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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

- * The House will reconvene for its 30th Legislative Day on Friday, March 26, at 9:00 AM.
- * Rules will meet on Thursday, March 25 at 2:00pm to set the calendar of bills to be debated on the floor

**GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES****DAILY REPORT**

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

29th Legislative Day

TODAY ON THE FLOOR**RULES CALENDAR****HB 199 - Warrants for arrest; persons who may issue warrants; provisions**

- BILL SUMMARY: Under the current code citizens may petition a magistrate court for an arrest warrant to be issued against another for a violation of penal laws. A hearing is required for such a petition.

This bill modifies code section 17-4-40 and provides that a magistrate judge may deny a hearing of an application for warrant without notice if the application does not demonstrate a probable cause for issuing the warrant.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Sean Jerguson of the 22nd
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 155; **Nays:** 1

HB 347 - Sales and use tax; sales price; change definition

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 347 provides that property taxes that are passed on from a lessor to a lessee of equipment shall be backed out before calculation of sales taxes on the lease payments.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Terry England of the 108th
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 161; **Nays:** 0

HB 361 - Safe Medications Practice Act; enact

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation allows for pharmacists based in hospitals to collaborate with members of the medical staff on specific drug therapies for patients. This would include the ordering of clinical test and the interpretation of such tests.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Ron Stephens of the 164th
- **House Committee:** Health & Human Services
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 161; **Nays:** 1

HB 863 - Charitable solicitations; accounting; revise certain provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill requires the paid solicitors for charitable organizations to file additional information with the Secretary of State with respect to contributions other than monetary donations and securities. It also defines the term "collection receptacle" as an unattended container that is used for the purpose of collecting donations of clothing, books, personal or household items or other goods with the exception of monetary donations. It further requires the collection receptacle to display certain information about the owner and the operator of that receptacle as well as a statement, which specifies whether the receptacles are operated by for-profit or nonprofit organizations and whether the donations are made for charitable, partially charitable or not for charitable purposes.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Katie M. Dempsey of the 13th
- **House Committee:** Regulated Industries
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 161; **Nays:** 2

HB 866 - Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance Act; enact

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation would allow rural hospitals, other health care entities, local governments, and civic organizations to receive matching grants from the State Medical Education Board for the purpose of enticing physicians to rural settings. The grant money can be used for salary supplements, office support, and medical education loan repayment for the physician.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Stephen Allison of the 8th
- **House Committee:** Health & Human Services
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 147; **Nays:** 4

HB 980 - Public officers and employees; school board members in bail bond business; modify provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This Bill would allow elected officials to the local school board to be involved in the bail bond business. These members will be able to participate in the business within the jurisdiction of the office he or she is elected.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Roger B. Lane of the 167th
- **House Committee:** State Planning & Community Affairs
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 162; **Nays:** 1

HB 1007 - Property; sales to political subdivisions; maximum amount exempt; increase

- BILL SUMMARY: House Bill 1007 increases the amount of money that can be spent by a local officer or employee to a political subdivision from \$200.00 to \$800.00. This bill also states that due to these transactions, no employee, elected or appointed officer will be subject to civil liability.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Doug Holt of the 112th
- **House Committee:** State Planning & Community Affairs
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 143; **Nays:** 8

HB 1012 - Special license plates; service members killed in action; expand definition

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1012 expands the provisions of the Gold Star specialty license plate. Currently, only the spouse, mother, or father of a fallen service member may apply for the Gold Star plate. Under HB 1012, siblings and step-parents will also be able to obtain this plate. However, the plates will not be free for siblings or step-parents.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Billy Horne of the 71st
- **House Committee:** Motor Vehicles
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 157; **Nays:** 0

HB 1030 - Corrections, Department of; amend various titles; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill would move the parole supervision function under Pardons and Parole to the Department of Corrections. Establishes a Community Supervision division within the Department of Corrections, for both probation and parole supervision functions. It adds the Chair of the Board of Pardons and Parole to the Board of Corrections. The Governor will recommend a Director of Community Supervision who will be approved by the Board of Corrections.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Jim Cole of the 125th
- **House Committee:** State Institutions & Property
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 59; **Nays:** 108

HB 1053 - Solicitors-general; act during pendency of vacancy in office; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill fills a hole in the Georgia Code. It addresses how a vacancy in the office of solicitor-general of the state court (other than due to expiration of the term of office) is filled prior to the Governor making an appointment.

