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- The House will reconvene for its 19th Legislative Day on Friday, February 20 at 10:00 AM.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:00 AM.
- Nine bills are expected to be debated on the floor.

## Today on the Floor

### Motions to Agree

#### **HB 75 Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 75 is the Amended Fiscal Year 2015 state budget, which adjusts state funds by \$276.1 million to a total of \$21.1 billion for the year ending June 30, 2015; the increase includes \$191.7 million for the mid-year adjustment for K-12 Education.

**Authored By:** Rep. David Ralston (7th)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

**Motions to Agree:** *A Motion to Agree to the Senate Substitute as Amended by the House was adopted*

*\*Subsequently, the Senate also Agreed, and the bill was "Immediately Transmitted" to the Governor*

### Rules Calendar

#### **HB 95 Local government investment pool; trust fund managed by state treasurer; provide**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 95 relates to the Local Government Investment Pool and amends the code section that allows for local government investment pool funds to be consolidated with state funds under the control of the state treasurer for investment purposes. It provides that the state treasurer may also place these consolidated funds in a separate trust fund to be administered by the state treasurer pursuant to policies established by the State Depository Board.

**Authored By:** Rep. Kevin Tanner (9th)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

**House Committee:** Governmental Affairs

**Committee** 02-11-2015 Do Pass

**Action:**

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 165 Nays: 0

**Amendments:**

#### **HB 100 Education; date by which a child must reach a certain age in order to be eligible for enrollment in certain educational programs; change provisions**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 100 requires a child be 5 years old by August 1st to begin school for the 2017-2018 school year, and by July 1st for the 2018-2019 and following school years. The bill also makes changes to a number of other enrollment deadlines to reflect August 1st instead of September 1st.

**Authored By:** Rep. Tom Dickson (6th)

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

**House Committee:** Education

**Committee** 02-11-2015 Do Pass by Committee

**Action:**

Substitute

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 110 Nays: 53

**Amendments:**

**HB 162 Insurance; provide for insurance compliance self-evaluative privilege; provisions**

Bill Summary: House Bill 162 allows insurance companies to self evaluate for the purposes for compliance with Georgia statute. By self-policing, the state and the insurance companies are saved the cost of unnecessary regulatory oversight. The results of the audit from the self-evaluation are protected from public disclosure absent a court order.

**Authored By:** Rep. Jason Shaw (176th)

**House Committee:** Insurance

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 163 Nays: 3

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

**Committee Action:** 02-11-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**Amendments:** Weldon Amendment

**HB 164 Professional Standards Commission; professional learning requirements for certification renewal; extend the suspension**

Bill Summary: House Bill 164 would extend the suspension of professional learning requirements for certification renewal by the Professional Standards Commission from July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2017. This bill would apply to already certified personnel and paraprofessionals.

**Authored By:** Rep. Chuck Martin (49th)

**House Committee:** Education

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 166 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

**Committee Action:** 02-11-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**Amendments:**

**HB 198 Jason Flatt Act-Georgia; enact**

Bill Summary: House Bill 198 creates the Jason Flatt Act-Georgia. This act requires all certificated public school personnel receive annual training in suicide awareness and prevention. Local school systems must adopt a policy on student suicide prevention and identify appropriate materials to fulfill training requirements.

**Authored By:** Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)

**House Committee:** Education

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 164 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

**Committee Action:** 02-11-2015 Do Pass

**Amendments:**

**HB 227 Sales and use tax; programmable thermostats from the definition of Energy Star Qualified Product for purposes of the state sales tax holiday; remove**

Bill Summary: HB 227 amends the energy efficient sales tax holiday sales tax exemption to remove "programmable thermostat" from the list of exempted items.

**Authored By:** Rep. Geoff Duncan (26th)

**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 164 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Structured

**Committee Action:** 02-12-2015 Do Pass

**Amendments:**

**HB 292 Revenue and taxation; Internal Revenue Code; define terms; incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law**

Bill Summary: HB 292 amends the Revenue code, to incorporate changes which were made at the federal level. The legislation conforms the Revenue Code to seven items that were passed by Congress, all of which HB 292 would conform to with the exception of changes relating to Section 179. The changes to Section 179 enacted by HB 292 would allow for a deduction of up of \$250,000, rather than the \$500,000 enacted by Congress, the phase out of the Section 179 deduction would be effective at \$800,000.

