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Conference Committee Reports

HB 793 General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Bill Summary: HB 793, the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, is set by a revenue estimate of \$25.9 billion. This a decrease of \$2.19 billion, or 7.8%, from the governor's original FY 2021 revenue estimate. The revised estimate includes \$250 million from the Revenue Shortfall Reserve (RSR) to help mitigate budget reductions.

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)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open

Conference Committee Reports: *The House adopted the Conference Committee Report with a vote of 104-62. The Senate has adopted the Conference Committee Report. (Adoption of the conference committee report represents final passage of the bill.)*

SB 68 Local School Systems; financial management; strengthen provisions

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 68 increases training requirements for local boards of education by adding financial management training, and it requires all previous annual training requirements to be completed before becoming eligible for re-election. Newly-elected board members will receive guidance and training specific to his or her local school system's most recent audit findings and the risk status of the local school system.

The Department of Audits and Accounts shall designate local school systems with irregularities or budget deficits for three or more consecutive years as high-risk local school systems, and school systems with one year to two consecutive years of irregularities or budget deficits as moderate-risk local school systems. The local school superintendent must submit a corrective action plan to the Department of Education within 120 days of receiving notice of the risk designation from the local board of education. The local school superintendent of a high-risk or moderate-risk local school system is required by Senate Bill 68 to complete financial management and financial governance training.

SB 68 requires specific contractual obligations to be made relating to maintaining or achieving financial stability of the local school system when entering into a flexibility contract with the State Board of Education. If a system is designated as a high-risk local school system, there must be a written corrective action plan in place.

The Department of Education will monitor the financial stability of each local school system and provide support and guidance to high-risk and moderate-risk local school systems.

Part II of Senate Bill 68 amends multiple provisions of the Code relating to the Chief Turnaround Office by moving the oversight of turnaround schools from the State Board of Education to the Department of Education.

Part III of Senate Bill 68 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-989.7 to allow teachers to appeal a summative personnel evaluation of 'Unsatisfactory' or 'Ineffective' to an independent third party or an administrator in the system office. Local units of administration must develop a complaint review policy for teachers to appeal an evaluation by July 1, 2021, and submit the policy to the Department of Education.

Part IV amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-58 by requiring local boards of education to hold a public comment period during every regular monthly meeting. Local boards of education shall not require individuals to give more than 24-hours' notice before the meeting to participate in the public comment period.

Authored By: Sen. Freddie Sims (12th)

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured

Conference Committee Reports: *The House adopted the Conference Committee Report with a vote of 159-3. The Senate has adopted the Conference Committee Report. (Adoption of the conference committee report represents final passage of the bill.)*

Motions to Insist

HB 1020 Motor vehicles; license suspension for conviction of drug related offenses; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1020 changes the hour requirement from 20 hours to 16 hours for the intervention component of DUI risk reduction programs. If an individual completes a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program in order to obtain a limited driving permit, the Department of Driver Services is required to count that completed course toward specified driver's license reinstatement requirements. The completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program is added as part of the punishment for specified driving offenses.

Authored By: Rep. Micah Gravley (67th)

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured

Motions to Insist: *(A motion to insist sends the bill back to the Senate for consideration.)*

Motions to Agree

HB 86 Education; complaints policy for teachers and other school personnel; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 86 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-989.7 to allow teachers to appeal a summative personnel evaluation of 'Unsatisfactory' or 'Ineffective' to an independent third party or an administrator in the system office. Local units of administration must develop a complaint review policy for teachers to appeal an evaluation by July 1, 2021, and submit the policy to the Department of Education.

Authored By: Rep. Tommy Benton (31st)

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured

Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

HB 337 Georgia Peer-to-Peer Car-Sharing Program Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 337 is known as the 'Georgia Peer-to-Peer Car-Sharing Program Act'. A peer-to-peer car-sharing program must assume liability of a shared vehicle owner for any bodily injury or property damage to third parties in the amount set forth in the car-sharing program agreement not less than \$25,000 for one person in one accident and not less than \$50,000 for two or more people in one accident, unless the shared vehicle owner made an intentional or fraudulent material misrepresentation to the car-sharing program before the loss occurred. The car-sharing program must ensure that the shared vehicle owner and the shared vehicle driver are insured under an insurance policy that recognizes the vehicle used is made available through a car-sharing program and provides insurance coverage no less than the policy stated above. The car-sharing program will assume primary liability for a claim when the program is in whole or in part providing the insurance or if a dispute exists as to who was in control of the vehicle at the time of the loss.

