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BILLS THAT APPEAR TO BE MOVING
(i.e., at third reader or committee favorably reported
status in originating body or further in process)

HB 49* – Revenue and taxation; electronic service of certain notices; provide

Representatives: Bret Harrell (R), 106th District David Knight (R), 130th District
Virgil Fludd (D), 64th District Jay Powell (R), 171st District
Penny Houston (R), 170th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee: Finance

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for electronic service of certain notices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: January 11, 2016 - Senate Recommitted
February 20, 2015 – House Passed/Adopted

HB 51 – Taxes; amount payable at redemption of property; change provisions**

Representatives: Tommy Benton (R), 31st District Ron Stephens (R), 164th District
Bill Werkheiser (R), 157th District

House Committee: Judiciary

Senate Committee: Judiciary

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to redemption of property sold for taxes, so as to change provisions relating to the amount payable at redemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: April 4, 2016 - House Sent to Governor
March 24, 2016 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute
March 2, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HB 95 – Local government investment pool; trust fund managed by state treasurer; provide**

Representatives: Kevin Tanner (R), 9th District Terry England (R), 116th District
Allen Peake (R), 141st District Amy Carter (R), 175th District
Bruce Broadrick (R), 4th District Paul Battles (R), 15th District

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Senate Committee: State and Local Governmental Operations

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-83-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the local government investment pool, so as to provide for a trust fund managed by the state treasurer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: July 1, 2015 - Effective Date
May 6, 2015 - House Date Signed by Governor
April 2, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted
February 19, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted

HB 170 – Transportation Funding Act of 2015; enact**

Representatives: Jay Roberts (R), 155th District Jon Burns (R), 159th District
Mark Hamilton (R), 24th District Terry England (R), 116th District
David Stover (R), 71st District Matt Hatchett (R), 150th District

House Committee: Transportation

Senate Committee: Transportation

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various provisions of the O.C.G.A., so as to provide for additional revenue necessary for funding transportation purposes in this state; to amend Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicles and traffic; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the Governor, so as to limit the Governor's power to suspend the collection of certain motor fuel taxes and require ratification by the General Assembly; to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank Act," so as to provide new criteria for determination of eligible projects by the Transportation Infrastructure Bank; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: July 1, 2015 - Effective Date
May 4, 2015 - House Date Signed by Governor
March 20, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute
March 5, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HB 174 – Urban Redevelopment Law; include blighted areas; provisions**

Representatives: LaDawn Jones (D), 62nd District Roger Bruce (D), 61st District
Micah Gravley (R), 67th District Dustin Hightower (R), 68th District
Kimberly Alexander (D), 66th District

House Committee: Transportation

Senate Committee: State and Local Governmental Operations

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 61 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Urban Redevelopment Law," so as to include blighted areas; to modernize terminology; to provide for the use of surface transportation projects in urban redevelopment areas; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: July 1, 2015 - Effective Date
May 12, 2015 - House Date Signed by Governor
March 23, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted
March 13, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HB 192– Local government; counties, municipal corporations, school districts, and consolidated governments be reimbursed for expenses only through submission of expense reimbursement requests; provisions**

Representatives: Alan Powell (R), 32nd District

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Senate Committee: State and Local Governmental Operations

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to provide that elected officials of counties, municipal corporations, school districts, and consolidated governments shall be reimbursed for expenses only through the submission of expense reimbursement requests; to prohibit an elected official of a county, municipal corporation, school district, or consolidated government from being issued or authorized to use a government purchasing card or government credit card; to provide for the promulgation of certain policies; to provide for access to certain records; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: July 1, 2015 - Effective Date
May 5, 2015 - House Date Signed by Governor
March 31, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute
March 3, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HB 202– Revenue and taxation; provisions regarding ad valorem taxation, assessment, and appeal; provide comprehensive revision**

Representatives: Paul Battles (R), 15th District
Brett Harrell (R), 106th District
Tom Taylor (R), 79th District
Bruce Williamson (R), 115th District
Rick Jasperse (R), 11th District
Bubber Epps (R), 144th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee: Finance

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for the comprehensive revision of provisions regarding ad valorem taxation, assessment, and appeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Current Status: May 6, 2015 - Effective Date
May 6, 2015 - House Date Signed by Governor
March 27, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute
February 20, 2015 – House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HB 217– Investments; public retirement systems to invest in mutual funds, commingled funds, collective investment funds, common trusts, and group trusts; authorize**

