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This Week in the Senate

June 22 - 26, 2020



Sine Die

This week, the Senate adjourned *Sine Die*, bringing an end to perhaps the most improbable legislative session to date. This is the latest adjournment of the General Assembly in recent memory and represents a year in which the Senate was faced with challenges ranging from a healthcare emergency to a budget crisis. Through it all, however, the Senate demonstrated its resilience and continued its work for the people of Georgia. While the Senate passed nearly 50 pieces of legislation this week, the most urgent and necessary bill was HB 793 – the general budget for the 2021 fiscal year.

HB 793 cleared its final hurdle in the Senate on Thursday, when the conference committee report on the budget was adopted. This budget is substantially different from the version passed by the House in March and contains multitudes of changes as we gathered vital financial data following the economic impact at the peak of COVID-19. While cuts were expected, the final product represents a smaller cut than what we first thought necessary and eliminates the need for furlough days for many of our state employees. We were also able to utilize federal funds from the CARES Act to backfill a few of the other reductions we had to make, specifically to education, cushioning the overall blow to the budget. Additionally, through years of careful budgeting and conservative stewardship of state funds, Gov. Brian Kemp was able to transfer around \$250 million from the state reserve fund to assist with financing other vital items. This budget is not what we originally planned to pass back in January. However, I am proud of the work done to ensure that Georgia's budget remains balanced and important state services remain operational.

None of the Senate's accomplishments, however, are ever possible without the help of our dedicated staff who sacrifice their time and energy and work around the clock to keep the Senate functioning, especially during this uncertain time. Specifically, I want to recognize the Senate Budget and Evaluation Office for their tireless work on the FY2021 budget. This is tough task in the best of circumstances, but they rose to the occasion and spent many sleepless nights working with members of the Appropriations Committee to ensure that we met our obligation of passing a balanced budget. The Senate Research Office dedicated their legal minds to ensuring that senators were well informed on the content of legislation and provided necessary context to help inform their decision-making. I would also like to thank the Senate Press Office for ensuring that Senate proceedings remained transparent and viewable by the public, even with the strict new healthcare guidelines imposed upon them, and continued to go above and beyond to make sure the needs of Senate members and the media were met. Finally, I need to thank all of our all other administrative offices, legislative assistants and interns for their work this session. We could not do this without you.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize our departing Senators who participated in their final Sine Die this year: Sen. Ellis Black (R – Valdosta), Sen. Bill Heath (R – Bremen), Sen. Steve Henson (D – Stone Mountain), Sen. Zahra Karinshack (D – Duluth), Sen. William Ligon (R – Brunswick), Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro), Sen. Renee Unterman (R – Buford) and Sen. John Wilkinson (R – Toccoa). All of these dedicated individuals answered a call so few of us respond to: a life of public service. Each of these senators served their districts with distinction and their contributions to the Senate body will be missed.

While the session may be over, the legislature still has work to do as our communities continue to address the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. In six short months, we will resume our business back under the Gold Dome and bring new ideas and legislation to the table for people of Georgia. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if I can ever be of assistance.

Senator Butch Miller
President Pro Tempore, Georgia Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 22

Increasing Death Benefits Payable Under the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund

Sen. Larry Walker (R – Perry) carried House Bill 195, which would increase the amount of death benefits payable to beneficiaries under the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund to \$10,000. HB 195 passed with a vote of 48 to 0. – **HB 195**

The “Georgia Broadband Opportunity Act”

House Bill 244, carried by Sen. John F. Kennedy (R – Macon), would require Electric Membership Corporations to comply with rates, fees, terms, conditions and specifications for pole attachment requirements by communications service providers. Additionally, this legislation would provide for Public Service Commission oversight. HB 244 passed with a vote of 31 to 22. – **HB 244**

The “Robert Argo Disaster Volunteer Relief Act”

Sen. Bill Cowsert (R – Athens) carried House Bill 487, which would expand the state's Disaster Volunteer Relief Act to include any state employee who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the Civil Air Patrol, under certain conditions. HB 487 passed with a vote of 51 to 0. – **HB 487**

Updating Distribution Priorities for Certain Fees

House Bill 576, carried by Sen. Burt Jones (R – Jackson), would make changes to how partial payments of fines, bond forfeitures, surcharges and other fees are distributed and received by a superior court. HB 576 passed with a vote of 53 to 0. – **HB 576**

