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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

* The House will reconvene for its 31st Legislative Day on Tuesday, March 30, at 10:00 AM.

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

Saturday, March 27, 2010

30th Legislative Day

TODAY ON THE FLOOR**RULES CALENDAR****HB 236 - Georgia Government Accountability Act; enact**

- **BILL SUMMARY:** The legislation creates a joint House and Senate legislative Sunset Advisory Committee to review the mission, accomplishments, spending and direction of each department, agency, authority, and commission, and report their findings to the Georgia General Assembly. The committee will be composed of five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House who shall also be members of the House Zero Based Budget Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, and five members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. Any agency that has not held an open public meeting for a period of more than 12 months will be automatically abolished without further review. Agencies will be required to submit a progress report to the subcommittee within 90 days of their request.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Charlice Byrd of the 20th

- **House Committee:** Appropriations

- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

- **Yeas:** 77; **Nays:** 81

- *This bill failed to receive a requisite constitutional majority*

HB 307 - Medicaid; federal financial participation; hospitals; impose fee

- **BILL SUMMARY:** This legislation imposes a provider payment agreement on hospitals in the amount of 1.45% of their net patient revenue, for the purpose of obtaining federal Medicaid dollars. Provider payments will be paid quarterly to the Department of Revenue, due at end of each fiscal month, the first payment is due by September 30, 2010. Each hospital will keep records covering a three year period for the purpose of determining the necessary payments required. The Department of Revenue is authorized to charge any hospital who fails to pay their provider payment a 6% penalty for each overdue month. The Department of Community Health will in turn, withhold an amount equal to the provider payment and penalty from medical assistance due to said hospitals. Critical Access Centers, Ambulatory Service Centers, State Owned Hospitals, and Mental Health Hospitals are exempt from this legislation, which sunsets on June 30, 2013.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Jim Cole of the 125th

- **House Committee:** Appropriations

- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

- **Yeas:** 141; **Nays:** 23

HB 567 - Crime Victims' Bill of Rights; rights of crime victims; change certain provisions

- **BILL SUMMARY:** This bill enhances and strengthens Georgia's laws as they relate to crime victims. Many of the changes relate to what is known as the "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights."

Sections 1 through 3 clarify the rights of victims when the juvenile courts have jurisdiction over the action (i.e. the perpetrator is a juvenile).

Section 4 specifies that when persons are convicted of certain offenses the court has the duty to inquire as to whether the victims have been notified as to the presentence hearing, to ensure reasonable attempts have been made to contact victims, and to recess to ensure the opportunity for the victim to be heard.

Section 5 provides that if restitution is due a victim the amount will be determined at sentencing.

Section 6 enumerates the rights contained within the "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights."

Section 7 provides definitions and cleans up language.

Section 8 clarifies the circumstances under which a victim shall be entitled to notification of certain events pertaining to the accused.

Section 9 provides that if the accused is committed to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the victim will be given notice upon his or her release, discharge, escape, readmission, and other such events.

Section 10 provides a duty to give notice to victims regarding restitution and, if restitution is sought, how the process should play out.

Section 11 specifies the circumstances and procedures by which a victim may be interviewed by the accused.

Section 12 provides that the victim may be present at all proceedings where the accused has a right to be present.

Section 13 clarifies what communications will be considered attorney work product.

Section 14 relates to notification to victims of an accused's motion for new trial or appeal, release on bail or recognizance, appellate proceedings, and outcome of the appeal.

Section 15 provides the method for a victim to request mail from an inmate be blocked.

Section 16 entitles the victim of a criminal offense to be present in any court exercising jurisdiction over such offense.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Don Parsons of the 42nd

- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

- **Yeas:** 158; **Nays:** 1

HB 656 - Religious organizations; qualify as a self-insurer; provisions

- **BILL SUMMARY:** HB 656 allows certain qualified religious organizations to self-insure for motor vehicle liability insurance for all motor vehicles registered in this state that are owned or leased by members of such religious organization that obtains a certificate from the Commissioner of Insurance.