- **Authored By:** Rep. John Lunsford of the 110th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 155; **Nays:** 11

HB 1057 - Magistrate court clerks; General Assembly specify who serves as clerk; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill amends Code Section 15-10-105 to provide that the General Assembly may at any time specify by local law who shall serve as clerk of magistrate court. This bill also includes a provision whereby the clerk of superior court and the clerk of state court shall be given notice at least one week prior to a successor being appointed.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Amos Amerson of the 9th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 136; **Nays:** 32

HB 1059 - Solid waste management; permits for handling, disposal, or treatment; change provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1059 will allow for a minor permit modification for existing municipal solid waste disposal facilities for materials consisting of concrete, asphalt, cardboard, or yard trimmings or similar wood wastes diverted from the waste stream for the recycling or other beneficial reuse of such materials. A 30 day notice to the chief elected official of the jurisdiction is required before starting any recycling operation for materials consisting of concrete, asphalt, cardboard, or yard trimmings or similar wood wastes.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Randy Nix of the 69th
- **House Committee:** Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 138; **Nays:** 23

HB 1069 - Income tax; credits for equipment that reduces energy or water usage; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1069 provides for an income tax credit for taxpayers that purchase certain energy or water efficient equipment as part of new construction or for retrofit in the year the equipment is placed in service. The amount of the credit is 25% of the cost of the equipment or \$2,500, whichever is less. Eligible equipment includes energy and water efficient equipment certified by the commissioner of natural resources as effective in reducing business or domestic energy or water usage. Tax credits allowed shall not exceed a taxpayers' income tax liability, and unused credits may be carried forward for five years. The aggregate amount of the tax credits that shall be allowed is limited to the amount of federal funds granted to Georgia for this purpose, and these credits will only be granted in years such federal funds are granted. After purchase of the equipment, the taxpayer must submit an application to the Dept. of Revenue for approval of the credit, and the credits will be allowed on a first come, first served basis.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Joe Wilkinson of the 52nd
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 165; **Nays:** 4

HB 1074 - Public Safety, Department of; Capitol Police Division; create; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: Modifies the designation of capitol square to match existing street and geographical boundaries 2) transfers the Georgia Building Authority police and their law enforcement duties relating to capitol hill from the GBA. To the dept of public safety, 3) creates the dept of public safety a division known as the capitol police

- **Authored By:** Rep. John Meadows of the 5th
- **House Committee:** Appropriations
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 165; **Nays:** 1

HB 1095 - Death investigations; coroners cooperate with forensic laboratory; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill removes the requirement that a medical examiner or coroner file a report of their investigation with the GBI, which was a duplicative effort since the medical examiner or coroner also kept a copy of the report.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Jill Chambers of the 81st
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 166; **Nays:** 0

HB 1105 - Watercraft held in inventory; exempt from taxation; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1105 extends the property tax exemption for watercraft owned by a dealer and held for sale or resale. Currently, the exemption is set to expire on December 31, 2010, and this bill extends the expiration date to December 31, 2013.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Mickey Channell of the 116th
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 133; **Nays:** 26

HB 1117 - State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; executive director; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill enables the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to appoint its own full-time executive director and outlines the executive director's powers and responsibilities. This bill also requires the Board to file a written report with the Secretary of State, outlining its yearly activities. It further emphasizes that the funding for the operation and administration of the Board, which is achieved through the collection of appropriate fees, will constitute a distinct and separate budget unit.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Ben Harbin of the 118th
- **House Committee:** Regulated Industries
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 161; **Nays:** 4

HB 1133 - Pretrial intervention and diversion programs; administration fees; increase

- BILL SUMMARY: The bill raises the ceiling for fees for administration of Pretrial Intervention and Diversion Programs to \$1,000 (the current maximum is \$300).

The bill further provides that the fee may be waived in part or in whole or made payable in monthly increments upon showing of good cause to the prosecuting attorney.

- **Authored By:** Rep. John Lunsford of the 110th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 145; **Nays:** 15

HB 1139 - Ad valorem tax; notice of changes in taxpayers' returns; change provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1139 provides that each property tax bill will contain a checkbox that will allow taxpayers to check if they want their bill to serve as a return of the property for the next tax year. If they check the box the taxpayer will fill out a value they believe their property is worth and send the bill to the tax commissioner. This will allow taxpayers to effectuate a return of their property for the next tax year at the time they receive their bill rather than having to wait until January 1 of the next tax year, and which will ensure they have a right to appeal the property value the next year.

