



**Georgia Department
of Human Services**

Legislative Update

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House Bill 129

Sponsor: Rep. Soo Hong

Summary: Proposes to extend TANF benefits to pregnant women who are currently without children, that meet other eligibility criteria.

Status: Passed out of House chamber



Senate Bill 8

Sponsor: Sen. Gail Davenport

Summary: Proposes to create the “Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired”, which would be administratively attached to DHS, and transfers all services for the blind or visually impaired from GVRA and creates a newly formed commission to oversee the services.

Status: Assigned to Senate Health and Human Services Committee



Senate Bill 64

Sponsor: Sen. Randy Robertson

Summary: Proposes to provide a copy of an original birth certificate to adults who were adopted.

Status: Assigned to Senate Children & Families Committee



Senate Bill 84

Sponsor: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler

Summary: Proposes to provide protections for elder and disabled adults who may be victims of financial exploitation by allowing securities professionals to delay disbursing funds which they believe to be requested as a part of financial exploitation.

Status: Senate Rules Committee



Senate Bill 131

Sponsor: Sen. Blake Tillery

Summary: Proposes to align the proper parties and service/notice formalities for permanent guardianships in Juvenile Court with those provisions in termination of parental rights (TPR) proceedings.

Status: Assigned to Senate Children & Families Committee



Senate Bill 133

Sponsor: Sen. Brian Strickland

Summary: Proposes to establish a uniform process for DFCS to assume custody of children as a result of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) delinquency disposition orders and Child In Need of Services (CHINS) hearings.

Status: Assigned to Senate Children & Families Committee



Senate Bill 134

Sponsor: Sen. Bill Cowsert

Summary: Proposes to add termination of parental rights (TPR) proceedings to the types of actions in which a child is competent to testify without the administration of a formal oath and authorizes the use of medical reports in narrative form in dependency and TPR proceedings.

Status: Assigned to Senate Children & Families Committee



Senate Bill 135

Sponsor: Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick

Summary: Proposes to establish standards for the admissibility and authenticity of records so that court-ordered genetic testing may be utilized in the petition for legitimation of a child in Georgia and other civil actions.

Status: Assigned to Senate Children & Families Committee



Questions?

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