Requirements to obtain a certificate are as follows: The religious organizations has been established since December 31, 1950, and its members hold a common belief in mutual financial assistance in time of need; The religious organization shall be a recognized sect or division of a religious group which has been a recognized religious group for purposes of exemption from federal social security and Medicare taxes since December 31, 1970; The religious organization has filed with the Commissioner the required minimum security.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Terry Barnard of the 166th

- **House Committee:** Insurance

- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

- **Yeas:** 160; **Nays:** 0

HB 827 - Highway employees; death or disability; indemnification; change provisions

- **BILL SUMMARY:** This bill would revise indemnification provisions of the Georgia State Indemnification Fund by increasing death or disability coverage amounts for state highway employees in the line of duty to match those of other public safety individuals.

This bill has a fiscal note. The impact is projected to be \$83,000 per year assuming one death and one partial permanent liability claim. Currently, the Georgia State Indemnification Fund has a balance of approximately \$3.4 million.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Chuck Sims of the 169th

- **House Committee:** Judiciary

- **Rule:** Structured

- **Yeas:** 161; **Nays:** 0

HB 853 - Tanning Facilities Regulation Act; enact

- **BILL SUMMARY:** This legislation would require that all tanning bed facilities register with the state. The tanning salons must post a warning that is contained within the legislation, a button that summons outside help must be available for the user, and that the tanning beds must be cleaned after every use.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Karla Drenner of the 86th

- **House Committee:** Health & Human Services

- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

- **Amendments(s):** N/A

- **Yeas:** 129; **Nays:** 28

HB 889 - Recognizance bonds; persons charged with certain crimes; limit

- **BILL SUMMARY:** This bill limits recognizance bonds for persons charged with certain crimes, defined as a 'bail restricted offense,' (including, by way of example, a serious violent felony as defined in 17-10-6.1, aggravated assault, felony pimping, felony DUI) and entering a pretrial release program, a pretrial release or diversion program, or a pretrial intervention and diversion program.

A judge, in his or her sound discretion and in appropriate cases, may still release a person on their own recognizance for one of the enumerated bail restricted offenses so long as it is not into one of the pretrial programs covered in the code section.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Len Walker of the 107th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 105; **Nays:** 56

HB 938 - Motor vehicles; revocation of licenses; wireless telecommunication devices; prohibit use

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill is a ban on cell phone usage by persons who are under 18 years of age with an instruction permit or Class D license. Also in the bill is language to allow drivers to use headsets or headphones for the purposes communication.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Allen Peake of the 137th
- **House Committee:** Public Safety and Homeland Security
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 134; **Nays:** 31

HB 1000 - Seasons and bag limits; bears; change limits

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill provides for four changes to the State Code. 1) It makes it unlawful to possess any fresh-water turtle except a fresh-water turtle obtained from a private pond with the consent of the owner of such pond. It shall be unlawful to transport, farm, or sell any fresh-water turtle or their eggs, except as authorized by the Department of Natural Resources. 2) It allows youth under the age of 16 to hunt deer with any legal firearm for hunting during primitive weapon hunts or primitive weapons seasons. 3) It increases the bag limit on hunting bear in Georgia from 1 to 3 bear per year. Up to two bear per managed hunt may be allowed on wildlife management areas without complying with the statewide bag limit. It will also legalize the hunting of bear less than 75 pounds. 4) It allows the Department of Natural Resources to regulate the application for a wildlife fertility control permit. Any person who violates any provision in the article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined no less than \$1,500 and no more than \$5,000, imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Stephen Allison of the 8th
- **House Committee:** Game, Fish, & Parks
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 156; **Nays:** 1

HB 1019 - State government; replacement permits, licenses, and identification cards; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1019 defines "natural disaster" for the ensuing code section and requires each state agency that issues permits, licenses, certificates, or identification cards to citizens of this state to issue replacement permits, licenses, certificates or identification cards without charge to citizens who demonstrate that their original documents were lost or destroyed as the direct result of a natural disaster.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Alisha Thomas Morgan of the 39th
- **House Committee:** State Institutions & Property
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 158; **Nays:** 0

HB 1020 - Sales and use tax; county tax for educational purposes; revise

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1020 is the implementing bill for House Resolution 1203, which proposes to amend the Constitution to allow up to 100% of the revenues generated by the local sales tax for educational purposes to be used for maintenance and operations. Currently, the school board may only use the revenues for capital outlay projects of the school system, or the retirement of general obligation debt with respect to capital outlay projects.

