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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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DAILY REPORT

16th
Legislative
Day

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- The House will reconvene for its 17th Legislative Day on Monday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Three bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 487 Disaster Volunteer Relief Act; certain employees of state agencies to be granted leave from work with pay in order to participate in specialized disaster relief services; authorize

Bill Summary: House Bill 487 allows state employees, under the 'Disaster Relief Volunteer Act,' who are certified volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol United States Air Force Auxiliary to be granted paid leave for no more than 15 workdays in a 12-month period. Upon the employee's agency approval, this leave will be specifically used for participation in specialized emergency services operations for the Civil Air Patrol upon the request of the patrol after activation by a county emergency management agency, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, or a comparable federal agency for that employee's services.

Authored By:	Rep. Josh Bonner (72nd)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House Committee:	Public Safety & Homeland Security	Committee Action:	02-18-2020 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 157 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 780 State Properties Commission; use an opinion of value in the valuation of state property where a conveyance of the property by the state is for the sole and direct benefit to the state; allow

Bill Summary: House Bill 780 allows the State Properties Commission to use an opinion of value or a written appraisal of value for the conveyance of property that solely and directly benefits the state.

Authored By:	Rep. Clay Pirkle (155th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Open
House Committee:	State Properties	Committee Action:	02-05-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 149 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

Local Calendar

HB 826 Meigs, City of; elections and terms of office; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 826 provides for the elections and terms of office of the city of Meigs.

Authored By:	Rep. Sam Watson (172nd)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-20-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 149 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 921 South Fulton, City of; revise provisions regarding the city attorney

Bill Summary: HB 921 revises provisions relating to the city attorney for the city of South Fulton.

Authored By:	Rep. Roger Bruce (61st)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-20-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 149 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 923 Clinch County; Board of Education; modify the compensation of the members

Bill Summary: House Bill 923 modifies the compensation of the Clinch County Board of Education members. The chairperson of the board of education shall receive a per diem of \$500 for each day of attendance at regular meetings and \$100 for each day of attendance at called meetings, including training sessions, provided the compensation shall not exceed \$700 per month. The other members of the board shall receive a per diem of \$400 for each day of attendance at regular meetings and \$100 for each day of attendance at called meetings, including training session, provided the compensation shall not exceed \$600 per month.

Authored By:	Rep. John Corbett (174th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-20-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 149 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 924 Habersham County; Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue; update the procedures for filling vacancies

Bill Summary: House Bill 924 updates the procedures for filling vacancies on the Habersham County Board of Commissioners.

Authored By:	Rep. Terry Rogers (10th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-20-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 149 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 933 Troup County; school district ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

Bill Summary: HB 933 increases a homestead exemption from \$10,000 to \$40,000 for residents of the Troup County School District who are 65 and older with incomes not exceeding \$40,000.

Authored By:	Rep. Randy Nix (69th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-20-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 149 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 935 Gwinnett County; Recorder's Court; provide for senior judges

Bill Summary: House Bill 935 provides for senior judges of the Gwinnett County Recorder's Court.

Authored By:	Rep. Chuck Efstoration (104th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-20-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 149 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 944 Miller County; Board of Education; provide for the election of members by qualified electors within their respective districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 944 provides for the election of the Miller County Board of Education members by district.

Authored By:	Rep. Winfred Dukes (154th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	02-20-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 149 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 945 Miller County; Board of Commissioners; provide for the election of members by qualified electors within their respective districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 945 provides for the election of the Miller County Board of Commissioners by district.

Authored By: Rep. Winfred Dukes (154th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 149 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee Action: 02-20-2020 Do Pass
Amendments:

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 17th Legislative Day, Monday, February 24, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Monday, February 24, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 18th Legislative Day.

HB 417 Law enforcement officers and agencies; comprehensive regulation of trauma scene cleanup services; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 417 provides for the regulation of trauma scene cleanup services. The Georgia Secretary of State is responsible for registering trauma scene waste management practitioners. The registration is valid for three years and may be renewed for additional three-year periods. The initial registration fee is \$100 and \$100 upon renewal. The Secretary of State will maintain a current list of all registered trauma scene waste management practitioners on its website. Each practitioner must submit to a fingerprint-based background check prior to being registered and every three years following the initial background check. No person convicted of a felony is eligible for registration. Each practitioner must be bonded in the amount of \$25,000 and must have liability insurance for at least \$100,000. Each practitioner must provide to the Secretary of State proof of valid generation and transportation permit from the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources for the provision of trauma scene waste management services. The practitioner must also provide proof of all current certifications in the removal and disposal of regulated biomedical waste held by the practitioner or any contractor used for waste management services.

