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DAILY REPORT

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- The House will reconvene for its 35th Legislative Day on Thursday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- 12 bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HR 1376 House Rural Development Council; solicit input from hospitals in the state on the financial conditions of such hospitals; urge

Bill Summary: HR 1376 urges the House Rural Development Council to solicit input from the hospitals in this state on their financial condition including profitability, community benefit, cash reserves and viability projections as well as to receive recommendations from the hospital industry on legislative or regulatory changes that could ensure viability of the health care industry.

Authored By:	Rep. Matt Hatchett (150th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Open
House Committee:	Health & Human Services	Committee Action:	03-06-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 166 Nays: 1	Amendments:	
Floor Action:	Adopted (Resolution)		

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)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Open
House Committee:	Retirement	Committee Action:	03-07-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 167 Nays: 2	Amendments:	

SB 382 Optometrists guidance and consultation by the Department of Public Health; provide

Bill Summary: This bill requires the Department of Public Health to provide guidance on certain training programs for doctors of optometry who administer pharmaceutical agents by injection. The legislation adds that any injectable training program approved by the State Board of Optometry, prior to its approval by the board, is subject to the guidance by the Department of Public Health to ensure that the necessary, appropriate curriculum is in place.

Authored By:	Sen. P. K. Martin (9th)	Rule Applied:	Structured
House Committee:	Health & Human Services	Committee Action:	03-08-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 170 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

SB 425 Professional Land Surveyors; provisions; change

Bill Summary: SB 425 removes the requirement that land surveyors receive at least five hours of course study in hydrology. The bill 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 coursework so that they may sit for the board approved examination for licensure. In addition, HB 833 adds surveyors to the list of professionals subject to a misdemeanor for practicing as a licensed surveyor if that person has not completed the licensing requirements.

Authored By: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)
House Committee: Regulated Industries
Floor Vote: Yeas: 158 Nays: 6

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

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
Floor Vote: Yeas: 161 Nays: 4
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

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

Postponed Until Next Legislative Day**SB 357 Health Coordination and Innovation Council of the State of Georgia; create**

Bill Summary: SB 357 establishes the Health Coordination and Innovation Council of the State of Georgia. The 18-member council includes: a new position for a director of health care policy and strategic planning; the commissioner of the Department of Community Health; the commissioner of the Department of Public Health; the commissioner of the Department of Human Services; the commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; and the executive director of the Division of Substance Abuse, Addiction, and Related Disorders. Six additional members are appointed by the governor for four-year terms. Appointments shall be made to ensure that the council always includes: a dentist, a pharmacist, a primary care physician and a member representing a private health care industry. The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the House of Representatives each have one appointment. The council will create an annual report of its business, which is to create a forum for innovative ideas, evaluation, maximize resources, and organize a health care approach.

The new position is responsible for the management and coordination of health care delivery on all government levels, in addition to coordinating data-driven decision-making between the Health Coordination and Innovation Council and the state. The director may hire staff to perform these functions.

This bill also creates a 13- to 19-member advisory board to the council, which will not have government employees as members. The governor will appoint all members who have experience to address the needs of the council, such as reviewing and commenting on all health care grant

applications. These entities shall provide required reporting to the council: Maternal Mortality Review Committee; Office of Women's Health; Commission on Men's Health; Renal Dialysis Advisory Council; Kidney Disease Advisory Committee; Hemophilia Advisory Board; GA Council on Lupus Education and Awareness; Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council; Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission; Behavioral Health Coordinating Council; Georgia Coverdell Acute Stroke Registry; Office of Cardiac Care; and Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund.

Authored By: Sen. Dean Burke (11th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

Local Calendar

HB 1021 Pulaski County; Office of Commissioner of Roads and Revenues; provide for filling of vacancies

Bill Summary: This bill provides for the filling of vacancies in the Pulaski County Commissioner of Roads and Revenues office.

