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DAILY REPORT

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- The House will reconvene for its 29th Legislative Day on Monday, March 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 56 Education; grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards killed in the line of duty; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 56 expands eligibility for the Public Safety Memorial Grant to include spouses of law enforcement officers, firefighters, or prison guards who have died in the line of duty.

Authored By: Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)
House Higher Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 170 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 218 Evidence; sexual assault hearsay for disabled adults and 17 year olds; provide

Bill Summary: HB 218 defines the term "mentally incapacitated" and allows for the admission of an out-of-court statement, which is currently hearsay, as testimony in court when a person who is 17 years old or older and who is mentally incapacitated describes any act to a third party of nonconsensual sexual contact, or any act of physical abuse, performed with or on that mentally-incapacitated person. The third party to whom the information was told must be available to be cross examined.

Authored By: Rep. Scott Hilton (48th)
House Judiciary Non-Civil
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 349 Barbers and cosmetologists; repeal Chapter 10 and enact a new chapter that reorganizes, modernizes, and clarifies current regulation

Bill Summary: HB 349 allows the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers to license mobile barber shops. Rules and regulations will require a functional sink, including a holding tank with adequate waste-water storage, and adequate lighting and ventilation. A mobile barber shop will be subject to business licenses, health and sanitation standards, and other requirements imposed upon stationary barber shops by ordinance or resolution of each county in which the mobile barber shop operates.

Authored By: Rep. Al Williams (168th)
House Regulated Industries
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 165 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 441 Professions; authorize and regulate teledentistry by licensed dentists pursuant to permits issued by Georgia Board of Dentistry

Bill Summary: HB 441 prevents licensed dentists from providing teledentistry unless the dentist has been issued a permit by the Georgia Board of Dentistry. Permits will only be issued after a licensed

dentist proves there is an established referral relationship with a dentist who practices in a physical dental office in Georgia within 50 miles of where the teledentistry interaction will occur or the closest office outside of the 50-mile radius.

The teledentistry permit allows a dentist to: authorize a licensed dental hygienist to perform dental hygiene functions; prescribe medications that are not controlled substances; authorize digital scans; and authorize the transmittal of patient records. The bill includes conditions for providing dental care through teledentistry as well as insurance coverage requirements.

Authored By: Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)
House Health
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-20-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 499 Domestic relations; authorize child support and insurance policies for certain disabled children; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 499 provides a court the discretion to require either one spouse, or both spouses, to pay child support for a disabled child who has become an adult but lacks the ability to take care of themselves independently. The spouses can be in a divorce proceeding, living separately, or in a state of separation. A "disabled child" is defined to be an individual who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities and that meets a disability under state or federal law.

The bill allows for modification of the award for child support if there has been a substantial change in the child's or parent's ability to provide support for themselves. The court can direct one or both parents to maintain life insurance for the benefit of a disabled child who has become an adult but lacks the ability to take care of themselves independently.

Authored By: Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st)
House Juvenile Justice
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 169 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-22-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 583 Food, drugs, and cosmetics; authorize production and sale of homemade food items with certain exemptions, requirements, and disclosures

Bill Summary: HB 583 creates a new article within Title 26 of the O.C.G.A. relating to cottage food items, operators, and production operation. A cottage food operator may only operate so long as they are in compliance with this article, and cottage food production operations may sell directly to consumers or to retail food establishments.

Violations of compliance within this article or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this article will be given a civil penalty of no more than \$75 per violation. The Department of Agriculture is authorized to inspect the area in a residence used by a cottage food operator in order to investigate a consumer complaint.

Authored By: Rep. Leesa Hagan (156th)
House Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 166 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 589 Audits and Accounts, Department of; require certain financial disclosures from entities performing work related to fiscal notes

Bill Summary: HB 589 requires the state auditor to collect an annual disclosure for entities that perform work related to fiscal notes. Disclosures are required to include all sources of grant funding or income received within the prior five years related to fiscal notes or economic analysis requested through the legislative or executive branches.

By November 1, 2024, and each year after, the state auditor is required to compile a disclosure report

that is made available to the chairpersons of the House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee, and report any findings to the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission.

Authored By: Rep. Mike Cheokas (151st)
House Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 158 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 617 Highways, bridges, and ferries; development and maintenance of a state-wide freight and logistics implementation plan; provide

Bill Summary: HB 617 adds the development of a statewide freight/logistics implementation plan to duties of the director of planning at the Department of Transportation.

The statewide freight/logistics implementation plan is based on a 20-year projection. It identifies example project types, specific projects to be programmed, or critical corridors. The plan takes into account foundational investments that ensure: maintenance of existing transportation systems; catalytic investments that strategically expand the transportation system to both support economic development, and improve the mobility of goods/people; and innovative investments that promote industry growth and sustain existing industry use of the freight network.

HB 617 creates the Georgia Freight 2050 Program to be administered by the department to enhance the state's investment in the statewide transportation freight network. The program will fund and support projects included in the freight plans identified in Code Section 32-2-41.4.

Priority is given to capacity enhancements including: widening of interstates and non-interstate arterial roads; interchange, intersection, and other operational improvements; intermodal or multimodal capacity enhancements; railroad crossing access/safety improvements; commercial motor vehicle parking/safety improvements; and projects located in an international ocean trade zone.

Authored By: Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th)
House Transportation
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 168 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-01-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 625 Coroners; full-time county employees; provide

Bill Summary: HB 625 updates the salary schedule for the office of coroner and provides compensation guidelines for deputy coroners. The bill establishes certain conditions under which the coroner and deputy coroner would receive additional employment benefits from the county governing authority.

Authored By: Rep. Danny Mathis (149th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 160 Nays: 5

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 663 No Patient Left Alone Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 663 allows for a designated essential caregiver to be present with a patient or resident of a hospital or long-term care facility while they are receiving care. This designated caregiver must adhere to the policies of the hospital or long-term care facility, and their access may be suspended or terminated under outlined circumstances.

Authored By: Rep. Matt Hatchett (155th)
House Health
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 170 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-27-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 839 Social Work Licensure Compact Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 839 enters the State of Georgia into an interstate compact known as the 'Social Work Licensure Compact'.

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists will be the administrators of this compact while rulemaking is overseen by the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission, made up of members of all existing member states. The purposes of the compact listed in section 1 include increasing public access to social workers, reducing the multiple licenses required between different member states, and promoting mobility between member states to lessen the current workforce shortage for social workers.

