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Legislative Day 36 & Recess

The General Assembly convened on Monday March 19, 2018 for Legislative Day 36 and remained in recess on Tuesday, March 20 for the purpose of a committee work day. With few days remaining in the 2018 legislative session, both chambers have held long floor sessions and committees are working to move out their final bills of the year. The Senate Appropriations Committee is set to hear [HB 684](#), the FY 2019 budget, on Wednesday morning.

The House and Senate will return Wednesday, March 21 for LD 37 and Friday, March 23 for LD 38. Both chambers will stand in recess for the final committee work day on Thursday, March 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

HB 381 - Abandoned Mobile Home Act; enact

Sponsor: Rep. John Corbett (R – Lake Park)

Action: HB 381 passed the Senate by Substitute with a vote of 53-0. (3/19/18)

HB 410 - Condominiums; certain fees imposed on purchasers; provide for limits

Sponsor: Rep. Alan Powell (R – Hartwell)

Action: HB 410 received a Do Pass by Substitute from the Senate Judiciary Committee. (3/19/18)

HB 732 - Crimes and offenses; trafficking an individual for sexual servitude; provisions

Sponsor: Rep. Deborah Silcox (R – Sandy Springs)

Action: HB 732 passed the Senate with a vote of 51-0. (3/19/18)

HB 763 - Education; student attendance protocol committees to school climate; expand

Sponsor: Rep. Randy Nix (R – LaGrange)

Action: HB 763 received a Do Pass as amended from the Senate Education & Youth Committee. (3/19/18)

HB 765 - C.J.'s Law; enact

Sponsor: Rep. “Able” Mable Thomas (D – Atlanta)

Action: HB 765 passed out of Senate Rules. (3/19/18)

HB 790 - State government; recommendations of the Court Reform Council; implement

Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Efstration (R – Dacula)

Action: HB 790 received a Do Pass from the Senate Judiciary Committee. (3/19/18)

HB 791 - State government; limited waiver of the state's sovereign immunity for declaratory or injunctive relief under certain circumstance; provide

Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Efstration (R – Dacula)

Action: HB 791 was given a hearing by the Senate Judiciary Committee. (3/19/18)

HB 803 - Crimes and offenses; trafficking a disabled adult, elder person, or resident; prohibit

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

Action: HB 803 received a Do Pass by the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. (3/20/18)

HB 856 - Board of Public Safety; add commissioner of community supervision

Sponsor: Rep. John Deffenbaugh (R – Lookout Mountain)

Action: HB 856 passed the Senate with a vote of 52-0. (3/19/18)

[HB 891 - Handicapped persons; blind persons shall not be discriminated against in matters relating to child custody; provisions](#)

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

Action: HB 891 was given a hearing by the House Judiciary Civil Kelley Subcommittee. (3/19/18)

[HB 897 - Georgia Power of Attorney Act; revise](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Efstration (R – Dacula)

Action: HB 897 passed the Senate with a vote of 53-0. (3/19/18)

[HB 906 - Public records; public disclosure of personal information of certain foster parents; exclude](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Katie Dempsey (R – Rome)

Action: HB 906 passed out of Senate Rules. (3/19/18)

[HR 993 - Business court; state-wide jurisdiction; create](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Efstration (R – Dacula)

Action: HR 993 was given a hearing by the Senate Judiciary Committee. (3/19/18)

[HR 1416 - House Study Committee on Bail Reform; create](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Doreen Carter (D – Lithonia)

Action: HR 1416 received a Do Pass by Substitute as amended by the House Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee. (3/20/18)

[SB 39 - Pimping and Pandering; increase the penalty provisions](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Renee Unterman (R – Buford)

Action: SB 39 received a Do Pass by Committee Substitute by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee. (3/20/18)

[SB 127 - Failure to Provide Notice Not Rendering Responsible Person Liable; victim to file a motion in a criminal case to assert his or her rights; allow](#)

Sponsor: Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon)

Action: SB 127 received a Do Pass by Committee Substitute by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee. (3/20/18)

[SB 301 - "Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act"; enact](#)

Sponsor: Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon)

Action: SB 301 passed the House with a vote of 162-2. (3/19/18)

[SB 315 - Computer Crimes; create a new crime of unauthorized computer access; penalties; provide](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Bruce Thompson (R – White)

Action: No action was taken on SB 315 by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee. (3/20/18)

[SB 335 - Trafficking of Persons for Labor; offense of trafficking an individual for sexual servitude; expand](#)

(Original language removed, replaced with the language of [HB 1006](#)).

Sponsor: Sen. Renee Unterman (R – Buford)

Action: SB 335 received a Do Pass by Committee Substitute by the House Judiciary Non-Civil. (3/20/18)

[SB 452 - Criminal Procedure and Penal Institutions; peace officer to take certain actions; verification that a suspect is illegal alien; require](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro)

Action: SB 452 received a Do Pass by Substitute as amended by the House Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee. (3/20/18)

[SR 146 - Certain Rights for Victims; suffered or harmed due to an act committed; in violation of the criminal or juvenile delinquency laws; provide-CA](#)

Sponsor: Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon)

Action: SR 146 received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee. (3/20/2018)

Committee Meeting Schedule*

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – Legislative Day 37

8:00 AM	Senate Appropriations HB 684 - General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	341 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
1:00 PM	House Juvenile Justice	415 CLOB
1:00 PM	Senate Public Safety	MEZZ 1
4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary HB 605 - Hidden Predator Act of 2018; enact HB 673 - Motor vehicles; prohibit actions which distract a driver while operating a motor vehicle; provisions	307 CLOB

Thursday, March 22, 2018 – In Recess

4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary	307 CLOB
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Friday, March 23, 2018 – Legislative Day 38

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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