

HOUSE FIRST READERS IN SENATE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

THIRTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY

HB 498. By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Maxwell of the 17th, Chandler of the 105th, Clark of the 101st, Taylor of the 173rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-10A-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to professional counselors, social workers, and others, so as to revise the definition of "professional counseling"; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 499. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Parsons of the 44th, Smyre of the 135th, Kaiser of the 59th and Rice of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the nonrenewal and nonissuance of driver's licenses for certain reasons; to provide for the nonrenewal and nonissuance of motor vehicle registrations for certain reasons; to provide for automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 508. By Representatives Fleming of the 121st, Atwood of the 179th, Weldon of the 3rd, Hightower of the 68th, Williams of the 87th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-2-244 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optional benefits available to appellate court judges, notice of election of benefits, eligibility for benefits, disability benefits and survivors benefits, so as to decrease the age of eligibility for certain benefits; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 736. By Representatives Atwood of the 179th, Jones of the 167th, Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Wilkinson of the 52nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license plates promoting certain beneficial projects and supporting certain worthy agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations, so as to provide for a special license plate promoting marine habitat conservation; to provide for related matters; to require a two-thirds' majority vote for passage in accordance with constitutional requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 749. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Greene of the 151st, Harrell of the 106th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Teasley of the 37th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-8-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to councils of regional commissions, membership, terms of membership, voting, officers, and powers, so as to authorize such councils to meet by teleconference or similar means; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 781. By Representatives Raffensperger of the 50th, Rynders of the 152nd, Jones of the 167th, Taylor of the 173rd, Broadrick of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36, Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45, and Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities; general provisions regarding eligibility and qualifications for public office; and general provisions relating to state government, respectively, so as to require that individuals appointed to authorities, boards, councils, and commissions be United States citizens; to provide for other residency requirements; to provide for a definition; to provide for enforcement; to provide an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 795. By Representatives Epps of the 144th, Greene of the 151st, Tanner of the 9th, Hitchens of the 161st, Jasperse of the 11th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Driver's Education Commission, so as to transfer such commission from the Department of Driver Services to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety; to extend the sunset applicable to penalties for violations of traffic laws or ordinances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 887. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Quick of the 117th, Caldwell of the 131st, Abrams of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Articles 3 and 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dependency proceedings and termination of parental rights, respectively, so as to prioritize the placement of a child with a relative who is an adult or fictive kin when such individual is qualified to care for such child and it is in the best interests of the child; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 893. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, Battles of the 15th, Stephens of the 164th, Duncan of the 26th, Knight of the 130th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to administration of revenue and taxation, so as to change certain provisions regarding forms of payment; to lower the threshold for requiring electronic payment of sales taxes, withholding taxes, and motor fuel distributor taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 899. By Representatives Powell of the 171st, England of the 116th, Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Meadows of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 13 and 13A of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tobacco product manufacturers and master settlement agreement enhancements, respectively, so as to revise and add certain definitions; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for responsibilities of cigarette importers and stamping agents; to provide for duties of the Attorney General and the revenue commissioner; to amend Chapter 11 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxes on tobacco products, so as to clarify applicability in conjunction with other provisions of law; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 920. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Powell of the 171st, Fleming of the 121st, Petrea of the 166th and Cooper of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to restrict civil actions against passive investors in nursing homes and intermediate care homes; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure; to provide for insurance or self-insurance trusts as a condition precedent to obtaining or maintaining a permit to operate a nursing home or intermediate care home; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 926. By Representatives Broadrick of the 4th, Stephens of the 164th, Harden of the 148th and Parrish of the 158th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to provide for the regulation of certain facilities and entities involved in the wholesale, manufacture, and distribution of drugs; to provide definitions; to provide for licensure and registration; to provide for temporary pharmacy licenses for service members; to revise provisions relating to the compounding of drug products to conform with federal law; to establish requirements relating to drug supply chain security; to revise a provision relating to the return of outdated drugs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 951. By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th, Powell of the 171st, Abrams of the 89th, Dickey of the 140th, Smyre of the 135th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, so as to create a new exemption for admissions to major sporting events; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 952. By Representatives Nimmer of the 178th, Dickey of the 140th, Rogers of the 10th, Coomer of the 14th and Carter of the 175th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to enact the "Georgia Professional Regulation Reform Act"; to provide for executive oversight of licensing boards; to establish state policy for the regulation of certain professions and businesses; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 954. By Representatives Efstoration of the 104th, Cooper of the 43rd, Abrams of the 89th, England of the 116th, Trammell of the 132nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 29 of the O.C.G.A., relating to guardian and ward, so as to enact the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 959. By Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Coleman of the 97th, Nix of the 69th, Clark of the 101st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to update and