



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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“Creating a More Educated Georgia”

Work on the Budgets Continues

The Conference Committee on the Amended Fiscal Year 2008 Budget met today to continue its deliberations.


Meanwhile, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, chaired by Rep. Bob Smith, heard a Fiscal Year 2009 Budget presentation last Wednesday and is scheduled to meet again on the budget this Tuesday.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, chaired by Sen. John Wiles, is scheduled to meet on the FY09 budget March 25. 

Session Scheduled Through Day 35

Only nine days remain in the Georgia General Assembly’s 2008 session. The legislature is in recess today, but will be back in session Tuesday through Thursday, days 32-34 of the 40-day session.

Thursday, March 27, will be Day 35, allowing time during the week leading up to it for committees to do their work on the Amended Fiscal Year 2008 and Fiscal Year 2009 budgets, as well as other legislative matters.

The remaining five days of the session have not yet been scheduled. 

Carry-Forward, ORP Bills Survive Crossover-Day

House Bills 1183 and 815 – legislation concerning tuition carry-forward revenue and the University System of Georgia’s Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) legislation – passed the House and

made it to the Senate before Tuesday, the Crossover-Day deadline.

However, one bill that did not make the leap between chambers in time was Senate Bill 514, legislation defining whom the University System may

deem a resident of the state for the purpose of charging tuition and fees.

Since it failed to clear the Senate and come under the consideration of the House by Day 30 of the session, this bill now is considered dead for this year. 