



Tuesday, January 26, 2016

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- The House will reconvene for its 11th Legislative Day on Wednesday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- No bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Local Calendar

HB 683 Rockdale County; Redevelopment Powers Law; provide for a referendum

Bill Summary: A Bill to authorize Rockdale County to exercise all redevelopment and other powers.

Authored By:	Rep. Pam Dickerson (113th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	01-25-2016 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 154 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 735 Stewart County Water and Sewerage Authority; membership appointments; revise

Bill Summary: A Bill to revise the Stewart County Water and Sewerage Authority, so as to change the method of membership appointments.

Authored By:	Rep. Gerald Greene (151st)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	01-25-2016 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 154 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 748 Thomas County Magistrate Court; impose and collect county law library fees as part of court costs; provide

Bill Summary: A Bill to authorize the Magistrate Court of Thomas County to impose and collect county law library fees as part of the court costs.

Authored By:	Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	01-25-2016 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 154 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 782 Hall County; Gainesville City and Buford City School Districts; provide continuation of an alternative method of distribution of net proceeds of sales and use tax

Bill Summary: A Bill to provide for the continuation of an alternative method of distribution of the net proceeds of the sales and use tax for educational purposes.

Authored By:	Rep. Carl Rogers (29th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	01-25-2016 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 154 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 786 Manchester, City of; filling of vacancies of the governing authority; change provisions

Bill Summary: A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Manchester, so as to change provisions relating to the filling of vacancies of the offices of members of the governing authority.

Authored By:	Rep. Debbie Buckner (137th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	01-25-2016 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 154 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 787 Varnell, City of; homestead exemption for residents 65 years or older; provide

Bill Summary: A Bill to provide a homestead exemption from the City of Varnell ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the full amount of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city who are 65 years of age or older or who are the unremarried spouses of deceased firefighters, police officers, or military veterans.

Authored By:	Rep. Tom Dickson (6th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	01-25-2016 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 154 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 794 Macon County; probate court judge shall serve as chief magistrate judge; provide

Bill Summary: A Bill to provide that the judge of the Probate Court of Macon County shall also serve as the chief magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Macon County.

Authored By:	Rep. Patty Bentley (139th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	01-25-2016 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 154 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 799 Hoschton, City of; manner of election of the mayor and councilmembers; provide

Bill Summary: A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Hoschton, so as to provide for the manner of election of the mayor and councilmembers.

Authored By:	Rep. Tommy Benton (31st)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	01-25-2016 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 154 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 807 Clayton County; community improvement districts; provisions

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act creating one or more community improvement districts within Clayton County, so as to change certain provisions relating to taxes, fees and assessments.

Authored By:	Rep. Valencia Stovall (74th)	Rule Applied:	
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	Committee Action:	01-25-2016 Do Pass
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 154 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

*The Committee on Rules will next meet on Wednesday, January 27, at 9:00 a.m.,
to set the Rules Calendar for the 12th Legislative Day.*

Committee Actions

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

Game, Fish, & Parks Committee

HB 483 State symbols; shoal bass as official state native riverine sport fish; designate

Bill Summary: HB 483 designates the shoal bass as the official Georgia state native riverine sport fish.

Authored By: Rep. Debbie Buckner (137th)

House Committee: Game, Fish, & Parks

**Committee
Action:**

01-26-2016 Do Pass

Health & Human Services Committee

HB 509 Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council; create; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 509 creates the Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council within the Department of Community Health. The commissioner of the Department of Community Health will appoint nine members to the council. Additionally, this bill establishes a state-wide Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program within the department. The purpose of this program is to maximize the effectiveness of palliative care initiatives in Georgia by ensuring that comprehensive and accurate information and education about palliative care is available to the public, health care providers, and health care facilities.

Authored By: Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)

House Committee: Health & Human Services

**Committee
Action:**

01-26-2016 Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

HB 588 Controlled substances; possession of substances containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine and restrictions of sale of products containing pseudoephedrine; change provisions

Bill Summary: HB 588 amends O.C.G.A 16-13-30.3 to include norspseudoephedrine among the definition of drug products that contain ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine base. Under the provisions of this bill, retail distributors must require customers to issue a valid government ID when purchasing a product containing pseudoephedrine. Additionally, the retail distributor must maintain a record of certain "required information", defined in the bill as the full name and address of the purchaser; the type of government ID; a description of the product purchased; and the date and time of the purchase. Retail distributors must maintain a record of required information for two years.