Authored By: Rep. Buddy Harden (148th) **Rule Applied:**
House Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-12-2018 Do Pass
Committee: Local **Action:**
Floor Vote: Yeas: 156 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

HB 1022 Coffee County; Board of Education; revise provisions regarding filling of vacancies

Bill Summary: This bill revises the provisions regarding the filling of vacancies on the Coffee County Board of Education.

Authored By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th) **Rule Applied:**
House Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-12-2018 Do Pass
Committee: Local **Action:**
Floor Vote: Yeas: 156 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

HB 1023 Camden County; Joint Board of Elections and Registration; create

Bill Summary: This bill creates a Board of Elections and Registration for Camden County.

Authored By: Rep. Jason Spencer (180th) **Rule Applied:**
House Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-12-2018 Do Pass by Committee
Committee: Local **Action:** Substitute
Floor Vote: Yeas: 156 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

HB 1024 Glennville, City of; provide new charter

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

Authored By: Rep. William Werkheiser (157th) **Rule Applied:**
House Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-12-2018 Do Pass
Committee: Local **Action:**
Floor Vote: Yeas: 156 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

HB 1026 Ringgold, City of; levy an excise tax

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

Authored By: Rep. Dewayne Hill (3rd) **Rule Applied:**
House Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-12-2018 Do Pass
Committee: Local **Action:**
Floor Vote: Yeas: 156 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

HB 1028 Spalding County; school district ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

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

Authored By:	Rep. David Knight (130th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-12-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 156 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1030 Douglasville, City of; Redevelopment Powers Law; provide for referendum

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

Authored By:	Rep. Roger Bruce (61st)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-12-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 156 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1031 Villa Rica, City of; provide new charter

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

Authored By:	Rep. J. Collins (68th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-12-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 156 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1033 Barrow County; commission to study whether such county and all municipal corporations should be reconstituted as a single consolidated government; provide referendum

Bill Summary: This bill provides for a non-binding, advisory referendum to determine whether an independent commission should be created to study whether Barrow County and the municipalities located within Barrow County should be reconstituted as a single consolidated government.

Authored By:	Rep. Terry England (116th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-12-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 156 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1034 Tallulah Falls, Town of; town council; change certain provisions

Bill Summary: This bill changes the provisions relating to quorum, voting, and special meetings of the Town of Tallulah Falls Town Council.

Authored By:	Rep. Dan Gasaway (28th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-12-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 156 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1035 Muscogee County; Magistrate Court to impose and collect county law library fees; authorize

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the Muscogee County Magistrate Court to impose and collect county law library fees as part of the court costs.

Authored By:	Rep. Calvin Smyre (135th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-12-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 156 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1036 Fulton County; Superior Court; tax parcel identification number be included on documents recorded in real property records; require

Bill Summary: This bill requires the Fulton County Superior Court Clerk to include tax parcel identification number(s) on documents recorded in the real property records of the clerk.

Authored By:	Rep. Chuck Martin (49th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-12-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 156 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

SB 398 Board of Education of Talbot County; compensation of the members; provide

Bill Summary: This bill states each member of the Talbot County Board of Education shall be compensated \$200 for each day of attendance at meetings of the board and while meeting and traveling within or outside the state as a member of the board on official business.

Authored By:	Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-12-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 156 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

SB 440 City of Soperton; certain tracts or parcels of land; annex; description of the council districts; change

Bill Summary: This bill annexes certain parcels of land into the City of Soperton and changes the description of the council districts.

Authored By:	Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	03-12-2018 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 156 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 35th Legislative Day, Thursday, March 15, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Thursday, March 15, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 36th Legislative Day.

HR 1260 House Study Committee on Juvenile Court Judges; create

Bill Summary: HB 1260 forms a study committee to undertake an investigation into the conditions, needs, issues, and problems regarding the state of juvenile court judges and to review current laws as applied to the compensation of juvenile court judges, their appointment, qualifications, and governance. Further, the committee will make recommendations including actions and legislation as deemed appropriate by the committee.