**Authored By:** Rep. David Knight (130th)

**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 164 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Structured

**Committee Action:** 02-17-2015 Do Pass

**Amendments:**

**SB 5 Georgia Ports Authority; provide for powers; acceptance of loans/grants from United States upon certain terms and conditions**

**Bill Summary:** SB 5 reasserts the power of the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) to comply with the terms of federal loans and grants, explicitly including the power to provide indemnification on behalf of the GPA or any other state agency or instrumentality that is an equal participant as a sponsor of a congressionally authorized civil works project. This language is viewed as a necessary measure for the receipt of more than \$400 million in federal funding for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project.

**Authored By:** Sen. Bill Cowser (46th)      **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**House Committee:** Economic Development & Tourism      **Committee Action:** 02-12-2015 Do Pass  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 161 Nays: 0      **Amendments:**

**Postponed Until Next Legislative Day****HB 117 Employment security; modify definition of the term most recent employer; change certain provisions**

**Bill Summary:** House Bill 117 relates to employment security and is the annual “housekeeping” bill for the Georgia Department of Labor. It clarifies who is meant as “the most recent employer” as it relates to unemployment insurance law. It increases the statute of limitations, from four years to seven years, which is the amount of time the Commissioner of Labor has to collect over payments on claims or claims that were otherwise erroneously collected. Finally, it provides an exception within the unemployment code that would allow victims of family violence to voluntarily leave their jobs and still collect benefits. Unlike other claims, these claims would be charged to the unemployment insurance fund rather than the employer of the victim.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mark Hamilton (24th)      **Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

## Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

*The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 19th Legislative Day, Friday, February 20, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Friday, February 20, at 9:00 AM, to set the Rules Calendar for the 20th Legislative Day.*

### **HB 49 Revenue and taxation; electronic service of certain notices; provide**

Bill Summary: HB 49 allows for county Tax Commissioners to offer the ability for taxpayers to opt in for receiving their tax bills and notifications electronically.

**Authored By:** Rep. Brett Harrell (106th)

**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Rule Applied:** Structured

**Committee Action:** 02-12-2015 Do Pass

### **HB 63 Georgia Employer GED Tax Credit Act of 2015; enact**

Bill Summary: HB 63 revises the basic skills education programs income tax credit by allowing for a \$400 credit to the employer, when that employer pays for an employee to take the GED test through the technical school system of Georgia, or a \$1,200 credit when that employer gives paid time off to the employee to prepare for the GED and take the test as well.

**Authored By:** Rep. Kevin Tanner (9th)

**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Rule Applied:** Structured

**Committee Action:** 02-12-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

### **HB 73 Public officers; counties and municipalities provide by local law for district durational residency requirements; authorize**

Bill Summary: House Bill 73 reserves the power of the General Assembly to pass a local law requiring candidates running for any county or municipal governing body or board of education to reside within their electing district for a period not to exceed 12 months before those individuals are eligible to seek election from that district.

**Authored By:** Rep. Scot Turner (21st)

**House Committee:** Governmental Affairs

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured

**Committee Action:** 02-11-2015 Do Pass

### **HB 160 Game and fish; trapping of raccoons in certain counties; repeal a provision**

Bill Summary: HB 160 amends Code Section 27-3-62, relating to wildlife trapping, trappers, and fur dealers by removing the paragraph which made it unlawful to trap raccoons north of and including Carroll, Fulton, Dekalb, Gwinnett, Barrow, Jackson, Madison, and Elbert counties at any time during the year.

**Authored By:** Rep. Emory Dunahoo (30th)

**House Committee:** Game, Fish, & Parks

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open

**Committee Action:** 02-10-2015 Do Pass

### **HB 202 Revenue and taxation; provisions regarding ad valorem taxation, assessment, and appeal; provide comprehensive revision**