All member states must also meet criteria to be eligible for the compact, including certain graduation requirements, licensure of one of three license categories, and a completed period of supervision for participating social workers. A multistate license is available under this compact for social workers who meets the requirements set forward in section 4. The requirements take into account education, background, and other regulatory measures usually required in attaining a standard social worker license. The criteria will also include any differing requirements the participating states may require. A social worker must comply with all laws and regulations of the host state in which the services are being provided.

Any active military member or their spouse can designate any member state to be their "home state", and retain their designation during the period that the service member is on active duty.

The compact will have the state join a data system maintained by the Compact Commission, that will have member data including identifying information, licensure data, and other non-confidential information.

If a state is deemed by the commission to be in default or non-compliance of the compact, the commission is responsible for sending them a written notice detailing the default. After all courses of action have been exhausted, the defaulting state may be terminated from the compact by a majority vote of the commission. The executive and judicial branches of each participating state will be responsible for enforcing the compact.

Withdrawal from the compact requires a statute repealing the compact, and will not take effect until 180 days after the enactment of that statute. The compact will become effective after a seventh member state joins the compact.

Article 3 of the bill will be known as the 'Interstate Massage Compact Act'. Some purposes of this compact listed are increasing access to licensed massage therapy services, supporting relocating military families, and increasing the accountability of a licensee.

All member states must also meet criteria to hold a multistate license while also observing the laws and regulations of the host member state where the services are provided. The requirements take into account education, background, and other regulatory measures usually required in attaining a standard massage therapist license.

Any active military member or their spouse can designate any member state to be their "home state", and retain their designation during the period that the service member is on active duty.

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This compact provides a licensed massage therapist to hold a multistate license if they meet requirements from the respective member states. Georgia will be entered into the Interstate Massage Compact Commission, which has oversight over rulemaking and will aide in implementation of the

compact.

If a state is deemed by the commission to be in default or non-compliance of the compact, the commission is responsible for sending them a written notice detailing the default. After all courses of action have been exhausted, the defaulting state may be terminated from the compact by a majority vote of the commission. The executive and judicial branches of each participating state will be responsible for enforcing the compact.

Withdrawal from the compact requires a statute repealing the compact, and will not take effect until 180 days after the enactment of that statute. The compact will become effective after a seventh member state joins the compact.

Authored By: Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)
House Interstate Cooperation
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 161 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 844 Practice of Nutrition and Dietetics Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 844 replaces the 'Dietetics Practice Act' with the 'Practice of Nutrition and Dietetics Act'. The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians is renamed the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitian Nutritionists and Licensed Nutritionists. The board will consist of seven members appointed by the governor.

Authored By: Rep. Ginny Ehrhart (36th)
House Public Health
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 168 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 846 Education; require local school systems to annually notify employees whether social security taxes will be withheld from their pay and eligibility of certain benefits

Bill Summary: HB 846 requires local school systems to notify new hires whether Social Security taxes are withheld from employee paychecks beginning July 1, 2024. Every five years and upon separation of employment, the school system must remind employees whether Social Security taxes are withheld from their pay during employment.

Authored By: Rep. Rob Leverett (123rd)
House Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 160 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 910 Minors; civil remedy for damages against commercial entities that distribute material harmful to minors without performing age verification; create

Bill Summary: HB 910 requires a commercial entity to use a reasonable age verification method before allowing access to a public website that contains a substantial portion of material that is harmful to minors, and holds that commercial entity liable for damages and a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation if it fails to perform reasonable age verification, namely that the individual is at least 18 years of age, of the individual attempting to access the material.

When performing a reasonable age verification, the commercial entity will not retain any identifying information after access to the material has been granted.

Authored By: Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 165 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-20-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 924 Insurance; discriminating against certain healthcare facilities and providers in connection with the administration of provider administered drugs; prohibit insurers

Bill Summary: HB 924 prohibits insurance companies from requiring the practice of "white bagging" by in-network providers for certain specialty medications. "White bagging" is the practice of requiring that these drugs be purchased through third-party pharmacies.

Authorized By: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd)
House Public Health
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 160 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-15-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 926 Second Chance Workforce Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 926 adds the term "healthcare worker" and "emergency health worker" to the list of crimes included within the definition of "class B designated felony act" in the Juvenile Code.

The bill also allows a traffic court judge to reinstate an accused person's license when it was suspended because of a failure to appear, and they subsequently have scheduled a new date to appear before the court; have appeared in court for a hearing, arraignment, or waiver of arraignment and entry of plea; or when the charge has been fully adjudicated.

Authorized By: Rep. Matt Reeves (99th)
House Judiciary Non-Civil
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 159 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 935 Motor vehicles; standards for a conviction through the use of speed devices; provide

Bill Summary: HB 935 creates a Back the Blue Fund for the purpose of providing bonuses to deputy sheriffs and jailers. An option will be provided to contribute \$5 to the fund upon issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle car tag. The commissioner of the Department of Revenue will be the custodian of the fund and administer to sheriffs' offices through the Georgia Sheriff's Association.

Authorized By: Rep. Kenneth Vance (133rd)
House Motor Vehicles
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 170 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-27-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1017 Georgia Squatter Reform Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 1017 creates the offense of unlawful squatting when someone enters and resides upon the land or premises of the owner without the owner or rightful occupant's knowledge or consent. A person who violates this provision will receive a citation advising them to present documentation within three business days authorizing their presence on the land or premises.

If the person is unable to provide documentation, the person will be subject to arrest for criminal trespass and will be guilty of a misdemeanor. If a person does provide documentation, a hearing will be set within seven days of submitting the documentation to determine its validity. If the documentation is found to be improperly executed or fraudulent, that person will be subject to demand for possession and removal, subject to arrest, and assessed an additional fine based on the fair market monthly rental rate of the premises. A law enforcement official will exhibit an affidavit regarding a person's claim to the property at least three days prior to turning that person out of possession.

Authorized By: Rep. Devan Seabaugh (34th)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1023 Income tax; match tax rate imposed on corporations to that imposed on individual taxpayers

Bill Summary: HB 1023 amends O.C.G.A. 48-7-21, relating to taxation of corporations, to change the rate of taxable net income for corporations from 5.75 percent to the same rate as the individual income tax rate in the corresponding year.

The bill further amends O.C.G.A. 48-7-57, relating filing dates and failure to file for corporate taxpayers, to allow for an additional month to file a state return beyond an extension provided related to a federal income tax return.

Authored By: Rep. Bruce Williamson (112th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 138 Nays: 28

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1031 Ad valorem tax; property; provide mandatory reappraisal of parcels

Bill Summary: HB 1031 amends O.C.G.A. 48-5-264, relating to duties of the chief appraiser, to require county chief appraisers to reappraise land parcels in their county in 2025 and every three years thereafter.

