



## JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GEORGIA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

# WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Week 3 (Legislative Days 5-7)

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The Georgia Legislature returned on Monday, January 28 for Legislative Day 5 and stayed in session until Wednesday, January 31 (LD 7). Little action was taken on the floor but committees in both chambers began to meet and pass out legislation.

Appropriations hearings were held between Tuesday, January 22 and Friday, January 25. The tracking documents for the [FY 2019 Amended](#) Budget and [FY 2020](#) Budget can be found by following their respective links.

One bill supported by the Judicial Council was introduced this week. [HB 92](#) would allow municipal court judges to roll over up to 6 excess annual training hours to the subsequent year. The House Judiciary Civil Committee met on Tuesday and passed [HB 21](#) and [HB 28](#). These bills provide for an additional superior court judgeship in the Gwinnett and Griffin Judicial Circuits respectively.

On Wednesday, January 30 (LD 7), the House adopted [HR 97](#), calling for a Joint Session on Tuesday, February 19 to hear Chief Justice Harold D. Melton present the State of the Judiciary Address.

The General Assembly will be in recess on Monday, February 4 and return on Tuesday, February 5 for Legislative Day 8.

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](http://legislation.georgiacourts.gov).

**The following legislation supported by the Judicial Council was filed this week:**

[HB 92 - Georgia Municipal Courts Training Council; training hours completed by a municipal court judge in excess of those required may carry over to the following year; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Dale Rutledge (R – McDonough)

HB 92 amends Title 36 of the O.C.G.A. to allow municipal court judges who complete training hours in excess of the annual requirement to request that up to six of those excess hours be rolled over and applied to the subsequent calendar year.

**Action:** HB 92 was assigned to the House Judiciary Civil Committee. (1/30/19)

**Floor and Committee Action**

[HB 21 - Gwinnett Judicial Circuit; additional judge of the superior court; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Efstoration (R – Dacula)

**Action:** HB 21 received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary Civil Committee. (1/29/19)

[HB 28 - Griffin Judicial Circuit; additional judge of the superior court; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Karen Mathiak (R – Griffin)

**Action:** HB 28 received a Do Pass by the House Judiciary Civil Committee. (1/29/19)

[HB 29 - Skidaway Island, City of; compliance with constitutional requirements; provide](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Jesse Petrea (R – Savannah)

**Action:** HB 29 received a Do Pass by the House Governmental Affairs Committee. (1/30/19)

[HR 1 - Nathan Deal Judicial Center; naming the forthcoming new state appellate judicial complex](#)

Sponsor: Speaker David Ralston (R – Blue Ridge)

**Action:** HR 1 received a Do Pass by the House State Properties Committee. (1/30/19)

[SB 25 - Rules of the Road; when driver of a vehicle need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus; clarify](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Bill Heath (R – Bremen)

**Action:** SB 25 received a Do Pass by Substitute by the Senate Public Safety Committee. (1/30/19)

## **Committee Meeting Schedule\***

### **Monday, February 4, 2019 – In Recess**

No Meetings Scheduled

### **Tuesday, February 5, 2019 – Legislative Day 8**

8:00 AM	House Judiciary Non-Civil	132 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	515 CLOB
3:00 PM	House Judiciary Civil Welch Subcommittee <a href="#">HB 25</a> - Contracts; provide military service members civil relief concerning certain contractual obligations due to circumstances of active duty	132 CAP

### **Wednesday, February 6, 2019 – 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, February 7, 2019 – 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, February 8, 2019 – Legislative Day 11**

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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