Bill Summary: This legislation seeks to significantly revise the process of appealing an Ad Valorem tax valuation. The bill authorizes the use of electronic tax bills with consent of the tax commissioner and the taxpayer, requires the 5 year history and proposed millage rate(s) to be published on the local government's website when one is available, and reduces the minimum time period between the notice of the proposed millage rate and five year history published in the paper and the adoption of the millage rate from two weeks to one. Additional time is granted to the tax commissioners to submit the digest of their county to the Department of Revenue. The ability for multiple counties to form a regional assessor's office, to share staff and resources but additionally prohibits contractors providing valuation services to the Board of Assessors from providing advice or assistance to the Board of Equalization and requires contractors to receive training specified by the Department of Revenue. When appealing a non-

homesteaded property, the threshold to use a hearing officer is lowered to \$750,000. The legislation would grant certain powers to county commissions to either appoint an appeal administrator or work with the Clerks of Superior Courts to better administer the appeals process, while imposing certain qualifications, educational requirements, and performance requirements on those who serve on Board of Equalization. The bill further clarifies the processes of appealing a valuation and at what point the case may enter the court system. The deadline for obtaining a mobile home location permit is moved from May 1 to April 1 and increases the penalty for not having such permit. Lastly, the legislation requires the fair market value of real and personal property to be shown on the PT 61 real estate transfer form to ensure the appraised value for tax purposes the following year does not exceed to sale price of the property.

**Authored By:** Rep. Paul Battles (15th)  
**House Committee:** Ways & Means

**Rule Applied:** Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-12-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 246 Accountants; provide for powers and actions granted to other licensing boards; provisions**

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend Chapter 3 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accountants, so as to provide for powers and actions granted to other licensing boards so that the State Board of Accountancy is administratively attached to the State Accounting Office.

**Authored By:** Rep. David Knight (130th)  
**House Committee:** Small Business Development

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 02-17-2015 Do Pass

**HB 298 Certified process servers; sunset and legislative review provisions; repeal**

Bill Summary: HB 298 repeals the sunset provision for the certified private process servers program. The program is currently set to expire on July 1, 2015.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mike Jacobs (80th)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 02-17-2015 Do Pass

**HB 320 Scholarships; provide public disclosure of certain records held by Georgia Student Finance Commission, Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation and Georgia Student Finance Authority is not required; provisions**

Bill Summary: House Bill 320 restricts the data the Georgia Study Finance Authority, Georgia Student Finance Commission, and Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation can release for public disclosure.

**Authored By:** Rep. Chuck Williams (119th)  
**House Committee:** Higher Education

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 02-17-2015 Do Pass

## Committee Actions

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

### Banks & Banking Committee

#### HB 184 Banking and finance; extensively revise Title 7; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 184 amends Title 7 in five main respects. First, the bill eliminates the duplicate and triplicate filing requirements for articles of incorporation, articles of amendment, and articles of conversion. Second, the bill prohibits a director of a credit union from engaging in certain transactions with the credit union, authorizes the Department of Banking and Finance to appoint a conservator to failing credit unions, and adds regulatory procedures for merging and converting credit unions. Third, the bill eases the licensing and transaction notification requirements for individuals selling checks and money orders. Fourth, the bill permits the Department of Banking and Finance to suspend a mortgage originator's license if the lender is no longer sponsored by a licensed mortgage broker. Fifth, the bill adds charter approval requirements and merchant fund procedures for merchant acquiring limited purpose banks.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Bruce Williamson (115th)	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-19-2015 Do Pass
<b>House Committee:</b>	Banks & Banking		

### Interstate Cooperation Committee

#### HR 106 United States Congress; convey title and jurisdiction of Federal Public Lands to the States; encourage

Bill Summary: A Resolution encouraging Congress to Convey Title and Jurisdiction of Federal Public Lands to the States.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Buzz Brockway (102nd)	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-19-2015 Do Pass
<b>House Committee:</b>	Interstate Cooperation		

### Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

#### HB 305 Sandersville School Building Authority Act; enact

Bill Summary: A Bill to create the Sandersville School Building Authority and to provide for its powers and duties.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Mack Jackson (128th)	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-19-2015 Do Pass
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local		

#### HB 329 Kennesaw, City of; corporate limits; change provisions

Bill Summary: A Bill to create a new charter for the City of Kennesaw, so as to change the corporate limits of the city.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Albert Reeves (34th)	<b>Committee Action:</b>	02-19-2015 Do Pass
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local		

#### HB 345 Hogansville, City of; filling of vacancies in office of mayor or councilmember; provide certain procedures

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act incorporating the City of Hogansville, so as to provide for certain procedures for the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor or councilmember.