- **Authored By:** Rep. James Mills of the 25th
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 162; **Nays:** 0

HB 1140 - Alcovy, Atlanta, and Brunswick judicial circuits; dates of terms; change

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill moves the date of appointment for additional judges for the superior courts of the Alcovy, Atlanta, and Brunswick judicial circuits to July 1, 2010.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Roger B. Lane of the 167th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 169; **Nays:** 0

HB 1147 - Special liens on personalty; eliminate aircraft liens; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: The bill deals with aviation liens. There was preemption at the federal level (with respect to recordation of the interest in the aircraft or aircraft engines) and the current Georgia Code does not align with federal law. This bill is to modify the language in the Georgia Code to recognize the federal preemption and to clear up any confusion that may be present with regard to how aviation liens should be perfected.

- **Authored By:** Rep. David Knight of the 126th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 2

HB 1150 - Retirement and pensions; Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund; define terms

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill increases the penalty for making false statement or falsifying documents for the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund from a misdemeanor to a felony.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Weldon of the 3rd
- **House Committee:** Retirement
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 0

HB 1174 - Public roads; regulate oversize and overweight loads; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation amends Code section 32-6-24 relating to the regulation of maintenance and use of public roads so as to provide for regulation of oversize and overweight loads on streets or highways. Any vehicle utilizing idle reduction technology shall have the penalty assessed with the weight of the idle reduction technology taken into account up to 400 pounds. The operator of the vehicle must have written certification from the manufacturer specifying the weight of the technology and demonstrates that it is fully functional. If the citation is being issued for a weight or axle spacing violation on a superload plus permit issued by DOT, the citation shall be issued based on all excess weight over 150,000 pounds, not 80,000 pounds. Code section 32-6-28 is amended to say that permission to transport two modular housing units is only granted when minimum requirements and specifications are met. The same section is also amended to provide that DOT will issue the rules for driver certification of those driving an escort vehicle for oversize loads. Those rules may provide for reciprocity with other states. Certification credentials must be kept in the escort vehicle at all times. Driver training shall be implemented on or before July 1, 2010 and requirements shall be enforced beginning January 1, 2011. This bill also amends Title 40 by allowing for pedestrian hybrid beacons which remain dark until a pedestrian activates the signal by pressing a button. Having these signals in place would allow drivers to keep moving at a mid block crosswalk unless the signal is activated by pedestrians. Code section 40-14-9 is amended by allowing for variable speed limits.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Jon G. Burns of the 157th
- **House Committee:** Transportation
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 1

HB 1194 - Family and children services; outsource certain duties; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend Code Section 49-3-5 to authorize a county director of family and children services to identify the administrative needs of his or her office and to permit the outsourcing of such administrative needs to qualified volunteers. A criminal background check shall be required for such volunteers at the expense of the volunteer.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Carl Rogers of the 26th
- **House Committee:** Children & Youth
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 163; **Nays:** 3

HB 1199 - Natural Resources, Department of; authority to arrange volunteer services; change provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources [DNR] to incorporate a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation to provide grants to DNR for additional financial support, to assist the agency in advancing various activities and purposes under its purview, such as environmental protection, coastal resource conservation, outdoor recreation and conservation measures and development. This nonprofit corporation may not conduct any governmental functions or regulatory powers, and no member of the Board of Natural Resources may be an officer or director of the nonprofit corporation. No donations to this nonprofit corporation from private sources may be used for direct employee costs of DNR. Furthermore, the nonprofit corporation will be subject to all laws relating to open meetings and inspection of public records and must make public and provide an annual report showing donors, amounts donated and all expenditures or other disposal of money or property donated, with the report provided to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, chairman of the House and Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committees and chairman of the House Game, Fish and Parks Committee.