The car-sharing program will collect and verify records pertaining to the use of a vehicle and must provide that information upon the request to the shared vehicle owner, insurer, or the shared vehicle driver's insurer to facilitate a claim coverage investigation. The program must retain records for a period not less than the applicable personal injury statute of limitations. The car-sharing program has the sole responsibility for any equipment that is put in or on the vehicle to monitor or facilitate the

car-sharing transaction. Moreover, the program must agree to indemnify a shared vehicle owner for any damage or theft of said equipment during the shared period not caused by the vehicle's owner. At the time when a vehicle owner registers as a shared vehicle, the car-sharing program must verify that the vehicle does not have any safety recalls on the vehicle that have not been repaired and notify the owner that the vehicle is not available unless a safety repair has been made for any outstanding safety recalls.

Authored By: Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Open
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

HB 410 Motor vehicles; use of bar shaped lighting devices to be illuminated under certain conditions; allow

Bill Summary: House Bill 410 allows for the use of a bar shaped lighting device positioned on the top or front of a motor vehicle, as long as the device is controllable by a switch or button inside the vehicle. The bar shaped lighting device may be used in conjunction with or as a replacement for a vehicle's high-beam lights. The device may be illuminated continuously when the vehicle is being driven on a private road or for off-road purposes.

Authored By: Rep. Martin Momtahan (17th) **Rule Applied:**
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

HB 463 Motor vehicles; issuance of a Class C driver's license to operators of certain three-wheeled motor vehicles; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 463 allows the Department of Driver Services to send out license suspension notices via regular mail or certificate of mailing when the license is suspended as a result of noncompliance with a child support order.

The bill authorizes the state revenue commissioner and the commissioner of driver services to enter into reciprocal agreements with a foreign country or political subdivision of a foreign country, in specified circumstances. The bill exempts nonresidents or active duty U.S. armed forces members from licenses if they have a valid license issued by a foreign country or subdivision of a foreign country. The bill adds "or political subdivision of a foreign country" in several places in Title 40 to ensure the Code accounts for foreign governments that are not recognized as countries.

The bill allows for the optional issuance of driver's licenses and identification cards in an electronic format. If an individual uses a mobile phone to display his or her electronic identification, such display shall not be construed as consent for search of the mobile phone by a law enforcement officer.

Authored By: Rep. Martin Momtahan (17th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Open
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

HB 511 Highways, bridges, and ferries; funding sources and a consolidated state entity for the planning and implementation of mobility and transit services; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 511 administratively attaches the Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority (ATL) to the Department of Transportation and authorizes the ATL to receive payments from the department. The legislation provides for staggered terms for the ATL Board of Directors whose members are elected by secret ballot at the State Capitol during the regular legislative session of the General Assembly immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of each member. The bill requires all transit providers in the ATL region to display the ATL logo and branding on or after January 1, 2023.

The legislation updates reporting requirements regarding counties that are reasonably expected to become non-attainment areas under the 'Clean Air Act' within three years of the report and certification of such counties to the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The sunset on the use of the Consumer Price Index for the calculation of the excise tax rate on motor

fuels is extended to July 1, 2025.

Authored By: Rep. Kevin Tanner (9th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

HB 521 Professions and businesses; temporary licenses for dentists licensed in other states to provide dental care to indigent populations in this state; authorize

Bill Summary: House Bill 521 authorizes temporary licenses for dentists and dental hygienists who are licensed in other states to provide dental care to indigent populations in Georgia.

Authored By: Rep. Houston Gaines (117th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

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
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

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. The bill repeals a provision related to storage of unregistered vehicles in specified instances.

Authored By: Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Open
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

HB 846 Revenue and taxation; interest paid on refunds of overpayments of taxes and past due taxes shall be equal to the bank prime loan rate; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 846 provides the annual Internal Revenue Code update to O.C.G.A. 48-8-2, which includes retroactive changes regarding disaster relief, medical expense deductions, and 'CARES Act' provisions among other changes.

The bill also adds a new Code Section at 48-8-49.1, which establishes and defines the direct pay reporting program. The program allows a taxpayer to accrue and pay directly to the department the sales and use taxes owed. To qualify, a taxpayer must purchase more than \$2 million of tangible personal property per year, average purchases of tangible personal property of over \$2 million per year for the past three years, or meet a lower spending threshold prescribed by the department and be classified in one of nine industry codes.

The interest on overpayments of sales taxes by a taxpayer with a direct payment permit shall begin to accrue on the date an amended return or a refund claim is filed.

The bill also sets the interest earned on overpayment and due on underpayment of taxes at the Federal Reserve System's bank prime loan rate, and in the case of overpayments from a direct pay permit holder allows the affected political subdivision to choose to make payments over a period of time equal to or less than the amount of time subject to the claim.

