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Legislative Day 21

The General Assembly was in recess on Monday, February 20, and convened today for Legislative Day 21. Judiciary Committee meetings were held in both the House and Senate across these two days. In the following days, Senate Appropriations will hold hearings on [HB 44](#), the budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

The General Assembly will reconvene on Wednesday, February 22, for Legislative Day 22.

This report is a compilation of the items acted on this week affecting Georgia's judiciary. To view more legislation pertaining to the judiciary, as well as bill summaries, previous reports, and committee meeting schedules, please visit legislation.georgiacourts.gov.

Floor and Committee Action

Legislation Supported by the Judicial Council

[HB 212 - Child support; recommendation by the Georgia Child Support Commission; enact](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Beth Beskin (R – Atlanta)

Action: HB 212 received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary Civil Committee (2/21/17).

[HB 308 - Domestic relations; child support; enact provisions recommended by Georgia Child Support Commission](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Beth Beskin (R – Atlanta)

Action: HB 308 received a Do Pass by Committee Substitute by the House Judiciary Civil Committee (2/21/17).

Other Bills

[HB 15 - Courts; certain civil pleadings to be filed electronically; require](#) (LC 29 7449S)

Sponsor: Rep. Wendell Willard (R – Sandy Springs)

Action: HB 15 received a Do Pass by Committee Substitute by the House Judiciary Civil Committee (2/21/17).

[HB 32 - Crimes and offenses; sexual contact between school employees or agents and enrolled students; prohibit](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Joyce Chandler (R – Grayson)

Action: HB 32 was tabled by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Setzler Subcommittee (2/21/17).

[HB 65 - Low THC Oil Patient Registry; conditions and eligibility; change provisions](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Allen Peake (R – Macon)

Action: HB 65 received a hearing by the House Judiciary (Non-Civil) Committee (2/21/17).

[HB 78 - Commerce and trade; Georgia uniform securities; clarify a defined term; provisions](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Dar'shun Kendrick (D – Lithonia)

Action: HB 78 received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary Civil Committee (2/21/17)

[HB 192 - Banks, trust companies, and corporations; responsibilities and standard of care of directors and officers; change provisions](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Beth Beskin (R – Atlanta)

Action: No action was taken on HB 192 by House Judiciary Civil Kelley Subcommittee (2/20/2017).

[HB 213 - Crimes and offenses; sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession of fentanyl within the prohibition of trafficking certain drugs; include](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Rich Golick (R – Smyrna)

Action: HB 213 received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary (Non-Civil) Committee (2/21/17)

[HB 266 - Guardian and ward; personal property value guardian may receive without becoming legal conservator of minor; provisions](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Trey Kelley (R – Cedartown)

Action: HB 266 received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary Civil Committee (2/21/17).

[HB 279 - Domestic relations; name change requested by victim of family violence; provide separate process](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (R – Canton)

Action: HB 279 received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary Civil Committee (2/21/17).

[HB 280 - Firearms; license holders; carrying and possession of certain weapons in certain buildings or real property owned or leased to public institutions of postsecondary education; authorize](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (R – Canton)

Action: No action was taken on HB 280 by the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee (2/20/17).

[HB 390 - Motor vehicles; assessment of no points and maximum fine for failure to obey traffic control device in certain instances; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Ed Setzler (R-Acworth)

Action: HB 390 received a Do Pass from the House Public Safety & Homeland Security Subcommittee A (2/21/17).

[HB 406 - Weapons; reciprocity of recognizing and giving effect to licenses to carry from other states; revise requirements](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Alan Powell (R – Hartwell)

Action: HB 406 received a Do Pass from the House Public Safety & Homeland Security Subcommittee A (2/20/2017).

[SB 126 - State Tort Claims; venue of actions; provisions; change](#)

Sponsor: Sen. John Kennedy (R– Macon)

Action: SB 126 received a Do Pass by the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee A (2/21/17).

[SB 154 -Assault and Battery; public safety officer while engaged in his or her official duties; provide for the offenses of aggravated assault and aggravated battery](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Gregory Kirk (R – Americus)

Action: SB 154 received a Do Pass by Committee Substitute from the Senate Public Safety Committee (2/21/17).

[SB 160 - “Back the Badge Act of 2017”](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tyler Harper (R – Ocilla)

Action: No action taken on SB 160 by the Senate Public Safety Committee (2/21/17).

[SB 194 - Garnishment Proceedings; maximum part of disposable earnings subject to garnishment; change](#) (LC 29 7415ER)

Sponsor: Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro)

Action: SB 194 received a Do Pass from the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee A (2/21/17).

Committee Meeting Schedule*

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 – Legislative Day 22

8:00 AM	Senate Appropriations Judicial Subcommittee	450 CAP
10:00 AM	House Floor Session	House Chamber
10:00 AM	Senate Floor Session	Senate Chamber
Adj.	Senate Rules	450 CAP
1:00 PM	House Judiciary (Non-Civil)	132 CAP
1:00 PM	Senate Special Judiciary	125 CAP
4:00 PM	Senate Public Safety General Welfare Subcommittee	Mezz
4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary Subcommittee B	307 CLOB
4:00 PM	House Judiciary Kelley Subcommittee	132 CAP

Thursday, February 23, 2017 – Legislative Day 23

9:00 AM	House Rules	341 CAP
10:00 AM	House Floor Session	House Chamber
10:00 AM	Senate Floor Session	Senate Chamber
Adj.	Senate Rules	450 CAP
1:00 PM	Senate Public Safety	310 CLOB
1:00 PM	House Intergovernmental Coordination	403 CAP
4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary	307 CLOB

Friday, February 24, 2017 – Legislative Day 24

10:00 AM	House Floor Session	House Chamber
10:00 AM	Senate Floor Session	Senate Chamber
Adj.	Senate Rules	450 CAP

**This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change*

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