Representatives: Howard Maxwell (R), 17th District
Gerald Greene (R), 151st District
Debbie Buckner (D), 137th District
Patty Bentley (D), 139th District
Brooks Coleman (R), 97th District
David Clark (R), 98th District

House Committee: Retirement

Senate Committee: Retirement

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-20-83 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated or uncertificated forms of investments and real estate investments, so as to authorize public retirement systems to invest in mutual funds, commingled funds, collective investment funds, common trusts, and group trusts; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: July 1, 2015 - Effective Date
May 6, 2015 - House Date Signed by Governor
April 2, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted
February 24, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HB 221*– Ad valorem tax; property; change certain definitions

Representatives: Jay Powell (R), 171st District David Knight (R), 130th District
Ben Harbin (R), 122nd District Brett Harrell (R), 106th District
Ron Stephens (R), 164th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee: Finance

First Reader Summary: 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.

Current Status: January 11, 2016 - Senate Recommitted
March 13, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HB 233– Georgia Uniform Civil Forfeiture Procedure Act; enact**

Representatives: Alex Atwood (R), 179th District Mike Dudgeon (R), 25th District
Harry Geisinger (R), 48th District Emory Dunahoo (R), 30th District
Rick Jasperse (R), 11th District

House Committee: Judiciary

Senate Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 9 of the O.C.G.A., relating to civil practice; to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Titles 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 15, 17, 27, 36, 38, 40, 45, 46, 48, 49, and 52 of the O.C.G.A., relating to alcoholic beverages, appeal and error, banking and finance, commerce and trade, conservation and natural resources, courts, criminal procedure, game and fish, local government, military, emergency management, veterans affairs, motor vehicles and traffic, public officers and employees, public utilities and public transportation, revenue and taxation, social services, waters of the state, ports, and watercraft; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: July 1, 2015 - Effective Date
May 6, 2015 - House Date Signed by Governor
March 31, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted As Amended
March 2, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HB 365* – Alternative ad valorem tax; motor vehicles; change certain provisions

Representatives: Jay Powell (R), 171st District David Knight (R), 130th District
Ben Harbin (R), 122nd District Brett Harrell (R), 106th District
Ron Stephens (R), 164th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee: Finance

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: March 2, 2016 - Senate Read and Referred
February 29, 2016 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HB 369* – Sales and use tax; distribution for educational purposes; change certain provisions

Representatives: Randy Nix (R), 69th District Earl Ehrhart (R), 36th District
Carl Rogers (R), 29th District Paul Battles (R), 15th District
Tom Dickson (R), 6th District Jan Jones (R), 47th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee: Finance

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales tax for educational purposes, so as to change certain provisions regarding distribution of the sales tax for educational purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to provide for automatic repeal under certain conditions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: March 18, 2015 - Senate Read and Referred
March 13, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted

HB 374 – Ad valorem tax; certain farm equipment held for sale in dealer inventory; exempt**

Representatives: Randy Nix (R), 69th District Jason Shaw (R), 176th District
Amy Carter (R), 175th District Terry England (R), 116th District
Chuck Williams (R), 119th District Chad Nimmer (R), 178th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee: Finance

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 10 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain farm equipment held for sale in dealer inventory, so as to provide for additional qualifications; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: July 1, 2015 - Effective Date
May 6, 2015 - House Date Signed by Governor
April 2, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute
March 11, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted

HB 380 – Troup County Community Improvement Districts Act; enact**

Representatives: Randy Nix (R), 69th District Robert Trammell (D), 132nd District
John Pezold (R), 133rd District

House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination

Senate Committee: State and Local Governmental Operations

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Troup County; to provide for severability; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: May 6, 2015 - Effective Date
May 6, 2015 - House Date Signed by Governor
March 25, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted
February 20, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted

HB 432 – Annexation of territory; local Acts providing for deannexation of property from a municipality and annexation of same property to another municipality which are effective on the same day do not create a prohibited unincorporated island; provide**

Representatives: Brad Raffensperger (R), 50th District Wendell Willard (R), 51st District
Harry Geisinger (R), 48th District Tyrone Brooks (D), 55th District
Billy Mitchell (D), 88th District Rich Golick (R), 40th District

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Senate Committee: State and Local Governmental Operations