The Secretary of State is authorized to issue temporary registrations in the event of a declared public emergency or a state of emergency; however, these registrations terminate no later than 90 days from issuance. This legislation does not prevent a private property owner from cleaning up a scene on their property themselves, or the gratuitous cleanup performed for the owner of a property by individuals who are not doing so as part of a commercial enterprise for the cleanup or removal of trauma scene waste.

Authored By:	Rep. Alan Powell (32nd)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House	Public Safety & Homeland Security	Committee	02-18-2020 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:		Action:	Substitute

HB 583 Insurance; framework for regulating the offering or issuance of travel insurance in this state; provide

Bill Summary: HB 583 creates new regulations for the travel insurance industry. These new provisions include establishing uniform meanings of key terms and clarifying sales practices and application of Georgia's unfair trade practice laws. HB 583 prohibits the practice of opt-out sales and imposes explicit consumer disclosures in addition to what Georgia's insurance laws already require. Additionally, the bill provides that travel insurance may be sold via individual, group, or blanket policies and specifies how premium taxes are to be calculated. In most cases, the bill requires that travel insurance be filed as marine insurance; however, travel insurance that provides coverage for sickness, accident, disability, death, or other related emergencies occurring during the travel may also be filed under an accident or health line of insurance.

Authored By:	Rep. Noel Williams (148th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House	Insurance	Committee	02-19-2020 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:		Action:	Substitute

HB 820 Transportation, Department of; state investment in railways and railroad facilities and equipment; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 820 establishes within the Department of Transportation a Georgia Freight Railroad Program. This program is administered by the commissioner, is subject to appropriations, and will enhance the state's investment in freight rail projects. It is composed of three subprograms: rail enhancement, rail preservation, and rail industrial. In administering these subprograms, every effort will be made to balance the initiative around the state. At the end of each

fiscal year, the commissioner or his appointee will submit a report of the program to the governor, lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the House. The report shall also be made available to the members of the General Assembly.

Authored By: Rep. Kevin Tanner (9th)
House Transportation
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 01-30-2020 Do Pass
Action:

Committee Actions

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

Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 799 Motor vehicles; prohibition regarding eligibility of certain violators to receive early reinstatement of their driver's licenses and limited driving permits; repeal

Bill Summary: HB 799 brings driving under the influence of controlled substances and marijuana in line with driving under the influence of alcohol by giving the trial judge the discretion to reinstate a driving license early or allow for a limited driving permit.

Authored By: Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th)
House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil
Committee Action: 02-21-2020 Do Pass

Motor Vehicles Committee

HB 819 Motor vehicles; veterans' license to any person who is a United States citizen and resident of this state who served in the military for an ally of the United States during a time of war or other conflict; authorize issuance

Bill Summary: House Bill 819 allows for the issuance of veterans' licenses to Georgia residents who are veterans of the armed forces for countries that are allies of the United States.

Authored By: Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st)
House Committee: Motor Vehicles
Committee Action: 02-21-2020 Do Pass

HB 861 Motor vehicles; commercial carriers; amend certain definitions

Bill Summary: House Bill 861 revises the definition of a commercial motor vehicle to include vehicles that are used only in intrastate commerce or only in interstate commerce.

Authored By: Rep. Marcus Wiedower (119th)
House Committee: Motor Vehicles
Committee Action: 02-21-2020 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](#).

Monday, February 24, 2020

8:00 AM	TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF APPROPRIATIONS	132 CAP
9:00 AM	RULES	341 CAP
10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (LD 17)	House Chamber
1:00 PM	PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY	606 CLOB
1:00 PM	Setzler Subcommittee of Judiciary Non Civil	406 CLOB
2:00 PM	SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE	341 CAP
2:30 PM	Reeves Subcommittee of Judiciary Non-Civil	406 CLOB
3:00 PM	Welch Subcommittee of Judiciary	132 CAP