



Thursday, March 19, 2015

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- The House will reconvene for its 33rd Legislative Day on Friday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:30 a.m.
- One bill is expected to be debated on the floor.

## Today on the Floor

### Rules Calendar

**HR 302 Congress of the United States; enact significant reforms to nation's federally financed graduate medical education programs and to provide states with additional resources to meet the health workforce needs of the future; urge**

Bill Summary: HR 302 urges the Congress of the United States to enact reforms to the nation's federally-financed graduate medical education programs and to provide states with additional resources to meet the health workforce needs of the future.

**Authored By:** Rep. Butch Parrish (158th)  
**House Committee:** Health & Human Services

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Open  
**Committee Action:** 02-23-2015 Do Pass

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 157 Nays: 2

**Amendments:**

**HR 474 House Study Committee on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Kinship Care; create**

Bill Summary: This resolution creates the House Study Committee on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Kinship Care and provides for its charge, membership, compensation, and duration.

**Authored By:** Rep. Stacey Abrams (89th)  
**House Committee:** Human Relations & Aging

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 03-04-2015 Do Pass

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

**Amendments:**

### Local Calendar

**HB 589 Cobb County; Probate Court; change compensation of judge**

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act changing the compensation of the Clerk of the Superior Court, the Sheriff, and the Judge of the Probate Court of Cobb County from the fee system to the salary system, so as to change the compensation of the judge of the Probate Court.

**Authored By:** Rep. Stacey Evans (42nd)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 03-18-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 156 Nays: 0

**Amendments:**

**HB 594 Baldwin County; levy an excise tax**

Bill Summary: A Bill to authorize the governing authority of Baldwin County to levy a hotel/motel tax.

**Authored By:** Rep. E. Culver "Rusty" Kidd (145th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 03-18-2015 Do Pass

**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 156 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

**HB 597 DeKalb County; board of commissioners; change jurisdiction of Board of Ethics**

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act revising the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics of DeKalb County.

**Authored By:** Rep. Scott Holcomb (81st) **Rule Applied:**  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-18-2015 Do Pass  
Local **Action:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 156 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

**HB 598 DeKalb County; board of commissioners; provide for the manner of purchasing**

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act revising, superseding, and consolidating the laws relating to the governing authority of DeKalb County and creating a chairman and board of commissioners, so as to provide for the manner of purchasing by DeKalb County.

**Authored By:** Rep. Scott Holcomb (81st) **Rule Applied:**  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-18-2015 Do Pass  
Local **Action:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 156 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

**HB 599 DeKalb County; board of commissioners; provide for independent internal audits**

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act to provide for independent internal audits for DeKalb County.

**Authored By:** Rep. Scott Holcomb (81st) **Rule Applied:**  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-18-2015 Do Pass  
Local **Action:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 156 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

**HB 600 Cobb County; State Court; revise compensation of solicitor-general**

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, so as to revise the compensation of the Solicitor-General.

**Authored By:** Rep. Earl Ehrhart (36th) **Rule Applied:**  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-18-2015 Do Pass  
Local **Action:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 156 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

**HB 601 Carroll County; sales tax for educational purposes; method of distribution of net proceeds; provide**

Bill Summary: A Bill to provide for a method of distribution of the net proceeds of the sales tax for education purposes levied in Carroll County.

**Authored By:** Rep. Dustin Hightower (68th) **Rule Applied:**  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - **Committee** 03-18-2015 Do Pass  
Local **Action:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 156 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

**HB 602 Fulton County; Board of Education; contributions made into the pension and retirement plan by employees shall be considered employer contributions for tax purposes; provide**

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act providing in Fulton County a system for pension and retirement to pay teachers and employees of the Board of Education, so as to provide that contributions made into the pension and retirement plan by employees shall be considered employer contributions for tax purposes.

**Authored By:** Rep. Wendell Willard (51st)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 156 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 03-18-2015 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

**HB 603 Fulton County; Board of Education; provide disability pension benefit eligibility for new plan members in certain instances; provisions**

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act providing in Fulton County a system for pension and retirement to pay teachers and employees of the Board of Education, so as to revise disability pension benefit eligibility for new plan members in certain instances.