HB 1031 amends O.C.G.A. 48-5-306, relating to annual notices of current assessment, to require notices to include the current year's estimated roll-back rate.

HB 1031 amends O.C.G.A. 48-5-274 to require the state auditor to use median ratio, coefficient of dispersion, and the price related differential for all classes of property the board of tax assessors approves as part of the tax digest for that year.

The state auditor, county governing authority, municipality with independent school system, local board of education, and county board of tax assessors may appeal decisions of arbitrators to the superior court of the county. The appeal will be heard as soon as practical unless a mutual agreement is reached between the superior court, the county, and the state auditor.

Authored By: Rep. Dale Washburn (144th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 02-08-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1046 Health; advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services; authorize

Bill Summary: HB 1046 allows advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to complete and sign death certificates under the authority of a physician. These healthcare professionals must complete biennial continuing education as approved by the board. There must also be a selection box added to the death certificate to indicate whether a physician or non-physician completed the certificate.

Authored By: Rep. David Clark (100th)
House Health
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 163 Nays: 2

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-27-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1052 Revenue and taxation; limitation on leased property as to certain entities; remove

Bill Summary: HB 1052 amends O.C.G.A. 48-5-7.4, related to bona fide conservation use property, to allow property leased by a corporation, partnership, general partnership, limited partnership or corporation, or a limited liability company to qualify as bona fide conservation use property if it meets the following conditions: entity is owned by at least one natural or naturalized citizen and the primary purpose of the property is related to production of agricultural or timber products.

Authored By: Rep. Charles Cannon (172nd)

Rule Applied: Structured

House Committee: Ways & Means
Floor Vote: Yeas: 166 Nays: 2

Committee Action: 02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1053 State government; prohibit governmental agencies from using central bank digital currency as payment

Bill Summary: HB 1053 prohibits governmental agencies from accepting a payment using a digital currency issued by a federal reserve bank or foreign central bank, and prohibits governmental agencies from participating in any test of a central bank digital currency.

Authorized By: Rep. Carter Barrett (24th)
House Committee: Banks & Banking
Floor Vote: Yeas: 136 Nays: 32

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 02-21-2024 Do Pass
Amendments:

HB 1075 Notaries public; state agencies shall accept certain notarial acts performed in another state; provide

Bill Summary: HB 1075 requires state agencies to accept non-property-related documents notarized by a notarial officer of another state, provided that the manner of notarization is authorized by that state, the person notarizing the document is authorized to do so in that state, and that the signature and title of the person notarizing the document are attached to the document. These specific notarial acts performed in other states will have the same force and effect as if it had been made before a notary public in this state.

Authorized By: Rep. Scott Hilton (48th)
House Committee: Judiciary
Floor Vote: Yeas: 169 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 02-27-2024 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1096 Professional licensing boards; continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements; establish

Bill Summary: HB 1096 allows the office of the secretary of state to institute a unified system for tracking the continuing education credits completed by licensees of the various boards under the secretary of state's purview. Beginning on January 1, 2025, a professional licensing board shall not renew a license until the applicant has complied with all applicable continuing education requirements.

Authorized By: Rep. Dale Washburn (144th)
House Committee: Regulated Industries
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 02-19-2024 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1099 Crimes and offenses; knowing entry upon land or premises of another that has been marked with purple paint; provide for the crime of criminal trespass

Bill Summary: HB 1099 amends the crime of criminal trespass to allow for prosecution when a person enters onto the property of another where certain purple marks act as a warning not to enter onto the premises. The purple marks on trees or posts serve as a legal warning not to enter onto a property so long as they are clearly visible, spaced no more than 100 feet apart (on forested land) or 1,000 feet apart (on non-forested land), and placed at the required height to avoid flood zones.

Authorized By: Rep. David Huddleston (72nd)
House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 02-22-2024 Do Pass
Amendments:

HB 1104 Quality Basic Education Act; address mental health risks for student athletes

Bill Summary: HB 1104 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-324.7. to address mental health risks for student athletes by requiring athletic associations to post on their website guidelines and relevant materials

informing and educating students, parents/guardians, school personnel, and coaches about mental health risks and available resources.

Coaches will annually view approved educational videos, if available, and review guidelines/materials related to mental health risks in student athletes.

Authored By: Rep. Omari Crawford (84th)
House Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 159 Nays: 4

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1105 The Georgia Criminal Alien Track and Report Act of 2024; enact

Bill Summary: HB 1105 is the 'Georgia Criminal Alien Track and Report Act of 2024'.

The bill requires that Georgia law enforcement officials work in conjunction with federal immigration authorities and to send, receive, and maintain information relating to the immigration status of any individual as reasonably needed for public safety purposes. Any sheriff's office or law enforcement agency of a local governing body that acts in violation is subject to the withholding of state funding or state administered federal funding other than to provide services required in subsection (d) of O.C.G.A. 50-36-1. As a condition of funding, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Transportation, or any other state agency that provides funding to local governing bodies shall require certification of compliance with requirements in Code Section 50-36-4 for submission of annual immigration compliance reports. Any funding withheld from a sheriff's office is remitted to the county.

The legislation provides standard procedures for booking of aliens and foreign nationals and requires jailers to prepare quarterly reports outlining several categories of information for each jail jurisdiction. The bill provides that a first violation of the requirements in this Code section is a misdemeanor. Any second or subsequent violation is a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.

Authored By: Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)
House Public Safety & Homeland Security
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 97 Nays: 74

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-27-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1116 Income tax credit; rehabilitation of historic structures; home portion; extend sunset date

Bill Summary: HB 1116 amends O.C.G.A. 48-7-29.8, relating to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures, to extend the sunset for the credit for residential historic structures to January 1, 2035. After January 1, 2029, no credits related to this program may be issued for certified structures other than historic homes. The maximum aggregate amount of credits is increased from \$30 million to \$60 million for certified structures other than historic homes.

The bill provides that if the credit allowed exceeds the total tax otherwise payable by the taxpayer for that year, the taxpayer may apply any excess credit until either the full amount is used or the expiration of the fifth taxable year after the certified rehabilitation was completed.

Authored By: Rep. Debbie Buckner (137th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 162 Nays: 5

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 02-20-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1122 Education; provide for funding requirements to apply to local agencies; charter schools; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 1122 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-186 which outlines specific funding criteria based on student enrollment for state charter schools to earn a superintendent, and state and local charter schools to earn principals.