**Authored By:** Rep. Robert Trammell (132nd)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-19-2015 Do Pass

**HB 371 Lake Park, City of; election and terms of office of mayor and councilmen; provide**

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Lake Park, so as to provide for the election and terms of office of the mayor and councilmen.

**Authored By:** Rep. John Corbett (174th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-19-2015 Do Pass

**HB 379 Porterdale, City of; Redevelopment Powers Law; provide referendum**

Bill Summary: A Bill to authorize the City of Porterdale to exercise all redevelopment powers as permitted under the State Constitution and the Redevelopment Powers Law pending a local referendum to approve the authorization.

**Authored By:** Rep. Pam Dickerson (113th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-19-2015 Do Pass

**HB 380 Troup County Community Improvement Districts Act; enact**

Bill Summary: A Bill to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Troup County.

**Authored By:** Rep. Randy Nix (69th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Committee Action:** 02-19-2015 Do Pass

## Judiciary Committee

**HB 51 Taxes; amount payable at redemption of property; change provisions**

Bill Summary: Currently, the purchaser of a tax deed is required to join the applicable property owners' association and make payments to the association. HB 51 applies to tax sales made after July 1, 2015, and provides that if the property is redeemed by the original owner, the redemption price paid to the tax sale purchaser must include any payments made by the tax sale purchaser to the property owners' association.

**Authored By:** Rep. Tommy Benton (31st)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary  
**Committee Action:** 02-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 99 Property; joint tenants divorce or have marriage annulled under certain circumstances; provide tenancy in common**

Bill Summary: In many divorce actions in which the parties represent themselves, the parties' interests in jointly held property is not properly divided. HB 99 allows divorced couples to convert a joint tenancy with right of survivorship into a tenancy in common if either spouse files an affidavit in the county property records containing a statement that the parties have divorced or their marriage has been annulled.

**Authored By:** Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th)  
**House Committee:** Judiciary  
**Committee Action:** 02-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 197 Debtor-Creditor Uniform Law Modernization Act of 2015; enact**

Bill Summary: HB 197 updates and modernizes three uniform acts in the debtor-creditor area to reflect recent changes to these acts by the Uniform Law Commission:

1. Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act, which codifies the most prevalent common law rules with regard to the recognition and enforcement of money judgments rendered in other countries
2. Article 1 of the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), which serves all other articles of the UCC with definitions and general provisions
3. Uniform Voidable Transactions Act, formerly named the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, strengthens creditor protections by providing remedies for certain transactions by a debtor that are unfair to the debtor's creditors

**Authored By:** Rep. Mike Jacobs (80th)

**House Committee:** Judiciary

**Committee Action:**

02-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 207 Courts; judge, judicial officer, grand juror, or trial lawyer may be disqualified for presiding or serving due to being related by consanguinity or affinity to a party; change provisions**

Bill Summary: HB 207 provides that no judges, grand jurors, or trial jurors may serve in any case where they are related within the third degree to any party interested in the result of the case.

Currently, Georgia law uses the sixth degree. For example, the computation of relationships under the civil law is by counting "steps" or generations from one ancestor to the next, counting each "step" or generation as one degree. If such calculation shows the two persons to be related within the sixth degree, the potential juror is disqualified. Thus, if the prosecuting witness is a third cousin of a potential juror, he is disqualified.

Historically, Georgia used the ninth degree until 1935.

**Authored By:** Rep. Beth Beskin (54th)

**House Committee:** Judiciary

**Committee Action:**

02-19-2015 Do Pass

**Natural Resources & Environment Committee****HB 82 Oconee River Greenway Authority; certain members to appoint a designee; allow**

Bill Summary:

House Bill 82 amends Code Section 12-3-402, relating to the Oconee River Greenway Authority, by allowing the mayor of Milledgeville, the president of Georgia Military College, and the president of Georgia College and State University to either serve on the Authority or appoint a designee to serve in their place.