Authored By: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd)
House Committee: Juvenile Justice

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 02-26-2018 Do Pass

HR 1363 United States Congress; amend Controlled Substances Act of 1970 to reclassify marijuana as a Schedule II drug; urge

Bill Summary: HR 1363 urges the United States Congress to amend the 'Controlled Substances Act of 1970' to reclassify marijuana as a Schedule II drug so that its medical benefits and effects may be researched. It further urges Congress to enact the 'Marijuana Effective Drug Study Act' (MEDS Act) if it is unwilling to reclassify marijuana.

Authored By: Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd)
House Committee: Health & Human Services

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

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

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

SB 118 Autism; age limit for coverage for autism spectrum disorders for an individual covered under a policy or contract; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 118 increases the age of coverage for the treatment of Autism Spectrum disorders from six-years to 20-years old and the limit on coverage from \$30,000 per year to \$35,000 per year.

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

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-12-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 321 Medicaid Claims; false or fraudulent; recover the maximum penalty authorized by federal law; increase the civil penalties

Bill Summary: This bill increases the civil penalty for Medicaid fraud from between \$5,500 and \$11,000 to between \$11,181 and \$22,363 for each false or fraudulent claim. The additional Medicaid program penalty of three times the amount of damages is retained.

Authored By: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th)
House Committee: Judiciary

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

SB 328 Income Tax; expiration of certain income tax credits; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 328 repeals the income tax credits for federal qualified transportation fringe benefits, private driver education courses, and diesel particulate emission reduction technology equipment. The bill also allows for a corporate income tax deduction for income specified in Section 951A of the IRC of 1986, Global Low-Taxed Intangible Income (GILTI).

Authored By: Sen. John Albers (56th)
House Committee: Ways & Means

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee Action: 03-08-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 330 "Green Agricultural Education Act"; three-component model; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 330 creates O.C.G.A. 20-2-154.2., which requires agricultural education programs in Georgia to be based on a nationally recognized three-component model of school-based agricultural education for grades six through 12. The Department of Education will develop the curriculum and standards for the program with input from agricultural education teachers. This legislation also authorizes the Department of Education to establish an agricultural education pilot program for elementary agricultural education to determine whether such a program is suitable for statewide implementation.

Authored By: Sen. John Wilkinson (50th)
House Committee: Education

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 03-08-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

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

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 03-09-2018 Do Pass

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)
House Committee: Economic Development & Tourism

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee Action: 03-09-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 406 "Georgia Long-term Care Background Check Program" enact; public safety; promote

Bill Summary: SB 406 creates the Georgia Long-term Care Background Check Program, which requires comprehensive criminal background checks for owners, applicants for employment, and employees providing care or owning a personal care home, assisted living community, private home care provider, home health agency, hospice care, nursing home, skilled nursing facility, or an adult day care. This requirement would begin for new applicants on October 1, 2019, but existing employees and owners have until January 1, 2021 to submit a records check application to the Department of Community Health. The department is authorized to conduct national fingerprint-based criminal background checks and provide an appeals process. Additionally, the department is to establish and maintain a caregiver registry so that employers who are family members or guardians of elderly persons can obtain an employment eligibility determination from the department for personal care applicants and employees. The bill provides immunity from liability for the department and any person or facility acting in good faith to comply with the requirements in this bill.

Authored By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)
House Committee: Human Relations & Aging

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-08-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 436 Probate Courts; general provisions; change and modernize

Bill Summary: This bill amends Code sections related to general provisions for probate courts involving training, appointments and vacancies.

The bill repeals provisions allowing the sheriff to act as an administrator. It extends the time allotted to complete new judge orientation training and file an attendance record, rather than a certificate, to one year.