**Authored By:** Rep. Wendell Willard (51st)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 156 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:**  
**Committee Action:** 03-18-2015 Do Pass  
**Amendments:**

## **Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules**

*The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 33rd Legislative Day, Friday, March 20, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Friday, March 20, at 9:30 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 34th Legislative Day.*

**SB 51 Pharmacists and Pharmacies; provide for substitutions of interchangeable biological products**  
**Bill Summary:** SB 51 allows a pharmacist to substitute a biological product with an interchangeable biological product which is in stock. The pharmacist must indicate the substitution for an interchangeable biological product on the original prescription and on its label, and must notify the prescriber of such a substitution within 48 hours of dispensing the product.

**Authored By:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th)  
**House Committee:** Health & Human Services

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee Action:** 03-09-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Committee Actions

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

### Game, Fish, & Parks Committee

#### SB 62 Probate Courts; remove certain limitations on the jurisdiction of the probate courts over the game and fish violations

**Bill Summary:** SB 62 amends Code Section 15-9-30.3, relating to jurisdiction over Game and Fish Code misdemeanor violations, by removing the restriction to the right and power of the probate court to conduct trials, receive pleas, and impose sentences upon defendants charged with violations which are of a high and aggravated nature and a first violation of hunting deer at night with the aid of a light.

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| <b>Authored By:</b>     | Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) | <b>Committee Action:</b> | 03-19-2015 Do Pass |
| <b>House Committee:</b> | Game, Fish, & Parks     |                          |                    |

#### SB 112 Wildlife; general hunting provisions; prohibit the removal, transportation; game animal or game bird carcasses

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 112 amends Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 27, relating to general hunting provisions, by repealing 27-3-45; information required before removal of carcasses from place of killing regarding deer hunting; failure to affix deer tag prior to storage or processing; and by adding a new Code section. The new Code section, 27-3-29, directs the board of Natural Resources to promulgate rules and regulations establishing harvest recording and reporting requirements for game animals and game birds. Except in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations of the board, it shall be unlawful for any person killing a game animal or game bird to remove the carcass from the place of killing or to transport the carcass of a game animal or game bird killed by another person. It shall also be unlawful for any cold storage or processing facility to possess the carcass of any game animal or game bird. Finally, it will be unlawful to obtain, possess, or otherwise use multiple sets of licenses or harvest records for the purpose of circumventing the bag limit of any game animal or game bird. Any person violating this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not more than \$200 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both.

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| <b>Authored By:</b>     | Sen. Tyler Harper (7th) | <b>Committee Action:</b> | 03-19-2015 Do Pass |
| <b>House Committee:</b> | Game, Fish, & Parks     |                          |                    |

### Industry and Labor Committee

#### SB 88 Labor and Industrial Relations; provide for the payment of wages by credit to a payroll card; provisions

**Bill Summary:** SB 88 allows employers to make wage, salary or other recurring compensation payments by using credit to a payroll credit account. It is elective, not mandatory, to the employee. If offered, the employer must offer a written explanation of any fees associated with the account. The employee has the right to opt out of the account at anytime.

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| <b>Authored By:</b>     | Sen. Burt Jones (25th) | <b>Committee Action:</b> | 03-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute |
| <b>House Committee:</b> | Industry and Labor     |                          |  |

## Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

### HB 617 Cobb County; State Court; raise compensation of chief deputy clerk and clerk of court; provisions

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, so as to raise the compensation of the chief deputy clerk and the clerk of state court.

**Authored By:** Rep. John Carson (46th)  
**House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local      **Committee Action:** 03-19-2015 Do Pass

## Natural Resources & Environment Committee

### HR 601 House Study Committee on Saltwater Intrusion into Coastal Aquifers; create

Bill Summary: HR 601 creates the House Study Committee on Saltwater Intrusion into Coastal Aquifers. The study committee shall be chaired by the chair of the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee and be composed of five members. The committee may meet up to five times and may file a report or a copy of the meeting minutes with the Clerk of the House of Representatives before the committee is abolished on December 1, 2015.

**Authored By:** Rep. Lynn Smith (70th)  
**House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment      **Committee Action:** 03-19-2015 Do Pass

### HR 613 United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); withdraw the proposed Clean Air Plan; encourage

Bill Summary: HR 613 encourages the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw the proposed Clean Power Plan and supports the comments on the Clean Power Plan submitted to EPA by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, the Public Service Commission, and the Georgia Attorney General.

**Authored By:** Rep. Chuck Martin (49th)  
**House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment      **Committee Action:** 03-19-2015 Do Pass

### HR 620 Local boards of education; provide educational awareness regarding renewable energy; urge

Bill Summary: HR 620 urges local boards of education to provide educational awareness regarding renewable energy.

