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WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Legislative Days 5-6

On Thursday, January 18, the General Assembly returned to the Capitol for Legislative Day 5. While overall legislative activity remains slow, some committees have held introductory meetings and a small number of bills have received a committee hearing.

Appropriations hearings for the Executive Branch were scheduled for both Tuesday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 17 but weather conditions caused the Wednesday meetings to be canceled. House Appropriations subcommittees are scheduled to continue hearings on the Amended Fiscal Year 2018 budget next week.

Both chambers stand adjourned until Monday, January 22, at 10 a.m. for Legislative Day 7.

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 159 - Domestic relations; adoption; substantially revise general provisions](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Bert Reeves (R – Marietta)

Action: HB 159 was engrossed by the Senate; HB 159 was passed by the Senate by Substitute.
(1/18/18)

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

Sponsor: Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro)

Action: SB 194 received a Do Pass by Committee Substitute by the Senate Judiciary Committee. (1/18/18)

Committee Meeting Schedule*

Monday, January 22, 2018 – Legislative Day 7

9:00 AM	House Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee	415 CLOB
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 161 - Drivers' Licenses; form of all drivers' licenses and identification cards issued to applicants who are US citizens; require horizontal orientations SB 315 - Computer Crimes; create a new crime of unauthorized computer access; penalties; provide SB 319 - "Consolidation of Fire Safety Services in Georgia Act"; enact; Department of Fire Safety; establish SB 327 - Death Investigations; medical examiner's inquiry is required to be conducted; clarify	MEZZ 1
2:00 PM	House Judiciary (Civil) Fleming Subcommittee HB 630 - Probate courts; change certain general provisions	132 CAP
2:00 PM	House Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee	415 CLOB
2:00 PM	House Judiciary (Civil) Kelley Subcommittee HB 674 - State government; waiver of sovereign immunity for declaratory judgment or injunctive relief under certain circumstances; provide	132 CAP
4:00PM	Senate Judiciary HB 344 - Paternity; parties beyond movants in a child support case request a genetic test; allow SB 321 - Medicaid Claims; false or fraudulent; recover the maximum penalty authorized by federal law; increase the civil penalties	307 CLOB

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 – Legislative Day 8

9:00 AM	House Appropriations Public Safety Subcommittee	415 CLOB
10:00 AM	House Floor Session	House Chamber
10:00 AM	Senate Floor Session	Senate Chamber
ADJ	Senate Rules	450 CAP

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 – Legislative Day 9

10:00 AM	House Floor Session	House Chamber
10:00 AM	Senate Floor Session	Senate Chamber
ADJ	Senate Rules	450 CAP
4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary	307 CLOB

Thursday, January 25, 2018 – Legislative Day 10

10:00 AM	House Floor Session	House Chamber
10:00 AM	Senate Floor Session	Senate Chamber
ADJ	Senate Rules	450 CAP
4:00 PM	Senate Judiciary	307 CLOB

Friday, January 26, 2018 – 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.*

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