This bill also removes the provision mandating concurrent terms of employment of an associate judge and the elected judge so that an associate judge may remain employed beyond the term of the elected judge. Associate judges may also practice any law outside his or her of role as an associate judge.

In the event a probate court judge is unable to act and does not appoint another attorney, a clerk of court may only act as the probate judge if the clerk is qualified to run for the position. A special election is required. Before the special election, the vacancy may be filled by the most senior associate judge even if that associate judge does not live in the district, however, if that associate judge wishes run in the special election then he or she must move into the district and otherwise qualify. If the most senior associate judge does not wish to fill the vacancy, he or she shall inform the chief judge of the superior court in which the judgeship is located in writing. If no associate judge exists to fill the vacancy or if all judges decline, the vacancy shall be filled by a qualified chief probate clerk. In the absence of an associate judge or chief clerk, the chief superior court judge shall appoint an individual to serve until the election.

The bill increases the judge's bond requirement from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to be paid by the county government. The bill also removes the minimum number of years a judge must serve to qualify as "retired" for purposes of granting a marriage license.

Lastly, this bill amends the Code section relating to the right of an interested person to offer a will for probate when the executor, the person appointed to administer the will, fails to do so. "Interested person" includes, but is not limited to a: recipient under the will, creditor of the decedent, purchaser from an heir of the decedent, and/or another similarly situated person.

Authored By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)
House Committee: Judiciary

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-08-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Committee Actions

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

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee

HR 1471 House Study Committee on the Revitalization of the Atlanta State Farmers Market; create

Bill Summary: HR 1471 creates the House Study Committee on the Revitalization of the Atlanta State Farmers Market. The committee will investigate the decline in patrons of the market and possible solutions to attract farmers, business owners, and consumers. The nine-member committee is composed of five members of the House of Representatives and four members from the private sector or members of the House of Representatives; all members are appointed by the speaker of the House. The committee is authorized to meet for five days and stands abolished on December 1, 2018.

Authored By:	Rep. Valencia Stovall (74th)	Committee	03-14-2018 Do Pass
House Committee:	Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	Action:	

HR 1473 House Study Committee on Industrial Hemp Production; create

Bill Summary: HR 1473 creates the House Study Committee on Industrial Hemp Production. The committee shall investigate the feasibility of developing industrial hemp in Georgia and determining the potential economic benefits that industrial hemp production may have for rural areas of the state. The committee shall be comprised of five members of the House of Representatives as appointed by the speaker of the House. The committee is authorized to meet for up to five days and shall stand abolished on December 1, 2018.

Authored By:	Rep. Tom McCall (33rd)	Committee	03-14-2018 Do Pass
House Committee:	Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	Action:	

Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee

SB 426 "Broadband Infrastructure Leads to Development (BILD) Act"

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 426 amends Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. to streamline the deployment of wireless broadband in the public rights-of-way.

Under Section 36-66C-2, a wireless provider shall have the right to collocate small wireless facilities, "small cells", and construct, install, maintain, modify, operate, and replace utility poles to support small wireless facilities along, across, upon, and under a right-of-way. These installed poles shall not obstruct or hinder the usual travel or public safety on the right-of-way or obstruct the legal use of the right-of-way by other utilities. Each new or modified pole shall not exceed 50 feet above the ground level, while new small wireless facilities may not extend more than 10 feet above the utility pole or wireless support structure on which it is attached.

A wireless provider may attach small wireless facilities that exceed the height limits and construct or modify poles that exceed the height limits if the authority, defined as a local governing authority, approves the application. A wireless provider shall comply with reasonable and non-discriminatory requirements that prohibit providers from installing poles in rights-of-way designated for underground or buried cable and utility facilities.

If an authority determines that a wireless provider's activity in the right-of-way has created an imminent risk to public safety, the authority may provide written notice to the provider and demand action. If the provider fails to address the risk within 24 hours of notice, the authority may take actions to reasonably address the risk and also charge the provider the cost of the actions. The authority may also require a provider to repair all damage to a right-of-way directly caused by the provider's activities. If the provider fails to make the repairs required by the authority within 30 days of a written notice, the authority may make the repairs and charge the provider.