Amending TAVT Local Distribution Percentages

Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (R – Rome) carried House Bill 779, which would revise the amount of distribution percentages for title ad valorem tax proceeds collected in incorporated areas of a county. These percentages would differ depending on if the municipality does or does not have an independent school district. HB 779 passed with a vote of 50 to 0. – **HB 779**

The “Surprise Billing Transparency Act”

House Bill 789, carried by Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (R – Rome), would require insurance companies to publicly display health benefit plan surprise bill ratings for in-network hospitals. The bill would also allow the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance to establish regulations on these surprise bill rating requirements. HB 789 passed with a vote of 49 to 1. – **HB 789**

Allowing Additional Prescription Drugs During Emergencies

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta) carried House Bill 791, which would require insurance companies to cover prescription drugs for their subscribers during times of a declared emergency or areas under a hurricane warning. House Bill 791 passed with a vote of 48 to 0. – **HB 791**



Removing License Restrictions For Certain Offenses

House Bill 799, carried by Sen. John Albers (R – Roswell), would remove current prohibitions on a person's ability to obtain a temporary driving permit or have their license reinstated after being convicted for a driving under the influence offense. HB 799 passed with a vote of 44 to 3. – **HB 799**

Updating Georgia's Hemp Farming Laws

Sen. Tyler Harper (R – Ocilla) carried House Bill 847, which would make alterations to Georgia's licensing procedures for hemp farming and expand the eligibility requirements for universities participating in research related to the industry. HB 847 passed by a vote of 34 to 13. – **HB 847**

Providing Additional Options for the Disposal of Surplus Property

House Bill 848, carried by Sen. Tyler Harper (R – Ocilla), would provide the Department of Administrative Services with further options concerning the disposal of surplus property. HB 848 passed by a vote of 44 to 3. – **HB 848**

Updating Code on Wills and Trusts

Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro) carried House Bill 865, which would make various changes across multiple Titles of Georgia Code relating to wills, trusts and estates. HB 865 passed with a vote of 50 to 0. – **HB 865**

Staggering the Terms for Georgia's Seed Development Commission

House Bill 894, carried by Sen. Tyler Harper (R – Ocilla), would stagger the terms for members of Georgia's Seed Development Commission. HB 894 passed by a vote of 46 to 1. – **HB 894**

Updating the Statewide Notification System for Timber Harvesting

Sen. Tyler Harper (R – Ocilla) carried House Bill 897, which would require the State Forestry Commission to construct a website that provides a statewide notification system for people or organizations harvesting timber. HB 897 passed by a vote of 48 to 0. – **HB 897**

Expanding the Definition of War Veteran

House Bill 907, carried by Sen. William Ligon (R – Brunswick), would expand the eligibility for veterans qualified to reside in the Georgia State War Veterans' Home to include war veterans who have served during a period starting on January 1, 1947 and ending on June 26, 1950. HB 907 passed with a vote of 48 to 0. – **HB 907**

Allowing Caregivers To Arrange Babysitting for Foster Children

Sen. Brian Strickland (R – McDonough) carried House Bill 912, which would allow caregivers to arrange for short term babysitting of a child in foster care. HB 912 would also authorize the Department of Human Services to contract with child-placing agencies for certain casework services and to require different levels of training for foster parents. HB 912 passed with a vote of 49 to 0. – **HB 912**



Revising Regulations for Pharmacy Benefit Managers

House Bill 946, carried by Sen. Dean Burke (R – Bainbridge), would revise the regulatory framework of pharmacy benefit managers through increased filing and licensing fees, the prohibition of steering, as well as the requirement for certain reporting and national drug acquisition costs. Similarly, HB 946 would provide the Insurance Commission the authority to enforce such regulations. HB 946 passed with a vote of 49 to 0. – **HB 946**

Allowing Dependents to Claim Indemnification Benefits

Sen. Tyler Harper (R – Ocilla) carried House Bill 1017, which would allow indemnification benefits of a public safety officer who suffers a brain injury in the line of duty to be paid to their legal guardian. It would also allow death benefits of a public safety officer, who dies in the line of duty, to be paid to a dependent child, as long as the child is between 18 and 24 and attends a postsecondary institution. HB 1017 passed with a vote of 50 to 0. – **HB 1017**

