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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

* The House will reconvene for its 4th Legislative Day on Thursday, January 12, at 10:00 AM.
* No bills are expected to be debated on the floor.



GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DAILY REPORT

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

3rd Legislative Day

TODAY ON THE FLOOR

There were no bills debated on the floor of the House today.

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COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

Health & Human Services

HB 675 - Nurses; approved nursing education programs; revise definitions

- BILL SUMMARY: H.B. 675 revises the approved nursing education program criteria. The bill gives the Nursing Board the ability to make determinations about nursing programs not within the Georgia University System or Technical College System of Georgia but programs that are accredited by the United States Department of Education or programs whose curriculum meets the same stringent criteria established by the board.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Sharon Cooper of the 41st
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Retirement

HB 295 - Georgia State Employees Pension and Savings Plan; transfer of accrued benefit; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation provides for a method of calculating accrued benefits for public employees who transfer between the Employees Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System. This would impact anyone who transferred between systems from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

This is a fiscal retirement bill.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Howard Maxwell of the 17th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Retirement

HB 337 - Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia; divorced member option to continue coverage; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 337 allows retired members of the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia who currently receive spousal benefits to revoke that election in the event of a divorce. If a member remarries at a later time, the member may reinstate spousal benefits. However, the benefit paid would be adjusted based on the age of the member and the member's spouse.

This is a fiscal retirement bill.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Gerald E Greene of the 149th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

Retirement

HB 351 - Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia; probate court fines and fees; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 351 amends language pertaining to fines and fees collected for the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia. Under this legislation, the judge or clerk of the court would collect \$3.00 for each criminal or quasi-criminal case that is heard before a judge of a probate court or state court created on or after July 1, 2011. Previously, the amount collected was based on a scale but was not to exceed \$2.50.

This is a nonfiscal retirement bill.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Howard Maxwell of the 17th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

Retirement

HB 424 - Superior Court Clerks' Retirement Fund; death benefit for members; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: HB424 expands the \$5,000 death benefit provided through the Superior Court Clerks' Retirement Fund. Currently a benefit is only paid to a member's beneficiary if the member dies in service. This legislation would extend the benefit to any member active or retired who dies.

This is a fiscal retirement bill.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Weldon of the 3rd
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

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

HOUSE MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 12, 2012

TBD	<u>Floor Session</u>	HOUSE CHAMBERS (10:00am)
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>EDUCATION</u>	606 CLOB
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<u>JUDICIARY CIVIL</u>	132 CAP
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>ENERGY, UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS</u>	406 CLOB
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<u>WAYS & MEANS</u>	606 CLOB

** 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 the General and click on Meetings Calendar.*
