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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Legislative Days 26-27

The General Assembly reconvened on Monday, March 9 (LD 27), for what is likely to be one of the busiest weeks of the 2020 Legislative Session. Crossover Day (LD 28) is scheduled for Thursday, March 12. This is the last day in which a bill can pass its chamber of origin and remain eligible for final passage. Wednesday, March 11, is designated as a Committee Work Day and the House has several meetings scheduled. The House and Senate have each set a Rules Calendar for Thursday, and supplemental calendars are expected in the House.

The House passed its version of [HB 793](#), the FY 2021 budget, on Tuesday and immediately transmitted it to the Senate. The tracking document for the House version can be found [here](#). The Conference Committee for [HB 792](#), the Amended FY 2020 budget, is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, March 11.

The House and Senate have each adopted their own adjournment resolution outlining the rest of the legislative schedule. While there are differences between the resolutions, both chambers have scheduled the final day of the 2020 Legislative Session (LD 40/Sine Die) to be Thursday, April 2.

Both chambers stand adjourned until Thursday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. for Legislative Day 28.

This report is a compilation of items acted on this week affecting Georgia's judiciary¹. To view more legislation pertaining to the judiciary, as well as bill summaries, previous reports, and committee meeting schedules, please visit legislation.georgiacourts.gov.

¹¹ As of 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Floor & Committee Action

Legislation Supported by the Judicial Council

[HB 1108 - Property; procedures and requirements for the payment of certain settlements involving minors' claims; clarify and revise](#)

Sponsor: Rep. James Burchett (R – Waycross)

Action: HB 1008 was scheduled to receive a hearing from the House Special Committee on Access to the Civil Justice System (3/10/2020).

Other Bills

[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 received a Do Pass by Substitute from the House Juvenile Justice Committee (3/9/2020).

[HB 520 - Elections; change date of nonpartisan general elections](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Houston Gaines (R – Athens)

Action: HB 520 received a Do Pass by the House Governmental Affairs Committee (3/10/2020)

[HB 528 - Georgia Crime Information Center; record restriction for individuals convicted of certain felonies and misdemeanors under certain circumstances; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (R – Canton)

Action: HB 528 failed to receive a Do Pass by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Reeves Subcommittee (3/9/2020).

[HB 544 - Mental health; procedures regarding emergency involuntary treatment; revise](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Efstration (R – Dacula)

Action: HB 544 received a Do Pass by Substitute from the House Judiciary Civil Committee (3/9/2020).

[HB 793 - Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 202 - June 30, 2020](#)

Sponsor: Speaker David Ralston (R – Blue Ridge)

Action: HB 793 received a Do Pass from the House Appropriations Committee and passed out of House Rules (3/9/2020); passed the House with a vote of 134-35 (3/10/2020); and was immediately transmitted to the Senate (3/10/2020).

[HB 883 - Georgia Gang Prevention and Intervention Task Force; create](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Carl Gilliard (D – Garden City)

Action: HB 883 received a Do Pass by Substitute from the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee (3/9/2020).

[HB 903 - Motor vehicles; issuance of a traffic citation to a vehicle owner in lieu of the individual operating the motor vehicle in certain instances; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Matt Dollar (R – Marietta)

Action: HB 903 passed the House with a vote of 161-3 (3/9/2020).

[HB 911 - Crimes and offenses; offenses of improper sexual conduct by a foster parent in the first and second degrees; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Ed Setzler (R – Acworth)

Action: HB 911 passed the House with a vote of 165-0 (3/9/2020).

[HB 913 - Domestic relations; protection of children; strengthen, clarify, and update provisions](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Bert Reeves (R – Marietta)

Action: HB 913 passed out of House Rules (3/9/2020); and passed the House by Substitute with a vote of 153-7 (3/10/20).

[HB 955 - Crimes and offenses; simple battery against a person 65 years of age or older; repeal enhanced penalties](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Efstration (R – Dacula)

Action: HB 955 received a hearing from the House Governmental Affairs Elections Subcommittee (3/9/2020).

[HB 983 - Sexual Offender Registration Review Board; information required to be provided by sexual offenders when they register; revise](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Ricky Williams (R – Milledgeville)

Action: HB 983 passed the House with a vote of 164-0 (3/9/2020).

[HB 984 - Criminal procedure; sentencing; change provisions](#)

Sponsor: Rep. James Burchett (R – Waycross)

Action: HB 984 passed the House with a vote of 164-0. (3/9/2020).

[HB 1006 - Atlanta Judicial Circuit; provide for the selection of the chief judge](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Derrick Jackson (D – Tyrone)

Action: HB 1006 passed the House on the Local Calendar with a vote of 153-1 (3/10/2020)

[HB 1020 - Motor vehicles; license suspension for conviction of drug related offenses; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Micah Gravley (R – Douglasville)

Action: HB 1020 received a Do Pass by Substitute from the House Motor Vehicles Committee (3/10/2020).

[HB 1078 - Courts; assessment and collection of a technology fee by any court in this state; authorize](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Andrew Welch (R – McDonough)

Action: No action was taken on HB 1078 by the House Judiciary Civil Committee (3/9/2020).