Expanding Membership in the Georgia Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association

House Bill 1050, carried by Sen. Marty Harbin (R – Tyrone), would add health care corporations and health maintenance organizations under the membership terms for the Georgia Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association, while also providing for the terms of coverage and the Association's duties. HB 1050 passed with a vote of 48 to 1. – **HB 1050**

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

The “Georgia Pandemic Business Protection Act”

Sen. John F. Kennedy (R – Macon) carried House Bill 167, which would provide healthcare facilities, providers and workers limited liability immunity for the transmission of, contraction of, or exposure to COVID-19, unless it is due to gross negligence, wilful and wanton misconduct, or intentional infliction of harm. HB 167 passed with a vote of 31 to 19. – **HB 167**

The “Georgia Peer-to-Peer Car-Sharing Program Act”

House Bill 337, carried by Sen. John Kennedy (R – Macon), would require that peer-to-peer car-sharing programs assume liability over the owner for bodily injury or property damage to a third party during the car-sharing period. HB 337 passed with a vote of 41 to 7. – **HB 337**

Establishing a Hate Crimes Statute

Sen. Bill Cowsert (R – Athens) carried House Bill 426 which would enact a hate crime penalty statute. Specifically, HB 426 states that if it is determined that, beyond a reasonable doubt, that a victim of a crime was selected because of their actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender, mental disability or physical disability, the judge will impose a punishment of between 6 and 12 months imprisonment and a fine of no more than \$5,000 if the offense was classified as a designated misdemeanor. If the offense was a felony, the sentence ordered will be up to two years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$5,000. HB 426 would also establish certain reporting requirements. HB 426 passed with a vote of 47 to 6. – **HB 426**

Defining How Suspended Licenses May Be Sent

Sen. John Albers (R – Roswell) carried House Bill 463 which would define how a notice of a suspended license can be sent, specify that Georgia enter into commercial license reciprocity agreements with foreign political subdivisions and outline the framework for issuing electronic driver's licenses. HB 463 passed with a vote of 34 to 15. – **HB 463**

Amending the Georgia Motor Carrier Act of 2012

House Bill 758, carried by Sen. Randy Robertson (R – Cataula), would amend the Georgia Motor Carrier Act of 2012 by defining a motor carrier improvement and prohibiting the consideration of the deployment or implementation of such when evaluating the employee status of an individual. HB 758 passed with a vote of 34 to 14. – **HB 758**

Long-term Anchoring Regulations

House Bill 833, carried by Sen. William Ligon (R – Brunswick), would allow the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to create regulations related to long-term anchoring in Georgia's rivers, and would remove existing portions of current law requiring vessels to maintain certain records on pump-out facilities used to expel sewage. House Bill 833 passed with a vote of 48 to 1. – **HB 833**

Bias Motivated Intimidation

Sen. Randy Robertson (R – Cataula) carried House Bill 838, which would specify that anyone who maliciously and with intent intimidates, harasses or terrorizes another individual because of their status as a first responder would commit the new crime of bias motivated intimidation. The bill establishes that anyone found guilty of this offense would be sentenced to imprisonment of one to five years, a fine of up to \$5,000 or both. HB 838 passed with a vote of 33 to 20. – **HB 838**

Allowing For Alcohol Delivery

House Bill 879, carried by Sen. Bill Cowser (R – Athens), would allow for home delivery of beer and wine from grocery and convenience stores, as well as from alcohol delivery apps. HB 879 passed with a vote of 42 to 9. – **HB 879**

Reporting Child Abuse

House Bill 993, carried by Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro), would require that the state registrar provide certain documents related to child abuse or neglect to the Department of Family and Child Services (DFCS) and instruct DFCS to work with the Department of Public Health to create policies on how to send these records. HB 993 passed with a vote of 52 to 0. – **HB 993**

Removing Georgia's State-wide Business Court From Court of Appeals

Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro) carried HB 1003, which would remove the Georgia State-wide Business Court from under the administration of the Court of Appeals. HB 1003 passed with a vote of 48 to 0. – **HB 1003**

