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Committee Actions

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

Education Committee

HR 1253 Local boards of education; instruction on dugout safety to youth athletes participating in baseball; encourage

Bill Summary: House Resolution 1253 encourages local athletic entities to render instruction on dugout safety to youth athletes participating in the sport of baseball and to construct protective dugout coverings.

Authored By: Rep. Dexter Sharper (177th)
House Committee: Education
Committee Action: 03-09-2016 Do Pass

HR 1342 Education; school children; request more recess time

Bill Summary: House Resolution 1342 requests more recess time for school children.

Authored By: Rep. Demetrius Douglas (78th)
House Committee: Education
Committee Action: 03-09-2016 Do Pass

HR 1564 Public Health, Department of; sudden cardiac arrest prevention education courses; encourage

Bill Summary: House Resolution 1564 encourages local boards of education, governing bodies of non-public schools, and governing bodies of charter schools to adopt and implement a sudden cardiac arrest and return to play policy.

Authored By: Rep. David Clark (98th)
House Committee: Education
Committee Action: 03-09-2016 Do Pass

SB 329 Education; expand provisions relating to awarding of high school dipolmas based on certain dual credit coursework

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 329 provides that students who have earned certification to work in an "in-need" industry as determined by the Technical College System of Georgia and have completed college dual-credit coursework are to be awarded a high school diploma. Additionally, SB 329 expands HOPE scholarship eligibility to students meeting these requirements.

Authored By: Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th)
House Committee: Education
Committee Action: 03-09-2016 Do Pass

SB 374 "Quality Basic Education Act"; temporary exemption; financial reporting requirements for local school systems in federally authorized pilot program

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 374 would create a temporary pilot for the 2016-2017 school year to allow local school systems participating in the pilot to consolidate federal, state, and local funds to support a school-wide program. The purpose of the program is to determine whether state fiscal and accounting barriers can be modified or eliminated and to create flexibility.

Authored By:	Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th)		
House Committee:	Education	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

Governmental Affairs Committee

SB 184 Dogs; provide breed-specific regulation shall be limited to enactment by general law

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 184 prohibits local governments from adopting ordinances that require hunting dogs or show dogs to be spayed or neutered, or from charging a fee to not spay or neuter.

Authored By:	Sen. Ellis Black (8th)		
House Committee:	Governmental Affairs	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 208 Stonecrest, City of; provide for a charter

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 208 authorizes a referendum to create the city of Stonecrest in DeKalb County, Georgia.

Authored By:	Sen. Ronald Ramsey, Sr. (43rd)		
House Committee:	Governmental Affairs	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Insurance Committee

SB 137 Property Insurance; expand the ownership restriction; value of the property covered against loss by fire

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 137 amends provisions for policies only covering fire loss so that a "policy owner" includes any legal entity owned by one or more individuals and not just individuals themselves.

Authored By:	Sen. Marty Harbin (16th)		
House Committee:	Insurance	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

SB 158 "Consumer and Provider Protection Act"; provide certain consumer and provider protections regarding health insurance

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 158 provides a regulatory framework for rental preferred provider networks including registration requirements, contract provisions and exemptions.

Authored By:	Sen. Dean Burke (11th)		
House Committee:	Insurance	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 290 Insurance; clarify those individuals not required to be licensed as insurance agent

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 290 clarifies that real estate attorneys do not have to be licensed as insurance agents.

Authored By:	Sen. Charlie Bethel (54th)		
House Committee:	Insurance	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

SB 302 Insurance; require health carriers to maintain accurate provider directories

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 302 requires health insurance providers to maintain an accurate directory of service providers within their networks. It specifies the contents of directory listings, the frequency of updates and the forms of directories to be supplied.

Authored By:	Sen. P. K. Martin (9th)		
House Committee:	Insurance	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 347 'Georgia Captive Insurance Company Act'; provide extensive changes; provisions

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 347 allows an insurance agency as a re-insurer on policies written by that agency. This is part of the ongoing modernization process by the Department of Insurance for Georgia's captive insurance statutes.

Authored By:	Sen. Charlie Bethel (54th)		
House Committee:	Insurance	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

HB 1003 Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority; membership and terms of office of members; change provisions

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act creating the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, so as to change provisions relating to the membership and terms of office of members of the authority.

Authored By:	Rep. Earl Ehrhart (36th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

HB 1110 Roberta-Crawford County; unified government; provide

Bill Summary: A Bill to provide for the unified government of Roberta-Crawford County.

Authored By:	Rep. Robert Dickey (140th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1113 Greene County; certain officials; clarify the qualifications for participating in health insurance

Bill Summary: HB 1113 provides that certain officials of Greene County, who have served at least 15 years in office, may participate in the county health insurance program for themselves and their dependents after their active service by paying the total cost of such participation.

