

## TOMORROW'S FORECAST

- \* The House will reconvene for its 9th Legislative Day on Thursday, January 26, at 10:00 AM.
- \* No bills are expected to be debated on the floor.



## GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# DAILY REPORT

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

8th Legislative Day

## TODAY ON THE FLOOR

Speaker David Ralston gavelled the House into session today, and invited the Georgia State Senate to join the House for a joint session of the General Assembly to hear Chief Justice Carol W. Hunstein deliver the "State of the Judiciary" address.

## RULES CALENDAR

### **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
- **House Committee:** Retirement
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured
- **Amendments(s):** N/A
- **Yeas:** 137; **Nays:** 6

## LOCAL CALENDAR

### **HB 690 - Coweta County; board of commissioners; revise districts**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Coweta County Board of Commissioners.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Lynn Ratigan Smith of the 70th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 136; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 694 - Coweta County; board of education; change description of districts**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Coweta County Board of Education.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Lynn Ratigan Smith of the 70th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 136; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 701 - Troup County; Board of Commissioners; change the description of districts**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Troup County Board of Commissioners.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Randy Nix of the 69th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 136; **Nays:** 0

## **HB 702 - Troup County; Board of Education; change the description of districts**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Troup County Board of Education.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Randy Nix of the 69th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 136; **Nays:** 0

## **HB 740 - Carroll County; Board of Commissioners; change descriptions of districts**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Carroll County Board of Commissioners.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Kevin Cooke of the 18th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 136; **Nays:** 0

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# **COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT**

## **Health & Human Services**

### **HB 479 - Private home care providers; arrangements with independent contractors; revise definition**

- BILL SUMMARY: House Bill 479 refines the definition of Private Home Care Providers to prohibit contractual arrangements with independent contractors.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Katie M. Dempsey of the 13th
- **Committee Action:** No Action Available

## **Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

### **HB 709 - Bryan County; Board of Education; change description of districts**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Bryan County Board of Education.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Ron Stephens of the 164th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

## **Intragovernmental Coordination - Local**

### **HB 723 - Putnam County; Board of Education; change method of electing members**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Putnam County Board of Education.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mickey Channell of the 116th
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass

## **Retirement**

### **HB 542 - Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; transfer service credit; provide**

- BILL SUMMARY: HB542 provides that any member of the Employees Retirement System (ERS) who was previously a member of the Judicial Retirement System (JRS) may elect to have all contributions made by the employer and the employee transferred to ERS. Notification must be made to the board of trustees by December 31, 2012. The member shall receive creditable service, not to exceed the actual years of prior service, based on the actual amount transferred or paid so as not to create any liability on the retirement system.

This is a fiscal retirement bill.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Jay Powell of the 171st
- **Committee Action:** Do Pass by Committee Substitute

## Retirement

### HB 635 - Macon Water Commissioners - Pension Plan; change provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 635 amends provisions relating to the Macon Water Commissioners Pension Plan. This bill excludes individuals whose hire date is on or after July 1, 2012 and it gives existing participants the ability to participate in a new plan established by the Board. The bill also changes the definition of "final average monthly compensation" used to calculate benefits and it amends the definition of "disability" to exclude disabilities that are self-inflicted or that occurred while committing a crime.

This is a fiscal retirement bill.

- **Authored By:** Rep. David Lucas of the 139th
- **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.*

## COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 26, 2012

TBD	<u>Floor Session</u>	HOUSE CHAMBER (10:00am)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<u>NATURAL RESOURCES &amp; ENVIRONMENT</u>	606 CLOB
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY &amp; HOMELAND SECURITY</u>	515 CLOB
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<u>ENERGY, UTILITIES &amp; TELECOMMUNICATIONS</u>	506 CLOB
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	<u>LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT</u>	406 CLOB- CANCELED
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>JOINT EDUCATION</u>	506 CLOB
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee</u>	415 CLOB
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<u>Appropriations Human Resources Subcommittee</u>	406 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 [www.house.ga.gov](http://www.house.ga.gov) and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*