**Authored By:** Rep. Karla Drenner (85th)  
**House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment      **Committee Action:** 03-19-2015 Do Pass

### SB 119 "Water Professionals Appreciation Day"; designate the first Monday in May of each year in Georgia

Bill Summary: SB 119 designates the first Monday in May of each year as "Water Professionals Appreciation Day" in Georgia.

**Authored By:** Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)  
**House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment      **Committee Action:** 03-19-2015 Do Pass

## State Properties Committee

### HR 419 United States Congress; extend authorization for Augusta Canal National Heritage Area to receive federal funding from the National Park Service through 2021; encourage

Bill Summary: HR 419 encourages the United States Congress to extend authorization for the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area to receive funding from the National Park Service through 2021.

**Authored By:** Rep. Barbara Sims (123rd)

**House Committee:** State Properties

**Committee Action:** 03-19-2015 Do Pass

### SR 266 Property Conveyance; authorizing 10 counties

Bill Summary: SR 266 is a conveyance resolution for property located in 10 counties, conveying property owned by the State of Georgia or amending those conveyances, as follows:

Article I conveys property in Appling County, the former site of the Altamaha Technical College and currently under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia, to Appling County for the widening of U.S. Highway 341.

Article II conveys property in Cherokee County, currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the replacement and realignment of the bridge on SR 372 at Etowah River.

Article III conveys property in Douglas County, currently under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia, to Douglas County to realign Timber Ridge Road.

Article IV authorizes the lease of property in Fulton County, upon acquisition of the property that will be in the custody of the Georgia Department of Driver Services, to the Georgia United Credit Union.

Article V authorizes the lease of property in Fulton County, known as the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center and currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, to the Georgia World Congress Center Authority and grants easements through the lease area.

Article VI authorizes the lease of property in Gordon County to the Calhoun Elks Home, Inc., which is an adjustment from previous lease property sizes due to an easement granted to the Georgia Department of Transportation to realign and repair a bridge on Highway 225 at the Coosawattee River.

Article VII authorizes the lease of property in Meriwether County, known as the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation's Golf Course and currently under the custody of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, to The Warrior Alliance to operate the golf course as a vocational rehabilitation training program.

Article VIII authorizes the lease of property in Monroe County, located at the Tift College campus headquarters and currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections, to the Georgia United Credit Union.

Article IX conveys easements on property in Paulding County, located in the Sheffield Wildlife Management Area and currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, to the Lee family and to the Paulding County to provide improved access to the Sheffield Wildlife Management Area.

Article X authorizes the lease of property in Troup County, located on a portion of the West Georgia Technical College's LaGrange campus and under the custody of the Technical College System of

Georgia, to the Troup County School System for the THINC College and Career Academy.

Article XI conveys property in Upson County, currently under the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission, to Upson County as part of a property exchange.

**Authored By:** Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)

**House** State Properties

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03-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee  
Substitute

**SR 267 Public Property; granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities; 24 counties**

Bill Summary: SR 267 is a resolution granting non-exclusive easements for construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through state-owned property in Baldwin, Barrow, Bartow, Chatham, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Floyd, Fulton, Gordon, Houston, Laurens, Liberty, Lowndes, Macon, McIntosh, Meriwether, Newton, Polk, Richmond, Troup, Walton, and Wayne counties.

Article I grants an easement in Baldwin County to CorrectHealth GDC, LLC of approximately 3.68 acres currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Georgia Department of Corrections for the purpose of ingress/egress at the Bostick State Prison site for \$650.00.

Article II grants an easement in Barrow County to the Georgia Power Company for approximately one acre currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, and maintenance of underground distribution lines to serve new camper cabins at Fort Yargo State Park for \$10.00.

Article III grants an easement in Bartow County to the Department of Transportation of approximately 0.548 of an acre located on the Western and Atlantic Railroad and currently under the custody of the State Properties Commission for the construction and maintenance of a bridge and road widening of SR140 from SR53 to SR3/US41 for \$10.00.

Article IV grants an easement in Bartow County to the Atlanta Gas Light Company of approximately 0.57 of an acre currently under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia to construct, install, and maintain underground gas distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the North Metro Campus of Chattahoochee Technical College for \$10.00.

Article V grants an easement in Chatham County to the Atlanta Gas Light Company of approximately 4.26 acres currently under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia to construct, install, and maintain underground gas distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the Savannah Technical College for \$10.00.