HB 1122 includes part-time teachers and paraprofessionals as allowable employees in O.C.G.A. 20-

2-239 to enroll a student in a school other than the student's residence if the student's parent works at the school.

Authored By: Rep. Scott Hilton (48th)
House Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 161 Nays: 7

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1123 Handicapped persons; require establishment of an Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team in each judicial circuit

Bill Summary: HB 1123 requires district attorneys to establish an Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team, so long as it is funded through the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia.

The bill creates the elder justice coalition, which is required to meet at least twice each year, to create a law enforcement protocol, train officers when responding to instances of abuse of disabled adults or elder persons, conduct training related to disability, partner with state agencies/organizations to promote awareness of holistic care, and provide a report to the governor and General Assembly outlining areas of opportunity and recommendations to prevent and respond to abuse of disabled adults and elder persons.

Authored By: Rep. Carter Barrett (24th)
House Judiciary Non-Civil
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 165 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1125 Labor and industrial relations; phase out payment of subminimum wage to persons with disabilities

Bill Summary: HB 1125 removes the ability of the state Department of Labor to offer exemptions to the minimum wage laws. Further, no employer is permitted to utilize a certificate issued by the U.S. Department of Labor that allows the company to pay individuals with disabilities below the minimum wage. If a company currently utilizes a federal certificate, then that company must pay individuals with disabilities at least half of the minimum wage between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. Starting on July 1, 2026, those employers would not be able to utilize those certificates to pay individuals with disabilities less than the minimum wage.

Authored By: Rep. Sharon Cooper (45th)
House Industry and Labor
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 160 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-15-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1146 Natural Resources, Department of; EPD to issue water permits to private companies in areas where no public service can be provided within a period of 12 months; require

Bill Summary: HB 1146 allows an individual, given authority by the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, to provide consumable water within coastal aquifers of the state without a letter of concurrence from any public entity or local government, given certain conditions are met. This Code section will be repealed on January 1, 2029.

Authored By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)
House Natural Resources & Environment
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 105 Nays: 58

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1149 Local government; require local constitutional officers to annually report audits of discretionary funds to the General Assembly

Bill Summary: HB 1149 requires the annual audit reports of counties and consolidated city-county governments to include the financial statements of the supplemental official income of each county

officer under the county governing authority.

Authored By: Rep. Mesha Mainor (56th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 100 Nays: 62

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-21-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1180 Income tax credit; film, gaming, video, or digital production; revise a definition

Bill Summary: HB 1180 amends O.C.G.A. 48-7-40.26, relating to income tax credits for film, gaming, video, or digital productions, to make changes to the program's structure as follows:

The bill amends the definition of "base investment" as funds invested and expended by a production company on expenses incurred in the state, and directly used in a single state certified production.

HB 1180 establishes an aggregate base investment of \$10 million for all state certified productions for a production company to qualify for the credit, in addition to the existing base investment requirement of \$500,000 for a single production. The bill changes requirements for an additional 10 percent credit to require a production to meet for four of the following criteria: at least 50 percent of a production's crew are Georgia residents; at least 50 percent of a production's vendors are Georgia vendors; the production incurs at least \$30 million of production expenditures in Georgia; at least 50 percent of photography days occur in underutilized counties; at least 50 percent of studio photography days occur in Georgia studio facilities, and the production company makes capital improvements to Georgia studio facilities approved by the Department of Economic Development or enters into a long-term lease with a Georgia studio facility with at least 100,000 square feet of production space; the production company agrees to contract with Georgia vendors for 20 percent of postproduction expenditures or contracts with Georgia vendors for 20 percent of visual effects expenditures; the production company participates in a Georgia workforce development program such as a Georgia Film Academy program; the production includes a qualified Georgia promotion or approves alternative marketing opportunities with the Department of Economic Development; or the company contracts for the recording of at least one song or track in Georgia to be included in a certified productions music score or soundtrack, licenses music from a Georgia resident or company, or contracts with one or more Georgia residents for the composition or performance of music.

Conditions for which a credit may be transferred or sold are amended, including setting a maximum amount for transfers or sales to be limited annually to 2.5 percent of the governor's revenue estimate for the related fiscal year. If the annual limit is exceeded, the commissioner of the Department of Revenue will allow any unused credit that may be transferred or sold to be utilized in the next calendar year.

Section 2 of HB 1180 creates O.C.G.A. 48-7-40.37 to separate existing language related to the interactive entertainment industry, previously contained in Code sections related to film, gaming, video, or digital production, into a separate Code section.

Authored By: Rep. Kasey Carpenter (4th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 131 Nays: 34

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 02-21-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1190 Secretary of State; division director to issue licenses in certain instances; authorize

Bill Summary: HB 1190 authorizes the division director of the Office of the Secretary of State to issue a license when a professional licensing board has not made a determination on whether to license an applicant within 60 days of receipt of the application. All information and documents must be submitted with the application to qualify for this provision.

Authored By: Rep. J Collins (71st)
House Regulated Industries
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1197 Income tax; expand revitalization zone tax credits to include rehabilitation of historic residential structures

Bill Summary: HB 1197 amends O.C.G.A. 48-7-40.32, relating to revitalization zone tax credits, to define a "certified historic residential structure owner or investor" as a person who owns or acquires and develops a historic residential structure within a designated revitalization zone or who has been certified by the Department of Community Affairs commissioner as eligible to receive the credit based on criteria in Code.

The bill defines a "historic residential structure" as one that is located within a revitalization zone designated as a historic district pursuant to the 'Georgia Historic Preservation Act' or the National Register of Historic Places, individually designated as a local, state, or national historic landmark or is at least 50 years old, and provides more than one residential unit for lease.

The bill allows the commissioners of the Department of Community Affairs and the Department of Economic Development to extend a designation of a revitalization zone for two additional years if the zone has demonstrated success. The bill provides that an area can be redesignated as a revitalization zone if two years have passed since its expiration, and that no new designations will be made after 2032.

HB 1197 requires that the feasibility study of potential revitalization zones include the housing needs which can be supported in the targeted area.

The Department of Revenue commissioner is authorized to share aggregate information with the Department of Community Affairs commissioner on qualified rehabilitation expenditures and job tax credits claimed for each revitalization zone each year for reporting purposes.

Authored By:	Rep. Penny Houston (170th)	Rule Applied:	Structured
House	Ways & Means	Committee	02-22-2024 Do Pass
Committee:		Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 163 Nays: 1	Amendments:	

HB 1201 Criminal procedure; vacating of sentences of victims of trafficking; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 1201 allows a victim of human trafficking to have their sentence vacated when sentenced pursuant to O.C.G.A. 42-8-60, relating to probation, or O.C.G.A. 16-13-2, relating to conditional discharge of possession of controlled substances as a first offense, so long as the crime was a direct result of being a victim of human trafficking.