The bill also expands the purposes for which the DNR commissioner can accept volunteers for assistance with DNR activities to include historic preservation, wildlife management, recreation and public education on conservation, and adds activities for which DNR may participate with groups, organizations and businesses in joint advertising and promotional projects to include promotion of wildlife management, recreation and public education on conservation.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Lynn Ratigan Smith of the 70th
- **House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 173; **Nays:** 1

HB 1200 - Local boards of education; solicit and accept donations for field trips; authorize

- BILL SUMMARY: House Bill 1200 related to the local school boards and giving them the authorization to solicit and accept donations for the purpose of field trips and other education purposes.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Glanton of the 76th
- **House Committee:** Education
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 160; **Nays:** 1

HB 1206 - Water well standards; require contractor license under geologist or engineer direction; change provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: The bill adds a definition of "geothermal borehole" to the Georgia Code and provides that anyone drilling a geothermal borehole have a water well contractor's license or be supervised per the current Code. The legislation also requires these boreholes to be set back a certain distance from contamination sources (as some examples, at least ten feet from sewer lines and a minimum of 25 feet from septic tanks)

- **Authored By:** Mr. Billy Maddox of the 127th
- **House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 159; **Nays:** 6

HB 1231 - Uniform rules of the road; proper execution of a left turn; clarify

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1231 addresses vagueness within the "Uniform Rules of the Road" dealing with left hand turns. Specifically, it requires when turning left and exiting an intersection you must maintain your lane position as you enter the new road.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Bobby C Reese of the 98th
- **House Committee:** Motor Vehicles
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Amendments(s):** N/A
- **Yeas:** 147; **Nays:** 6

HB 1233 - Georgia Public Service Commission; certain costs charged to involved utility; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1233 changes how expert witnesses are funded in public utility rate cases held before the Georgia Public Service Commission. Currently, these witnesses are funded from the state treasury. Under HB 1233, witnesses would be paid by the utility bringing the rate case. They would then recoup their cost from their rate payers.

- **Authored By:** Rep. John Lunsford of the 110th
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 114; **Nays:** 49

HB 1298 - Hazardous waste; make provisions consistent with federal regulations; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: Updates Code sections pertaining to hazardous waste management and hazardous site response to conform to new federal provisions.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tommy Benton of the 31st
- **House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment
- **Rule:** Structured
- **Yeas:** 158; **Nays:** 1

HB 1310 - Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Commission; may solicit funds; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation amends 15-21-147 so as to allow the Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Commission to solicit monetary donations.

- **Authored By:** . E. Culver "Rusty" Kidd of the 141st
- **House Committee:** Health & Human Services
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 162; **Nays:** 0

HB 1314 - Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities; regulate developmental accounts; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation would allow for persons with disabilities who meet certain qualifications to open savings accounts with a fiduciary organization that in turn will match any of those funds contributed by the disabled person. The match may be any where from one to one or five to one. Money that is contained within these individual development accounts can only be used for specific items, and if the account holder misuses the account, they can be removed from the program. The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities will make rules and regulations as to the criteria for fiduciary entities.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Donna Sheldon of the 105th
- **House Committee:** Health & Human Services
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 153; **Nays:** 7

HB 1321 - Emergency Telephone System Fund; additional use for moneys; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill authorizes a county that has a fully enhanced 911 system and has fully funded its 911 operations from the \$1.50, 911 fee to use any remaining fee revenue to upgrade their public radio system. The term fully enhanced relates to systems that are able to identify the exact location of all wireless and landline carriers.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Ben Harbin of the 118th
- **House Committee:** Appropriations
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 168; **Nays:** 1

HB 1324 - Mental health; Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities; revise provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1324 is a housekeeping bill for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mark Butler of the 18th
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 156; **Nays:** 3

HB 1328 - Courts; adjust certain fees for inflation; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill adjusts court fees to account for inflation and repeals fees that are obsolete.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Roger B. Lane of the 167th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** N/A; **Nays:** N/A

HB 1345 - Georgia Kosher Food Consumer Protection Act; enact

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill repeals the current kosher statutes which essentially say "thou shalt not call non-Kosher food Kosher" and then define "Kosher food" as meeting Orthodox Jewish standards. This bill replaces them with a disclosure scheme contained in a single code section in the Fair Business Practices Act. The Agriculture Department, Law Department, Governor's Office, and Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs have all signed off on HB 1345.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Jacobs of the 80th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 165; **Nays:** 1

HB 1359 - Best management practices; required buffer along state waters; provide exception

- BILL SUMMARY: Provides an exemption from the state's 25-foot water buffer requirement for construction of bulkheads and sea walls to the extent necessary to prevent erosion of the shoreline into a lake operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or by a utility regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The exemption would be limited to the duration of construction of those erosion-control devices.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mickey Channell of the 116th
- **House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 166; **Nays:** 0