Revising The Definition of Residential Industrialized Building

House Bill 1008, carried by Sen. Lee Anderson (R – Govetown), would revise the definition of 'residential industrialized building' to provide that the structure can contain permanent metal chassis. HB 1008 passed with a vote of 45 to 5. – **HB 1008**

Establishing the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Wine and Grapes

Sen. Lee Anderson (R – Grovetown) carried House Bill 1093 which would establish the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Wine and Grapes. HB 1093 passed by a vote of 47 to 2. – **HB 1093**

Reducing Salaries for Members of the General Assembly

House Bill 1094, carried by Sen. Jeff Mullis (R – Chickamauga), would reduce the annual salaries for each member of the Georgia General Assembly and the Lieutenant Governor by 11% and 14%, respectively, for the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year. HB 1094 passed with a vote of 43 to 3. – **HB 1094**

Updating Georgia's Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan

Sen. Brandon Beach (R – Alpharetta) carried House Bill 1098, which would specify that the Director of Planning should prepare Georgia's Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan and how the plan should be reported to the Governor. HB 1098 passed with a vote of 51 to 0. – **HB 1098**

Naming Jack Hill State Park

House Resolution 1300, carried by Sen. Steve Gooch (R – Dahlonega), would rename Gordonia-Alatamaha State Park as Jack Hill State Park, in recognition of the late Sen. Jack Hill and grant certain easements in Glynn and Murray Counties. HR 1300 passed with a vote of 52 to 0. – **HR 1300**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Regulating Trauma Scene Cleanup Services

Sen. Tyler Harper (R – Ocilla) carried House Bill 417, which would define trauma scene as a location soiled or contaminated by biomedical waste or infectious diseases due to a homicide, suicide or decomposition of a body. Additionally, this bill requires practitioners to be registered with the Secretary of the State and to submit a fingerprint based background check. HB 417 passed with a vote of 43 to 7. – **HB 417**

Updating List of Dangerous Drugs

House Bill 759, carried by Sen. Dean Burke (R – Bainbridge), would add new substances to the definition of dangerous drug and add Solriamfetol as a Schedule IV substance. HB 759 passed with a vote of 49 to 0. – **HB 759**

Adding Superior Court Judges

House Bill 786, carried by Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro), would increase the number of judges on the Cobb Circuit to 11, Flint Circuit to 4 and Ogeechee Circuit to 4. HB 786 passed with a vote of 46 to 3. – **HB 786**

Revising Standards for Low Speed Vehicles

Sen. William Ligon (R – Brunswick) carried House Bill 877, which would make changes to how a slow moving vehicle is defined and allow converted motor vehicles to be issued a tag and title after passing inspection. HB 877 passed with a vote of 49 to 0. – **HB 877**

Changing PBM Processes

House Bill 918, carried by Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (R – Rome), would make several changes to how Pharmacy Benefit Manager Pharmacies are licensed and audited, and would make changes to the Pharmacy Anti-Steering and Transparency Act. HB 918 passed with a vote of 47 to 3. – **HB 918**

Creating New Guidelines For State Contracts

Sen. William Ligon (R – Brunswick) carried House Bill 953, which would add a new Code section to provide that certain terms in particular types of state contracts entered into by the Department of Administrative Services become unenforceable. HB 953 passed with a vote of 45 to 1. – **HB 953**

Gas Pipelines Operator Violations

House Bill 972, carried by Sen. John Albers (R – Roswell), would provide civil penalties when an operator transporting natural gas violates or fails to comply with orders of the Public Service Commission. HB 972 passed with a vote of 45 to 0. – **HB 972**

Updating Hunting Regulations

Sen. Tyler Harper (R – Ocilla) carried House Bill 998 which would update regulations on hunting under the influence, designate the Shoal Bass as the official state riverine sport fish of Georgia and permit the use of air guns for hunting, under certain circumstances. HB 998 passed with a vote of 37 to 10. – **HB 972**

Reducing Required Hours For Drug Use Risk Reduction Program

Sen. John Albers (R – Roswell) carried House Bill 1020, which would reduce the required hours for the Intervention Component of DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program from 20 hours to 16 hours. Additionally, this legislation allows driver charges with a DUI due to marijuana to be eligible for limited driving permits just as drivers charged with DUI due to alcohol. HB 1020 passed with a vote of 47 to 4. – **HB 1020**