Authored By:	Rep. Houston Gaines (120th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House	Judiciary Non-Civil	Committee	02-22-2024 Do Pass
Committee:		Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 167 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1223 Georgia Soil Amendment Act of 1976; provide for a new prohibited act

Bill Summary: HB 1223 updates the 'Georgia Soil Amendment Act of 1976' to prohibit the distribution of soil amendments when the site is currently under consent orders by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), when a notice a violation has been issued by the EPD of the DNR regarding contamination as a result of soil amendments, and when the department has notified the owner of said site and the person who applied the soil amendment to the site.

Authored By:	Rep. Rob Leverett (123rd)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House	Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	Committee	02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:		Action:	Substitute
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 165 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1231 Postsecondary education; allow academically successful students to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility

Bill Summary: HB 1231 allows students who are concurrently seeking a baccalaureate degree and a first professional degree, and students who meet achievement standards and commence a graduate program at an eligible institution within 18 months of earning a baccalaureate degree, to use the full number of hours of HOPE scholarship eligibility.

Authorized By: Rep. Scott Holcomb (81st)
House Higher Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1233 Fire departments; authorize levy and collection of extraterritorial taxes and fees

Bill Summary: HB 1233 authorizes the governing bodies of each county, municipality, or political subdivision of this state to levy and collect fees related to local fire departments.

Authorized By: Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1239 Motor vehicles; operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; provide

Bill Summary: HB 1239 creates a definition for "miniature on-road vehicle" and provides several characteristics that distinguish the vehicle. For the consideration of this new definition, the bill further amends several Code sections relating to compliance with federal emission and safety standards, license plate design, issuance of license plates, annual license fees, and assembly standards. Miniature on-road vehicles are permitted to be operated on highways or other municipal or local street system unless local ordinances outlaws such operation.

Authorized By: Rep. J Collins (71st)
House Motor Vehicles
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 168 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-27-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1253 Community Affairs, Department of; revise composition of governing council for regional commissions

Bill Summary: HB 1253 creates a new district category within counties known as a "special rural district".

Authorized By: Rep. Victor Anderson (10th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 168 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-21-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1255 The Terry Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 1255 revises the Code regarding transcripts of evidence and proceedings so that an appellant files the notice of appeal with the clerk of the court, the appellant requests the transcripts from the listed court reporter, and the court reporter files the transcripts with the clerk of the court.

Authorized By: Rep. Sheila Jones (60th)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1260 Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 1260 is known as the 'Georgia Nicotine Vapor Products Directory Act'. The bill requires the attorney general, in consultation with the Department of Revenue (DOR), to develop a

directory for registrations of vapor nicotine products, which are defined as those products already approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and those products that have filed applications with the FDA and are pending.

The registration for each brand will require information such as the manufacturer's name, license information, principal place of business of the manufacturer, and type of product. A fee of \$1,000 is required for the initial registration of each nicotine vapor product, although renewals will be required annually with a \$250 fee.

The attorney general will provide manufacturers who submit registrations with deficiencies an opportunity to cure prior to removing the product from the directory. If a product is removed from the directory, then each dealer and distributor will have 30 days from the date notice is received of the removal to sell that product in its inventory or return the product to the manufacturer for a full refund. After 30 days, it will be unlawful to sell the product if it is not on the directory.

A dealer or distributor who sells a nicotine vapor product that is not listed in the directory will be subject to a civil penalty based upon the number of products available for sale. After a fourth violation of any quantity, the license of the dealer or distributor will be revoked. A manufacturer whose products are not listed in the directory and that cause the products not listed to be sold in Georgia will be liable for \$10,000 per day that the product is offered in violation. Any products offered for sale in violation are also subject to civil forfeiture.

The attorney general and Department of Revenue are required to provide a report on the status of the directory, the products included on it, and the enforcement activities undertaken in the first year after the bill becomes effective.

HB 1260 will be effective upon a specific reference in an appropriation bill that an appropriation is being made for this bill.

Authored By:	Rep. Houston Gaines (120th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House	Regulated Industries	Committee	02-28-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:		Action:	Substitute
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 163 Nays: 4	Amendments:	

HB 1274 State veterinary education; student loan forgiveness program; provide limits

Bill Summary: HB 1274 adjusts the eligibility and loan forgiveness amounts for the veterinary education student loan forgiveness program.

Authored By:	Rep. David Huddleston (72nd)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House	Higher Education	Committee	02-22-2024 Do Pass
Committee:		Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 166 Nays: 1	Amendments:	

HB 1283 Juvenile code; use of deadly weapon; revise provisions

Bill Summary: HB 1283 clarifies that aggravated assault with a firearm is included within the definition of "Class A designated felony act" in the Juvenile Code.

Authored By:	Rep. Holt Persinger (119th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House	Juvenile Justice	Committee	02-22-2024 Do Pass
Committee:		Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 165 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1292 Property; clerks of superior courts obtain photographic identification cards of individuals who present deeds or other instruments for recording; require

Bill Summary: HB 1292 requires an individual presenting a deed or other interest in real property to produce a government-issued photographic identification card to a clerk of the superior court for recording. The clerk will make a photocopy of the card and document on the photocopy information relating to the specific deed or instrument. The photocopy and information will be treated as

confidential and released only in response to a subpoena, to peace officers when investigating potential crimes, to an individual who holds a recorded interest in the real property in question, or to an individual named as a grantor or grantee on the instrument. This procedure is not applicable to a person licensed to practice law or to a licensed agent of a financial institution or credit union.

An owner of real property may bring an action against an individual who knowingly filed a false or forged deed or instrument. The owner can recover actual damages caused by the fraudulent filing or \$5,000, whichever is greater, and reasonable attorney's fees.

Authored By: Rep. Gabe Okoye (102nd)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 168 Nays: 2

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1294 Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; finance and perform certain duties for projects relating to natural gas facilities; authorize

Bill Summary: HB 1294 adds a paragraph to expand what can be considered an

"environmental facility" under Code Section 50-23-4 to include vessels that store, supply, and distribute natural gas. A definition for "natural gas facility" is also added to the Code section.

Authored By: Rep. Clay Pirkle (169th)
House Natural Resources & Environment
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 155 Nays: 7

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-22-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1312 Agriculture, Department of; regulation and taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations; extend effective date of provisions

Bill Summary: HB 1312 extends the effective date of SB 146 (2023 Session) relative to the regulatory authority of the Department of Agriculture, and the taxation of electricity used as motor fuel and electric vehicle charging stations to January 1, 2026.