House Bill 846 also includes a new income tax credit for manufacturers of personal protective equipment (PPE). Any PPE manufacturer that is qualified to claim either the jobs tax credit or quality jobs tax credit is allowed an additional \$1,250 per job to the extent that the qualifying job is engaged in the manufacturing of PPE. After the manufacturer has utilized tax credits for the company's income tax liability, the PPE credits may be utilized to offset the company's payroll tax liabilities. This

credit is effective beginning January 1, 2020 and expires January 1, 2025.

The bill also allows employers eligible for job tax credits and quality jobs tax credits to utilize the number of full-time employees the employer claimed in 2019 during the 2020 and 2021 tax years.

Authored By: Rep. John Corbett (174th) **Rule Applied:** Structured

Motions to Agree: (A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)

HB 855 State Board of Education; determine eligibility criteria for foster care students to receive special education and related services; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 855 creates O.C.G.A. 20-2-152.2 relating to the evaluation of foster care students to determine whether the student has been exposed to trauma which adversely affected the student's educational performance or behavior. No later than August 1, 2021, the Department of Education will provide guidance to local school systems on procedures to immediately and deliberately evaluate foster care students when the student enrolls in the school.

Authored By: Rep. Marcus Wiedower (119th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

Motions to Agree: (A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)

HB 901 Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; power to make loan commitments and loans to local governments and nongovernment agencies for projects that permanently protect land and water; provide

Bill Summary: HB 901 allows the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to provide loans or loan commitments to local governments and non-governmental entities for projects that protect land or water with at least one of the following conservation purposes: water quality protection at rivers, streams, and lakes; flood or wetlands protection; erosion reduction; protection of riparian buffers; protection of agricultural and forestry lands; protection of cultural or heritage sites; scenic protection; recreational activities; or the connection of other qualifying projects.

The bills allows the State Treasurer to invest in mutual funds.

Authored By: Rep. Mike Cheokas (138th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

Motions to Agree: (A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)

HB 912 Social services; authorize foster parents to arrange for short-term babysitting

Bill Summary: HB 912 allows a foster parent to arrange for an occasional short-term babysitter of a child in foster care for up to 72 consecutive hours when the foster parent uses a reasonable and prudent standard in selecting an appropriate babysitter.

The bill gives hearings involving dependency issues to take priority over cases involving jury trials. The Department of Family and Child Services may work with child placement agencies regarding the hours of training required for foster and respite families.

Authored By: Rep. Albert Reeves (34th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

Motions to Agree: (A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)

HB 1019 South Fulton, City of; offices of mayor and councilmember are part time; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1019 provides that the offices of the city of South Fulton mayor and councilmember are part time.

Authored By: Rep. Debra Bazemore (63rd) **Rule Applied:**

Motions to Agree: (A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)

HB 1037 Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act; move certain sound recordings from qualified production activities to production expenditures

Bill Summary: House Bill 1037 amends 48-7-40.26, relating to the 'Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act' by expanding the audit requirements, restricting the additional 10 percent credit received for including the Georgia promotional, and by limiting the qualified expenditures.

The bill requires all productions claiming credits to be audited by either an independent auditor or the Department of Revenue. Beginning January 1, 2021, all projects seeking a credit greater than \$2.5 million must comply with the audit requirements. Beginning January 1, 2022, all projects seeking a credit greater than \$1.25 million must comply with the audit requirements. Beginning January 1, 2023, all projects seeking a credit of any amount must comply with the audit requirements.

When applying for the tax credit, the production company must submit the following information prior to beginning the required audit: a description of the state certified production; a detailed accounting of all qualified production activities; a detailed listing of employee names and wages when salaries are included in the base investment; receipts for tangible personal property included in the base investment; contracts for goods or services included in the base investment; W-9 forms completed and issued by each vendor for which expenditures are included in the base investment; notification of any intent to utilize an eligible auditor; a description of the distribution of the state certified production; the total amount of the tax credit sought; and a statement affirming that the documents submitted are true and correct.

Each audit must do the following: be completed in accordance with this Code section and procedures developed by the department; utilize sampling methods adopted by the department; follow regulations published by the department; verify each expenditure and exclude any that do not fully meet the requirements; exclude any expenditure not submitted or which occurred after the application was submitted; and be submitted to the department for review and revisions prior to issuing a final certificate.