Providing Additional Requirements for Service Contract Renewals

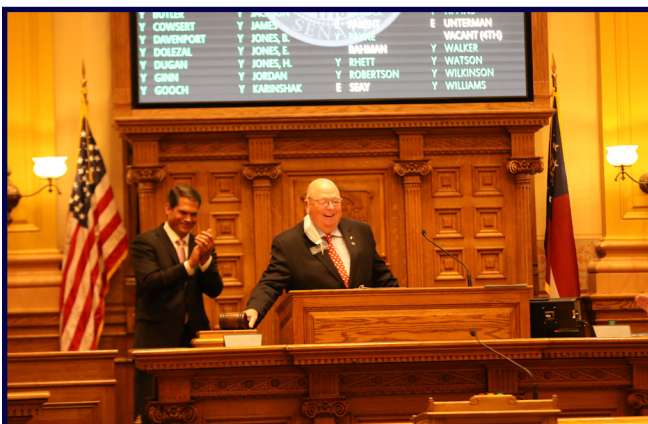
Sen. Ellis Black (R – Valdosta), carried House Bill 1039 which would require additional requirements for parties entering into an automatic service contract renewal for a period of more than 12 months. HB 1039 passed with a vote of 37 to 8. – **HB 1039**

Lacey’s Law

Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta) carried House Bill 1125 which would require the Georgia Department of Public Health to create a list of factors that may lead to higher-risk of developing breast cancer. Additionally, the bill would require the State Health Benefit Plan to offer breast cancer screenings to high-risk individuals age 30 and older. HB 1125 passed with a vote of 48 to 0. – **HB 1125**

Dedicating Roads and Bridges

House Resolution 1163, carried by Sen. Brandon Beach (R – Alpharetta), would dedicate and rename roads, bridges and intersections across Georgia. HR 1163 passed with a vote of 50 to 1. – **HR 1163**



THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Creation of Educators Appeal Process

House Bill 86, carried by Sen. Jeff Mullis (R – Chickamauga) would create an appeals process for teachers with a summative performance evaluation rating of “unsatisfactory” or “ineffective.” HB 86 passed with a vote of 49 to 0. – *HB 86*

Creating Benefit Corporations

Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro) carried House Bill 230, which would allow a new type of corporation, called a benefit corporation, to be established in Georgia. Benefit corporations would be for-profit companies that take into consideration issues that would improve public welfare. HB 230 passed with a vote of 32 to 19. – *HB 230*

Expanding State Investments and Environmental Finance Authority Loans

Sen. Jeff Mullis (R – Chickamauga) carried House Bill 901, which would expand the list of investments the state treasurer may invest in to include shares of limited mutual funds. It would also as well as provide the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority with the power to make loans to local governments and nongovernmental organizations for projects that protect land and water. HB 901 passed with a vote of 45 to 0. – *HB 901*



Restructuring the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority

Sen. Steve Gooch (R – Dahlonega) carried House Bill 511, which would make a number of changes to how the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (ATL) operates. This includes transferring the administration of the ATL to the Georgia Department of Transportation, restructuring the process of the selection of the ATL's Board of Directors and requiring that all properties that participate in ATL transit services display the ATL logo by 2023. HB 511 passed with a vote of 48 to 1. – **HB 511**

Allowing Out of State Dentists to Practice

House Bill 521, carried by Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta), would permit the Georgia Board of Dentistry to provide temporary licenses for out of state dentists to provide care at certain approved charitable dental events. HB 521 passed with a vote of 52 to 0. – **HB 521**

Requiring Membership to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System for Judges

Sen. Ellis Black (R – Valdosta) carried House Bill 663, which would require judges employed full time to become members of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System. HB 663 passes with a vote of 50 to 0. – **HB 663**

Requiring Proposed Commission Rates for Health Benefit Plans

House Bill 716, carried by Sen. Ben Watson (R – Savannah), would require health benefit plan carriers that issue through an agent, to file its proposed commission rates with the Department of Insurance. Additionally, the bill would establish a payment of commission upon policy renewal. HB 716 passed with a vote of 49 to 0. – **HB 716**