Authored By: Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th)
House Transportation
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1314 Health; designate emergency medical services, including ambulance service, as an essential service

Bill Summary: HB 1314 declares emergency medical services as essential services in Georgia.

Authored By: Rep. Ruwa Romman (97th)
House Health
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 145 Nays: 5

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-27-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1318 Georgia Rail Passenger Authority Overview Committee; repeal Chapter 10 of Title 28

Bill Summary: HB 1318 amends the Code by revising committee names and authority titles while repealing specific inactive authorities, committees, advisory councils, offices, and commissions. The bill specifies how assets of certain entities are devolved following repeal.

Authored By: Rep. Scott Holcomb (81st)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 168 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-27-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1322 Georgia Hemp Farming Act; regulate consumable hemp products

Bill Summary: HB 1322 revises provisions within the 'Georgia Hemp Farming Act' to add in definitions for "attractive to children", "consumable hemp product", "Delta-9 THC", and "Delta-9 THCA".

Further Code sections are created to prevent consumable hemp products from being attractive to children, and to restrict retailers from distributing consumable hemp products to consumers within 1,000 feet of any K-12 educational institution.

Authored By:	Rep. Charles Cannon (172nd)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House	Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	Committee	02-28-2024 Do Pass
Committee:		Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 166 Nays: 3	Amendments:	

HB 1326 Crimes and offenses; Schedule I, Schedule III, and Schedule IV controlled substances; provide certain provisions

Bill Summary: HB 1326 updates the list of controlled substances and their associated schedules.

Authored By:	Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House	Health	Committee	02-27-2024 Do Pass
Committee:		Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 167 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1335 Health; personal care homes, assisted living communities, and memory care centers; revise staffing requirements

Bill Summary: HB 1335 requires personal care homes to have at least two on-site administrators or direct care staff at all times. For personal care homes and assisted living communities, a staff person is required to be on every occupied floor unless the facility has implemented a medical alert system.

Authored By:	Rep. John LaHood (175th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House	Public Health	Committee	02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:		Action:	Substitute
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 163 Nays: 1	Amendments:	

HB 1341 State symbols; white shrimp as official state crustacean; designate

Bill Summary: HB 1341 designates the white shrimp as the official crustacean of the State of Georgia.

Authored By:	Rep. Steven Sainz (180th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
House	Special Rules	Committee	02-27-2024 Do Pass
Committee:		Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 171 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1344 Behavioral Health Coordinating Council; allow for certain officials on to be represented by a delegate or agent

Bill Summary: HB 1344 revises provisions related to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council. The commissioners of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Early Care and Learning, Department of Community Health, Department of Public Health, Department of Human Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Corrections, Department of Community Supervision, Department of Community Affairs, Technical College System of Georgia, Department of Labor, and the State School Superintendent will be authorized to attend or send a delegate to attend meetings.

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists can waive experience requirements for licensure applicants from other jurisdictions when their license is in good standing for at least two years.

Authored By:	Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Structured
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House Committee: Public Health
Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 1

Committee Action: 02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1361 Crimes and offenses; distribution of computer generated obscene material depicting a child; prohibit

Bill Summary: Section 1 of HB 1361 creates the offense of criminal trespass involving a wild animal. The first degree of the crime occurs when a person enters a zoo cage or area where a wild animal is housed, when the person knows they have no legal right to be there, harasses an animal, and that animal suffers an injury or death. The penalty for the first degree is a felony and imprisonment for between one and 10 years. The second degree of the crime occurs when a person enters a zoo cage or area where a wild animal is housed and knows they have no legal right to be there. The penalty for the second degree of the crime is a misdemeanor and imprisonment for a maximum of 12 months. A person who commits this crime will also be liable for restitution for the injury or death of the animal.

Section 2 of the bill adds the offense of computer-generated obscene material depicting a child. A person who knowingly distributes, solicits, or possesses with intent to distribute a visual depiction that is obscene, appears to be of a child, involves sexually explicit conduct, and was created through the use of artificial intelligence, will be subject to felony punishment of between one and 15 years and potential reporting requirements if the sentence is probated. Two affirmative defenses exist for use in higher education or medical purposes.

Authored By: Rep. Brad Thomas (21st)
House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil
Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1363 State employees' health insurance plan; drugs dispensed for self-administration; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 1363 requires the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) to engage an actuarial consulting firm to conduct a study and prepare a report on the fiscal impact to the state health benefit plan (SHBP) of implementing drug reimbursements based on the national average drug acquisition cost. This report is to be completed no later than December 1, 2024. Should the actuarial analysis project cost neutrality or a potential savings, the national average drug acquisition cost or a professional dispensing fee is to be used for drug reimbursements beginning July 1, 2025.

Authored By: Rep. Karen Mathiak (74th)
House Committee: Health
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1371 Torts; clarify liability regarding third-party criminal activity; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 1371 holds land owners not liable for injuries arising from third-party criminal activity when the claimant came onto the premises to commit a felony, excepting those who are victims of human trafficking who were coerced to commit a crime.

In cases involving injuries arising from third-party criminal activity, whether the premises is in a high-crime area may be considered when evaluating reasonable foreseeability, but a premises being located in a high-crime area is not, on its own, sufficient to establish a duty to keep a premises safe from criminal activity.

Authored By: Rep. James Burchett (176th)
House Committee: Judiciary
Floor Vote: Yeas: 168 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 02-27-2024 Do Pass
Amendments:

HB 1407 Local government; establishing service delivery strategies; revise provisions

Bill Summary: HB 1407 provides guidelines and requirements for the development and implementation of local government service delivery strategies by counties and municipalities. The bill revises the mediation and arbitration processes related to service delivery strategy negotiations.

Authorized By: Rep. John LaHood (175th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-27-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1409 Torts; mental health care providers; limit liability under certain circumstances

Bill Summary: HB 1409 pertains to the legal liability of inpatient mental health providers in the delivery of care to individuals under the age of 21 and are in Department of Human Services.

Mental health care providers will not be held liable unless gross negligence. In such cases, the jury will be instructed to consider the patient's medical history, previous provider-patient relationships, and circumstances surrounding delivery and provision of services.

Authorized By: Rep. Rob Leverett (123rd)
House Public Health
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 170 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-27-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1410 State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 1410 establishes a separate classification in the State Housing Trust Fund and all funds appropriated, donated, or received for the specific purpose of state housing accountability programs must be used exclusively for those programs.