The bill provides for the same administration and procedures as are in law for the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), except that the bill allows for use of the revenues for maintenance and operations, and requires both the county school district and the independent school district, if applicable, to provide their capital project list and/or M&O amounts and rollback amounts on the ballot.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Butch Parrish of the 156th
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Rule:** Structured
- **Yeas:** 136; **Nays:** 19

HB 1023 - Jobs, Opportunity, and Business Success Act of 2010; enact

- BILL SUMMARY: House Bill 1023 makes several changes in our code to provide tax relief and encourage employment opportunities and business stimulation. The bill makes the following changes:

- Provides for a "Year for Georgia Entrepreneurs" which is a one year waiver of certain Secretary of State filing fees for corporations, limited partnerships, and LLCs which will be effective from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

- Provides employers with the “Georgia Works Tax Credit” for hiring people that have been receiving unemployment compensation
 - oQuarterly credit against their required unemployment contributions in an amount between \$25 and \$125 per employee per calendar quarter, to be determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor based on conditions in the labor market, the state of the economy, and the state-wide reserve ratio.
 - oThis provision will only become effective upon the United States Secretary of Labor determining that it is in conformity with federal law.
- Provides corporations and individuals with an income tax exclusion for long-term capital gains
 - oOn the year following the year in which the revenue shortfall reserve is funded at \$500 million or more, the exclusion amount is 25% of the total net long-term capital gains.
 - oFor all tax years after that, the exclusion amount is 50%
- Provides employers with a \$2400 income tax credit per employee if they hire unemployed people through the end of June, 2011 and employ them for at least 2 years.
 - oCredit may be taken in the year the 24th month of employment is completed
 - oEmployee must have been unemployed at least thirteen weeks immediately prior to being hired, and must be compensated at least 180% of the poverty level
 - oAny unused credit may be carried forward two years
- Creates the “Angel Investor Income Tax Credit” to encourage third party investment in early stage businesses
 - oProvides an income tax credit to investors that make investments in qualified businesses in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, or 2014 to be taken in the second year following the year of the investment.
 - oCredit is equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the aggregate amount of an individual’s investments.
 - oQualified businesses include businesses domiciled in Georgia that employ 20 or fewer people, have gross annual sales of less than \$500,000, have not obtained more than \$1 million in cash proceeds from the issuance of equity or debt, and have a business net worth of less than \$3 million
 - oThe aggregate cap of all tax credits shall not exceed \$10 million per year
- Eliminates the corporate net worth tax beginning in 2011
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Graves of the 12th
- **House Committee:** Special Committee on Small Business Development and Job Creation
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 8

HB 1040 - Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act; certain health activities not require license; provisions

- **BILL SUMMARY:** This bill allows individuals to have certain health maintenance activities performed by a friend, caregiver, etc. (who is not a family member) that would otherwise have to be provided by an RN or LPN because the individual cannot provide the activities to themselves due to disability. It seeks to give the consumer more choice and control over their own affairs.
- This bill also provides that the proxy caregiver will be liable for his or her actions. The medical professional who authorized or trained that caregiver would be liable for failing to meet the applicable standard of care in assessing the proxy caregiver’s qualifications or capability, in assessing whether the health maintenance activities could be performed by a proxy caregiver, and in assessing whether the health maintenance activities could be performed outside a hospital or nursing home. A medical professional would also be liable for negligently training the proxy caregiver if the training deviated from the applicable standard of care and was a proximate cause of injury to the disabled person.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jimmy Pruett of the 144th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 162; **Nays:** 0

HB 1055 - Drivers' licenses; fees for temporary licenses or identification cards; change

- **BILL SUMMARY:** HB 1055 updates fees throughout the Georgia code to ensure that they accurately reflect the cost of providing the service they are charged for.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Kevin Levitas of the 82nd
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 100; **Nays:** 57

HB 1104 - Juvenile proceedings; graduated sanctions and secure detention for probation violators; provisions

- **BILL SUMMARY:** This bill extends the sunset relating to the maximum number of days a child may serve in a youth detention center to July 1, 2013. After that date a court may sentence a child to serve in a youth detention center for a maximum of 60 days. The current maximum is 30 days.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jimmy Pruett of the 144th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil

- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 158; **Nays:** 1

HB 1165 - Sunset revisions; repeal automatic expiration; provisions

- **BILL SUMMARY:** This bill revises the section of the code dealing with motorcycle enforcement units and repeals the sunset provision that was contained in the bill when the motorcycle enforcement unit was created.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jill Chambers of the 81st
- **House Committee:** Code Revision
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 161; **Nays:** 0

HB 1198 - Income tax; taxable nonresident; change definition

- **BILL SUMMARY:** HB 1198 changes the definition of "taxable nonresident" to provide for income taxation of income received by certain individuals that are not residents of Georgia in the taxable year. Currently nonresidents are only taxable if they regularly, but not casually or intermittently, engage in activity for gain or profit in Georgia. This bill will also cause those that casually or intermittently engage in activity in Georgia to become taxable nonresidents. This bill also provides that nonresident individuals that engaged in a prior year in activity for gain or profit in Georgia and in the taxable year receives deferred compensation or income from the exercise of stock options will be subject to Georgia income tax on such income. These changes will be limited by the current language that provides that such individuals will only become taxable nonresidents if the income received for services performed in Georgia does not exceed the lesser of 5% of the income the person receives in all places or \$5,000.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Judy Manning of the 32nd
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 158; **Nays:** 3

HB 1221 - Sales and use tax; change certain definitions

- **BILL SUMMARY:** HB 1221 is legislation that brings Georgia's sales tax code in compliance with the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. This will allow us to participate in a program whereby remote vendors voluntarily collect use tax on purchases by Georgia residents and remit such taxes to Georgia. This legislation provides ease in administration and compliance for businesses that wish to participate by creating uniform definitions in the sales tax law. Collection of use taxes by these remote vendors will provide Georgia businesses that must collect sales tax a more level playing field.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Larry O'Neal of the 146th
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Rule:** Structured
- **Yeas:** 160; **Nays:** 3

HB 1242 - Ethics; State Transportation Board members are public officers; provide

- **BILL SUMMARY:** HB 1242 provides that members of the State Transportation Board are public officers for the purposes of "The Ethics in Government Act" and will be subject to the financial reporting requirements contained therein.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mark Hamilton of the 23rd
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 158; **Nays:** 0

HB 1251 - Revenue Bond Law; undertakings include economic tourism development; define

- **BILL SUMMARY:** The purpose of HB 1251 is the promotion and development of large tourism attractions in Georgia. The bill provides that companies seeking to undertake a tourism attraction project may be granted a 10 year sales and use tax refund on state and local taxes generated by and arising at the tourism attraction of up to one fourth of their original investment. "Tourism attractions" may include cultural or historic sites, recreation or entertainment facilities, areas of natural phenomenon or beauty, convention hotels and conference centers, race tracks, and golf facilities, marinas and water parks, or entertainment destinations designed to attract tourists to Georgia. The bill provides for approval of these projects by the commissioner of economic development and by the governing authority of the municipality or county. The tourism project must have approved costs in excess of \$100 million, must provide sufficient revenues and public demand to be operating and open to the public for a minimum of 200 days per year.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Cecily Hill of the 180th
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 165; **Nays:** 1

HB 1268 - Insurance; time periods and eligibility for continuation coverage; revise

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1268 extends the time period for continuation coverage (COBRA) under certain group accident and sickness insurance plans for 15 months. This is done in conjunction with a federal act whereby a subsidy of 65% of the premium cost will be paid by the federal government.

This will allow Georgians involuntarily terminated from a small business employer access to federal stimulus dollars to help pay their families health insurance.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Knox of the 24th
- **House Committee:** Insurance
- **Rule:** Structured
- **Yeas:** 147; **Nays:** 2

HB 1283 - State government; budget units to review and modify user fees collected; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1283 develops a statewide policy for state agencies to review and modify, if necessary, all user fees. It provides principles for reviewing user fees. Finally, it removes those fees set by statute and places it under the agencies purview.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Richard H. Smith of the 131st
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 91; **Nays:** 73

HB 1284 - Planning and Budget, Office of; record of user fees collected; provide for publication

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1284 requires the Office of Planning and Budget to maintain a record of all user fees collected by any department, agency, or other budget unit. Further, it provides for publication of the record on the Open Georgia website.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Richard H. Smith of the 131st
- **House Committee:** Governmental Affairs
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 162; **Nays:** 0