[HB 1082 - Motor vehicles; notification letter for retrieving a motor vehicle held by a towing and storage firm, repair facility, or salvage dealer; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Alan Powell (R – Hartwell)

Action: HB 1082 passed out of House Rules (3/9/2020); and passed the House with a vote of 162-01(3/10/2020)

[HB 1083 - Criminal procedure; verification of immigration status; provisions Crimes and offenses; provide for the crime of theft by possession of stolen mail](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Jesse Petrea (R – Savannah)

Action: HB 1083 received a Do Pass by Substitute from the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee (3/9/2020).

[HB 1094 - Public officers and employees; paid parental leave for state employees; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Houston Gaines (R – Athens)

Action: HB 1094 passed out of House Rules and passed the House with a vote of 164-1 (3/10/2020)

[HB 1101 - Insurance; requirements of insurers upon information requests by claimants; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Martin Momtahan (R – Dallas)

Action: HB 1001 received a hearing from the House Special Committee on Access to the Civil Justice System (3/10/2020).

[HB 1116 - Insurance; uninsured motorist coverage; revise liability of an insurer upon refusal to pay an insured](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Gullett (R – Dallas)

Action: HB 1116 received a hearing from the House Special Committee on Access to the Civil Justice System (3/10/2020).

[HB 1121 - Torts; right of action for sexual harassment against a co-worker, supervisor, or employer; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Efstration (R – Dacula)

Action: HB 1121 received a hearing from the House Special Committee on Access to the Civil Justice System (3/10/2020).

[SB 318 - Education; public forums at public institutions of higher education; provide \(Substitute\)](#)

Sponsor: Sen. William Ligon (R – Brunswick)

Action: SB 318 passed the Senate by Substitute with a vote of 32-21 (3/9/2020).

[SB 337- Invasion of Privacy; prohibition against the transmission of photography depicting nudity; include falsely created video graphic or still images](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Thompson (R – White)

Action: SB 337 passed out of Senate Rules (3/9/2020); and passed the Senate with a vote of 51-0 (3/10/2020).

[SB 344 - Education; public forums at public institutions of higher education; provide \(Substitute\)](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Jeff Mullis (R – Chickamauga)

Action: SB 344 passed the Senate with a vote of 54-1 (3/9/2020).

SB 405 - Superior Courts of the Cobb Judicial Circuit; eleventh judge; provide

Sponsor: Rep. Lindsey Tippins (R – Marietta)

Action: SB 405 passed out of Senate Rules (3/9/2020); and passed the Senate with a vote of 51-0 (3/10/2020).

SB 414 - Registration of Voters; any person convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude shall not register to, remain registered to or vote; provide.

Sponsor: Sen. Harold Jones (D – Augusta)

Action: SB 414 received a hearing from the Senate Judiciary Committee (3/9/2020).

SB 415 - Civil Practice and Litigation; several titles of the O.C.G.A.; amend and revise

Sponsor: Sen. Steve Gooch (R – Dahlonega)

Action: SB 415 was passed out of Senate Rules (3/9/2020); and was tabled by the Senate (3/10/2020).

SB 439 - Juvenile Code; enhanced notice to and improved participation of foster, preadoptive, and relative caregivers in certain hearings; provide

Sponsor: Sen. Matt Brass (R – Newnan)

Action: SB 439 passed the Senate with a vote of 54-0 (3/9/2020).

SB 443 - Garnishment Proceedings; revise; uniform procedures for garnishment actions; provide

Sponsor: Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro)

Action: SB 443 passed out of Senate Rules (3/9/2020); and passed the Senate with a vote of 47-0 (3/10/2020).

SB 472 - Contracts; recovery of voluntary payments; provisions; repeal

Sponsor: Sen. Nikema Williams (D – Atlanta)

Action: SB 472 received a hearing from the Senate Judiciary Committee (3/9/2020).

SB 485 - Motor Vehicles and Traffic and Ignition Interlock Devices; condition of probation; individuals convicted of a first offense of driving under the influence; require

Sponsor: Sen. Randy Robertson (R – Cataula)

Action: SB 485 received a hearing from the Senate Judiciary Committee (3/9/2020).

Floor & Committee Meeting Schedule*

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – In Recess/Committee Work Day

8:30 AM	Joint House & Senate Appropriations Conference Committee HB 792 - Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	403 CAP
TBD	Senate Rules	450 CAP
1:30 PM	House Judiciary Civil 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 HB 828 - Restroom Access Act; enact HB 1078 - Courts; assessment and collection of a technology fee by any court in this state; authorize	132 CAP
2:00 PM	House Juvenile Justice HB 1068 - Domestic relations; equitable caregivers; provide	406 CLOB
3:00 PM	House Industry & Labor HB 1034 - Labor and industrial relations; violations of provisions related to employment of minors; provide civil penalties	506 CLOB

**Thursday, March 12, 2020 – Legislative Day 28
(Crossover Day)**

9:00 AM	House Rules	341 CAP
10:00 AM	House Floor Session Rules Calendar	House Chamber
10:00 AM	Senate Floor Session Senate Calendars	Senate Chamber
ADJ	Senate Rules	450 CAP

Friday, March 13, 2020 – Legislative Day 29

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

**Schedule reflects meetings and legislation relevant to the judiciary. 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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