The bill details qualifications for organizations and agencies to participate in state housing accountability programs, and includes criteria such as: providing voluntary, immediate, and stable housing to a homeless person; limiting the length of residency to 18 months or whenever the tenant can find affordable housing, whichever is earlier; and providing ongoing assistance to each resident for obtaining long-term affordable housing. The housing accountability programs must require residents to show proof of residency, participate in relevant job training/educational opportunities, search for employment, and submit to regular drug/alcohol testing among other requirements.

Currently, the governor appoints seven of the nine members of the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission. In the bill, the seven members appointed by the governor are now three members appointed by the governor, two members appointed by the lieutenant governor, and two members appointed by the speaker of the House.

The state auditor must conduct a performance audit of spending on homeless programs in the state, including expenditures by the state, expenditures by municipalities and counties with substantial homeless populations, and the expenditure of federal funds allocated to the state on homelessness by December 31, 2024.

Authorized By: Rep. Chuck Efstoration (104th)
House Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HR 302 General Assembly; appropriation of funds received from certain legal judgments or settlements; provide - CA

Bill Summary: HR 302 proposes a constitutional amendment requiring all funds derived from any legal judgements or settlements awarded to or entered into by the state after January 1, 2025 to be appropriated by the General Assembly. Any excess, changed, or unanticipated federal funds in excess of \$75 million received by the state will be continually appropriated by the General Assembly through a method or manner prescribed by general law or held in the state treasury to be appropriated

by the General Assembly through supplementary appropriations.

Authored By: Rep. Beth Camp (135th)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 163 Nays: 6
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HR 780 Only citizens of the United States have right to vote in elections in Georgia; clarify - CA

Bill Summary: HR 780 proposes a constitutional amendment stating only individuals who are U.S. citizens and Georgia residents that meet eligibility requirements are entitled to vote in elections in the state.

Authored By: Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 98 Nays: 61
Floor Action: Failed

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 02-15-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HR 854 Keith Jackson Memorial Intersection "Whoa Nellie"; Carroll County; dedicate

Bill Summary: HR 854 is the House road dedication package. The substitute to HR 854 includes 18 House dedications. The dedications included are:

HR 854, dedicating the intersection of U.S. Highway 27 and State Route 5 in Carroll County as the Keith Jackson Memorial Intersection "Whoa Nellie";

HR 919, dedicating the bridge on U.S. 82 East over the Little Ichawaynochaway Creek in Terrell County as the Charlie Curry Memorial Bridge;

HR 937, dedicating the portion of State Route 98 from Sunset Avenue to State Route 164 in Banks, Jackson, and Madison Counties as the Georgia Grown Trail;

HR 938, dedicating the interchange at Interstate 85 and Buena Vista Road Interchange in Muscogee County as the State Representative Maretta Mitchell Taylor Interchange;

HR 939, dedicating the intersection of I-185 and Macon Road Interchange in Muscogee County as the State Representative Calvin Smyre Interchange;

HR 979, dedicating the bridge on State Route 260 over Interstate 20 in DeKalb County as the Reverend Dr. William E. Flippin, Sr. Bridge;

HR 996, dedicating the portion of State Route 30 from Mile Marker 7 to Mile Marker 8.7 in Crisp County, Georgia, as the Deputy Tyee Browne Memorial 1.7 Miles;

HR 1020, dedicating the interchange of Interstate 285 and Riverside Drive in Fulton County as the Representative Joe Wilkinson Interchange;

HR 1040, dedicating State Route 6 Business from U.S. Route 278 to Paris Road in Paulding County as the Sam Clark Memorial Highway;

HR 1067, dedicating State Route 282 from Old Highway 5 to Old Tails Creek Road in Gilmer County as the Mike Gibbs Memorial Highway;

HR 1084, dedicating the interchange of Interstate 20 and State Route 77 (Exit 138) in Greene County as the Clarence Lee "Mutt" Rhodes, Jr. Memorial Interchange;

HR 1109, dedicating the bridge on State Route 32 over Big Creek in Irwin County as the Neal "Waldo" McIntyre Jr. Memorial Bridge;

HR 1110, dedicating the bridge on State Route 32 over the Alapaha River in Irwin County as the Clyde Vernon Moore Memorial Bridge;

HR 1111, dedicating the portion of State Route 113 from Johnson Road to Langley Drive in Gwinnett County as the Percy Scott, Jr. Memorial Highway;

HR 1112, dedicating the interchange of State Route 316 and State Route 120 in Gwinnett County as the Stephen Day Memorial Interchange;

HR 1117, dedicating the intersection of State Route 13 and Thunder Road in Gwinnett County as the Logan Wade Memorial Intersection;

HR 1154, dedicating the portion of State Route 113 from Interstate 75 to U.S. Route 41 in Bartow County as the Gene Tilley Highway; and

HR 1155, dedicating the intersection of U.S. Route 78 and Rose Avenue in Douglas County as the Scot Hudson Memorial Intersection.

Authored By:	Rep. David Huddleston (72nd)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Open
House	Transportation	Committee	02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:		Action:	Substitute
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 167 Nays: 0	Amendments:	
Floor Action:	Adopted (Resolution)		

HR 901 Clark, Mr. Darrell Lee; compensate

Bill Summary: HR 901 authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to pay Daryl Lee Clark \$1,840,715 in the form of an annuity paid in equal monthly installments over 10 years beginning one year after an initial lump sum payment of \$607,435.

Authored By:	Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Open
House	Appropriations	Committee	02-22-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:		Action:	Substitute
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 156 Nays: 6	Amendments:	
Floor Action:	Adopted (Resolution)		

HR 902 Watkins, Mr. Joseph Samuel; compensate

Bill Summary: HR 902 authorizes the Department of Administrative Services to pay Joseph Samuel Watkins \$1,620,986.27 in the form of an annuity paid in equal monthly installments with interest over 10 years beginning in 2025 after an initial lump sum payment of \$535,000.

Authored By:	Rep. Katie Dempsey (13th)	Rule Applied:	Modified-Open
House	Appropriations	Committee	02-22-2024 Do Pass
Committee:		Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 162 Nays: 2	Amendments:	
Floor Action:	Adopted (Resolution)		

HR 1021 Local government; option to offer a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes when current year assessed value exceeds base year value; provide - CA

Bill Summary: HR 1021 amends the Georgia Constitution to allow for a local government to adopt an ordinance to allow senior citizens to claim an additional homestead exemption in exchange for volunteer work defined by the local entity. The measure must also be approved by a majority of the electors located in the political subdivision. The total value of the exemption may not exceed \$500, and the rate the credit can be earned may not be lower than \$10 per volunteer hour or the state's minimum wage, whichever is higher.