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annexation of territory by municipal corporations, so as to provide that local Acts providing for the deannexation of property from a municipality and the annexation of the same property to another municipality which are effective on the same date do not create a prohibited unincorporated island; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: May 12, 2015 - Effective Date
May 12, 2015 - House Date Signed by Governor
March 27, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute
March 13, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted

HB 439 – Georgia New Markets Jobs Act; enact**

Representatives: Jason Shaw (R), 176th District Stacey Abrams (D), 89th District
Terry England (R), 116th District Matt Hatchett (R), 150th District
David Knight (R), 130th District Patty Bentley (D), 139th District

House Committee: Insurance

Senate Committee: Insurance and Labor

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to establish qualified low-income community investment; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide that certain entities may earn credit against state premium tax liability; to provide for certification of qualified equity investments; to provide for recapture of credit claimed under certain circumstances; to provide for certain refundable fees; to provide for a retaliatory tax; to provide for decertification; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: May 12, 2015 - Veto V2
May 12, 2015 - House Date Signed by Governor
March 27, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute
March 11, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HB 773 – Georgia Housing and Finance Authority; outstanding bond limit; increase**

Representatives: Penny Houston (R), 170th District Matt Hatchett (R), 150th District
Paul Battles (R), 15th District Carl Rogers (R), 29th District
Jan Tankersley (R), 160th District

House Committee: Appropriations

Senate Committee: Appropriations

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to increase the outstanding bond limit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: March 29, 2016 – House Sent to Governor
March 22, 2016 - Senate Passed/Adopted
February 24, 2016 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HB 781* – Local government; individuals appointed to authorities and boards be United States citizens; require

Representatives: Brad Raffensperger (R), 50th District Ed Rynders (R), 152nd District
Jeff Jones (R), 167th District Darlene Taylor (R), 173rd District
Bruce Broadrick (R), 4th District Heath Clark (R), 147th District

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Senate Committee: Ethics

First Reader Summary: 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.

Current Status: February 29, 2016 - Senate Read and Referred
February 26, 2016 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HB 851 – Local government; annual audit of financial affairs, books, and records of boards of trustees of county law libraries; require**

Representatives: Alex Atwood (R), 179th District

House Committee: Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight

Senate Committee: Special Judiciary

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county law libraries, so as to require an annual audit of the financial affairs, books, and records of boards of trustees of the county law library; to provide for publication of such audit; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: April 4, 2016 – House Sent to Governor
March 16, 2016 - Senate Passed/Adopted As Amended
February 23, 2016 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

SB 59 – Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act**

Representatives: Hunter Hill (R), 6th District Jeff Mullis (R), 53rd District
Steve Gooch (R), 51st District Brandon Beach (R), 21st District
Judson Hill (R), 32nd District Ronald Ramsey, Sr. (D), 43rd District

Senate Committee: Economic Development and Tourism

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, and Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state government, so as to provide for a "Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act"; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: May 5, 2015 - Effective Date
May 5, 2015 - Senate Date Signed by Governor
April 2, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute
March 11, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

SB 85 – Development Authorities; revise the definition of projects as applicable; modify the tax exemption**

Representatives: Brandon Beach (R), 21st District
Steve Gooch (R), 51st District
John Albers (R), 56th District
Frank Ginn (R), 47th District
Jeff Mullis (R), 53rd District

Senate Committee: Economic Development and Tourism

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, so as to revise the definition of project as applicable to said chapter; to modify the tax exemption of development authorities; to correct cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: March 16, 2016 - House Passed/Adopted by Substitute
March 3, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted

SB 122 – Revenue and Taxation; special purpose local option sales tax; provide for additional purpose for the use of the proceeds of tax**

Representatives: Jeff Mullis (R), 53rd District

Senate Committee: Finance

House Committee: Ways & Means

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-111 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the procedure for implementing a special purpose local option sales tax, so as to provide for an additional purpose for use of the proceeds of the tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: July 1, 2015 - Effective Date
May 1, 2015 - Senate Date Signed by Governor
March 31, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute
March 13, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted

SB 127 – Ethics in Government; provide for waivers of certain civil penalties and fees incurred by candidates for local elected office**

Representatives: Rick Jeffares (R), 17th District
Tyler Harper (R), 7th District
Jesse Stone (R), 23rd District
Ed Harbison (D), 15th District
Tommie Williams (R), 19th District
Freddie Powell Sims (D), 12th District

