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## TOMORROW'S FORECAST

\* The House will reconvene for its 20th Legislative Day on Monday, February 10, at 10:00 AM.

\* 8 bills are expected to be debated on the floor.



# GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 07, 2014

19th Legislative Day

# *DAILY REPORT*

# 2014

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# **TODAY ON THE FLOOR**

## **RULES CALENDAR**

### **HB 654 - Guardian; change provisions relating to appointment of a testamentary guardian**

- BILL SUMMARY: House Bill 654 amends 29-2-4(b)(1)-(4) as follows:

Paragraph (1) establishes that unless the minor has another living parent, letters of guardianship shall be issued to the individual nominated in the will to serve as testamentary guardian without a hearing, so long as they are willing. If an objection is filed, letters of guardianship are mailed after a hearing on the objection.

Paragraph (2) establishes that notice is sent by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery in the following line of inheritance: 1) adult siblings if any; 2) grandparents and; 3) great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, great aunts and uncles. 9Section 2, lines 47-50, the names and address of those required to be served shall be provided by the individual who files the petition to probate the will.)

Paragraph (3) establishes that objections to the listed testamentary guardian must be filed within 10 days of being served with notice. The objection shall include facts with reasonable specificity as to why the testamentary guardian is unfit.

Paragraph (4) establishes hearing requirement of 30 days in which to hear an objection. The guardian shall be nominated testamentary guardian unless the objector, by clear and convincing evidence, establishes that the guardian is unfit. The process shall not delay the will being probated.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver of the 82nd

- **House Committee:** Judiciary

- **Rule:** Modified-Open

- **Yeas:** 157; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 766 - Work Based Learning Act; enact**

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill replaces the Youth Apprenticeship Program with a work-based learning program. It allows students in the 11th and 12th grades or a student over age 16 to enroll in a work-based learning program. Work-based learning programs are designed to provide students with real-world work opportunities to prepare them for a future career. Students who enter into this program will be granted leave time from school to work as a student learner for any business enterprise approved by the local work based learning coordinator. This bill also defines eligibility requirements for work based learning coordinators.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Eddie Lumsden of the 12th

- **House Committee:** Education

- **Rule:** Modified-Open

- **Yeas:** 163; **Nays:** 1

## **POSTPONED TO NEXT LEGISLATIVE DAY**

### **HB 837 - Probation services; provide for legislative findings and intent; provisions**

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 837 amends Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A. relating to agreements for probation services by stating that it is the General Assembly's intention to authorize judges to use county and municipal probation services providers to supervise misdemeanor and county and city ordinance offenders in the same manner as the judges of the superior courts use state probation services as a way to supervise felony offenders. The bill also amends Code Section 42-8-100 by taking out the language of "county or municipal court" in relation to jurisdiction of probation matters as well as adding a list of terms and conditions for probation that the probationer shall follow including avoiding injurious and vicious habits, remaining in a specified location, and wear a device capable of tracking the location of the probationer. HB 837 allows judges to toll warrants when all efforts have been exhausted to find a running probationer while adding to the Code section an effective date for the tolling of the sentence and discussing related fines and time already served on probation.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Mark Hamilton of the 24th

- **House Committee:** Public Safety & Homeland Security

- **House Committee Passed:** 2/4/2014

- **Rule:** Modified-Open

## **LOCAL CALENDAR**

### **HB 892 - Forsyth County Community Improvement District Act; enact**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide for the creation of a community improvement district in Forsyth County.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Dudgeon of the 25th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 152; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 902 - Forsyth County State Court; correct error in establishing terms of court; provisions**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act creating the State Court of Forsyth County, so as to correct an error in establishing the terms of court.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Dudgeon of the 25th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 152; **Nays:** 0

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- **Authored By:** Rep. Mike Dudgeon of the 25th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 152; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 909 - Winder, City of; change corporate limits**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Winder.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Terry England of the 116th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 152; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 912 - Manchester, City of; staggered terms of office for members of governing authority; provide**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to amend an Act incorporating the City of Manchester.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Debbie Buckner of the 137th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 152; **Nays:** 0

### **HB 916 - Baconton, City of; provide new charter**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Baconton.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jay Powell of the 171st
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 152; **Nays:** 0

**\* The House will reconvene Monday, February 10, at 10:00 AM, for its 20th Legislative Day.**

## **COMMITTEE ON RULES**

**The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 20th Legislative Day, Monday, February 10, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.**