A small wireless facility that is not operated for a continuous period of 12 months shall be considered abandoned and the owner must remove it within 90 days of written notice from an authority. The authority may remove the facility pursuant to the terms of its agreement.

If the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) or a local governing authority requires the widening, repair, reconstruction, or relocation of a public road or highway, a provider shall relocate utility poles or wireless support structures it has installed in the right-of-way for the attachment of wireless facilities at no cost to GDOT or the local governing authority if the poles are found to be unreasonably interfering with the widening, repair, reconstruction or relocation project. If the widening, repair, reconstruction, or relocation is required by an entity other than GDOT or an authority, the other entity shall bear the cost of relocation.

An authority shall not assess a rate for occupancy of the right-of-way that exceeds \$25 per year per small wireless facility. Additionally, an authority may adopt written guidelines establishing reasonable and objective stealth or concealment criteria for small wireless facilities in designated downtown or residential areas.

Section 36-66C-3 states a provider shall not apply to install a utility pole unless the provider has determined after diligent investigation that it cannot meet the service objectives of the permit by collocating on an existing utility pole or wireless support structure. The authority may require a provider to certify it has made the determination in good faith, based on the assessment of a licensed engineer, and to provide a documented summary of the basis for the determination. This section also limits application fees.

An authority may require an applicant to obtain one or more permits to attach a small wireless facility or install or modify a pole, as long as the permits do not apply exclusively to small wireless facilities. The application shall be deemed complete within 30 days if the authority does not notify the applicant that the application is incomplete. If the application is incomplete, the authority shall identify the missing information and the applicant may provide the missing information and resubmit the application within 20 days without paying an additional application fee. The application shall be deemed approved within 75 days if the authority fails to approve or deny it. The applicant may fix the issues with a denied application within 30 days and resubmit it without paying an additional application fee.

An applicant seeking to attach small wireless facilities within the jurisdiction of a single authority shall be allowed to file a consolidated application for the attachment of up to 15 small wireless facilities and receive a permit for the attachment of multiple small wireless facilities.

Section 36-66C-4 deals with the review of applications for construction, installation, maintenance, modification, operation, or replacement of wireless facilities, wireless support structures, and utility poles inside a right-of-way. An application shall be deemed complete if the authority does not notify the applicant within 30 days if it is incomplete. This section also limits the application fees and gives more detail about the processing of an application by an authority.

Pursuant to Section 36-66C-5, an authority shall not enter into an exclusive arrangement with any person for the right to attach to authority poles. Except as otherwise provided, pole attachment fees shall not exceed \$40 per year per pole.

Section 36-66C-9 states a provider that installs utility poles to support its own small wireless facilities shall allow another provider to attach its own small wireless facilities, subject to technical feasibility and commercially reasonable rates, terms and conditions, if the other provider agrees in writing to make available similar utility poles.

Authored By: Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)
House Committee: Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications

Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Game, Fish, & Parks Committee

SB 450 Unlawful Enticement of Game; hunting in vicinity of feed or bait; remove definitions

Bill Summary: SB 450 removes the Northern and Southern deer hunting zones. The bill creates a restriction to baiting within 50 yards of a property ownership boundary without a written agreement between the adjoining property owners. In the event a conservation ranger becomes aware of any deer or feral hog baiting violation, the ranger may require the owner to remove such bait. Failure to comply with a conservation ranger's order is a misdemeanor.

Authored By: Sen. Chuck Payne (54th)

House Committee: Game, Fish, & Parks

Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Governmental Affairs Committee

SB 363 Elections and Primaries; time for opening and closing of the polls; provide

Bill Summary: SB 363 establishes the weekend days for early voting as either the third Saturday or Sunday, but not both, prior to a primary or general election during the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., and for early voting ballots to be counted at 6:00 p.m. on election day.