Further, retail distributors must electronically track such sales using a "real-time electronic logging system", defined in the bill as a system that can track required information and generate a stop sale alert to notify a retail distributor that the purchase exceeds the quantity limits (30 pills, tablets, gelcaps, or capsules; or 9 grams of ephedrine, norspseudoephedrine, pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine base per 30-day period; or 3.6 grams of ephedrine, norspseudoephedrine, pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine base per day in dosage form). The system will also contain an override function to be utilized in the event that the cashier is in imminent danger if the sale is not made; however, the system will still track any override sales. This system must be approved by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and be offered free of charge to the state, retail distributors, and law enforcement agencies.

Authored By: Rep. Valerie Clark (101st)

House Committee: Health & Human Services

**Committee
Action:**

01-26-2016 Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

HB 649 Georgia Lactation Consultant Practice Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 649, the 'Georgia Lactation Consultant Practice Act,' requires the Georgia Composite Medical Board to appoint a lactation consultant advisory committee. The advisory committee will consult the board on the issuance, denial, suspension, and revocation of lactation consultant licenses.

Additionally, the board will have the power and responsibility to enforce the provisions of this act; draft, adopt, amend, repeal and enforce rules it deems necessary for the administration of this act; license qualified lactation consultants; implement the disciplinary process; set standards for competency of licenses; establish examination and licensing fees; and establish continuing education requirements.

The board may grant a license to a person without examination if that person holds a valid license to practice lactation care and services issued by another state if the board feels that the requirements in that state are substantially equal to or greater than in Georgia and as long as the applicant is in good standing with the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners.

Each applicant for a license must certification as an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners. Additionally, to receive licensure, the applicant must be at least 18 years old and pass a criminal background check.

Authored By: Rep. Sharon Cooper (43rd)

House Committee: Health & Human Services

Committee Action:

01-26-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 780 Health; certain nondiagnostic laboratories not subject to state licensure as a clinical laboratory; provide

Bill Summary: HB 780 excludes laboratories which are nondiagnostic only and regulated pursuant to the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments from the definition of "clinical laboratory". These nondiagnostic labs examine human blood or blood components intended for use as a source material for the manufacture of biological products, whereas diagnostic labs examine blood for medical purposes such as recommendation of treatment of any disease.

Authored By: Rep. Jodi Lott (122nd)

House Committee: Health & Human Services

Committee Action:

01-26-2016 Do Pass

Higher Education Committee**HB 801 HOPE; include certain coursework in computer science as optional rigor requirements; revise provisions**

Bill Summary: House Bill 801 provides for the addition of a computer science class in the category of advanced science to satisfy the eligibility requirements to receive the HOPE scholarship. The bill also adds certain STEM courses, as identified by the Board of Regents, to the classes eligible for the 0.5 point grade increase granted to equalize grade point averages (GPAs) of students taking college level courses while in high school.

Authored By: Rep. Jan Jones (47th)

House Committee: Higher Education

Committee Action:

01-26-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Regulated Industries Committee

HB 593 Low-voltage Contractors, Division of; require continuing education; authorize

Bill Summary: HB 593 allows for the Division of Low-voltage Contractors to have no more than four hours of board-approved continuing education annually. Continuing education courses or programs conducted by manufacturers specifically to promote their products are not allowed. In addition, the Division of Low-voltage Contractors shall be able to waive the continuing education requirements in circumstances as the division deems appropriate.

Authored By: Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th)

House Committee: Regulated Industries

Committee Action:

01-26-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Science and Technology Committee

HB 126 Motor vehicles; use of global positioning or navigation system mounts on windshields under certain circumstances; allow

Bill Summary: This bill allows for global positioning or navigational system mounts to be placed in a motor vehicle's windshield provided it does not obstruct the driver's view.

Authored By: Rep. Sam Teasley (37th)

House Committee: Science and Technology

Committee Action:

01-26-2016 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 and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).

Wednesday, January 27, 2016	
10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (LD 11) HOUSE CHAMBER
8:00 AM	APPROPRIATIONS 341 CAP
8:00 AM	AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS 403 CAP
9:00 AM	RULES 341 CAP
2:00 PM	CODE REVISION 415 CLOB
2:00 PM	STATE PROPERTIES 403 CAP
2:00 PM	RETIREMENT 515 CLOB
3:00 PM	INDUSTRY & LABOR 506 CLOB
3:00 PM	JOINT HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE 406 CLOB