### **NEXT ON THE FLOOR**

#### **HB 645 - Insurance; electronic transmissions of notices and documents from an insurers to a party to an insurance transaction; provisions**

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 645 provides for insurers to offer electronic policy processing and information dissemination to their policy holders. It does not allow them to make the program mandatory.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Matt Dollar of the 45th
- **House Committee:** Insurance
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/5/2014
- **Rule:** Open

#### **HB 646 - Magistrates Retirement Fund of Georgia; part-time chief magistrates may become members of such fund; provide**

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill deletes the "full-time chief magistrate" definition under the code section relating to the Magistrates Retirement Fund of Georgia. By deleting this definition all magistrates, including those that are part-time, will be eligible to participate in the fund.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Barry Fleming of the 121st
- **House Committee:** Retirement
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/5/2014
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

#### **HB 714 - Labor; determination of eligibility for unemployment benefits of certain people performing certain services; provide changes**

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 714 amends the law regarding unemployment insurance. It provides that private employees that work in seasonal jobs cannot receive unemployment insurance benefits during breaks in their employment if there is a reasonable expectation that their employment will resume at the end of the break. This law establishes parity with public sector seasonal employees. It becomes effective January 1, 2015.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Mark Hamilton of the 24th
- **House Committee:** Industry and Labor
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/6/2014
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

#### **HB 719 - Sales and use tax; continuation of joint county municipal tax; provide**

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation amends Article 2 of §48-8, and establishes that all local option sales tax distribution certificates that were filed between June 4, 2010 and October 18, 2013 are valid and will stay in effect until a subsequent distribution certificate is filed with the Department of Revenue.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Kevin Tanner of the 9th
- **House Committee:** Ways & Means
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/6/2014
- **Rule:** Structured

#### **HB 741 - Water resources; issuance of sludge land application permits; revise certain requirements**

- BILL SUMMARY: This bill revises the requirements related to the issuance of sludge land application permits by adding a subsection stating that the EPD director shall require any applicant to provide written verification that the proposed facility complies with applicable local zoning or land use ordinances, if any. The bill also requires that the public hearings conducted by EPD and the applicant for the permit be within the jurisdiction of the local governing authority where the proposed sludge land application site is located.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Kevin Tanner of the 9th
- **House Committee:** Natural Resources & Environment
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/6/2014
- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

### **HB 835 - Controlled substances; Schedules I, III, and IV; change certain provisions**

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation amends O.C.G.A. 16-13-25, 27, 28 and 71 regarding Schedule 1 controlled substances by including additional Schedule 1 drugs.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Bruce Broadrick of the 4th
- **House Committee:** Judiciary Non-Civil
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/5/2014
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

### **HB 877 - Motor vehicles; local authorities ability to regulate use of personal transportation vehicles on roadways and designated paths and lanes; provide**

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 877 updates and modernizes the Georgia Motor Vehicle Code as it relates to Motorized Carts and Personal Transportation Vehicles. It establishes Georgia as the model for all states in the use of these vehicles on public paths and roadways.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jay Roberts of the 155th
- **House Committee:** Motor Vehicles
- **House Committee Passed:** 2/6/2014
- **Rule:** Modified-Open

**\* The Rules Committee will next meet on Monday, February 10, at 9:00 AM, to set the Rules Calendar for the 21st Legislative Day.**

## **COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT**

No full standing committee action took place today

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

## **COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

### **Monday, February 10, 2014**

TBD	<a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 20)</a>	HOUSE CHAMBER- 10:00am
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<a href="#">E-Discovery Subcommittee of Judiciary Civil</a>	132 CAP
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<a href="#">Academic Innovations Subcommittee of Education</a>	415 CLOB
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES</a>	341 CAP
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<a href="#">Atwood Subcommittee of Juvenile Justice</a>	515 CLOB
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<a href="#">GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS</a>	606 CLOB
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<a href="#">Academic Support Subcommittee of Education</a>	415 CLOB
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<a href="#">Resource Management Subcommittee of Natural Resources</a>	403 CAP
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<a href="#">Life &amp; Health Subcommittee of Insurance</a>	506 CLOB
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<a href="#">HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</a>	606 CLOB
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<a href="#">INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION</a>	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](#).*