The department shall provide for certification and decertification of certified public accountants as eligible auditors. To obtain certification an accountant must: register with the department; maintain its registration with the Georgia State Board of Accountancy; agree to and be capable of completing audits in accordance with procedures developed by the department; successfully complete all training required; pay the department a registration fee; and post and maintain any bond the department establishes for each auditor.

For each year a production company claims or transfers the tax credit, the production company must attach the following information to the companies tax return: the amount of the credit claimed; any tax credit previously taken by the production company; the amount of tax credit carried over from prior years; the amount of tax credit utilized in the current tax year; and the amount of tax credit to be carried over to subsequent tax years.

The bill also states that the additional 10 percent credit received for including the Georgia promotional logo shall only be allowed after a production or other qualifying product has been commercially distributed in multiple markets.

The bill limits the qualified post-production expenditures by specifically excluding expenditures for work or services not conducted in Georgia, expenditures for goods that were not purchased or rented in Georgia from a Georgia retailer, and transactions that are subject to sales and use tax but where the sales and use tax was not paid.

The carry forward period for the credits earned is reduced from five years to three years.

Authored By: Rep. Matt Dollar (45th) **Rule Applied:** Structured
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

HB 1070 Condominiums; new insurance policy disclosure requirements for condominium associations and unit owners in the event of potential or actual claims filed against such policies; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1070 allows a condominium association and unit owners to request a written copy of the certificate of insurance or contact information of the assigned adjuster from the other party for claims related to water damage.

Authored By: Rep. Houston Gaines (117th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

HB 1090 Labor and industrial relations; provisions regarding employer's obligation to provide break time for an employee to express breast milk; revise

Bill Summary: House Bill 1090 requires employers to provide break time to employees who need to express breast milk. Additionally, this bill allows the labor commissioner to set the amount of deductible earnings related to a person's unemployment up to \$300 and grants the commissioner of insurance the authority to adopt emergency rules during a declared statewide emergency and authorize a work-sharing program.

Authored By: Rep. Deborah Silcox (52nd) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

HB 1243 DeKalb County; board of commissioners; change manner of appointment and terms of office of members

Bill Summary: House Bill 1243 changes the manner of appointment and terms of office of the members of the DeKalb County Board of Ethics, and provides for an ethics administrator and the duties of that position.

Authored By: Rep. Viola Davis (87th) **Rule Applied:**
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

HB 1247 Warner Robins, City of; provide new charter

Bill Summary: House Bill 1247 provides a new charter for the city of Warner Robins.

Authored By: Rep. Heath Clark (147th) **Rule Applied:**
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

HR 1167 Property; conveyance of certain state owned real property; authorize

Bill Summary: HR 1167 is a conveyance resolution for properties located in six counties, conveying property owned by the state of Georgia or amending those conveyances, as follows:

Article 1 authorizes a purchase option and conveys 2.203 acres of property in Fulton County, located in Land Lots 77 and 78 of the 14th District of Fulton County, to CNN Center Ventures for the consideration of \$18,800,000.

Article 2 surpluses approximately 2.066 acres of improved real property in Glynn County, being a portion, commonly known as the former Georgia Air National Guard Site, under the custody of the Department of Defense, to a local government or State entity for a consideration of \$10 so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity.

Article 3 leases approximately 14.6 acres, being a portion of the New Echota Historic Site at 143 Craigtown Rd., City of Calhoun, under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources, to the Calhoun Elks Home, Inc. for a term of 10 years with two five-year renewal options for fair market value.

Article 4 removes a deed restriction over approximately 4.01 acres of improved property, commonly known as Courthouse Square in Muscogee County, for \$10.

Article 5 conveys approximately 0.191 of an acre, being a portion of the Paulding Campus of Chattahoochee Technical College, under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia, to Paulding County for the Dallas Battlefield Trail for \$10.

Article 6 leases approximately 59,360 square feet of the Paulding Youth Detention Center, under the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, at 538 Industrial Blvd. N., City of Dallas to Wellspring Living, Inc. for a term of five years with two five-year renewal options for \$10 annually and the requirement that Wellspring Living, Inc. operate the building exclusively on behalf of the Department of Juvenile Justice's mission as a receiving center.

Article 7 conveys approximately 0.076 of an acre, being a portion of the Dillard Apple House, under the custody of the Department of Agriculture, to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a total consideration of \$6,200, being comprised of \$4,125 in fee and \$2,025 for cost to cure.

Article 8 conveys approximately 0.131 of an acre, being a portion of the Dillard Farmers Market, under the custody of the Department of Agriculture, to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a total consideration of \$10,300.