**Authored By:** Rep. E. Culver "Rusty" Kidd (145th)

**House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment

**Committee Action:**

02-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 199 Timber harvesting; require notice only in an approved form; provisions**

Bill Summary: House Bill 199 amends Part 1A of Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 12, relating to timber harvesting and removal requirements, by changing the timing notices to local governing authorities, clarifying the bond requirement, and stating that no county shall require a fee for receiving a notification of a timber harvest. The bill requires that all persons or firms harvesting standing timber provide notice, to the proper county or municipal governing authority, of the harvesting operation prior to entering onto the property if possible but not later than 24 hours upon entering onto the property and within 24 hours after the harvesting is completed. The bill also states

that only one bond shall be required in each county regardless of the number of tracts being harvested so long as the bond remains in effect; otherwise a valid replacement bond must be obtained and provided to the governing authority within five business days.

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

**House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment

**Committee Action:**

02-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee

### HB 114 Drivers' licenses; provide for use of paper eye charts for testing of noncommercial driver's vision; provisions

**Bill Summary:** **Section 1** relates to persons exempt from driver's license requirements by stating that any resident who is 15 years of age or over while taking actual in-car training in a training vehicle must be in a vehicle equipped with dual controlled brakes and must be marked as a training vehicle.

**Section 2** relates to school attendance requirements for the issuance, renewal, and expiration of instruction permits and drivers' licenses. The department shall not issue an instruction permit or driver's license to a person who is younger than 18 years of age unless the applicant can prove at least one of the following:

- (1) Enrolled in a public or private school and satisfies attendance requirements;
- (2) Enrolled in a home education program and satisfies the reporting requirements;
- (3) Has already received or pursuing a high school diploma or general educational development (GED) diploma;

The department is also authorized to issue a limited driving permit to an applicant whose license is currently under suspension or revocation in any other jurisdiction.

**Section 3** relates to application fees for drivers' licenses. The department shall waive the license fee for each person applying for a Class P noncommercial instruction permit for a Class C driver's license when the noncommercial knowledge test is to be administered by a licensed driver training school or public or private high school authorized to administer such tests.

**Section 4** relates to examination of driver's license applicants by stating that no noncommercial driver's license shall be issued to any person who does not have a visual acuity of 20/60, corrected or uncorrected, in at least one eye or better.

**Section 5** relates to the contents of drivers' licenses by stating that the department shall, upon payment of the required fee, issue to every applicant qualifying therefor a driver's license indicating the type or general class of vehicles the licensee may drive, which license shall be upon a form prescribed by the department, a driver's license number, a photograph of the licensee, the licensee's full legal name, and the licensee's signature. No license shall be valid until it has been signed by the licensee.

**Section 6** relates to the denial or suspension of a driver's license for noncompliance with a child support order by stating that the department shall suspend the license of any driver who fails to pay child support.

**Section 7** relates to the suspension of driving privileges for failure to respond to a citation by stating that the department shall suspend the driver's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in the state of Georgia of any person who has failed to respond to a citation to appear before a court of competent jurisdiction in this state or in any other state for a traffic violation other than a parking

violation.

**Section 8** relates to the suspension and reinstatement of drivers' licenses for persons under the age of 21. Any person under the age of 21 who has been convicted of a hit and run or leaving the scene of an accident, racing on highways or streets, using a motor vehicle in fleeing or attempting to elude an officer, reckless driving, any offense for which four or more points are assessable or illegally purchasing alcohol shall have their license suspended by the department. Any person under the age of 18 who has accumulated a violation point count of four or more points in any consecutive 12 month period shall also have their license suspended by the department.

**Section 9** relates to the revocation of drivers' licenses of habitual violators by stating that any person who is a habitual violator must be notified by the department that his or her driver's license has been revoked by operation of law and that it shall be unlawful for such habitual violator to operate a motor vehicle.

**Section 10** relates to the limited driving permits for certain offenders by stating that limited driving permits can be granted solely for the following purposes:

- (A) Going to his or her place of employment/performing occupational duties;
- (B) Attending college or school at which he or she is regularly enrolled as a student;
- (C) Attending regularly scheduled sessions or meeting of treatment support organizations for persons who have addiction or abuse problems; and
- (D) Going for monthly monitoring visits with the permit holder's ignition interlock device service provider.

**Section 11** relates to the contents of personal identification cards as they must include

full legal name; address of residence; birth date; identification issue date; sex; height; weight; eye color; signature of person; and such other information required by the department.