clarify certain provisions relating to K-12 education; to revise a provision relating to conflicts of interest of local board of education members; to provide that students who earn certain grades in dual enrollment courses in core subjects are exempt from taking end-of-course assessments for such courses; to authorize the sharing of data for certain program evaluation purposes; to provide for an annual review of tuition for the Georgia Virtual School; to eliminate a restriction on the Office of Student Achievement's authority to establish a nonprofit corporation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 962. By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Dempsey of the 13th, Benton of the 31st, Hugley of the 136th, Sharper of the 177th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Human Services generally, so as to provide for the creation, appointment, removal, and duties of a kinship care enforcement administrator; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 973. By Representatives Coomer of the 14th, Rice of the 95th, Powell of the 32nd, Kaiser of the 59th, Clark of the 101st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to identification and regulation of motor vehicles, so as to provide for the regulation by the Department of Public Safety of towing service providers operating on interstate highways subject to appropriation by the General Assembly; to provide for definitions; to require annual permits for the operation of towing service providers; to provide for power of the department to establish procedures for the issuance of such permits; to provide for a maximum fee to be charged for such permits; to provide for authority to promulgate rules and regulations; to provide for a right to a hearing upon denial of such permit; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 979. By Representatives Caldwell of the 131st, Cooper of the 43rd, Golick of the 40th, Atwood of the 179th, Lott of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to assault and battery and related offenses against persons, so as to increase the punishment for aggravated assault and aggravated battery committed upon hospital emergency department personnel and emergency medical services personnel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 991. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 171st and Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1002. By Representatives Fludd of the 64th, Jones of the 62nd, Mabra of the 63rd and Waites of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for a nonbinding, advisory referendum for the electors of the City of College Park regarding airport noise issues; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for procedures and requirements relating thereto; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1056. By Representative Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Pickens County Airport Authority, approved April 19, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 3645), so as to reduce the number of members; to revise the appointment and qualifications of members; to revise the election of chairperson; to revise terms by which a vacancy on the authority shall exist; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1064. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Welch of the 110th, Lumsden of the 12th, Tanner of the 9th and Taylor of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Safety, so as to revise provisions for the off-duty use of motor vehicles by certain law enforcement officers of the department relative to approved off-duty employment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1067. By Representative Rhodes of the 120th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Greene County, approved May 16, 2007 (Ga. L. 2007, p. 3602), so as to provide for an election supervisor; to provide for the qualifications, appointment, compensation, duties, and employment of said election supervisor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1072. By Representatives Coomer of the 14th, Abrams of the 89th, Rogers of the 29th, Blackmon of the 146th, Harden of the 148th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-374 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service cancelable loan fund and authorized types of service cancelable educational loans financed by state funds and issued by the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to remove ineligibility for such loans for members of the Georgia National Guard also receiving HOPE scholarship or HOPE grant funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1073. By Representatives Strickland of the 111th and Weldon of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to change provisions relating to procedure in juvenile courts; to provide that adoption proceedings be stayed while an appeal of an order to terminate rights is pending; to clarify the court's duties to a case while an appeal is pending; to clarify provisions relating to the waiver of the right to counsel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1074. By Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Carson of the 46th, Dollar of the 45th, Setzler of the 35th, Evans of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, so as to change the compensation of the judges of the state court; to authorize the governing authority of Cobb County to make payments to the Trial Judges and Solicitors Retirement Fund; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1081. By Representative Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Jersey, approved March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4484), so as to change the terms of the members of the governing authority; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1082. By Representative Greene of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Blakely; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing; to provide a specific repealer; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1083. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, Pirkle of the 155th and Watson of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating and establishing the State Court of Tift County, approved March 30, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 2468), so as to change the office of the solicitor of the state court to a full-time position; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1084. By Representatives Houston of the 170th, England of the 116th, Watson of the 172nd, Shaw of the 176th and Efstoration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 2-6-27 of the O.C.G.A., relating to additional duties and powers of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, so as to eliminate certain powers and duties of such commission relative to measuring farm and agricultural uses of water; to amend Title 12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to conservation and natural resources, so as to substitute the State Forestry Commission for the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission with regard to certain powers and duties relative to measuring farm and agricultural uses of water; to change certain provisions relating to the powers of the director of the State Forestry Commission concerning the adoption of rules and regulations and methods of administration; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1085. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, England of the 116th, Parrish of the 158th, Cooper of the 43rd, Hatchett of the 150th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to services for the aging, so as to transfer the oversight of such services to the Department of Community Health; to provide for the department to establish a community care unit within the Division of Medical Assistance; to delete certain provisions related to the implementation of a community care system; to provide for an annual community care plan to be incorporated into the State Plan for Medical Assistance; to change references to agency to department; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.