HR 1400 - Congress; not transfer Guantanamo Bay detainees within Georgia or United States; request

- BILL SUMMARY: This resolution urges the United States Congress not to locate any of the detainees at Guantanamo Bay into the state of Georgia or in the United states.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tony Sellier of the 136th
- **House Committee:** Defense & Veterans Affairs
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 116; **Nays:** 47

HR 1516 - United States Congress; not decommission Coast Guard Security Team 91108; urge

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation urges the Federal Government to retain the services of every member of the Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team 91108, located in St. Mary's Georgia, for the purposes of serving and protecting the Eastern Seaboard of the United States.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Cecily Hill of the 180th
- **House Committee:** Defense & Veterans Affairs
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 159; **Nays:** 0

HR 1588 - State of Georgia property; certain counties; nonexclusive easements; authorize

- BILL SUMMARY: Authorizes the granting of easements over state owned properties in 23 counties
- **Authored By:** Rep. Terry Barnard of the 166th
- **House Committee:** State Institutions & Property
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 165; **Nays:** 0

LOCAL CALENDAR

HB 1378 - Lumpkin County, Magistrate Court of; appoint clerk; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide that the clerk of the Magistrate Court of Lumpkin County shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the chief magistrate pending the enactment of a general law to provide that the General Assembly may specify by local law who shall serve as clerk of magistrate court.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Amos Amerson of the 9th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

HB 1379 - Snellville, City of; Redevelopment Powers Law; authorize

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the City of Snellville 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. Melvin Everson of the 106th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

HB 1391 - Columbus, Municipal Court; change clerk and marshal compensation

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide compensation to the clerk and the marshal of the Municipal Court of Columbus.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Calvin Smyre of the 132nd
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 151; **Nays:** 6

HB 1400 - Sasser, Town of; Terrell County; provide new charter

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide a new charter for the Town of Sasser.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Bob Hanner of the 148th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

HB 1403 - Mountain Park, City of; number of councilmen; change provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend the charter of the City of Mountain Park to provide for the number of councilmen, to establish the number required for a quorum, to clarify the number of votes required for a motion, resolution, or ordinance to pass and, to provide the manner in which vacancies in office are filled.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jan Jones of the 46th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

HB 1422 - Montgomery County; Board of Commissioners; terms of office; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide staggered terms of office for the members of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Greg Morris of the 155th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

HB 1427 - Norcross, City of; mayor and city councilmembers; change terms

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide a referendum to approve new terms for the mayor and city councilmembers, and stagger those terms, in the City of Norcross.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Pedro Marin of the 96th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

HB 1429 - Cartersville, City of; levy excise tax; authorize

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize City of Cartersville to levy a hotel/motel tax.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Paul Battles of the 15th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

HB 1434 - Norcross, City of; mayor and councilmembers elected by plurality; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide a referendum to approve that the mayor and councilmembers of the City of Norcross shall be elected by a plurality.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Pedro Marin of the 96th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

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NOTES

HB 1328 was Recommitted to the Committee on Rules

HR 1146 was postponed to the next legislative day

** The House will reconvene Friday, March 26, at 9:00 AM, for its 30th Legislative Day*

COMMITTEE ON RULES

** The Rules Committee will next meet on Thursday, March 25, at 2:00 PM, to set the Rules Calendar for the 30th Legislative Day.*

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

Ways & Means

HB 1393 - Sales and use tax; cap exemption; metropolitan public transportation purposes; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1393 excludes 1% local sales taxes levied in counties for MARTA after January 1, 2010 from the 2% cap on local sales taxes. This will allow Clayton County to hold a local referendum to decide whether to levy this local sales tax. Excluded from the new levy will be sales of motor vehicles and sales of jet fuel to qualifying airlines at the Atlanta airport.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Roberta Abdul-Salaam of the 74th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

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



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COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 25, 2010

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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<u>Appropriations Higher Education</u>	403 CAP
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM	<u>Setzler Subcommittee of Judiciary Non-Civil</u>	132 CAP
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2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>RULES</u>	341 CAP
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM	<u>Jacobs Subcommittee of Judiciary Civil</u>	132 CAP- or Upon Adjournment of Rules

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