Article 9 conveys approximately 25 acres of improved property, known as the Hooks-Hanner Environmental Resource Center, under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources, for \$10 so long as the property is used for public purpose in perpetuity and subject to a lease-back of approximately 844 square foot portion of the 5,348 square foot office building along with approximately 4,750 square foot storage warehouse building for a term of 10 years with an option to renew for another 10 years for the consideration of \$10 annually.

Authored By: Rep. Gerald Greene (151st) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Open
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

SR 844 Deputy Nicolas Blane Dixon Memorial Bridge; Hall County; dedicate

Bill Summary: The House substitute to SR 844 includes the following dedications:

Senate Resolution 844, dedicating the bridge on State Route 11/Cleveland Highway in Hall County as the Deputy Nicolas Blane Dixon Memorial Bridge;

Senate Resolution 862, dedicating the intersection of State Route 92 and State Route 9/State Route 120 in Fulton County as the Tom Price Intersection;

Senate Resolution 858, dedicating the bridge on 17th Street over I-75 in Fulton County as the Calvin McLarin Memorial Bridge;

Senate Resolution 889, dedicating the overpass bridge on State Route 38/U.S. 221 in Lowndes County as the Joseph "Sonny" Vickers Overpass;

House Resolution 1326, dedicating the portion of State Route 139 from Campbellton Road to Donnelly Avenue in Fulton County as the Vivien Harmon Memorial Highway;

House Resolution 1328, dedicating the overpass bridge on 701 West Highway 80 in Chatham County as the Kicklighter Overpass;

House Resolution 1366, dedicating the portion of State Route 41 from mile marker 6 to mile marker 7 in Marion County, Georgia, as the Wesley Frank Weaver Memorial Mile;

House Resolution 1387, dedicating the portion of State Route 17 from Rocky Ford to Scarboro in Screven County as the C. Arthur Howard, Jr., Highway;

House Resolution 1388, dedicating the bridge on State Route 85 over Railroad Ave/Railroad Street in Muscogee County as the Albert W. Thompson Memorial Bridge;

House Resolution 1389, dedicating the interchange at the U.S. 80/State Route 22 Connector in Muscogee County as the Congressman Jack T. Brinkley Memorial Interchange;

House Resolution 1392, dedicating the intersection of Brown Road and State Route 56 in Augusta-Richmond County as the James "Jimmy" Smith, Jr., Intersection;

House Resolution 1431, dedicating the bridge on State Route 88 over Brier Creek in Keysville, Georgia, as the Maggie Bell Cheatham Cartwright Bridge;

House Resolution 1444, dedicating the interchange between Interstate 20 and Washington Road in Richmond County as the Jessye Norman Memorial Interchange;

House Resolution 1472, dedicating the overpass bridge at the overpass on State Route 169 in Wayne County as the William "Billie" E. Clanton Bridge;

House Resolution 1522, dedicating the bridge on State Route 515/State Route 5 over Talona Road in Gilmer County as the Billy Burnette Memorial Bridge;

House Resolution 1523, dedicating the bridge on State Route 338 over I-16 near the city limits of Dudley in Laurens County as the Johnnie B. Hall Memorial Bridge;

House Resolution 1524, dedicating the intersection between State Route 31/US 319/ US 441 and State Route 117/ US 441 Bypass in Laurens County as the Kipley "Kip" Allen Brown Memorial Intersection;

House Resolution 1548, dedicating the interchange at Interstate 75 and Union Grove in Gordon County as the Johnny Meadows Memorial Interchange;

House Resolution 1589, dedicating the intersection of State Route 1 and Veterans Memorial Highway in Floyd County as the Carl Evans Memorial Intersection;

House Resolution 1597, dedicating the bridge on SR 38/US 84 over SR 3/SR 300/US 19 in Thomas County as the Major Henry Talmage Elrod Medal of Honor Recipient Memorial Bridge;

House Resolution 1598, dedicating the bridge on State Route 93 between 1st and 2nd Avenue in the city limits of Cairo in Grady County as the Veterans Memorial Bridge; and

Senate Resolution 792, dedicating the interchange between Old Milton Parkway/SR 120 and SR 400 in Fulton County as the Richard L. Jackson Interchange.

Authored By: Sen. Butch Miller (49th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
Motions to Agree: *(A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)*

Motions to Disagree

HB 914 Professions and businesses; military spouses licensed in other states to practice certain professions and occupations in this state; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 914 requires professional licensing boards to issue an expedited license to a military spouse or transitioning service member who holds a current license, in good standing, with another state; examinations to demonstrate required knowledge may be required.