Senate Committee: Ethics

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ethics in government, so as to provide for waivers of certain civil penalties and fees incurred by candidates for local elected office; to provide for exceptions; to provide for refunds of certain civil penalties and fees; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: April 2, 2015 - Senate Conference Report Lost
March 31, 2015 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute
March 13, 2015 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

SB 206 – Counties and Municipal Corporations; revise provisions relating to water liens; procedures**

Representatives: William Ligon, Jr. (R), 3rd District

Senate Committee: Judiciary

House Committee: Judiciary

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to revise provisions relating to water liens; to provide for procedures for water liens, amended water liens, and cancellation of water liens and the forms therefor; to provide for bonds; to provide for contest of liens; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: March 30, 2016 – Senate Sent to Governor
March 15, 2016 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute
February 29, 2016 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

SB 258 – Ad Valorem Tax; provide the assessed value of property shall not be increased beyond the initial assessment value**

Representatives: Fran Miller (R), 40th District John Albers (R), 56th District

Senate Committee: Finance

House Committee: Ways & Means

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-311 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of county boards of equalization, duties, review of assessments, and appeals, so as to provide that the assessed value of property for a taxable year shall not be increased beyond the initial assessment value established by the board of tax assessors during an appeal of such valuation for such taxable year by the taxpayer but may be reduced as a result of the appeal of the taxpayer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: March 31, 2016 – Senate Sent to Governor
March 22, 2016 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute
February 25, 2016 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

SB 269 – Counties; require local governing bodies; provide certain entities with certification of compliance with Code section; condition of funding**

Representatives: Jesse Stone (R), 23rd District Bill Heath (R), 31st District
Bruce Thompson (R), 14th District William T. Ligon, Jr. (R), 3rd District
P.K. Martin, IV, (R), 9th District Mike Dugan (R), 30th District

Senate Committee: State and Local Governmental Operations

House Committee: Judiciary

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-80-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies by local governmental entities, so as to require local governing bodies to provide certain entities with a certification of compliance with such Code section as a condition of funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: March 31, 2016 – Senate Sent to Governor
March 15, 2016 - House Passed/Adopted
February 26, 2016 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

SB 283 – Accounting for Public Funds; provide multibank pooling of depositories for acceptance of deposits of public funds from public bodies**

Representatives: John Kennedy (R), 18th District Burt Jones (R), 25th District
Butch Miller (R), 49th District Jesse Stone (R), 23rd District
Michael “Doc” Rhett (D), 33rd District Ed Harbison (D), 15th District

Senate Committee: Banking and Financial Institutions

House Committee: Banks & Banking

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accounting for public funds, so as to provide for multibank pooling of depositories for the acceptance of deposits of public funds from public bodies; to provide for definitions, procedures, conditions, and limitations on the establishment of such pools; to provide for multiple effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: March 29, 2016 – Senate Sent to Governor
March 7, 2016 - House Passed/Adopted
February 8, 2016 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

SB 323 – State Printing and Documents; public disclosure not be required for any documents pertaining to economic development project**

Representatives: Mike Duggan (R), 30th District Bill Jackson (R), 24th District
Butch Miller (R), 49th District P.K. Martin, IV (R), 9th District
Jeff Mullis (R), 53rd District Brandon Beach (R), 21st District

Senate Committee: Economic Development and Tourism

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state printing and documents, so as to provide for public disclosure not to be required for any documents pertaining to an economic development project by any agency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: April 11, 2016 - Act 323
April 11, 2016 - Senate Date Signed by Governor
March 22, 2016 - House Passed/Adopted As Amended
February 23, 2016 - Senate Passed/Adopted

SB 420 – Local Government; require referendum approval prior to the expenditure of public funds; establishment of a fixed guideway transit**

Representatives: Lindsey Tippins (R), R 37th District Judson Hill (R), 32nd District
Renee S. Unterman (D), 45th District Burt Jones (R), 25th District
Bruce Thompson (R), 14th District

House Committee: Transportation

Senate Committee: Transportation

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, so as to require referendum approval prior to the expenditure of public funds for the establishment of a fixed guideway transit; to provide for definitions; to provide for submission of the question to qualified voters; to provide for ballot language; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: April 4, 2016 – Senate Sent to Governor
March 22, 2016 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute
February 29, 2016 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

HOUSE BILLS

HB 14 – Fiscal Accountability Act; enact

Representatives: Scot Turner (R), 21st District Michael Caldwell (R), 20th District
Jason Spencer (R), 180th District Timothy Barr (R), 103rd District
David Stover (R), 71st District Paulette Rakestraw (R), 19th District