Funding For Local Charter Schools

Sen. Matt Brass (R – Newnan) carried House Bill 755, which would require each local board of education to provide local charter schools with preliminary allotment sheets for the upcoming fiscal year after the local school system receives its sheet from the Georgia Department of Education. HB 755 passed with a vote of 50 to 0. – **HB 755**

Increasing Minimum Compensation for Magistrate Judges

House Bill 767, carried by Sen. Chuck Payne (R – Dalton), the minimum salary for Chief Magistrate Judges in Georgia. HB 765 passed with a vote of 34 to 16. – **HB 765**

Utilizing Opinions of Value

Sen. Bill Heath (R – Bremen) carried House Bill 780, which would allow the State Properties Commission to take into account opinions of value when determining the valuation of state property, under certain circumstances. HB 780 passed with a vote of 49 to 1. – **HB 780**

Extending Eligibility Requirements for Veterans' License

Sen. Ed Harbison (D – Columbus) carried House Bill 819 which would extend the eligibility requirements for veterans' licenses to individuals who served in the military for an ally of the United States during a war or time of conflict. HB 819 passed with a vote of 50 to 0. – **HB 819**

Annual Internal Revenue Code Conformity and Tax Credits

House Bill 846, carried by Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (R – Rome), is composed of four sections. The first two would provide the annual Internal Revenue Code update, to ensure conformity for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and require the Department of Revenue to establish a direct pay reporting program for sales and use tax. The second portion of the bill would provide for qualifications for job tax credits for certain personal protective equipment manufacturers, as well as certain job or headquarters tax credit qualifications for 2020 and 2021 taxpayers. HB 846 passed with a vote of 46 to 3. – **HB 846**

Requiring State Board of Education to Assess Foster Care Student's Exposure to Trauma

Sen. Matt Brass (R – Newnan) carried House Bill 855, which would require the State Board of Education to adopt rules and protocols to assess whether exposure to trauma has had an adverse impact on a foster care student's educational performance, both academically and behaviorally. HB 855 passed with a vote of 49 to 0. – **HB 855**

Prohibiting the Use of Creosote or Naphthenate Treated Railroad Ties

House Bill 857, carried by Sen. John Wilkinson (R – Toccoa), would prohibit the Director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources from issuing permits for railroad ties treated with creosote or naphthenate for purposes of commercial electricity generation. HB 857 passed with a vote of 48 to 0. – **HB 857**

Amending Special Insurance Fraud Fund Assessments

House Bill 893, carried by Sen. Larry Walker (R – Perry), would revise the timeline for when insurance companies must submit their assessments to fund the Special Insurance Fraud Fund. Under the new revisions, assessments are due on September 1 of the year of assessment. HB 893 passed with a vote of 49 to 0. – **HB 893**

Granting Professional Licenses to Military Spouses

Sen. Bruce Thompson (R – White), carried House Bill 914 which would authorize the issuance of certain professional licenses to military spouses licensed to practice in another state. HB 914 passed with a vote of 42 to 8. – **HB 914**

Revising the Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act

House Bill 1037, carried by Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (R – Rome), would revise the definition of “production expenditures” and “qualified production activities,” in addition to amending the process for production companies seeking tax credits. For companies seeking a credit above a certain threshold, they must submit an application and audit through the Department of Revenue, while production companies seeking an additional percentage tax credit must be commercially distributed in multiple markets within five years. HB 1037 passed with a vote of 45 to 1. – **HB 1037**

Regulating Use of Domestic Septage

Sen. Lee Anderson (R – Grovetown) carried House Bill 1057, which would prohibit the distribution of fertilizers or selling of liming materials which contain domestic septage. HB 1057 passed with a vote of 52 to 0. – **HB 1057**

Revising Certain Insurance Requirements for Condominiums

House Bill 1070, carried by Sen. P.K. Martin (R – Lawrenceville), would require condominium associations and unit owners to share copies of certificates of insurance and adjuster between one another in the case of water damage or water peril claims. HB 1070 passed with a vote of 51 to 0. – **HB 1070**

Establishing Workplace Requirements for Expressing Breast Milk and Labor Rules

House Bill 1090, carried by Sen. Zahra Karinshak (D – Duluth), would require employers to provide a reasonable break time and location for employees that may need to express breast milk. The bill would also amend the calculation of maximum benefits payable, create a work-sharing program and provide the Insurance Commission with the authority to adopt emergency rules during a declared state-wide emergency. HB 1090 passed with a vote of 45 to 1. – **HB 1090**

