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**TOMORROW'S FORECAST**

- \* The House will reconvene for its 32nd Legislative Day on Wednesday, March 31, at 10:00 AM.
- \* No bills are expected to be debated on the floor.

**GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES****DAILY REPORT****Tuesday, March 30, 2010****31st Legislative Day****TODAY ON THE FLOOR****RULES CALENDAR****SB 250 - Education; unlawful disruption of/interference; operation of public schools or public school buses; revise provisions**

- BILL SUMMARY: Currently it is a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature to disrupt or interfere with the operation of any public school, public school bus or bus stop. A recent decision by the Georgia Supreme Court indicated that the statute would be at risk for a constitutional challenge due to the lack of a clear intent requirement. The bill seeks to address this issue by adding that a person will only be guilty of the offense if he 'knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly' does any of the things prohibited by the statute.

The following was added to SB 250 by amendment on the floor of the House

- This bill also expands and clarifies the definition of 'bullying,' and allows remedial action to be taken in any grade level (not just six through 12). The bill reiterates that local school systems have discretion to transfer a student for bullying. The DOE would be required to develop a model bullying policy which requires a process to notify parents of incidents of bullying, a duty for school employees to report bullying, and to prohibit retaliation for reporting bullying.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Bill Hamrick of the 30th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Amendments(s):** Jacobs Amendment: Adopted
- **Yeas:** 119; **Nays:** 45

**SB 296 - State Government; rename Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services to Office of the State Treasurer**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend OCGA Title 50 relating to state government and other code sections in order to conform, so as to rename the Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services as the Office of the State Treasurer and to rename the director of the Office of Treasury and Fiscal Services as the state treasurer.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Mitch Seabaugh of the 28th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 164; **Nays:** 0

**SR 274 - Liberty Tree of Georgia; designate tulip poplar adjacent to Dalton City Hall**

- BILL SUMMARY: This resolution would designate a tulip poplar tree in Dalton, GA as the Liberty Tree of Georgia. This tree was a sapling taken from the last original Liberty Tree that was planted at the time of the American Revolution.

- **Authored By:** Sen. Don Thomas of the 54th
- **House Committee:** Special Rules
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 158; **Nays:** 1

## **LOCAL CALENDAR**

### **HB 1447 - Dalton, City of; levy excise tax; authorize**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize the City of Dalton to levy a hotel/motel tax.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Roger Williams of the 4th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 151; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 1448 - Whitfield County; levy excise tax; authorize**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to authorize Whitfield County to levy a hotel/motel tax.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Roger Williams of the 4th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 151; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 1450 - State Court of DeKalb County; certain fees; change**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to establish fees for the State Court of DeKalb County.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver of the 83rd
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 151; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 1451 - Varnell, City of; change charter provisions**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to change the corporate boundaries of the City of Varnell, to provide for election by majority vote, to change provisions relating to the duties of the mayor, to change provisions relating to the hiring of certain city officials, to eliminate the position of city marshal, and to revise provisions relating to rules and regulations.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Dickson of the 6th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 151; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 1452 - Towns County; educational purposes; ad valorem tax; homestead exemption**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide a homestead exemption from Towns County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Stephen Allison of the 8th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 151; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 1453 - Hiawassee, City of; municipal purposes; ad valorem tax; homestead exemption**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide a homestead exemption from City of Hiawassee ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$8,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Stephen Allison of the 8th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 151; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 1455 - Marietta, City of; city council meetings; modify provisions**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend the charter of the City of Marietta to change provisions relating to the meetings of the city council and to provide for agenda work sessions.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Judy Manning of the 32nd
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 151; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 1458 - Habersham County, State Court; judge and solicitor be full-time; provide**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide that the positions of judge and solicitor of the state court of Habersham County shall be full-time and to provide compensation.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Rick Austin of the 10th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 151; **Nays:** 0

## COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 32nd Legislative Day, Wednesday, March 31, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

### TOMORROW ON THE FLOOR

\* No legislation for general debate has been assigned to the Rules (Debate) Calendar for tomorrow.

\* The Rules Committee will next meet on Wednesday, March 31, at 9:00 AM, to set the Rules Calendar for the 33rd Legislative Day.

### COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

\* No Full Standing committees took action.

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



### COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, March 31, 2010

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| 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM  | <u>Life &amp; Health Subcommittee of Insurance</u>                          | 415 CLOB           |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | <u>RULES</u>  | 341 CAP            |
| 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM  | <u>JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL</u>  | 132 CAP            |
| 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  | <u>Railway and Transit Subcommittee of Transportation</u>                   | 415 CLOB           |
| 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  | <u>RETIREMENT</u>   | 403 CAP            |
| 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  | <u>PUBLIC SAFETY &amp; HOMELAND SECURITY</u>                                | 606 CLOB- CANCELED |
| 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  | <u>Lane Subcommittee of Judiciary Civil</u>                                 | 216 CAP            |
| 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM  | <u>INTERSTATE COOPERATION</u>   | 506 CLOB           |
| 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  | <u>Telecommunications Subcommittee of Energy and Utilities</u>              | 406 CLOB           |
| 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  | <u>STATE INSTITUTIONS &amp; PROPERTY</u>                                    | 406 CLOB           |
| 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM  | <u>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</u>  | 606 CLOB           |
| 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  | <u>Special Committee on Code Enforcement Subcommittee of State Planning</u> | 415 CLOB           |

\* 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](http://www.legis.ga.gov) and click on House Meetings. To view the live stream of these meetings, please visit the Georgia Legislative Network.