



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

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Legislative Days 5-6

After a weeklong recess dedicated to joint budget hearings, the General Assembly returned on Monday, January 27, for Legislative Day 5. Both chambers have shown a major increase in committee activity and a small number of bills have already received floor votes. The House and Senate Judiciary committees each have meetings scheduled throughout the week.

House Appropriations subcommittee hearings are scheduled through Thursday, January 30. The tracking documents for the [FY 2020 Amended](#) Budget and [FY 2021](#) can be found by following the respective links.

Both chambers stand adjourned until Wednesday, January 29, at 10:00 a.m. for Legislative Day 7. To view more legislation pertaining to the judiciary, please visit legislation.georgiacourts.gov.

Floor & Committee Action

HB 38 - Crimes and offenses; theft; define a term

Sponsor: Rep. Rhonda Burnough (D – Riverdale)

Action: No action was taken on HB 38 by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Reeves Subcommittee (1/28/20).

HB 303 - Crimes and offenses; anachronistic terms; remove

Sponsor: Rep. Josh McLaurin (D – Sandy Springs)

Action: No action was taken on HB 303 by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Setzler Subcommittee (1/28/20).

HB 440 - Juvenile Code; juvenile court to include children who are under the age of 18 years; change jurisdiction

Sponsor: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (R – Canton)

Action: HB 440 was given a hearing by the House Juvenile Justice Committee (1/28/20).

HB 544 - Mental health; procedures regarding emergency involuntary treatment; revise

Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Efstration (R – Dacula)

Action: HB 544 received a hearing by the House Judiciary Kelley Subcommittee (1/27/20).

HB 720 - Criminal procedure; term of probation shall follow the mandatory term of imprisonment for persons convicted of a sexual offense; clarify

Sponsor: Rep. Steven Sainz (R – Woodbine)

Action: No action was taken on HB 720 by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Setzler Subcommittee (1/28/20).

HB 757 - Elections; determination of qualifying periods for special elections; provide

Sponsor: Rep. Barry Fleming (R – Harlem)

Action: HB 757 received a Do Pass by the House Governmental Affairs Elections Subcommittee (1/27/2020); and received Do Pass by the House Governmental Affairs Committee (1/28/20).

HB 759 - Controlled substances; Schedule IV; change certain provisions

Sponsor: Rep. Butch Parrish (R – Swainsboro)

Action: HB 759 received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Reeves Subcommittee (1/28/20).

HB 765 - Courts; increase in the minimum compensation for chief magistrates; provide

Sponsor: Rep. Mitchell Scoggins (R – Cartersville)

Action: HB 765 received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary Civil Committee (1/28/20).

SB 35 - Sex Offenders; residing near their victims and such victims' immediate family members; prohibit

Sponsor: Sen. Lester Jackson (D – Savannah)

Action: SB 35 received a hearing from the Senate Judiciary Committee (1/27/20).

[SB 159 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic; operation of motorized mobility devices; provide](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Steve Gooch (R – Dahlonaga)

Action: SB 159 received a Do Pass by the Senate Transportation Committee (1/28/20).

[SB 295 - Courts and Revenue and Taxation; cost-of-living and general performance based increases; revise](#)

Sponsor: Sen. John Wilkinson (R – Toccoa)

Action: SB 295 received a Do Pass by the Senate State & Local Governmental Affairs Committee (1/28/20).

[SB 298 - Crimes and Offenses and Education; protections for and education to minors regarding smoking and vaping](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Renee Unterman (R – Buford)

Action: No action was taken on SB 298 by the Senate Regulated Industries & Utilities Committee (1/28/20).

Floor & Committee Meeting Schedule*

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 – Legislative Day 7

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	House Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee	341 CAP
4:00 PM	Senate Retirement SB 249 - Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; amount of monthly dues paid; increase; amounts collected from fines; revise	415 CLOB
4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary	307 CLOB

Thursday, January 30, 2020 – Legislative Day 8

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	House Powell Public Safety and Homeland Security Subcommittee HB 641 - Georgia Bureau of Investigation; grant powers and duties to identify and investigate violations of the Georgia Computer Systems Protection Act and other computer crimes	415 CLOB
2:00 PM	House Judiciary Civil	132 CAP
4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary	307 CLOB

Friday, January 31, 2020 – Legislative Day 9

8:00 AM	House Judiciary Non- Civil	132 CAP
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

**This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please visit the [House Meetings page](#) and the [Senate Meetings page](#) for a complete list of meetings, the most current schedules and agendas.*

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