Authored By:	Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

HB 1114 Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission; provide immunity and exemption from liability

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act creating the Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission.

Authored By:	Rep. J. B. Jones (167th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

HB 1115 DeKalb County; Magistrate Court; provisions

Bill Summary: A Bill to make provisions for the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County, so as to allow for service of a citation for or accusation of a violation of an ordinance concerning the condition of real property.

Authored By:	Rep. Michelle Henson (86th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

HB 1116 DeKalb County; State Court; provide for the payment of costs

Bill Summary: A Bill to amend an Act creating the State Court of DeKalb County, so as to provide for the payment of costs in such court.

Authored By:	Rep. Mary Oliver (82nd)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

SB 412 Hancock County; board of elections and registration; change the manner of appointment of the board

Bill Summary: A Bill to create a Board of Elections and Registration for Hancock County and to provide for its powers and duties, so as to change the manner of appointment of the board.

Authored By:	Sen. David Lucas (26th)		
House Committee:	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

SB 193 Crimes and Offenses; family violence battery; change penalty provisions

Bill Summary: SB 193 changes provisions of the Georgia Code relating to battery in the context of family violence. When a battery is committed between household members, and the perpetrator has previously been convicted of a separate forcible felony between household members in Georgia, or any other state, he or she will be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment of not less than one year but not more than five years.

Authored By:	Sen. Charlie Bethel (54th)		
House Committee:	Judiciary Non-Civil	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SB 278 Criminal Offenses; increase the penalty provisions; pimping and pandering

Bill Summary: SB 278 increases penalties for the offense of pimping and pandering and also requires those convicted of listed crimes to be added to the state sex-offender registry. Individuals convicted of pimping under Georgia law will now be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than one or more than ten years.

Individuals convicted of their first offense of pandering under Georgia law will be guilty of a

misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature. Second time and multiple offenders will now be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than 10 years.

Any individual convicted of a "dangerous sexual offense," enumerated in the Code, will be placed on the state sex offender registry. Moreover, the definition of dangerous sexual offense has been expanded to include second and subsequent convictions for pandering.

Authored By:	Sen. Renee Unterman (45th)		
House Committee:	Judiciary Non-Civil	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

Retirement Committee

SB 335 Retirement; permissible investments in commingled funds and collective investment funds; revise provisions

Bill Summary: HB 335 amends O.C.G.A. 47-20-83 relating to Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority law. This bill allows retirement systems to invest in commingled and collective investment funds maintained by state chartered banks or trust companies. Currently, retirement systems can only invest in commingled and collective investment funds that are regulated by the Office of Comptroller of the Currency of the United States Department of the Treasury. This bill has been certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a non-fiscal retirement bill.

Authored By:	Sen. Ellis Black (8th)		
House Committee:	Retirement	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

SB 336 Retirement; permit governing bodies of municipal corporations to enact plans by resolution in addition to ordinance

Bill Summary: SB 336 amends O.C.G.A. 47-5-40 relating to the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System. This bill allows each employer to establish a retirement plan or plans by resolution of the municipal corporation. Currently, a retirement plan or plans can only be enacted by ordinance of the governing body of a municipal corporation. This bill also adds that an employee's contribution under a defined benefit plan shall not exceed 50 percent of the value of such employee's benefit payable from the plan, except with respect to any employee contribution made to purchase additional creditable service. SB 336 also amends O.C.G.A. 47-5-41 relating to the establishment and use of master plans under the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System. It allows the board of trustees to establish one or more master plans for retirement plans with greater than 16 employees. Current law only allows master plans be developed for retirement plans with fewer than 16 employees. Also, this bill adds that an employee's contribution into a master plan shall not exceed 50 percent of the value of such employee's benefit payable from the plan, except with respect to any employee contribution made to purchase additional creditable service. This bill has been certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a non-fiscal retirement bill.

Authored By:	Sen. Ellis Black (8th)		
House Committee:	Retirement	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

Small Business Development Committee

SR 114 Joint Entrepreneur in Residence Study Committee; create

Bill Summary: This resolution creates the six-member Joint Entrepreneur in Residence Study Committee to review existing relationships between government and entrepreneurial businesses and make recommendations for improving the partnerships.

Authored By:	Sen. Judson Hill (32nd)		
House	Small Business Development	**Committee**	03-09-2016 Do Pass by Committee Sub

Special Rules Committee

SR 876 Joint High-Speed Broadband Communications; create

Bill Summary: Senate Resolution 876 creates the Joint High-Speed Broadband Communications Study Committee to examine issues surrounding possible impediments to high speed broadband access throughout Georgia.