The bill also establishes the time that polls shall be open on the day of an election as 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Authored By: Sen. Matt Brass (28th)

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 397 Real and Personal Property; municipalities to hire state licensed real estate brokers to assist in sale; allow

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 397 allows cities to contract with real estate agents or brokers for the purpose of marketing city-owned property.

Authored By: Sen. Ben Watson (1st)

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass

SB 403 Primaries and Elections; uniform election equipment in this state; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 403 provides that direct recording electronic voting systems shall not be used after January 1, 2024 and outlines a process to replace them with optical scanning equipment.

Authored By: Sen. Bruce Thompson (14th)

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 404 Public Water Systems; charging or assessing a separate fee for standby water service for fire sprinkler system connections; prohibit county, municipal and other public water systems

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 404 prohibits local governing authorities from charging a separate fee for standby water service for fire sprinkler systems.

Authored By: Sen. Matt Brass (28th)

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 430 Elections; compensation of various local government officials; modify

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 430 codifies the current base salary of local constitutional officers.

Authored By: Sen. Matt Brass (28th)

House Governmental Affairs

Committee:

Committee
Action:

03-14-2018 Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

SR 685 Georgia Coast; bed of tidewater known as "Runaway Negro Creek"; rename to "Freedom Creek"

Bill Summary: Senate Resolution 685 changes the name of "Runaway Negro Creek" on Skidaway Island, Georgia, to "Freedom Creek".

Authored By: Sen. Lester Jackson (2nd)

House Governmental Affairs

Committee:

Committee
Action:

03-14-2018 Do Pass

Health & Human Services Committee**HR 446 Johnny Tolbert III House Study Committee on Heatstroke; create**

Bill Summary: HR 446 creates the House Study Committee on Heatstroke. The committee shall be composed of seven members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the speaker, who shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson and file a report prior to the date of abolishment on December 1, 2018.

Authored By: Rep. William Boddie (62nd)

House Health & Human Services

Committee:

Committee
Action:

03-14-2018 Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

SB 202 Medical Assistance; increase in the personal needs allowance to be deducted from a nursing home resident's income; provide

Bill Summary: This bill relates to the 'Disabled Adults and Elder Persons Protection Act'. There will be established Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Teams to coordinate the investigation of and responses to suspected instances of abuse of disabled adults or elder persons. HB 635 allows the district attorney in each judicial circuit to establish the Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team and outlines the persons or agencies who shall have reasonable access to records concerning reports of elder, disabled adult, or resident abuse.

Authored By: Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)

House Health & Human Services

Committee:

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Action:

03-14-2018 Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

SB 318 Mental Health; involuntary evaluation and treatment based on consultation with paramedic; execution of a physician's certificate for emergency examination; provide

Bill Summary: This bill provides for the execution of a physician's certificate for emergency examination of a person for involuntary evaluation and treatment for mental illness or alcohol or drug abuse based on consultation with an emergency medical technician or paramedic who has personally observed the person. The Department of Community Health shall establish a one-year pilot program to provide for the execution of a physician's certificate for emergency examination of a person for involuntary evaluation and treatment for mental illness or alcohol or drug abuse based on consultation with an emergency medical technician or paramedic. The department shall establish the parameters for the pilot program and seek the input of local emergency personnel, hospitals, and mental health and addiction professionals to design the pilot program.

The purpose of the pilot program shall be to determine the effects and outcomes related to: persons in crisis or potential crisis due to mental illness or alcohol or drug abuse; emergency receiving facilities; emergency personnel; local law enforcement; and the public when an emergency medical technician or paramedic, based upon his or her direct observations of a person who appears to be a

person with mental illness requiring involuntary treatment, delivers that person to an emergency receiving facility for a physician's examination and certificate if warranted.