Authored By: Rep. Heath Clark (147th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
Motions to Disagree: *(A motion to disagree sends the bill back to the Senate for consideration.)*

HB 1020 Motor vehicles; license suspension for conviction of drug related offenses; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1020 changes the hour requirement from 20 hours to 16 hours for the intervention component of DUI risk reduction programs. If an individual completes a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program in order to obtain a limited driving permit, the Department of

Driver Services is required to count that completed course toward specified driver's license reinstatement requirements. The completion of a DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program is added as part of the punishment for specified driving offenses.

Authored By: Rep. Micah Gravley (67th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
Motions to Disagree: (A motion to disagree sends the bill back to the Senate for consideration.)

Rules Calendar

SB 104 Resuscitation; parental requirement for consent; revise

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 104 amends O.C.G.A. 48-8-7.05, 48-8-7.3, 48-8-46, 48-8-57.1, 48-8-57.2, 48-8-57.3, and 48-8-101, relating to exemptions to sales and use taxes, by eliminating the sunset dates on the sales and use tax exemptions on purchases made by and tangible personal property donated to nonprofit health centers, nonprofit volunteer health clinics, qualified food banks, donations of food and food ingredients to a qualified nonprofit agency used for hunger relief or disaster relief purposes, and donations of food and food ingredients following a natural disaster which is used for disaster relief purposes and by extending the sunset date on the exemption of noncommercial written materials by a 501(c)(3) organization providing the materials to charity supporters to July 1, 2026. The bill also expands the sales tax exemption to blood banks to include organ procurement organizations. Each organ procurement organization exempt must submit an annual report to the Department of Community Health which includes the number of donors and transplants facilitated by the organization in the prior fiscal year.

Authored By: Sen. Chuck Payne (54th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
House Committee: Judiciary **Committee Action:** 02-27-2020 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Floor Vote: Yeas: 149 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

SB 289 Ad Valorem Taxation of Property; mobile homes procure permits and procure and display decals; remove the requirement

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 289 requires courts and the Georgia Tax Tribunal to decide all questions of law regarding the proper interpretation of revenue and taxation-related statutes or regulations without deference to the Department of Revenue's interpretation of the statute or regulation in dispute. The Department of Revenue retains deference to properly promulgated regulations unless the court finds that a taxpayer has a superior interpretation of ambiguous statutory language.

Authored By: Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
House Committee: Judiciary **Committee Action:** 06-23-2020 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Floor Vote: Yeas: 162 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

SB 308 Abandoned Vessels; unattended vessels in public waters; remove certain redundant processes

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 308 removes the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the National Crime Information Center Network from the Code relating to removal and storage of abandoned vessels, as well as the section relating to the requirement to notify the two of removal. The bill places all authority and notification back with the Department of Natural Resources.

Authored By: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security **Committee Action:** 06-23-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote: Yeas: 165 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

SB 336 License Plates; eligibility for certain members of the military to receive special license plates; expand

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 336 adds the Meritorious Service Medal to the list of military medals that are available for special license plates. The bill creates a special and distinctive license plate for past or present members of United States Army Ranger units or graduates of the United States Army Ranger School. The bill amends Code Sections 40-2-86 and 40-2-86.1 to add the option of specialty

license plate designs for motorcycle license plates.

The bill creates specialty license plates supporting the Georgia Tennis Foundation and the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse, Inc.

Authored By:	Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House Committee:	Motor Vehicles	Committee Action:	06-17-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 156 Nays: 2	Amendments:	

SB 340 **Childhood Cancer Awareness Day; September 1 of each year; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 340 establishes September 1st as the annual Childhood Cancer Awareness Day in Georgia.

Authored By:	Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Open
House Committee:	Health & Human Services	Committee Action:	03-04-2020 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 159 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

SB 359 **'Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act'; certain consumer protections against surprise billing; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 359, the "Georgia COVID-19 Pandemic Business Safety Act," provides for certain immunities from liability claims regarding COVID-19. No healthcare facility, healthcare provider, entity, or individual shall be liable for damages in an action involving a COVID-19 liability claim, unless the claimant proves that the healthcare facility, healthcare provider, entity, or individual showed: gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm.

A rebuttable presumption of assumption of the risk by a claimant exists if signage containing certain language is posted at a point of entry on the premises of a healthcare facility, healthcare provider, entity, or individual. Entities or individuals may also establish such rebuttable presumption by providing certain language on tickets or wristbands issued to a claimant for entry on to the premises of the entity or individual.

This Act shall apply to causes of action accruing until July 14, 2021, and shall not apply to any causes of action accruing thereafter.