House Committee: Appropriations

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 87 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to participation in federal programs, so as to provide that no local authority or local government shall accept federal funds in any form or for any purpose unless the acceptance of such federal funds has been approved by an Act of the General Assembly; to provide a short title; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding state government, so as to provide that no state authority, agency, board, bureau, commission, department, office, public corporation, or other entity of state government shall accept federal funds in any form or for any purpose unless the acceptance of such federal funds has been approved by an Act of the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: January 26, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 60 – Revenue and taxation; exempt motor fuels from state sales and use taxes; provisions

Representatives: Ed Setzler (R), 35th District

House Committee: Transportation

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt motor fuels from state sales and use taxes; to provide for increases in the second motor fuel tax and excise tax on motor fuel; to provide for the reduction of personal income taxes; to provide for a flat rate income tax structure; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for effective dates; to provide for applicability; to provide that certain provisions of this Act shall not abate or affect prosecutions, punishments, penalties, administrative proceedings or remedies, or civil actions related to certain violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: January 26, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 68 – Taxes; property; waive payment requirement of such taxes less than a certain amount

Representatives: Jason Spencer (R), 180th District Steve Tarvin (R), 2nd District
Michael Caldwell (R), 20th District Scot Turner (R), 21st District
Micah Gravley (R), 67th District Billy Mitchell (D), 88th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to persons liable for taxes on property, so as to waive payment requirement of such taxes less than a certain amount; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: January 27, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 108 – Investments; public retirement systems to invest in mutual funds, commingled funds, collective investment funds, common trusts, and group trusts; authorize

Representatives: Howard Maxwell (R), 17th District Patty Bentley (D), 139th District
Gerald Greene (R), 151st District Brooks Coleman (R), 97th District
Debbie Buckner (D), 137th District David Clark (R), 98th District

House Committee: Retirement

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-20-83 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated or uncertificated forms of investments and real estate investments, so as to authorize public retirement systems to invest in mutual funds, commingled funds, collective investment funds, common trusts, and group trusts; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: January 29, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 120 – Local option sales tax; provide for an additional purpose for tax

Representatives: Dale Rutledge (R), 109th District Andrew Welch (R), 110th District
Jay Powell (R), 171st District David Knight (R), 130th District
Brian Strickland (R), 111th District Buddy Harden (R), 148th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-111 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the procedure for implementing a special purpose local option sales tax, so as to provide for an additional purpose for the tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: April 2, 2015 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

HB 133 – Contract Cancellation Act; enact

Representatives: Scott Holcomb (D), 81st District Brian Prince (D), 127th District

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to provide that any service contract such entities enter into shall contain a termination clause; to provide that poor performance or cost overrun shall constitute cause for termination of the contract; to provide for applicability; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 2, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 223– Sales and use tax; change certain definitions

Representatives: Jay Powell (R), 171st District David Knight (R), 130th District
Ben Harbin (R), 122nd District Brett Harrell (R), 106th District
Ron Stephens (R), 164th District Bruce Williamson (R), 115th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 10, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 281– Georgia Government Accountability Act; enact

Representatives: Wes Cantrell (R), 22nd District Chuck Martin (R), 49th District
Matt Ramsey (R), 72nd District Brett Harrell (R), 106th District
Michael Caldwell (R), 20th District Matt Hatchett (R), 150th District

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to enact the "Georgia Government Accountability Act"; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative intent; to create the Legislative Sunset Advisory Commission; to authorize the commission to review and evaluate state agencies' productivity, efficiency, and responsiveness; to provide for the automatic abolition of certain state agencies contingent upon adoption of a resolution by the General Assembly declaring that the state laws applicable to such agency have been repealed, revised, or reassigned; to provide for auditing of the commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 11, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 284 – Public utilities; in event of litigation against a utility to prevent construction of a facility used to service customers in this state, the losing party shall be required to pay attorney's fees and costs of litigation to winning party; provide

Representatives: Harry Geisinger (R), 48th District Don Parsons (R), 44th District
Wendell Willard (R), 51st District E. Culver “Rusty” Kidd (I), 145th District
Andrew Welch (R), 110th District

House Committee: Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding public utilities, so as to provide that in the event of litigation against a gas company or electric utility to enjoin, prevent, stop, or delay the construction by such gas company or electric utility of a facility to be used by the gas company or public utility for the provision of gas or electrical service to customers in this state, the losing party shall be required to pay attorney's fees and costs of litigation to the winning party; to provide for exceptions; to provide for certain notices; to provide for sanctions for failure to provide such notices; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 12, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 318 – Local and state government; membership in regional commission is optional for counties and municipalities; provide

