk (13th)
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security **Committee Action:** 03-07-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 457 School Safety Plans; conduct drills on the execution of school safety plans based on guidance from Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; require

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 457 requires every public and private school to conduct drills with students, teachers, and other personnel based on the safety plans adopted to help curb the growing incidence of violence in schools.

Authored By: Sen. Horacena Tate (38th)
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security **Committee Action:** 03-07-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Retirement Committee**SB 129 Retirement; creditable service for certain military service; provide**

Bill Summary: SB 129 allows members of the Employees' Retirement System to obtain up to 60 months of creditable service for active military service in the U.S. armed forces on or after January 1, 1990. Qualifying members, those with at least two years of membership service, would be required to show proof of service and pay an amount equal to the full actuarial cost of creditable service. This bill has been certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a fiscal retirement bill. The actuary has determined that a state appropriation is not required to implement the changes.

Authored By: Sen. Ellis Black (8th)
House Committee: Retirement **Committee Action:** 03-07-2018 Do Pass

SB 197 Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; chairperson of the board of trustees; provision; change

Bill Summary: SB 197 prohibits any law, rule, regulation, resolution or ordinance to pass allowing for creditable service unless the individual is required to pay the full actuarial cost of the service granted. This does not apply to creditable service that an individual accrues while a member of that system. The bill limits the amount of creditable service received to 120 months. Lastly, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System is excluded from these provisions. This bill has been certified as a non-fiscal retirement bill by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts.

Authored By: Sen. Ellis Black (8th)
House Committee: Retirement

Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 333 Deferred Compensation Plans; governing authority of a municipality may pay costs/fees associated with employee's participation; provide

Bill Summary: SB 333 allows the governing authority of a municipality to pay the costs or fees associated with an employee's participation in a deferred compensation plan. Also, this legislation allows employers to establish automatic enrollment arrangements; currently, employees must request participation and determine the contribution level. This bill has been certified as a non-fiscal retirement bill by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts.

Authored By: Sen. Ellis Black (8th)
House Committee: Retirement

Committee Action: 03-07-2018 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](#).*

Thursday, March 08, 2018

8:30 AM	State Government Administration Subcommittee of Governmental Affairs	406 CLOB
9:00 AM	HUMAN RELATIONS AND AGING	515 CLOB
9:30 AM	Elections Subcommittee of Governmental Affairs	406 CLOB
9:30 AM	Ways & Means Income Tax Subcommittee	133 CAP
9:45 AM	Ways & Means Ad Valorem Subcommittee	133 CAP
10:00 AM	Ways & Means Public Finance and Policy Subcommittee	133 CAP
10:00 AM	Driver's Safety and Services Subcommittee	415 CLOB
10:30 AM	Insurance - Property & Casualty Subcommittee	606 CLOB
11:00 AM	JUVENILE JUSTICE	406 CLOB
12:30 PM	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	506 CLOB
1:00 PM	JUDICIARY (NON-CIVIL)	415 CLOB
1:00 PM	Resource Management Subcommittee of Natural Resources and Environment	506 CLOB
1:00 PM	WAYS & MEANS	341 CAP
1:30 PM	ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS	403 CAP
2:00 PM	JUDICIARY (CIVIL)	132 CAP
2:00 PM	EDUCATION	606 CLOB
2:00 PM	Transportation Subcommittee on Railway & Transit	506 CLOB
2:30 PM	Game, Fish and Parks Subcommittee	403 CAP
3:00 PM	Reeves Subcommittee of Judiciary (Non-Civil)	415 CLOB
3:00 PM	BANKS & BANKING	341 CAP
3:00 PM	Transportation Subcommittee on State Highways	506 CLOB