Authored By:	Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (52nd)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House Committee:	Special Committee on Access to the Civil Justice System	Committee Action:	06-25-2020 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 104 Nays: 56	Amendments:	

SB 373 **Nonprofit Corporations; directors and officers of electric membership corporations and foreign electric cooperatives; provisions; change**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 373 amends Title 14 and Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to directors and officers of non-profit corporations and directors and officers of electric membership corporations and foreign electric corporations, to change provisions relating to the responsibilities and standard of care of directors and officers of certain corporations.

Unless a different standard is prescribed by law, a director or officer of a non-profit corporation or electric membership corporation shall perform his or her duties in good faith and with the degree of care an ordinarily prudent person in a similar position would exercise under similar circumstances. While performing his or her duties, a director may rely upon officers, employees, or agents of the corporation the director believed to be reliable and competent, in addition to information or statements provided by officers, employees, or others. There is a presumption that the process followed by the director while arriving at decisions is done in good faith and exercised in ordinary care; however, this presumption may be rebutted by evidence that such process constitutes gross negligence by being a gross deviation from the standard care of a director in a like position under

similar circumstances.

Authored By: Sen. John Kennedy (18th)
House Committee: Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications
Floor Vote: Yeas: 145 Nays: 11

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 06-22-2020 Do Pass
Amendments:

SB 381 "Georgia Food Act"; certain information obtained by the Department of Agriculture from the federal Food and Drug Administration; confidential and not subject to disclosure; provide

Bill Summary: SB 381 deems the following information confidential pursuant to a contract or agreement between the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the federal Food and Drug Administration: trade secrets; confidential commercial information; information under the federal deliberative process privilege; information compiled for law enforcement purposes; or information expressly required to be kept confidential by federal law.

Authored By: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (32nd)
House Committee: Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
Floor Vote: Yeas: 165 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 06-22-2020 Do Pass
Amendments:

SB 393 Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; duties and powers; revise; campus policemen and other security personnel of the university system; arrests for felony offenses

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 393 codifies the Legal Division of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Any attorneys employed by the Legal Division may serve at the request of a district attorney, a solicitor-general, or a United States attorney. When providing assistance to the requesting attorney, they have the same power as any attorney employed by the requesting attorneys.

Authored By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security
Floor Vote: Yeas: 99 Nays: 69

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 06-19-2020 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

SB 402 Bonds and Recognizances; conditions for unsecured judicial release on a person's own recognizance; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 402 amends Code Section 17-6-12, relating to the discretion of courts to release a person charged with a crime on their own recognizance, to specify certain bail-restricted offenses. It renames the release of a person on his or her own recognizance without a purported dollar amount through secured means or property as an "unsecured judicial release." The bill specifies that a person charged with a bail-restricted offense shall not be released on bail on unsecured judicial release for pretrial release programs, release and diversion programs, or intervention and diversion programs. Additional references in the Code to the release of a person on "his or her own recognizance" are replaced with "unsecured judicial release."

Any bond issued by an elected judge or judge sitting by designation that purports a dollar amount shall be executed in the full-face amount of the bond through secured means or shall be executed by use of property. This shall not prohibit a sheriff from releasing an inmate from custody in cases of medical emergency with consent of the judge.

Authored By: Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)
House Committee: Judiciary
Floor Vote: Yeas: 99 Nays: 68

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 06-23-2020 Do Pass
Amendments:

SR 844 Deputy Nicolas Blane Dixon Memorial Bridge; Hall County; dedicate

Bill Summary: The House substitute to SR 844 includes the following dedications:

Senate Resolution 844, dedicating the bridge on State Route 11/Cleveland Highway in Hall County as the Deputy Nicolas Blane Dixon Memorial Bridge;

Senate Resolution 862, dedicating the intersection of State Route 92 and State Route 9/State Route 120 in Fulton County as the Tom Price Intersection;

Senate Resolution 858, dedicating the bridge on 17th Street over I-75 in Fulton County as the Calvin McLarin Memorial Bridge;

Senate Resolution 889, dedicating the overpass bridge on State Route 38/U.S. 221 in Lowndes County as the Joseph "Sonny" Vickers Overpass;

House Resolution 1326, dedicating the portion of State Route 139 from Campbellton Road to Donnelly Avenue in Fulton County as the Vivien Harmon Memorial Highway;

House Resolution 1328, dedicating the overpass bridge on 701 West Highway 80 in Chatham County as the Kicklighter Overpass;

House Resolution 1366, dedicating the portion of State Route 41 from mile marker 6 to mile marker 7 in Marion County, Georgia, as the Wesley Frank Weaver Memorial Mile;