Representatives: David Stover (R), 71st District John David Pezold (R), 133rd District
Stephen Allison (R), 8th District Michael Caldwell (R), 20th District
Tom Kirby (R), 114th District Scot Turner (R), 21st District

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 36 and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government and state government, respectively, so as to provide that membership in regional commissions is optional for counties and municipalities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 17, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 358 – Legislative Oversight Committee for State Contracts; establish

Representatives: Lee Hawkins (R), 27th District Tom Weldon (R), 3rd District
Andrew Welch (R), 110th District Stacey Abrams (D), 89th District
Calvin Smyre (D), 135th District Matt Hatchett (R), 150th District

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the organization of the executive branch generally, so as to establish the Legislative Oversight Committee for State Contracts; to provide for its composition, duties, and powers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: April 2, 2015 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

HB 360 – Annexation; provide there shall be held a referendum in existing municipality; provisions

Representatives: Beth Beskin (R), 54th District Buzz Brockway (R), 102nd District
Darlene K. Taylor (R), 73rd District Margaret D. Kaiser (D), 59th District
Tyrone Brooks (D), 55th District “Able” Mable Thomas (D), 56th District

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annexation pursuant to resolution and referendum, so as to provide that there shall be held a referendum in the existing municipality; to provide that the approval of electors in the municipality shall be required; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 18, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 363 – Excise tax; change certain definitions

Representatives: Jay Powell (R), 171st District David Knight (R), 130th District
Ben Harbin (R), 122nd District Brett Harrell (R), 106th District
Ron Stephens (R), 164th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise taxes on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 19, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 373 – Motor vehicles; distribution of alternative ad valorem tax proceeds; change certain provisions

Representatives: Alan Powell (R), 32nd District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-152 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees and alternative ad valorem taxation of apportionable vehicles, so as to revise and change certain provisions regarding the distribution of alternative ad valorem tax proceeds; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 19, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 399 – County and municipal hospital authorities; revise various requirements and provisions

Representatives: Jason Spencer (R), 180th District David Stover (R), 71st District
Regina Quick (R), 117th District Steve Tarvin (R), 2nd District

House Committee: Health & Human Services

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, so as to revise various requirements and provisions relative to county and municipal hospital authorities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 23, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 420 – Franchise tax; change certain definitions

Representatives: Chuck Martin (R), 49th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to franchise taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 23, 2015 – House Second Readers

HB 615 – Water; suppliers of such service seek reimbursement for unpaid charges only from person who incurred charges; provide

Representatives: Keisha Waites (D), 60th District

House Committee: Judiciary

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-60-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water supplier's cut off of water to premises because of indebtedness of prior owner, occupant, or lessee prohibited, records required, limited liens for unpaid charges for water, gas, sewerage service, or electricity, so as to provide that the suppliers of such services shall seek reimbursement for unpaid charges only from the person who incurred such charges; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: March 19, 2015 - House Second Readers

HB 699 – Local government; define a certain term; provisions

Representatives: Andrew J. Welch (R), 110th District Ed Setzler (R), 35th District
Brian Strickland (R), 111th District Kevin Tanner (R), 9th District

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as to define a certain term; to provide that when a majority of an elected governing body is not elected to serve the next term of office, such body shall not have the authority to incur debt, execute contracts, or dispose of assets; to provide that such contracts or instruments of indebtedness shall be void ab initio; to provide for a cause of action to enforce such provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 29, 2016 - House Lost Reconsidered Bill/Res

HB 711 – Local government; retirement of certain pension obligations; provide

Representatives: Mary Margaret Oliver (D), 82nd District Howard Mosby (D), 83rd District
Dar'shun Kendrick (D), 93rd District Karla Drenner (D), 85th District
Dee Dawkins-Haigler (D), 91st District Karen Bennett (D), 94th District

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding local government, so as to provide for the retirement of certain pension obligations; to provide for definitions; to provide for the creation of special districts under certain circumstances for a limited period of time; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for certain taxation in connection with the retirement of such obligations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: January 13, 2016 – House Second Readers

HB 720 – Local government; individuals appointed to authorities and boards be United States citizens; require

Representatives: Brad Raffensperger (R), 50th District

House Committee:

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 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 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.