Authored By:	Sen. Steve Gooch (51st)		
House Committee:	Special Rules	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

SR 1027 Joint Music Economic Development Study Committee; create

Bill Summary: Senate Resolution 1027 creates the Joint Music Economic Development Study Committee to examine issues relating to the music industry and possible ways to develop it further.

Authored By:	Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)		
House Committee:	Special Rules	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SR 1038 Joint Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Study Committee; create

Bill Summary: Senate Resolution 1038 creates the Joint Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Study Committee to examine ways infrastructure can be increased to support alternative fuel vehicles around the state.

Authored By:	Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)		
House Committee:	Special Rules	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

State Properties Committee

HR 1563 Kenny Boyett Wood Shop; Ware County; dedicate

Bill Summary: HR 1563 is a resolution recognizing Mr. Kenny Boyett and dedicating a woodshop building on the grounds of the Ware State Prison in his honor.

Authored By:	Rep. Jason Shaw (176th)		
House Committee:	State Properties	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass

SR 954 Public Property; granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads; 16 counties

Bill Summary: SR 954 authorizes the granting of nonexclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in the counties of Bartow, Bulloch, Carroll, Chatham, Columbia, Coweta, DeKalb, Emanuel, Gordon, Henry, Marion, Murray, Paulding, Sumter, Ware, and Whitfield.

Article 1 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company and assigns over approximately 1.7 acres under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the new Natural Resources Building (TCSG-269) at Ogeechee Technical College in Bulloch County for $10.

Article 2 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company and assigns over approximately 3.256 acres under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground distribution lines and associated equipment to serve structures at University of Georgia at the Wormsloe Historic Site in Chatham County for $10.

Article 3 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company and assigns over approximately 0.1 of an acre under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground distribution lines and associated equipment to serve an outdoor electronic sign at Augusta Technical College in Columbia County for $10.

Article 4 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company and assigns over approximately 0.04 of an acre under the custody of the Georgia Department of Defense for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the new facilities at Decatur Armory in Dekalb County for $10.

Article 5 grants an easement to Excelsior Electrical Membership Corporation and assigns over approximately 0.16 of an acre under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of distribution lines and associated equipment to serve new Group Shelters at George L. Smith State Park in Emanuel County for $10.

Article 6 grants an easement to the Georgia Department of Transportation and assigns over approximately 0.12 of an acre over Western and Atlantic Railroad property under the custody of the State Properties Commission for a road widening project and the construction and maintenance of a bridge on the South Calhoun Bypass from SR53 at CR13 East to SR53 at CR64 in Gordon County for $10.

Article 7 grants an easement to Snapping Shoals Electrical Membership Corporation and assigns over approximately 1.51 acres under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground distribution lines and associated equipment to serve the new Henry County Campus (TCSG-248) of Southern Crescent Technical College for $10.

Article 8 grants an easement to Flint Electrical Membership Corporation (Flint Energies) and assigns over approximately 0.03 of an acre under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground distribution lines and associated equipment to serve a new building at Chattahoochee Fall Line Wildlife Management Area in Marion County for $10.

Article 9 grants an easement to the Georgia Department of Transportation and assigns over approximately 0.25 of an acre under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia for the construction of storm water drainage system and road improvement project at South Georgia Technical College in Sumter County for $7,000.

Article 10 grants an easement to Georgia Power Company and assigns over approximately 0.3 of an acre under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of underground distribution lines and associated equipment to serve six new cabins at Laura S. Walker State Park in Ware County for $10.

Article 11 grants an easement to Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC (Sabal) and assigns over approximately 0.03 of an acre under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a natural gas pipeline, associated equipment and facilities under navigable waters of the State of Georgia in Brooks, Colquitt, Dougherty, Lowndes, and Stewart Counties for fair market value but not less than $650.

Article 12 grants the following easements:

An easement to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) and assigns over approximately 0.69 of an acre under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a natural gas pipeline, associated equipment under and over land and navigable waters of the State of Georgia in Bartow County for fair market value but not less than $650;

An easement to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) and assigns over approximately 0.33 of an acre under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a natural gas pipeline, associated equipment under and over land and navigable waters of the State of Georgia in Carroll and Coweta Counties for fair market value but not less than $650;

An easement to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) and assigns over approximately 0.22 of an acre under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a natural gas pipeline, associated equipment under and over land and navigable waters of the State of Georgia in Gordon County for fair market value but not less than $650;

An easement to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) and assigns over approximately 0.26 of an acre under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a natural gas pipeline, associated equipment under and over land and navigable waters of the State of Georgia in Murray County for fair market value but not less than $650;

An easement to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) and assigns over approximately 1.1 of an acre under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a natural gas pipeline, associated equipment under and over land and navigable waters of the State of Georgia in Murray and Whitefield Counties for fair market value but not less than $650; and

An easement to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) or its successors and assigns over approximately 10.47 acres under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of a natural gas pipeline, associated equipment under and over land and navigable waters of the State of Georgia in Paulding County for fair market value but not less than $650.

