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DAILY REPORT

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- The House will reconvene for its 33rd Legislative Day on Monday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Four bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Conference Committee Reports

SB 3 "Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act"; enact

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 3 enacts the 'Creating Opportunities Needed Now to Expand Credentialed Training (CONNECT) Act'. The act amends and expands Title 20 to provide for industry credentialing for students who complete focused programs of study. This legislation adds "energy" to the current list of focused programs and allows local school systems, charter schools, and college and career academies to develop and submit additional pathways for consideration by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall establish a competitive grant for renovation, modernization, replacement, or purchase of equipment for industry certified programs and those in the process of achieving certification, with grant priority given to chronically low-performing high schools.

This legislation also allows registered or certified local law enforcement to use an automated traffic enforcement safety device or a stationary speed detection device within a school zone. This device may be capable of taking still photos or videos and can detect speed from these images. Law enforcement employing this technology will be required to erect signs warning drivers of the detection device, and data or image collected is not public information. Fines are \$125 for the violation plus a fee for the processing of the fine which shall not exceed \$25.

Authored By: Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open

Conference Committee Reports: *(Adoption of the conference committee report represents final passage of the bill by the House)*

Rules Calendar

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)
House Committee: Appropriations
Floor Vote: Yeas: 155 Nays: 14

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

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 educational impact students with dyslexia experience and work towards early diagnosis and implementation of remedial interventions for dyslexic students.

Authored By: Rep. John Corbett (174th)
House Committee: Education
Floor Vote: Yeas: 159 Nays: 0
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

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

HR 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
Floor Vote: Yeas: 161 Nays: 0
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

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

Local Calendar

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
Floor Vote: Yeas: 142 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

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
Floor Vote: Yeas: 142 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

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
Floor Vote: Yeas: 142 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass
Amendments:

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)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	03-07-2018 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 142 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

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)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	03-07-2018 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 142 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

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)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	03-07-2018 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 142 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 2nd Legislative Day, Monday, March 12, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Monday, March 12, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 3rd Legislative Day.

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

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-07-2018 Do Pass

SB 17 Alcoholic Beverages; provide governing authorities of counties in which the sale for consumption is lawful; authorize certain time on Sundays

Bill Summary: SB 17, through local referendum, lowers the initial time to allow for Sunday sales of alcohol from 12:30 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. for any licensed establishment that derives at least 50 percent of annual gross sales from the sale of food or a licensed establishment that derives 50 percent of annual gross income from the rental of rooms for overnight lodging. SB 17 also provides the language for such a local referendum.

Authored By: Sen. Renee Unterman (45th)
House Committee: Regulated Industries

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 03-06-2018 Do Pass

SB 356 Georgia Commission on the Holocaust; membership; change

Bill Summary: SB 356 moves the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust from the Office of the Secretary of State to the Department of Community Affairs. The bill also allows for legislative oversight to include one member of the majority party and one member of the minority party from each chamber; these appointments are made by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate. Subject to the availability of private funds, the commission is also charged with designing, procuring, and placing a Georgia World War II Holocaust Memorial.

Authored By: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
House Committee: State Properties

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 02-27-2018 Do Pass

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

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

Committee Actions

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

Economic Development & Tourism Committee

SB 395 Georgia Joint Defense Commission; create

Bill Summary: SB 395 creates the Georgia Joint Defense Commission. This commission consists of: the chairperson of the Senate Veterans Military and Homeland Security Committee; the chairperson of the Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee; four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House; two members of the Senate appointed by the lieutenant governor; one citizen member from each military installation region in the state appointed by the governor; the director of the Governor's Defense Initiative; and the commissioner of the Department of Economic Development or his/her designee.

The goals of the commission are to: advise the governor and the General Assembly on defense and military issues within the state and nationally; make recommendations regarding policies and plans to support the long-term viability and development of the military; develop methods to assist defense-dependent communities in the design and execution of programs that enhance each community's relationship with military installations and defense-related business; serve as a task force to seek advice on and prepare for potential base realignment or closure of military installations in the state; develop and implement a strategic plan to navigate potential base realignment or closure of military installations studies and proceedings; and produce and distribute a detailed annual report regarding the status of the state's military installations. The Department of Economic Development will provide the administrative support staff for the commission.

Part Two of SB 395 pertains to the Defense Community Economic Development Grant program, which is administered by the workforce development division of the Department of Economic Development subject to appropriations. The consideration for this grant will be based upon the furthering of the relationship between the military community and military installation, and the furthering of the military installation's economic development investment into the military community.

Authored By:	Sen. Ben Watson (1st)	Committee	03-09-2018 Do Pass by Committee
House	Economic Development & Tourism	Action:	Substitute
Committee:			

Insurance Committee

SB 350 Notice of Information Practices By Institution or Agent; policy renewal to comport with federal law; update notice practices requirements

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 350 updates Georgia law in regards to the notice requirements for an insurance company or agent to their policyholders in the case of policy renewal to comport with federal law.

Authored By:	Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)	Committee	03-09-2018 Do Pass
House	Insurance	Action:	
Committee:			

SB 353 Boilers and Pressure Vessels; violations concerning the regulation; civil enforcement and penalty authority in the Safety Fire Commissioner; establish

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 353 establishes civil enforcement and penalty authority in the Safety Fire Commissioner for violations concerning the regulation of boilers and pressure vessels. The maximum penalty is \$5,000.

Authored By:	Sen. Lee Anderson (24th)	Committee	03-09-2018 Do Pass by Committee
House	Insurance	Action:	Substitute
Committee:			

SB 381 Surplus Line Insurance; nonadmitted insurer domiciled in this state will be deemed a domestic surplus lines insurer if certain criteria are met; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 381 provides that a non-admitted insurer domiciled in this state, if all qualifications are met, will be deemed a domestic surplus lines insurer.

Authored By: Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

House Committee: Insurance

Committee Action: 03-09-2018 Do Pass

Committee Meeting Schedule

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Monday, March 12, 2018

8:00 AM	INSURANCE	606 CLOB
9:00 AM	RULES	341 CAP
10:00 AM	HOUSE FLOOR SESSION (LD33)	House Chamber
1:00 PM	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	606 CLOB
1:00 PM	JUDICIARY (NON-CIVIL)	406 CLOB
2:00 PM	MEDICAL CANNABIS WORKING GROUP	506 CLOB
2:00 PM	ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS	403 CAP
2:00 PM	BANKS AND BANKING	341 CAP
2:00 PM	CODE REVISION	415 CLOB
3:00 PM	PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY	415 CLOB
3:00 PM	Resource Management Subcommittee: Natural Resources	514 CLOB

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