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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

* The House will reconvene for its 35th Legislative Day on Monday, March 10, at 10:00 AM.

* 5 bills/resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.



GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 07, 2014

34th Legislative Day

DAILY REPORT

2014

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TODAY ON THE FLOOR

MOTIONS TO DISAGREE

HB 744 - General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

- BILL SUMMARY: House Bill 744 is the \$20.8 billion state budget plan for Fiscal Year 2015 beginning July 1, 2014. In the \$20.8 billion state fund budget, 54.1 percent of state revenues are designated for education. Health and human services agencies are authorized to receive 23.1 percent of available funds, and 8.4 percent of revenues are allocated for public safety agencies.
- **Authored By:** Rep. David Ralston of the 7th
- **House Committee:** Appropriations
- *A motion to disagree sends this bill back to the Senate for consideration.*

RULES CALENDAR

HR 1279 - Savannah River Basin; development of water management plan; encourage

- BILL SUMMARY: House Resolution 1279, on behalf of the Joint State Water Caucus, encourages the appropriate Georgia and South Carolina agencies, as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop and implement an adaptive water management plan for the Savannah River Basin.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Alan Powell of the 32nd
- **House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 159; **Nays:** 1

HR 1599 - Joint Study Committee on the Georgia Alcoholic Beverage Code; create

- BILL SUMMARY: House Resolution 1599 creates the House Study Committee on the Georgia Alcoholic Beverage Code. Currently, there are undefined terms, outdated terminology, obsolete provisions, and inconsistent references in the Georgia Alcoholic Beverage Code. The study committee will be composed of five members. The committee will study and review the conditions, needs, issues, and problems related to the Georgia Alcoholic Beverage Code.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Howard Maxwell of the 17th
- **House Committee:** Regulated Industries
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 162; **Nays:** 0

SB 65 - Mental Health; authorize licensed professional counselor to perform certain acts; secure certification

- BILL SUMMARY: Senate Bill 65 allows licensed professional counselors to admit a person for involuntary emergency evaluation of mental illness under Code Section 37-3-41. This bill also allows licensed professional counselors to admit a person for involuntary treatment for alcohol or drug abuse under Code Section 37-7-41. This legislation provides for automatic repeal in two years.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Renee S Unterman of the 45th
- **House Committee:** Health & Human Services
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 119; **Nays:** 38

SB 117 - Blasting or Excavating Near Utility Facilities; revise/add definitions

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation amends Chapter 9 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia to maintain utility infrastructure and to better protect the state from preventable service interruption due to excavation accidents.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Rick Jeffares of the 17th
- **House Committee:** Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 161; **Nays:** 0

**** The House will reconvene Monday, March 10, at 10:00 AM, for its 35th Legislative Day.***

COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 35th Legislative Day, Monday, March 10, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

NEXT ON THE FLOOR

HR 1523 - Joint Study Committee to Review and Recommend Necessary Changes to Georgia Code of Military Justice; create

- BILL SUMMARY: This resolution seeks to create a House study committee to review and recommend to the House changes to Georgia Code of Military Justice.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Christian Coomer of the 14th
- **House Committee:** Defense & Veterans Affairs
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/5/2014
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

HR 1585 - County and municipal officials; display American flag at courthouses and other government buildings; urge

- BILL SUMMARY: House Resolution 1585 urges local governments to display the American flag in their respective government buildings.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Josh Clark of the 98th
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/27/2014
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

SB 318 - Alcoholic Beverages; allow for local authorization/regulation of sale for consumption on the premises on Sundays; celebration of St. Patrick's Day

- BILL SUMMARY: Senate Bill 318 allows the sale of alcoholic beverages for on premise consumption on a Sunday if the St. Patrick's Day holiday falls on that day of the week.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Lester G. Jackson of the 2nd
- **House Committee:** Regulated Industries
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/6/2014
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

SB 342 - Evidence; disclosure of a person's HIV status to certain health care providers