Authored By:	Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)	Rule Applied:	Structured
House	Ways & Means	Committee	02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:		Action:	Substitute
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 167 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

HR 1042 Joint Study Committee on Judicial System Compensation; create

Bill Summary: HR 1042 creates the Joint Study Committee on Judicial System Compensation, which seeks to examine the current state of how public employees in the judicial system, such as state judges, county judges, prosecutors, and public defenders, are compensated and to discuss potential legislation on establishing a more uniform compensation system. The committee will consist of eight members: four senators and four representatives.

Authored By: Rep. Rob Leverett (123rd)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 02-20-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HR 1133 Congress; pass Kidney PATIENT Act of 2023; urge

Bill Summary: HR 1133 urges the U.S. Congress to pass the Kidney Patient Access to Technologically Innovative and Essential Nephrology Treatments Act of 2023 (known as the 'Kidney PATIENT Act of 2023', HR 5074) to ensure patients continue to have access to oral-only medications.

Authored By: Rep. Billy Mitchell (88th)
House Health
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 02-20-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HR 1164 Honorable Richard H. Smith Memorial Interchange; Muscogee County; dedicate

Bill Summary: HR 1164 dedicates the interchange of Interstate 185 at U.S. 27 Alternate/Manchester Expressway in Muscogee County as the Honorable Richard H. Smith Memorial Interchange.

Authored By: Rep. Carolyn Hugley (141st)
House Transportation
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 169 Nays: 0
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HR 1215 Speaker David E. Ralston Interstate Connector; Fannin County; dedicate

Bill Summary: HR 1215 dedicates the portion of State Route 5/McCaysville Bypass in Fannin County as the Speaker David E. Ralston Interstate Connector. The new bridge over the Toccoa/Ocoee River in Fannin County is dedicated as the Speaker David E. Ralston Memorial Bridge, and SR 52 in Gilmer County from the Murray County line to just south of its intersection with Aaron Road as the Speaker David E. Ralston Memorial Highway.

Authored By: Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th)
House Transportation
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 169 Nays: 0
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 02-26-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

Local Calendar

HB 1280 Muscogee County; School District; revise how vacancies on board are filled

Bill Summary: HB 1280 revises how vacancies are filled on the board of education of Muscogee County.

Authored By: Rep. Carolyn Hugley (141st)
House Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 158 Nays: 0

Rule Applied:
Committee 02-28-2024 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1281 Columbus, City of; Recorder's Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee

Bill Summary: HB 1281 authorizes the collection of a technology fee by the recorder's court of Columbus.

Authored By:	Rep. Carolyn Hugley (141st)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-28-2024 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1282 Muscogee County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee

Bill Summary: HB 1282 authorizes the collection of a technology fee by the probate court of Muscogee County.

Authored By:	Rep. Carolyn Hugley (141st)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-28-2024 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1319 Buford, City of; ad valorem tax for municipal purposes; lower age for exemption

Bill Summary: HB 1319 revises a homestead exemption from City of Buford ad valorem taxes by lowering the age of eligible residents to those who are 65 years of age or older.

Authored By:	Rep. David Clark (100th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-28-2024 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1320 Buford, City of; ad valorem tax for municipal purposes; increase exemption

Bill Summary: HB 1320 revises a homestead exemption from City of Buford ad valorem taxes for all residents by increasing the amount of the exemption from \$22,000 to \$100,000.

Authored By:	Rep. David Clark (100th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-28-2024 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

HB 1347 Taylor County; Magistrate Court; assessment and collection of technology fee; authorize

Bill Summary: HB 1347 authorizes the collection of a technology fee by the magistrate court of Taylor County.

Authored By:	Rep. Patty Stinson (150th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-28-2024 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

SB 345 Probate Court of Dooly County; assessment and collection of a technology fee; authorize

Bill Summary: SB 345 authorizes the collection of a technology fee by the probate court of Dooly County.

Authored By:	Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-28-2024 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 158 Nays: 0	Amendments:	

Committee Actions

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

Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 1110 Crimes and offenses; dating violence protective orders; provide

Bill Summary: HB 1110 incorporates existing definitions and makes it a criminal offense to violate a dating violence order, similar to civil family violence orders and criminal family violence orders.

Authored By: Rep. Omari Crawford (84th)
House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil

Committee Action: 02-29-2024 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1118 Elections; increase penalty for use of violence to interfere with duties of poll or election workers or prevent electors from voting

Bill Summary: HB 1118 requires the secretary of state to provide a method in which state election officials can file reports of intimidation, violence, or imminent harm arising out of election duties. The secretary of state, along with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, will review each report within 24 hours of receipt to make a determination on how to proceed.

The State Election Board is required to compile the information and create an annual report containing that information no later than November 1 of each year to the General Assembly. The bill broadens the felony punishment to encompass those who use or threaten violence against other election workers or credentialed observers. The exceptions to public disclosure in O.C.G.A. 50-18-82 are amended by restricting access to certain records that reveal sensitive information related to poll officers, election workers, or credentialed observers.

HB 1118 provides legal protections for an attorney who files a challenge on behalf of an elector relating to challenging the right of another elector to vote in an election. These protections apply unless the attorney acted with gross negligence, willful or wanton misconduct, or malfeasance.

Authored By: Rep. Saira Draper (90th)
House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil

Committee Action: 02-29-2024 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1136 Crimes and offenses; stalking and aggravated stalking can be committed both directly and indirectly; clarify

Bill Summary: HB 1136 clarifies that the crimes of stalking and aggravated stalking can be committed through indirect actions through a third party that involve following or placing an alleged victim under surveillance, without consent.

The bill requires that officers providing a report on family violence must include a full and complete description of the type and extent of alleged abuse, and the police action taken in the disposition of the case.

Authored By: Rep. Mesha Mainor (56th)
House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil

Committee Action: 02-29-2024 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1367 Criminal procedure; expand definition of forensic medical examination to include evidence of strangulation

Bill Summary: HB 1367 amends the definition of "forensic medical examination" to include an examination for evidence of strangulation, which allows the Georgia Crime Victims' Emergency fund to cover the costs of these types of medical examinations for victims of rape and aggravated sodomy. The bill is effective upon a line-item appropriation with an appropriation bill.

Authored By: Rep. Karen Lupton (83rd)

**House
Committee:**

Judiciary Non-Civil

**Committee
Action:**02-29-2024 Do Pass by Committee
Substitute