Current Status: December 21, 2015 – House Prefiled

HB 785 – Local government; creation of townships; provide

Representatives: Mike Dudgeon (R), 25th District Joe Wilkinson (R), 52nd District
Alex Atwood (R), 179th District Geoff Duncan (R), 26th District
Jeff Jones (R), 167th District Sheri Gilligan (R), 24th District

House Committee: Governmental Affairs

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to provide for the creation of townships; to conform related laws; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: January 22, 2016 - House Second Readers

HB 789 – Counties; power to grant franchises to or make contracts with certain utility systems and to charge fees; authorize

Representatives: E. Culver “Rusty” Kidd (I), 145th District Bubber Epps (R), 144th District

House Committee: Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties only, so as authorize the power to grant franchises to or make contracts with certain utility systems and to charge certain fees as a result of such franchise agreements or contracts; to provide for a definition; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: January 22, 2016 - House Second Readers

HB 894 – "Georgia Development Impact Fee Act"; enact

Representatives: Mike Dudgeon (R), 25th District Sheri Gilligan (R), 24th District
Geoff Duncan (R), 26th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 71 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development impact fees, so as to provide for development impact fees for education; to provide definitions; to provide for the manner of calculation, imposition, and collection of such fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 8, 2016 - House Second Readers

HB 912 – "Georgia Uniform State Tax Execution Registry Act"; enact

Representatives: Bruce Williamson (R), 115th District Jay Powell (R), 171st District
Brett Harrell (R), 106th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to provide for a state Tax Execution Registry; to provide for definitions, limitations, and procedures; to amend Title 11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Uniform Commercial Code, so as to include the Tax Execution Registry; to amend Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property, so as to conform the clerk's duties to the Tax Execution Registry; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 9, 2016 - House Second Readers

HB 921 – Income tax; promote revitalization of vacant rural Georgia downtowns; provide tax credit incentives

Representatives: Penny Houston (R), 170th District Jason Shaw (R), 176th District
Jay Powell (R), 171st District Sam Watson (R), 172nd District
Chad Nimmer (R), 178th District Robert Dickey (R), 140th District

House Committee: Ways & Means

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxation, so as to provide tax credit incentives to promote the revitalization of vacant rural Georgia downtowns by encouraging investment, job creation, and economic growth in long-established business districts; to provide for definitions; to delineate procedures, conditions, eligibility, and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the commissioner of community affairs, the commissioner of economic development, and the revenue commissioner; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 9, 2016 - House Second Readers

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HR 965 – The Ad Valorem Tax Assessment Limit Amendment; enact - CA

Representatives: Brad Raffensperger (R), 50th District

House Committee:

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to revise comprehensively ad valorem property taxes; to provide for a short title; to provide for a local referendum in each county on question of limiting valuation increases of real property; to provide for a short title; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for ratification of prior and authorize enactment of new base year assessed value homestead exemptions; to provide for applicability; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Current Status: December 21, 2015 – House Prefiled

SENATE BILLS

SB 52 – Public Officers and Employees; allow to disclose a violation of or noncompliance with a law, rule to the press under certain conditions

Representatives: Vincent Fort (D), 39th District Steve Henson (D), 41st District
Harold V. Jones, II (D), 22nd District Horacena Tate (D), 38th District
Valencia Seay (D), 34th District Curt Thompson (D), 5th District

Senate Committee: Finance

House Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disclosure of public records, so as to clarify that certain tax credits and exemptions are subject to disclosure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: January 27, 2015 – Senate Read and Referred

SB 124 – 'Unlocking the Promise Community Schools Act'; provide for Sustainable Community School Operational Grants; planning and implementation of grants

Representatives: Vincent Fort (D), 39th District Nan Orrock (D), 36th District
Steve Henson (D), 41st District Michael 'Doc' Rhett (D), 33rd District
Valencia Seay (D), 34th District David Lucas (D), 26th District

Senate Committee: Education and Youth

House Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for Sustainable Community School Operational Grants; to provide for definitions; to provide for planning and implementation of grants; to provide for applications for grants; to require the development of Sustainable Community School Plans; to provide for requirements for recipients of grants; to delineate the purposes for which grant funds may be used; to provide for reports; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 18, 2015 – Senate Read and Referred

SB 142 – Local Government; regulate procedures governing applications for permits for critical infrastructure projects

Representatives: Brandon Beach (R), 21st District Jeff Mullis (R), 53rd District

Senate Committee: Regulated Industries and Utilities

House Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to regulate procedures governing applications for permits for critical infrastructure projects; to regulate local government zoning procedures with respect to critical infrastructure projects; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: January 11, 2016 - Senate Recommitted

SB 144 – Acquisition of Property for Transportation Purposes; attorney's fees and expenses of trial in appeals to condemnation compensation award amt.