- BILL SUMMARY: SB 342 allows the Department of Public Health to disclose AIDS confidential information regarding a person infected with HIV to a health care provider that is treating that person.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Dean Burke of the 11th
- **House Committee:** Health & Human Services
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/26/2014
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

SB 349 - Behavioral Health and Developmental, Dept. of; changes to the powers and duties

- BILL SUMMARY: Senate Bill 349 amends the powers and duties of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. It establishes governing boards to oversee community service boards (CSBs) and revise the powers and duties of CSBs.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Charlie Bethel of the 54th
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs
- **House Committee Passed:** 3/5/2014
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

*** The Rules Committee will next meet on Monday, March 10, at 9:30 AM, to set the Rules Calendar for the 36th Legislative Day.**

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1109 - Dunwoody, City of; provide for a special service district; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act incorporating the City of Dunwoody, so as to provide for a special service district.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Taylor of the 79th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1111 - Cohutta, City of; Redevelopment Powers Law; provide a referendum

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the City of Cohutta to exercise all redevelopment powers as permitted under the State Constitution and the Redevelopment Powers Law pending a local referendum to approve the authorization.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Dickson of the 6th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1112 - Varnell, City of; Redevelopment Powers Law; provide a referendum

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the City of Varnell to exercise all redevelopment powers as permitted under the State Constitution and the Redevelopment Powers Law pending a local referendum to approve the authorization.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Dickson of the 6th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1113 - Tunnel Hill, City of; Redevelopment Powers Law; provide a referendum

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the City of Tunnel Hill to exercise all redevelopment powers as permitted under the State Constitution and the Redevelopment Powers Law pending a local referendum to approve the authorization.
- **Authored By:** . Steve Tarvin of the 2nd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1114 - Hinesville, City of; change corporate limits

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act to create a new charter for the City of Hinesville, so as to change the corporate limits.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Al Williams of the 168th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1116 - Port Wentworth, City of; change corporate boundaries

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Port Wentworth, so as to change the corporate boundaries.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Bill Hitchens of the 161st
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1117 - Port Wentworth, City of; change penalties imposed by municipal court

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Port Wentworth, so as to change the penalties which may be imposed by the municipal court.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Bill Hitchens of the 161st
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1118 - Port Wentworth, City of; change compensation of mayor and council

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Port Wentworth, so as to change the compensation of the mayor and council.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Bill Hitchens of the 161st
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1120 - Locust Grove, City of; provide for qualifications for office; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act to creating a new charter for the City of Locust Grove.
- **Authored By:** Rep. David Knight of the 130th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

HB 1121 - Douglas, City of; compensation of mayor and commissioners; revise provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Douglas, so as to revise provisions related to the compensation of the mayor and commissioners.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Chuck Sims of the 169th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

SB 344 - Probate Court of Johnson County; authorize to charge a technology fee for civil case filed and criminal fine imposed

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the Probate Court of Johnson County to impose and collect a technology fee for each civil case filed and criminal fine imposed.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Jesse Stone of the 23rd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

SB 416 - City of Cleveland; provide for annexation of property into the city boundaries

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Cleveland, so as to provide for the annexation of property into the city boundaries.
- **Authored By:** Sen. Steve Gooch of the 51st
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

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

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, March 10, 2014

TBD	FLOOR SESSION (LD 35)	HOUSE CHAMBER- 10:00am
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS	403 CAP
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Jacobs Subcommittee of Judiciary Civil	133 CAP
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	STATE PROPERTIES	403 CAP
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Fleming Subcommittee of Judiciary Civil	415 CLOB
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	RULES	341 CAP
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	MOTOR VEHICLES	606 CLOB
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL	132 CAP
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	INSURANCE	606 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Professions, Boards and Commissions Subcommittee of Regulated Industries	403 CAP
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	STATE PLANNING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	415 CLOB
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	606 CLOB
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	506 CLOB

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