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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Legislative Days 10-11

The General Assembly returned on Monday, February 3, for Legislative Day 10. Committees remained busy and several bills have received floor votes. The current adjournment resolution, [HR 879](#), sets the legislative calendar through Monday, February 10, (LD 14). It is likely that another adjournment resolution will be released in the upcoming days.

The Council of Magistrate Court Judges and the Council of Probate Court Judges each held their respective Day at the Capitol on Tuesday, February 4 (LD 11). Both events were successful and well attended.

Both chambers stand adjourned until Wednesday, February 5, at 10:00 a.m. for Legislative Day 12.

This report is a compilation of 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 & Committee Action

[HB 113 – Motor vehicles; prohibit license and instruction permit holders from using a stand-alone electronic device or wireless telecommunications device while driving](#)

Sponsor: Rep. John Carson (R – Marietta)

Action: No action was taken on HB 113 by the House Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee (2/3/2020).

[HB 484 – Property; provide for the resolution of disputes in which a medical funding provider has provided payment to a consumer's health care provider](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Andrew Welch (R – McDonough)

Action: HB 484 received a Do Pass from the House Judiciary Civil Welch Subcommittee (2/3/2020).

[HB 659 – Retirement and pensions; age of eligibility for retirement benefits for appellate court judges; decrease](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Trey Kelley (R – Cedartown)

Action: HB 659 received Do Pass from the House Retirement Committee (2/4/2020).

[HB 664 – Georgia Judicial Retirement System; membership for certain persons employed in certain full time positions requiring admission to the State Bar of Georgia as a condition of employment; require](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Barry Fleming (R – Harlem)

Action: HB 664 received a Do Pass from the House Retirement Committee (2/4/2020).

[HB 733 – Georgia Judicial Retirement System; prohibition of postretirement benefit adjustments for members who first became members of the retirement system on or after July 1, 2009; remove](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Steven Sainz (R – Woodbine)

Action: No action was taken on HB 733 by the House Retirement Committee (2/4/2020).

[HB 786 - Superior courts; additional judge of the Flint Judicial Circuit; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Andrew Welch (R – McDonough)

Action: HB 786 received a Do Pass from the House Judiciary Civil Committee (2/3/2020).

[HB 821 – Retirement and pensions; granting postretirement benefit adjustments to certain individuals; provisions](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Debbie Buckner (D – Junction City)

Action: HB 821 received a Do Pass from the House Retirement Committee (2/4/2020).

[HB 823 – Crimes and offenses; lifetime disqualification from operating a commercial motor vehicle by persons convicted of trafficking other persons for labor or sexual servitude; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Houston Gaines (R – Athens)

Action: HB 823 received a Do Pass by Committee Substitute from the House Motor Vehicles Committee (2/4/2020).

[HR 1023 – Judiciary; people may petition for declaratory relief from certain acts of this state or certain local governments or officers or employees; provide - CA](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Andrew Welch (R – McDonough)

Action: HR 1023 received Do Pass from the House Judiciary Civil Welch Subcommittee (2/3/2020); and; received a Do Pass by Substitute from the House Judiciary Civil Committee (2/4/2020).

[SB 35 – Sex offenders; residing near their victims' immediate family members; prohibit](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Lester Jackson (D – Savannah)

Action: SB 35 failed to receive a Do Pass from the Senate Judiciary Committee (2/3/2020).

[SB 302 – "Tax Credit Return on Investment Act of 2020"; independent economic analyses; provide; enact](#)

Sponsor: Sen. John Albers (R – Roswell)

Action: SB 302 received a Do Pass from the Senate Finance Committee (2/3/2020).

[SB 325 – Limitations on Prosecution; Statute of limitations; corporation may be prosecuted for trafficking of persons for labor or sex](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Zahra Karinshak (D – Duluth)

Action: SB 325 received a hearing from the Senate Judiciary Committee (2/3/2020).

[SB 326 – Sentencing and Imposition of Punishment; court imposing sentence may grant the relief of vacatur for nonviolent convictions; provide. \(Hearing Only\) _](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Zahra Karinshak (D – Duluth)

Action: SB 326 received a hearing from the Senate Judiciary Committee (2/3/2020).

[SB 331 – Minor; to knowingly possess images that depict a naked or nearly naked, suggestively posed and inappropriately sexualized child; illegal](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Randy Robertson (R – Cataula)

Action: SB 331 received a hearing from the Senate Judiciary Committee (2/3/2020).

[SB 332 – Obscenity and Related Offenses; possession or manufacturing of childlike sex dolls; prohibit](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Lester Jackson (D – Savannah)

Action: SB 332 received a hearing from the Senate Judiciary Committee (2/3/2020).

Floor & Committee Meeting Schedule*

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 – Legislative Day 12

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 SB 301 - Detainers; inmates charged with subsequent felony offenses under sentence and in custody; temporary custody provisions; revise SB 308 - Abandoned Vessels; unattended vessels in public waters; remove certain redundant processes SB 320 - Sexual Offender Registration Review Board; sexually dangerous predators who fail to verify or update registration information; provide penalty	MEZZ 1
1:30 PM	House Judiciary Non-Civil Reeves Subcommittee HB 172 - Claims Advisory Board; compensation of persons wrongfully convicted and imprisoned; provide HB 488 - Commerce and trade; prevent organized retail crime	132 CAP
2:30 PM	House Judiciary Non-Civil Setzler Subcommittee HB 364 - Crimes and offenses; authorize second chances under conditional discharge for controlled substances violations under certain circumstances HB 799 - Motor vehicles; prohibition regarding eligibility of certain violators to receive early reinstatement of their driver's licenses and limited driving permits; repeal	132 CAP

3:00 PM	House Appropriations Public Safety	341 CAP
4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary SB 315 - Mechanics and Materialmen; waiver and release of lien and bond rights/other remedies under the law; provide SB 335 - Children and Youth; foster children and foster families; laws and supports strengthen. SB 287 - Limitations on prosecution for murder, rape, aggravated sodomy, or aggravated sexual battery (Hearing Only)	307 CLOB

Thursday, February 6, 2020 – Legislative Day 13

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 Juvenile Justice HB 440 - Juvenile Code; juvenile court to include children who are under the age of 18 years; change jurisdiction	406 CLOB
4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary	307 CLOB

Friday, February 7, 2020 – In Recess

No Meetings Scheduled

**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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