Article VI grants an easement in Clarke County to the Georgia Power Company of approximately 0.09 of an acre at the Athens Day Reporting Center currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections for the installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical lines and associated equipment on Old Epps Bridge Road for \$650.00.

Article VII grants an easement in Clayton County to the Georgia Power Company of approximately 0.251 of an acre currently in the custody of the Georgia Department of Agriculture for the installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical lines and associated equipment to serve the Atlanta State Farmers Market for \$10.00.

Article VIII grants an easement in Cobb County to the Georgia Power Company of approximately 0.049 of an acre currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense for the installation, operation, and maintenance of underground distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the Kennesaw Armory for \$10.00.

Article IX grants an easement in DeKalb County to the Georgia Power Company of approximately 0.37 of an acre currently under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the installation, operation, and maintenance of overhead distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the Georgia Piedmont Technical College for \$10.00.

Article X grants an easement in Floyd County to the Georgia Power Company of approximately 0.103 of an acre currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense for the installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical power lines and associated equipment to serve the Rome Armory for \$10.00.

Article XI grants an easement in Fulton County to various utility companies of approximately 25.433 acres currently under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the installation, operation, and maintenance of various utilities and associated equipment to serve the North Fulton Campus of Gwinnett Technical College for \$10.00.

Article XII grants an easement in Gordon County to Department of Transportation of approximately 0.262 of an acre located on the Western and Atlantic Railroad and currently under the custody of the State Properties Commission for the road widening and construction and maintenance of a bridge on the South Calhoun Bypass from SR53 at CR13 East to SR53 at CR64 for \$10.00.

Article XIII grants an easement in Houston County to the Flint Electric Membership Corporation of approximately 0.924 of an acre currently under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for installation, maintenance, and operation of electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the Health Services Center at Central Georgia Technical College for \$10.00.

Article XIV grants an easement in Laurens County to the City of Dublin, Georgia of approximately 0.072 of an acre currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense for the construction, installation, and maintenance of sanitary sewer lines to serve the Dublin Armory for \$10.00.

Article XV grants an easement in Liberty County to the Georgia Power Company of approximately 0.156 of an acre at Savannah Technical College currently under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the relocation of power poles and guy wire anchors due to the SR 119 widening for fair market value, but not less than \$650.00.

Article XVI grants an easement in Lowndes County to the City of Valdosta, Georgia of approximately 0.04 of an acre currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections for the construction, installation, and maintenance of a sanitary sewer main to serve Valdosta State Prison for \$10.00.

Article XVII grants an easement in Macon County to the Flint Electric Membership Corporation of approximately 226.148 acres currently under the custody of the Department of Education for the construction, installation, and maintenance of electrical transmission lines and associated equipment to serve the cabins located on Camp John Hope for \$10.00.

Article XVIII grants an easement in McIntosh County to the Coastal Electric Cooperative (Coastal EMC) of approximately 15.3 acres currently under the custody of the Coastal Resources Division of Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, and maintenance of electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve Barbour and Wahoo Islands for fair market value, but not less than \$650.00.

Article XIX grants an easement in McIntosh County to the Coastal Electric Cooperative (Coastal EMC) of approximately 1.03 acres currently under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction and maintenance of underground distribution lines and associated equipment to serve facilities at Altamaha River-Townsend WMA for \$10.00.

Article XX grants an easement in Meriwether County to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia of approximately 22.1 acres currently under the custody of the Georgia

Vocational Rehabilitation Agency for ingress and egress, parking, signage, utilities and any other rights which the parties deem desirable for the benefit of the Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital and the Hilliard Cottage for \$10.00.

Article XXI grants an easement in Newton County to the Walton Electric Membership Corporation of approximately 0.16 of an acre currently under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the construction, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the Georgia BioScience Training Center at Athens Technical College for \$10.00.

Article XXII grants an easement in Polk County to the Corley family of approximately 0.03 of an acre currently under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for ingress and egress within Ironstob Phase I tract along Blue Car Body Road of the Paulding Wildlife Management Area in exchange for an easement to the State from the Corley family of approximately 6 acres for ingress and egress for public use and for the Department of Natural Resource's administrative use; and a grant from the Corley Family to the State of a Right of First Refusal to purchase approximately 360 acres of the Corley Family property.

Article XXIII grants an easement in Richmond County to Augusta, Georgia of approximately 0.873 of an acre currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the replacement and construction of water pipelines at East Central Regional Hospital for \$650.00.