Authored By:	Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)		
House Committee:	State Properties	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

SR 955 Property Conveyance; authorizing 8 counties

Bill Summary: SR 955 is a conveyance resolution for properties located in 10 counties, conveying property owned by the State of Georgia or amending those conveyances, as follows:

Article 1 conveys approximately 0.26 of an acre in Alma at Okefenokee Technical College under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia in Bacon County to the Bacon County Board of Commissioners for a term of three years with an option to renew for another three years for an annual rent of $1 per year, for administrative office functions.

Article 2 conveys approximately 27.72 acres at Coastal Pines Technical College f/k/a Altamaha Technical College under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia in Camden County, by competitive bid for fair market value, or to a local government or State entity for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of $10 so long as the property is used for public use.

Article 3 conveys approximately 1.13 acres, commonly known as the Green County Unit under the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission, by competitive bid for fair market value, or to a local government or State entity for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of $10 so long as the property is used for public use.

Article 4 conveys approximately 9.99 acres and approximately 0.634 of an acre access, previously known as the Gwinnett Regional Youth Detention Center, under the custody of the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice in Gwinnett County, by competitive bid for fair market value, or to a

local government or State entity for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of $10 so long as the property is used for public use.

Article 5 exchanges a tract of approximately 3.696 acres at the Gwinnett portion of the Chattahoochee River Greenway Park under the custody of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, as consideration for the acquisition of a like or better value approximately 3.696 acre tract adjacent to the Park.

Article 6 authorizes a lease for 5-years with the option to renew another 5-years approximately 0.0055 of an acre (231 square feet) under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources in McIntosh County to the United States Post Office as a mail distribution center for Sapelo Island residents for a consideration of $10 per year and $1,600 per year expenses for the first five year term, and $10 per year and $1,756 per year expenses if there is a second term.

Article 7 conveys approximately 2.12 acres, known as the Paulding County Unit under the custody of the Georgia Forestry Commission, by competitive bid for fair market value, or to a local government or State entity for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of $10 so long as the property is used for public use.

Article 8 conveys approximately 6.21 acres, previously known as the Griffin Probation Office/Day Reporting Center under the custody of the Georgia Department of Corrections in Spalding County, by competitive bid for fair market value, or to a local government or State entity for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of $10 so long as the property is used for public use.

Article 9 authorizes a ground lease of approximately 0.075 of an acre with additional access appurtenant to the lease at Smithgall Woods State Park under the custody of the Department of Natural Resources in White County to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (Lessee), from May 19, 2017 to December 31, 2027 as a telecommunications tower. The consideration should be fair market rent per year for the Lessee and for fair market value for each SubLessee, and other consideration as determined by SPC.

Article 10 conveys approximately 6.88 acres at Ogeechee Technical College under the custody of the Technical College System of Georgia in Evans County, to the Economic Development Authority of Claxton-Evans County, or by competitive bid for fair market value, or to a local government or State entity for fair market value; or to a local government or State entity for a consideration of $10 so long as the property is used for public use.

Article 11 conveys by exchange a leasehold interest of approximately 10.86103 acres at the Fulton County Airport-Brown Field (aka "Charlie Brown Airport") under the custody of the Georgia Department of Public Safety, as consideration for the conveyance, fair market value or for the consideration of an exchange to the State of Georgia of a like or better leasehold interest at the same airport, and such further consideration, terms and conditions as determined by the State Properties Commission to be in the best interest of the State of Georgia.

Authored By:	Sen. Rick Jeffares (17th)		
House Committee:	State Properties	**Committee Action:**	03-09-2016 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.

Thursday, March 10, 2016	
10:00 AM	Floor Session (LD 34) House Chamber
8:00 AM	NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT 606 CLOB
9:00 AM	RULES 341 CAP
12:00 PM	BANKS & BANKING(Upon Adjournment) 341 CAP
1:00 PM	Regulations Sub 406 CLOB
1:30 PM	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES 606 CLOB
2:00 PM	JUDICIARY CIVIL 132 CAP
2:00 PM	Highway Regulations Sub 506 CLOB
2:00 PM	REGULATED INDUSTRIES 406 CLOB
3:00 PM	State Highways Sub 506 CLOB
4:00 PM	Interstate Highway & Beautification Sub 506 CLOB
4:00 PM	Caldwell Sub Judiciary Civil 132 CAP