Representatives: Joshua McKoon (R), 29th District

Senate Committee: Transportation

House Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to acquisition of property for transportation purposes, so as to provide for attorney's fees and expenses of trial in appeals to condemnation compensation award amounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 23, 2015 – Senate Read and Referred

SB 147 – Contracts and Purchases by Public Schools; impose requirements on certain contracts and purchases by local boards of education

Representatives: Joshua McKoon (R), 29th District

Senate Committee: Education and Youth

House Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Article 4 of Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts and purchases by public schools and bidding for government works projects, respectively, so as to impose requirements on certain contracts and purchases by local boards of education; to require that professional services contracts exceeding \$50,000.00 be competitively bid; to require that the guaranteed maximum price submitted by a construction manager at risk to a local board of education not be changed after execution of a contract; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 23, 2015 – Senate Read and Referred

SB 210 – Downtown Development Authorities; provide for the priority of certain liens regarding assessments

Representatives: Hunter Hill (R), 6th District

Senate Committee: State and Local Governmental Operations

House Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 42 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to downtown development authorities, so as to provide for the priority of certain liens regarding assessments for downtown development authorities; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: March 9, 2015 – Senate Read and Referred

SB 334 – Sales and Use Tax; provide municipalities that are parties to certain intergovernmental sewer service agreements; water and sewer projects/costs

Representatives: Valencia Seay (D), 34th District Nan Orrock (D), 36th District
Donzella James (D), 35th District

Senate Committee: Finance

House Committee:

First Reader Summary A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to water and sewer projects and costs tax, so as to provide that municipalities that are parties to certain intergovernmental sewer service agreements may implement a sales tax for water and sewer projects and costs; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 8, 2016 – Senate Read and Referred

SB 344 – Development Impact Fees; education; provide for definitions; manner of calculations, imposition, and collection of such fees

Representatives: Michael Williams (R), 27th District Brandon Beach (R), 21st District
Fran Millar (R), 40th District Michael 'Doc' Rhett (D), 33rd District

Senate Committee: Finance

House Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 71 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development impact fees, so as to provide for development impact fees for education; to provide definitions; to provide for the manner of calculation, imposition, and collection of such fees; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 9, 2016 – Senate Read and Referred

SB 398 – Counties, Municipalities; establishment of banking improvement zones; encourage opening of financial institutions; areas underserved by financial institutions

Representatives: Joshua McKoon (R), 29th District

House Committee: Banking and Financial Institutions

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 and Code Section 45-8-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations and relating to depositories for county and school district moneys, respectively, so as to provide for the establishment of banking improvement zones to encourage opening of financial institutions in areas underserved by financial institutions; to provide for definitions; to provide for application and standards of approval for a banking improvement zone; to provide for the establishment of an agreement for the deposit of public funds in financial institutions within a banking improvement zone; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 19, 2016 - Senate Read and Referred

SB 408 – 'Compact Among the States to Prohibit Public Financing of Professional Stadiums'

Representatives: Joshua McKoon (R), 29th District Vincent Fort (D), 39th District
Nan Orrock(D), 36th District Elena Parent (D), 42nd District
Michael Williams (R), 27th District Hunter Hill (R), 6th District

House Committee: Interstate Cooperation

Senate Committee:

First Reader Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to create a compact among the states to prohibit public financing of professional stadiums; to authorize the Governor to execute such compact; to provide for a purpose; to provide for an effective date for such compact; to provide for an official state representation; to provide for an agreement to prohibit public funding of professional stadiums; to provide for agreements to withhold state moneys from certain public or private entities if such entities publicly fund a professional stadium; to provide for withdrawal from the compact; to provide a short title; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Current Status: February 26, 2016 - Senate Read Second Time

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

None

FEDERAL / NATIONAL MATTERS

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) - Proposed Statement on Tax Abatement Disclosures: Calls for greater transparency and reporting by state and local governments related to the tax abatements they provide, includes call for disclosure of the criteria used to determine taxpayer eligibility, the dollar amount of taxes abated, commitments taxpayers make in return for the abatement, among others.

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