Revising the Homestead Option Sales and Use Tax

Sen. Brian Strickland (R – McDonough) carried House Bill 1102 which would make revisions to the Homestead Option Sales and Use Tax, also known as HOST, by authorizing the replacement of the tax through a county referendum. HB 1102 passed with a vote of 30 to 20. – **HB 1102**

Establishing New Crimes Related to Abuse

Sen. John Albers (R – Roswell) carried House Bill 911, which would create a new offense of improper sexual contact by a foster parent and establish penalties for violations of this offense. HB 911 passed with a vote of 48 to 0. – **HB 911**

Specifying Time Period for Motions

Sen. Jesse Stone (R – Waynesboro) carried House Bill 984, which would specify the time period in which a defendant is required to file certain motions and provides that full credit will be given to an individual for each day spent in confinement. HB 984 passed with a vote of 45 to 0. – **HB 984**

Granting of Easements

House Resolution 1094, carried by Sen. Bill Heath (R – Bremen), would authorize non-exclusive easements to be granted for the construction, installation, operation and maintenance of certain facilities that reside on property owned by the state of Georgia in Barrow, Calhoun, Chatham, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Crisp, Dougherty, Douglas, McIntosh, Muscogee, Paulding, Polk and Richmond Counties. HR 1040 passed with a vote of 29 to 19. – **HR 1094**

Permitting the Conveyance of State Owned Property

House Resolution 1167, carried by Sen. Bill Heath (R – Bremen), would allow for the conveyance or lease of state owned property in several counties across Georgia. HR 1167 passed with a vote of 48 to 1. – **HR 1167**

Recognizing Sen. Steve Henson

Sen. Gloria Butler (D – Stone Mountain) presented Senate Resolution 989, to honor retiring Sen. Steve Henson (D – Stone Mountain). Sen. Henson was first elected to the Georgia Senate in 1990 and was re-elected in 2003. He has served as the Senate Minority Leader since 2011. – **SR 989**

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Repealing Certain Payment Requirements to Teachers Retirement System

House Bill 292, carried by Sen. Larry Walker (R – Perry), would eliminate certain payments required to be made by the University System of Georgia to the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. HB 292 passed with a vote of 32 to 19. – **HB 292**

Updating Office of Legislative Counsel Retirement Options

House Bill 664, carried by Sen. William Ligon (R - Brunswick), would require full-time employees of the Office of Legislative Counsel, who are employed on June 30, 2020 and after, to become enrolled in the Georgia Judicial Retirement System. Current employees will have the option to remain in the Employees Retirement System or to enroll in the Judicial Retirement System. HB 664 passed with a vote of 48 to 0. – **HB 664**



SPECIAL ORDERS

Senate Agreements

The Senate agreed to the House Substitute as amended on the following:

SB 413 (50-0)

The Senate agreed to the House Amendment to the Senate Substitute on the following:

HB 695 (47-0)

The Senate agreed to the House Substitute on the following:

SB 38 (53-0)

SB 104 (51-0)

SB 123 (39-9)

SB 211 (43-8)

SB 288 (46-0)

SB 295 (51-1)

SB 303 (51-1)

SB 313 (46-1)

SB 321 (46-5)

SB 336 (50-1)

SB 359 (34-16)

SB 367 (45-0)

SB 375 (45-8)

SB 377 (35-15)

SB 391 (52-0)

SB 393 (38-13)

SB 408 (49-1)

SB 410 (36-15)

SB 416 (43-10)

SB 442 (36-14)

SB 445 (46-0)

SB 462 (50-0)

SB 475 (48-0)

SB 482 (45-0)

SR 844 (53-0)

Conference Committee Reports

The Senate agreed to the Conference Committee Report on the following:

HB 793 (40-13) – Senators from the 19th, 30th, 49th

SB 28 (51-0) – Senators from the 12th, 9th

Senate Receded from Amendment

The Senate receded from the Senate Amendment on the following:

HB 914 (41-10)

Senate Disagreement

The Senate disagreed to the House Amendment to the Senate Substitute on the following:

HB 365



**The Georgia Senate Has Adjourned
Sine Die!**