**Section 12** relates to the contents of commercial drivers' licenses as they must include full legal name; residential address; person's photograph; physical description including sex, height, weight, and eye color; date of birth; driver's license number; person's signature; class or type of commercial motor vehicle; state name; and dates license is valid.

**Section 13** relates to the contents of personal identification cards for persons with disabilities as they must include full legal name; address of residence; birth date; date identification is issued and date when it expires; sex; height; weight; eye color; signature of person; and such other information as required by the department.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Kevin Tanner (9th)	<b>Committee</b>	02-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Public Safety & Homeland Security	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute
<b>Committee:</b>			

## **HB 123 Motor vehicles; use of safety chain or cable when operating a motor vehicle drawing a trailer; provide**

### Bill Summary:

This legislation amends Georgia Code relating to adequately securing a load while operating of a vehicle to include trailers as already defined in Code Section 40-1-1. This bill would make it unlawful to operate a vehicle without adequately securing a trailer to that vehicle.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. John Yates (73rd)	<b>Committee</b>	02-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee
<b>House</b>	Public Safety & Homeland Security	<b>Action:</b>	Substitute
<b>Committee:</b>			

**HB 206 Uniform rules of the road; procedure for passing sanitation vehicles; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 206 relates to the general provisions relative to uniform rules of the road and is amended by adding a new Code that states that the operator of a motor vehicle approaching a vehicle with active sanitation workers that is displaying flashing yellow, amber, white, or red lights shall approach the vehicle with due caution and shall, absent any other direction by a peace officer, proceed as follows:

- (1) Make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the vehicle; or
- (2) If lane change is not possible, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a reasonable and proper speed for the existing road and traffic conditions, which speed shall be at least ten miles per hour less than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop.

**Authored By:** Rep. Brett Harrell (106th)  
**House Committee:** Public Safety & Homeland Security  
**Committee Action:** 02-19-2015 Do Pass

**HB 338 Courts; collection of a fee to defray costs associated with electronic citations; provisions**

Bill Summary: This legislation allows for the establishment of a five dollar fee to be assessed on Title 40 violation citations. These fees would be put into an established fund for local governments to pay for the establishment and the maintenance of an electronic citation system.

**Authored By:** Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th)  
**House Committee:** Public Safety & Homeland Security  
**Committee Action:** 02-19-2015 Do Pass

**Regulated Industries Committee****HB 297 Professional licensing boards; make designations for the receipt and processing of applications for examination; provide**

Bill Summary: HB 297 allows for professional licensing boards in Georgia to delegate administrative functions to a national board, if approved by the members of the local Georgia board.

**Authored By:** Rep. Beth Beskin (54th)  
**House Committee:** Regulated Industries  
**Committee Action:** 02-19-2015 Do Pass

**Transportation Committee****HB 213 Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965; permanent suspension of restrictions on use of sales and use tax proceeds upon submission of an independent management audit to certain officials; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 213 removes, permanently, from the MARTA Act the 50/50 restriction on proceeds. In the event that the authority fails to file with the Governor, State Auditor, and Chair of the MARTOC committee a report of findings of an independent management audit every four years, then for the four years period following the year when the audit report was due but not submitted the 50/50 restriction resumes.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mike Jacobs (80th)  
**House Committee:** Transportation  
**Committee Action:** 02-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**HB 214 Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Act of 1965; restoration of voting privileges to Commissioner of Department of Transportation until 2017; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 214 amends the MARTA Act by reinstating the DOT commissioner as a voting member until December 31, 2016; staggers terms for new board members appointed by a local governing body after entering into an agreement with the authority; changes

“bidding”/“bidder” language to “procurement”/“respondent”; requires the management audit to include the auditor’s recommendations and signed written verification that the authority full cooperated with the audit; gives provisions for suspensions and civil penalties for violations of Board rules and regulations as well as appeals procedures; and requires those entering into a contract to charge a one percent sales tax.

**Authored By:** Rep. Mike Jacobs (80th)

**House** Transportation

**Committee:**

**Committee**

02-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee

Substitute

## 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](http://www.house.ga.gov) and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*

### Friday, February 20, 2015

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9:00 AM [RULES](#) - 341 CAP

1:00 PM [Jacobs Subcommittee of Judiciary Civil](#) - 132 CAP