House Resolution 1387, dedicating the portion of State Route 17 from Rocky Ford to Scarboro in Screven County as the C. Arthur Howard, Jr., Highway;

House Resolution 1388, dedicating the bridge on State Route 85 over Railroad Ave/Railroad Street in Muscogee County as the Albert W. Thompson Memorial Bridge;

House Resolution 1389, dedicating the interchange at the U.S. 80/State Route 22 Connector in Muscogee County as the Congressman Jack T. Brinkley Memorial Interchange;

House Resolution 1392, dedicating the intersection of Brown Road and State Route 56 in Augusta-Richmond County as the James "Jimmy" Smith, Jr., Intersection;

House Resolution 1431, dedicating the bridge on State Route 88 over Brier Creek in Keysville, Georgia, as the Maggie Bell Cheatham Cartwright Bridge;

House Resolution 1444, dedicating the interchange between Interstate 20 and Washington Road in Richmond County as the Jessye Norman Memorial Interchange;

House Resolution 1472, dedicating the overpass bridge at the overpass on State Route 169 in Wayne County as the William "Billie" E. Clanton Bridge;

House Resolution 1522, dedicating the bridge on State Route 515/State Route 5 over Talona Road in Gilmer County as the Billy Burnette Memorial Bridge;

House Resolution 1523, dedicating the bridge on State Route 338 over I-16 near the city limits of Dudley in Laurens County as the Johnnie B. Hall Memorial Bridge;

House Resolution 1524, dedicating the intersection between State Route 31/US 319/ US 441 and State Route 117/ US 441 Bypass in Laurens County as the Kipley "Kip" Allen Brown Memorial Intersection;

House Resolution 1548, dedicating the interchange at Interstate 75 and Union Grove in Gordon County as the Johnny Meadows Memorial Interchange;

House Resolution 1589, dedicating the intersection of State Route 1 and Veterans Memorial Highway in Floyd County as the Carl Evans Memorial Intersection;

House Resolution 1597, dedicating the bridge on SR 38/US 84 over SR 3/SR 300/US 19 in Thomas County as the Major Henry Talmage Elrod Medal of Honor Recipient Memorial Bridge;

House Resolution 1598, dedicating the bridge on State Route 93 between 1st and 2nd Avenue in the city limits of Cairo in Grady County as the Veterans Memorial Bridge; and

Senate Resolution 792, dedicating the interchange between Old Milton Parkway/SR 120 and SR 400 in Fulton County as the Richard L. Jackson Interchange.

Authored By: Sen. Butch Miller (49th)
House Committee: Transportation
Floor Vote: Yeas: 159 Nays: 1
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 06-24-2020 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

Local Calendar

SB 508 State Court of Rockdale County; additional judge for such court; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 508 provides for an additional judge for the Rockdale County State Court.

Authored By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 145 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee Action: 06-25-2020 Do Pass
Amendments:

SB 518 Magistrate Court of Henry County; assessment and collection of a technology fee; authorize

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 518 authorizes the Henry County Magistrate Court to assess and collect a technology fee.

Authored By: Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 145 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee Action: 06-25-2020 Do Pass
Amendments:

SB 527 Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County; levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of the O.C.G.A.

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 527 authorizes the governing authority of the Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County to levy an excise tax.

Authored By: Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 145 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee Action: 06-25-2020 Do Pass
Amendments:

Committee Actions

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

Special Committee on Access to the Civil Justice System

SB 359 'Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act'; certain consumer protections against surprise billing; provide

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 359, the 'Georgia COVID-19 Pandemic Business Safety Act', provides for certain immunities from liability claims regarding COVID-19. No healthcare facility, healthcare provider, entity, or individual shall be liable for damages in an action involving a COVID-19 liability claim, unless the claimant proves that the healthcare facility, healthcare provider, entity, or individual showed: gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm.

A rebuttable presumption of assumption of the risk by a claimant exists if signage containing certain language is posted at a point of entry on the premises of a healthcare facility, healthcare provider, entity, or individual. Entities or individuals may also establish such rebuttable presumption by providing certain language on tickets or wristbands issued to a claimant for entry on to the premises of the entity or individual.

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House Committee: Special Committee on Access to the Civil Justice System

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured

Committee Action: 06-25-2020 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Joint House and Senate Transportation Committees

Department of Transportation State Plan

The Georgia Department of Transportation presented its 10-year plan on targeted spending in the statutory funding categories prescribe by House Bill 170 (2015 Session) for consideration and adoption by the committee. The plan was adopted unanimously.

The committee voted unanimously to confirm the nomination of the governor's appointee as the GDOT planning director, Jannine Miller.