Article XXIV grants an easement in Troup County to the City of West Point, Georgia of approximately 1.391 acres at the Kia/Hyundai Dymos Tract currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Economic Development for the installation, maintenance, and operation of a water and sewer line for \$10.00.

Article XXV grants an easement in Walton County to the Georgia Power Company of approximately 0.7 of an acre currently under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, operation, and maintenance of transmission lines and associated equipment along Willow Springs Church Road at Walton Fish Hatchery for fair market value, not to be less than \$650.00.

Article XXVI grants an easement in Wayne County to the Okefenokee Rural Electric Membership Corporation of approximately 0.28 of an acre currently under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the construction, operation, and maintenance of underground power lines and associated equipment for the new Wildlife Resources Division Maintenance Facility at Penholoway Swamp Wildlife Management Area for \$10.00.

**Authored By:** Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)

**House Committee:** State Properties

**Committee Action:** 03-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Transportation Committee

### SB 4 Urban Redevelopment; provide for use of surface transportation projects; definitions; public contracts with private enterprises for completion

**Bill Summary:** SB 4 clarifies existing urban redevelopment law to include a framework through which the City of Atlanta and its associated redevelopment partners can leverage limited public resources for transportation to deliver high-quality, cost-effective projects more quickly and at a lesser cost through outsourcing to the private sector. The bill adds a new definition of surface transportation project to urban redevelopment law and lays out the requirements of procurement and bond issuance. The bill does not obligate any state funds.

**Authored By:** Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)

**House Committee:** Transportation

**Committee Action:** 03-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**SB 125 State Road and Tollway Authority; authorize the collection of tolls for the management of traffic flow**

Bill Summary: SB 125 allows the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) to collect tolls on projects for which the primary purpose is managing the flow of traffic. The legislation provides authority to SRTA to send subsequent notices to violators with increased administrative fees with each notice provided that the cumulative total does not exceed \$25. If repayment of financing is not the primary or exclusive purpose for the exercise of the authority's toll power, the authority is not required to issue or have outstanding bonds or other indebtedness in respect to a project in order to fix, revise, charge, enforce, or collect tolls for such project. The legislation states that the department may install gates, signs, barriers, or any combination thereof, to restrict access to managed lanes and prohibits drivers from driving around, through or under any barrier or closed moving gate of a managed lane.

**Authored By:** Sen. Brandon Beach (21st)

**House Committee:** Transportation

**Committee Action:**

03-19-2015 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

**SB 169 Highways, Bridges, and Ferries; revise what constitutes part of the state highway system; appropriation of funds to Dept. of Transportation**

Bill Summary: Sections 1 and 2 of SB 169 update the Code to make clear that federal funds can be used to acquire right-of-way on local projects which have been approved for federal funds.

Section 3 aligns Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) surplus right-of-way process with the local process, as currently defined in statute, to provide greater flexibility to market and notify the public of surplus right-of-way particularly by allowing said property to be listed on the Georgia MLS (multiple listing service). This provision makes clear that the department can utilize the same tools as local government in helping to reduce unneeded property owned by the state and return it to use in the private sector and the local tax digest. The section establishes a common sense look-back requirement of 30 years to identify the previous owner, successor-in-title to whom first right-of-refusal is offered to repurchase the property.

Section 4's provision updates the current state safety oversight statute to reflect requirements established by MAP-21 and provides flexibility to adhere to future federal re-authorizations. GDOT is designated as the Transit State Safety Oversight Entity.

Section 5 relates to outdoor advertising and the relocation of signs on a right-of-way that is purchased by the department. The legislation provides criteria for the new location and for just compensation to be made when relocation is not possible.

Section 6 designates GDOT as the repository for crash reports generated from by law enforcement at all levels of government, and this provision ensures the most efficient and complete transfer of these records by requiring them to be submitted electronically.

**Authored By:** Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)

**House Committee:** Transportation

**Committee Action:**

03-19-2015 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, March 20, 2015

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| 10:00 AM | <a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 33)</a>                      | 10:00am  |
| 9:30 AM  | <a href="#">RULES</a> 341 CAP                              |          |
| 1:00 PM  | <a href="#">Academic Support Subcommittee of Education</a> | 406 CLOB |
| 1:30 PM  | <a href="#">JUVENILE JUSTICE</a>                           | 506 CLOB |
| 2:00 PM  | <a href="#">BANKS &amp; BANKING</a>                        | 341 CAP  |