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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

* The House will reconvene for its 7th Legislative Day on Tuesday, January 24, at 10:00 AM.
* 4 bills are expected to be debated on the floor.



GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DAILY REPORT

Monday, January 23, 2012

6th Legislative Day

TODAY ON THE FLOOR

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

The House did adopt a new Adjournment Resolution today. The session dates are as follows:

Monday, Jan. 30: Legislative Day # 10
Tuesday, Jan. 31: Legislative Day # 11
Wednesday, Feb. 1: Legislative Day # 12
Thursday, Feb. 2: Legislative Day # 13
Friday, Feb. 3: Legislative Day # 14

Monday, Feb. 6: Legislative Day # 15
Tuesday, Feb. 7: Legislative Day # 16
Wednesday, Feb. 8: Legislative Day # 17
Thursday, Feb. 9: Legislative Day # 18

Wednesday, Feb. 15: Legislative Day # 19
Thursday, Feb. 16: Legislative Day # 20
Friday, Feb. 17: Legislative Day # 21

Monday, Feb. 20: Legislative Day # 22
Tuesday, Feb. 21: Legislative Day # 23
Wednesday, Feb. 22: Legislative Day # 24
Thursday, Feb. 23: Legislative Day # 25

Monday, Feb. 27: Legislative Day # 26
Tuesday, Feb. 28: Legislative Day # 27
Wednesday, Feb. 29: Legislative Day # 28

Monday, March 5: Legislative Day # 29

** The House will reconvene Tuesday, January 24, at 10:00 AM, for its 7th Legislative Day.*

COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 7th Legislative Day, Tuesday, January 24, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

NEXT ON THE FLOOR

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
- **House Committee:** Retirement
- **House Committee Passed:** 1/11/2012
- **Rule:** Open

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
- **House Committee:** Retirement
- **House Committee Passed:** 1/11/2012
- **Rule:** Open

HB 683 - Garnishment proceedings; filing of certain answers may be done by authorized officers or employees; provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: On September 12, 2011, the Supreme Court of Georgia approved Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee Advisory Opinion 2010-1, which concludes that "a nonlawyer who answers for a garnishee other than himself in a legal proceeding pending with a Georgia court of record is engaged in the unlicensed practice of law."

The State Bar Executive Committee filed a brief suggesting that a change in court rules might remedy what appeared to be an impracticable result. Justice Nahmias filed a concurrence suggesting that legislation rather than court rules may be required to allow businesses and institutions to resume the business practice of having non-lawyer personnel fill out large numbers of garnishment response forms.

HB 683 addresses the garnishment issue by clarifying that the "garnishee answer" is not to be considered an answer or a civil pleading under the Civil Practice Act. Therefore, when an entity is a garnishee under the chapter, the entity's authorized officer or employee does not have to be an attorney to file the garnishee answer. If a traverse or claim is filed to the entity's answer, the entity would then be required to hire an attorney in further garnishment proceedings.

HB 683 also clarifies service of summons of garnishment on corporations in accordance with the Civil Practice Act and 9-11-4. Finally, it raises the cap of what a garnishee may receive for actual reasonable expenses in answering a garnishment from \$50 to \$100.

The committee substitute made some technical changes.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Wendell Willard of the 49th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **House Committee Passed:** 1/12/2012
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

HB 713 - Quality Basic Education Act; career and college readiness initiatives; delay implementation

- BILL SUMMARY: House Bill 713 is making minor changes to House Bill 186. It delays the implementation of some career and college readiness initiatives until the 2013-2014 school year. It adds a section stating that the State Board of Education shall require a career education study in grades kindergarten through 12. House Bill 713 also changes the mandated assessment for postsecondary readiness to the end of the 11th grade.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Randy Nix of the 69th
- **House Committee:** Education
- **House Committee Passed:** 1/12/2012
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

* *The Rules Committee will next meet on Tuesday, January 24, at 09:00 AM, to set the Rules Calendar for the 8th Legislative Day.*

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

There is NO committee action to report today.

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

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

10:00AM	Floor Session	HOUSE CHAMBER
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	341 CAP
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Ramsey Subcommittee of Judiciary Non-Civil	132 CAP
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Resolution Subcommittee of Transportation	506 CLOB (1:45pm)
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Appropriations General Government Subcommittee	415 CLOB
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Setzler Subcommittee of Judiciary Non-Civil	230 CAP
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	606 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Education Finance Subcommittee #3- Equalization	406 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	CHILDREN & YOUTH	403 CAP
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	TRANSPORTATION	506 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	DEFENSE & VETERANS AFFAIRS	515 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Admin/Licensing Subcommittee of Insurance	514 CLOB
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Education Finance Study Commission	406 CLOB
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY	515 CLOB
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	HIGHER EDUCATION	506 CLOB
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	WAYS & MEANS	606 CLOB
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Jacobs Subcommittee (Subcommittee Two) Judiciary Civil	132 CAP

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