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Feb. 11 - Feb. 15, 2019

Week 5

WEEKLY REPORT

Legislators didn't slow down to celebrate love on Valentine's Day! This week, they returned to the Capitol for a grueling 5-day work week.

Committee work increased dramatically this week with an extensive committee lineup each afternoon. Some major issues are starting to emerge in the form of real legislation.

Governor Kemp made some of his first moves of the legislative session. In his first executive order last month, Kemp established a "Georgians First Commission." This Commission was established as an answer to campaign promise to promote small business growth in the state through common-sense initiatives and applying private-sector solutions to state government. You can find the members of the committee [HERE](#)

The Governor continued to further his legislative agenda by dropping the "Patients First Act." Senator Blake Tillery filed this legislation that would provide the latitude for Governor Kemp to submit what is known as a 1115 waiver for Medicaid and a 1332 waiver for the ACA by June 30, 2020. While he has indicated a full expansion of Medicaid is off the table, he believes we need an innovative approach to adapt a broken program. Kemp wants to create a Georgia-centric approach to health care that will make insurance more affordable and accessible to more Georgians.

Legislators will take Monday off for Presidents' Day and return to the Capitol on Tuesday, February 19th for Day 17.

HIGHLIGHTED LEGISLATION

(Please also find an attached spreadsheet with all bills we are following)

HB 302 – (Representative Vance Smith) The bill prohibits local governments from regulating “building design elements” in single or double family dwellings. Building standards to be preempted include the following:

- Exterior building color
- Type of exterior cladding material
- Type or materials of roof structure or porches
- Exterior non-structural architectural ornamentation
- Location of windows and doors, including garage doors
- Number of rooms
- Interior layout of the rooms
- Types of foundation structures approved under state minimum standard codes

This bill would not apply to historic districts, mobile homes nor homes governed by a neighborhood association.

The bill has not been first read not assigned to a committee at this point.

LEGISLATION WE ARE FOLLOWING

SB 15 – (Senator John Albers) “Keeping Georgia’s Schools Safe Act.” This bill adds additional requirements to the existing public school threat assessment requirements to the existing requirements and imposes the collective list on private schools as well. This bill was heard in the Senate Public Safety Committee this week. Senator Albers indicated that there are currently significant changes being made to the bill so he did not provide a line-by-line overview of the bill. There is expected to be another hearing on the bill on Wednesday, January 20th where the amended version will be presented.

referred to Public Safety Committee – Second hearing planned for Wednesday, February 20th

SR 12 – (Senator John Albers) Proposes an amendment to the Georgia Constitution to allow sales tax for educational purposes to be used for school safety project. referred to the Finance Committee and sent to subcommittee

HB 42 – (Scot Turner) This bill prohibits professional licensing boards from refusing to issue a license or revoking the license of a person who is in default under an educational loan issued through the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation or through a federal program.

Passed House Committee – is now in the House Rules Committee

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Senate Finance Committee

Monday, February 18th

1:00 PM

Mezzanine

Senate Public Safety Committee

Monday, February 18th

2:00 PM

Mezzanine

Senate Transportation Committee

Tuesday, February 19th

4:00 PM

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Senate Public Safety

Wednesday, February 20th

1:00 PM

Mezzanine

CALENDAR

The legislature has set the schedule through the sine die. Sine die will be on April 2nd this year. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday February 19 – Day 17
Wednesday February 20 – Day 18
Thursday February 21 – Day 19
Friday February 22 – Day 20

Monday February 25 – Day 21
Tuesday February 26 – Day 22
Wednesday February 27 – Day 23
Thursday February 28 – Day 24
Friday, March 1 – Day 25

Monday, March 4 – Day 26
Tuesday, March 5 – Day 27
Thursday, March 7 – Day 28 (Crossover Day!)
Friday, March 8 – Day 29

Monday, March 11 – Day 30
Tuesday, March 12 – Committee Day
Wednesday, March 13 – Day 31
Thursday, March 14 – Day 32

Monday, March 18 – Day 33
Tuesday, March 19 – Committee Day
Wednesday, March 20 – Committee Day
Thursday, March 21 – Day 34
Friday, March 22 – Day 35

Monday, March 25 – Day 36
Tuesday, March 26 – Day 37
Wednesday, March 27 – Committee Day
Thursday, March 28 – Day 38
Friday, March 29 – Day 39

Monday, April 1...
Tuesday, April 2 SINE DIE!

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