Authored By: Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)
House Committee: Health & Human Services
Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Tabled

SB 325 "Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Act"; Georgia Composite Medical Board to administer the compact in this state; authorize

Bill Summary: SB 325 provides for a pilot program for coverage of the treatment and management of obesity. The Department of Community Health will conduct a three-year pilot program for related conditions under a state health insurance plan to cover all federal Food and Drug Administration approved medications for chronic weight management for eligible participants. The department shall review the results and outcomes of the pilot program. The department shall provide a final report by June 30, 2022 to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Appropriations Committee.

This bill also 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: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
House Committee: Health & Human Services
Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 422 Clinical Laboratories; exempting pharmacists from provisions of said chapter when performing certain tests; provisions; change

Bill Summary: This bill relates to clinical laboratories to provide changes to provisions exempting pharmacists from blood tests and interpreting the results. Pharmacists performing such tests shall make reasonable efforts to report the results obtained from the test to the patient's physician of choice.

Authored By: Sen. Renee Unterman (45th)
House Committee: Health & Human Services
Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

HB 1025 Jesup, City of; levy an excise tax

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

Authored By: Rep. William Werkheiser (157th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass

HB 1038 Gwinnett County; levy an excise tax

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

Authored By: Rep. Scott Hilton (95th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass

HB 1039 Big Canoe Water and Sewer Authority Act; enact

Bill Summary: This bill creates the Big Canoe Water and Sewer Authority.

Authored By: Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass

HB 1041 McDonough, City of; revise corporate boundaries

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

Authored By: Rep. Dale Rutledge (109th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass

HB 1044 Southern Judicial Circuit; superior court judges; increase supplement to compensation

Bill Summary: This bill increases the compensation supplement for the judges of the superior courts of the Southern Judicial Circuit.

Authored By: Rep. Jason Shaw (176th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass

HB 1047 Washington County; State Court; charge technology fee

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the Washington County State Court to charge a technology fee for each civil case filed and each criminal fine imposed.

Authored By: Rep. Mack Jackson (128th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass

HB 1048 Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit; Superior Court judges; increase compensation

Bill Summary: This bill increases the amount of compensation paid by the county comprising the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit to each judge of the superior courts of the judicial circuit.

Authored By: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass

HB 1049 Cherokee County; State Court judges; modify compensation

Bill Summary: This bill modifies the compensation of the judges of the Cherokee County State Court.

Authored By: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass

HB 1050 Byron, City of; duties and powers of mayor; provisions

Bill Summary: This bill revises provisions related to the duties and powers of several members of the City of Byron government.

Authored By: Rep. Robert Dickey (140th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee Action: 03-14-2018 Do Pass

SB 410 Board of Elections and Registration of Rockdale County; meetings of the board; provisions; change

Bill Summary: This bill changes provisions related to the meetings of the Rockdale County Board of Elections and Registration and changes the compensation for the members of the board.

Authored By: Sen. Tonya Anderson (43rd)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local **Committee Action:** 03-14-2018 Do Pass

SB 412 City of Hapeville; levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.; authorize

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

Authored By: Sen. Nan Orrock (36th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local **Committee Action:** 03-14-2018 Do Pass

State Planning & Community Affairs Committee**HR 1466 House Study Committee on Evaluating and Recommending on Continuing or Abolishing Daylight Saving Time; create**

Bill Summary: This resolution creates the House Study Committee on Evaluating and Recommending on Continuing or Abolishing Daylight Saving Time.

Authored By: Rep. Betty Price (48th)
House Committee: State Planning & Community Affairs **Committee Action:** 03-14-2018 Do Pass

Committee Meeting Schedule

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12:30 PM	Ways & Means Subcommittee on Public Finance and Policy	403 CAP
1:00 PM	JUVENILE JUSTICE	406 CLOB
2:00 PM	JUDICIARY (CIVIL)	132 CAP
2:00 PM	TRANSPORTATION	506 CLOB