HB 1343 - Criminal cases; fees charged to probationers; change amount; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation encourages the assessment of probation supervision fees by preventing excessive waivers. It seeks to encourage the amount of supervision fees actually collected from probationers. It also raises the monthly supervision fee from \$23 to \$30.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Jay Powell of the 171st
- **House Committee:** Appropriations
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 72; **Nays:** 89
- *This bill failed to receive a requisite constitutional majority*

HB 1364 - Insurance; Georgia Insurers Insolvency Pool liable in emergency; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 1364 provides that the Georgia Insurers Insolvency Pool shall be liable to claimants and electing insureds in emergency circumstances. For electing insureds whose net worth is less than \$25 million, they must pay \$5,000 to participate. For those whose net worth is greater than \$25 million they must pay \$20,000.

For the purpose of this bill "Electing Insureds" is defined as, "any insured under a workers' compensation insurance policy that is impacted by an emergency circumstance. Such term shall include but not be limited to governmental insureds and other insureds under a workers' compensation insurance policy impacted by an emergency circumstance whose net worth exceeds \$25 million as of December 31 of the year preceding the filing of a claim". "Emergency circumstances" is defined as, "a circumstance in which an association or industrial insured captive insurance company, which subsequently converted from a captive insurance company, has been declared insolvent prior to the effective date of this Code section".

- **Authored By:** Rep. Carl Rogers of the 26th
- **House Committee:** Industrial Relations
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 130; **Nays:** 23

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

- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Rule:** Structured
- **Yeas:** 142; **Nays:** 14

HB 1402 - Georgia Student Finance Authority; engineering field loans; Peace Corps volunteers; deferred payment; provide

- **BILL SUMMARY:** House bill 1402 would allow students that have or will receive an engineering scholarship, which is a service cancelable loan, to be eligible for deferment while actively serving in the Peace Corps. These loans require that participants work in Georgia for a certain amount of years after receiving a degree or they are responsible for repayment.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Larry O`Neal of the 146th
- **House Committee:** Higher Education
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 155; **Nays:** 7

HB 1405 - 2010 Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians; Special Joint Committee on Georgia Revenue Structure; create

- **BILL SUMMARY:** HB 1405 provides for the 2010 Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians which will consist of twelve members – four economists, Governor Perdue, Senator Zell Miller, the chairperson of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia National Federation of Independent Business, and two members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and two appointed by the Speaker. The Council will conduct a study of Georgia's revenue structure and make a report of its findings and recommendations for legislation to the Speaker and the Lieutenant Governor not later than January 10, 2011. The bill also creates the legislative Special Joint Committee on Georgia Revenue Structure composed of six House members and six Senate members – the Speaker, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the majority and minority leaders of the House and Senate, the chairs of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance committees, and two members appointed by the President and two by the speaker – one of each in the majority party and one in the minority party. The Committee must have legislation introduced that incorporates the recommendations of the Council without significant changes. The legislation will be referred to the Committee and if the Committee recommends that such legislation pass, then the legislation will be voted on by the House of Representatives without amendment. If passed by the House, the Senate will vote on the legislation as it passed the House without amendment.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Larry O`Neal of the 146th
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 111; **Nays:** 55

HB 1407 - Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids; single administrator for dental services; provisions

- **BILL SUMMARY:** This legislation would require the Department of Community Health to competitively bid out dental services a single administrator, changing the current standard that place medical and dental coverage into the care management organization for the state's Medicaid and Peachcare populations.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Carl Rogers of the 26th
- **House Committee:** Health & Human Services
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas:** 157; **Nays:** 4

HR 136 - Owners of real property; industrial areas; remove property - CA

- **BILL SUMMARY:** This Resolution is an amendment to the Constitution to allow owners of real property located in the industrial area in Chatham County (near Garden City) to remove the property from the industrial area. This will then allow the property to be annexed by the local municipality so that city services can continue to be provided. This restriction from annexation can only be removed by general amendment to the Constitution.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Bob Bryant of the 160th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 160; **Nays:** 1

HR 1087 - Tax defaulters; ineligible for public office; revise and strengthen – CA

- **BILL SUMMARY:** This is a Constitutional Amendment which would prohibit someone from holding any political office if they have failed to timely file any tax returns required by state or federal law unless an amended return or other filing has been timely made to cure the failure; or has failed to pay or make arrangements to pay any federal, state, or local taxes that have been finally determined to be owed through administrative or judicial proceedings. Any person qualifying shall be required, upon request of the executive secretary of State Ethics Commission, to execute a written document allowing the release of otherwise confidential governmental tax information for the purposes of complying with the law. Office

declared vacant if State Ethics Commission finds that person is not eligible to hold office.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Calvin Hill of the 21st
- **House Committee:** Ethics
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas: 117; Nays: 31**
- *This bill failed to receive a requisite constitutional majority*

HR 1203 - Sales and use tax; educational purposes; provide - CA

- BILL SUMMARY: HR 1203 proposes to amend the Constitution to allow up to 100% of the revenues generated by the local sales tax for educational purposes to be used for maintenance and operations. Currently, the school board may only use the revenues for capital outlay projects of the school system, or the retirement of general obligation debt with respect to capital outlay projects. The resolution calling for imposition of the tax and the local ballot question must include the maximum amount of net proceeds that would be expended on maintenance and operations, and the amount of these proceeds used for M&O that will be used to rollback the millage rate for property taxes, if applicable. This will allow the school boards to have flexibility when deciding how to use their sales tax revenues.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Butch Parrish of the 156th
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Yeas: 141; Nays: 19**

HR 1513 - Little's Ferry/George F. Green Memorial Bridge; Hancock and Putnam Counties; dedicate

- BILL SUMMARY: This resolution dedicates the bridge over the Oconee River on Georgia Highway 16 connecting Hancock and Putnam Counties as the Little's Ferry/George F. Green Memorial Bridge. Other resolutions included in this package name roads and bridges around the state.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Sistie Hudson of the 124th
- **House Committee:** Transportation
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Adopted**

HR 1686 - LCPC Seth Sharp Memorial Intersection; Bartow County; dedicate

- BILL SUMMARY: This resolution dedicates an intersection in honor of LCPL Seth Sharp. There are three other dedications included in this substitute that honor fallen soldiers from Georgia.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Barry Loudermilk of the 14th
- **House Committee:** Transportation
- **Rule:** Structured
- **Yeas: 159; Nays: 0**

LOCAL CALENDAR

HB 1197 - Morrow, City of; levy excise tax; authorize

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the City of Morrow to levy a hotel/motel tax.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Glanton of the 76th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas: 118; Nays: 1**

HB 1213 - LaGrange, City of; levy excise tax; authorize

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the City of LaGrange to levy a hotel/motel tax.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Carl Von Epps of the 128th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas: 118; Nays: 1**

HB 1214 - Troup County; levy excise tax; authorize

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize Troup County to levy a hotel/motel tax.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Carl Von Epps of the 128th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas: 118; Nays: 1**

HB 1288 - Jonesboro, City of; levy excise tax; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the City of Jonesboro to levy a hotel/motel tax.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Glanton of the 76th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 118; **Nays:** 1

HB 1362 - Alma, City of; change certain charter provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the council districts in the City of Alma.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tommy Smith of the 168th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 118; **Nays:** 1

** The House will reconvene Tuesday, March 30, at 10:00 AM, for its 31st Legislative Day*

COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Committee on Rules will next meet on Monday, March 29 at 2:00pm to set a calendar for the 31st Legislative Day

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

No Committee action was reported.

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

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE



Monday, March 29, 2010		
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<u>Jacobs Subcommittee of Judiciary Civil</u>	132 CAP- CANCELED
Tuesday, March 30, 2010		
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>Appropriations Education Subcommittee</u>	341 CAP
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>Resolution Subcommittee of Transportation</u>	415 CLOB
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<u>Appropriations Health Subcommittee</u>	506 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>State Highways Subcommittee on Transportation</u>	415 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>Appropriations Higher Education Subcommittee</u>	341 CAP
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	<u>Appropriations Human Resources Subcommittee</u>	506 CLOB
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<u>Appropriations Economic Development Subcommittee</u>	341 CAP

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	<u>Appropriations General Subcommittee</u>	506 CLOB
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4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<u>Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee</u>	341 CAP
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** This broadcast schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meetings dates and times are subject to change. To keep up with the latest schedule please visit the General Assembly website www.legis.ga.gov and click on House Meetings. To view the live stream of these meetings, please visit the Georgia Legislative Network.*
