



**Child Support Collection Companies Not Complying With the Law**

Home Tax Credit Expires	1
Annual CASA Darlin’ Duck Derby	2
New Education Legislation	3
Bowling Tournament 09’	4

Atlanta, GA - The Governor’s Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA) is cautioning parents about engaging private companies to collect outstanding child support. “Before contracting with a private collection agency, make sure the company is legitimate,” urges Joe Doyle, OCA’s Administrator. Mr. Doyle wants parents to be aware of a new Georgia law, effective July 1, 2009, which requires private child support collection companies to register and post a bond with the [Secretary of State](#), and to file with the Office of Consumer Affairs a sample copy of any contract they use in the State of Georgia. OCA will maintain a list on its website – [www.consumer.ga.gov](http://www.consumer.ga.gov) – of all private child support collection companies that have filed the required documentation with the State. If a company is not listed on OCA’s site, it has not complied with the law. *As of this writing, no private child support companies in Georgia have filed contracts with the Office of Consumer Affairs.* The new law states that there must be three months of child support arrearages before a private collections company can contract to collect past due amounts. In addition, the law puts a cap on the fees that private collection companies can charge, limiting such fees to one-third of the total amount of child support payments collected. Consumers should also be aware that a private child support

collector cannot charge a client for collecting anything other than the amount that is past due as of the date of the contract, together with any statutory interest owed on the past due amount. Thus, the current monthly payments that the custodial parent receives should not decline as a result of the new law. Georgians are also reminded that the Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) provides enforcement services to consumers at little or no cost. This state agency provides assistance with locating non-custodial parents, confirming paternity, establishing and enforcing child support and medical support orders, and collecting and distributing payments. For more information, contact Bill Cloud, Governor’s Office of Consumer Affairs, at **404-656-3790**.

**8,000 Home Purchase Tax Credit Expires December 2009**

The Tax Credit passed earlier this year will soon expire. Here is what you need to know about the credit in a nutshell:

1. The home must be purchased in 2009.
2. The home must be your primary residence.
3. The person buying the home must not have owned another primary residence for at least 3 years prior.
4. The \$8,000 is subtracted from the money you owe the federal government when you file your personal tax return in April of 2010. (It’s a refundable tax credit so you would even get a refund check if your total federal tax is less than \$8,000)
5. You must live in the home as your primary residence for at least 3 years or you’ll have to pay the credit back to the federal government (exceptions might be made for death or divorce).
6. The Tax credit also phases out for single home buyers earning \$75,000 or more and couples making \$150,000 annually.

**SAVE THESE DATES:** Clayton County Schools Performing Arts Center **PRESENTS *Atlanta Symphony Orchestra*** on September 18, 2009 at 7:00pm. The Concert is **FREE**. This is the first time the full Orchestra of the ASO has appeared in its entirety in Clayton County. For more information contact Dr. Anita

Lloyd at (770) 473-2875 or [alloyd@clayton.k12.ga.us](mailto:alloyd@clayton.k12.ga.us).

**“Riverdale: Showcasing Our Diversity & Creativity”** Food, Arts & Crafts Festival Saturday, September 19, 2009 on the grounds of Riverdale City Hall 10 AM to 10 PM. Fun for the entire family: American, Caribbean, Latino European, Asian,

African. For vending opportunities or to showcase your talent, call (770) 997-8989. Provided by the city of Riverdale – Department of community Cultural Affairs & Leisure Services in association with the Clayton Heritage & Caribbean, LLC.

**The Coalition of Clayton County**

**Clergy** will host its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fellowship and Community Service Awards Banquet. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2009. The event location is in the Student Activities Center (SAC) Ballroom on the campus of Clayton State University. Tickets are scheduled to go on sale in September. Tickets are \$50 each or \$500 for a table. Sponsorships for a table and the event are available. For more information on tickets or sponsorship, and souvenir booklet ads, contact Ann Almond at (404) 207-3817. Seven to ten members of the Clayton Community will be recognized for their contributions to the County during the Awards Banquet.

**Annual Darlin' Duck Derby**

The Darlin' Duck Derby is the signature fund-raising event for the Clayton County CASA Program. This year's event is scheduled for September 26, 2009. Race day events will be held at the Clayton County Historical Courthouse Grounds, located at 121 S. McDonough Street in Jonesboro, GA. Activities begin at 10:00AM with the arrival of the Leathers and Feathers Motorcycle Riders. Also, check out the Cars for CASA Car Show, held in conjunction with the Duck Derby Race. Families from the surrounding communities will be joining together for a fun-filled day of food, entertainment, and activities for all! The numbers of the winning ducks are recorded and prizes donated by local businesses are awarded to the winners. This year

there are guaranteed CASH prizes! Please go to our website to purchase tickets. <http://www.ducksrcoming.com>

**The Alzheimer's Services Center**

will present a grand spa day, on Sept. 19 from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m., at the Alzheimer's Services Center, 6701 Ga. Highway 85, Riverdale. This is a fund-raising event with a goal of raising revenue so the center will be able to continue services to its clients. The cost to participate is \$30 and includes a skin analysis, facial, hand treatment and a deep-tissue back massage. For more details, contact the Alzheimer's Services Center at (770) 603-4090.

**Oct 1- Feb 23, 2010 Documented Rights Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the National**

**Archives.** The National Archives at Atlanta features more than 80 documents, images, photographs and sound recordings that exemplify the depth of records in the National Archives chronicling the evolution of human and civil rights in the United States. From a slave manifest dated 1844 to the five cases that comprised the 1984 Brown v Board of Education decision, the exhibit gives voice to those who fought for or championed personal rights and freedoms. Each of the exhibits five historic theaters features a signature personality and thematic song intended to evoke the memories, longing and challenges of the time. **FREE ADMISSION.** The National Archives are open Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., 5780 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA 770-

968-2100 Click here to view [flyer](#) or visit [www.archives.gov/southeast12th](http://www.archives.gov/southeast12th)

**Annual Free Prostate Screening** on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Foundation Education Center at Henry Medical Center. For more information and to see screening criteria or to register online [www.henrymedical.com](http://www.henrymedical.com) or call (678) 604-1040

**Annual Wetlands and Watershed Festival**

Saturday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 am to 3pm. Every year the CCWA hosts the Wetlands and Watershed Festival to give visitors a chance to enjoy nature while learning about our environment in a fun way. The free festival is held on the first Saturday in October and is a great event for the entire family to see what the center has to offer. The festival features a wealth of activities for all ages to enjoy, including environmental exhibits & activities, guided trail hikes, live animal exhibits, children's nature crafts, wetlands scavenger hunt...and more. Many watershed and environmental groups from Georgia and the southeast also participate in the festival. The address to the Wetlands is 2755 Freeman Road, Hampton, GA 30228.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sweet Auburn Heritage Festival October 2-4, Friday 5-10, Saturday 12-8 and Sunday 2-8 – Great food court, Artist Place, Continual Entertainment, Live Green Expo, Kids Fun Zone, Sweet Auburn Bid Whist Tournament, Heath and Fitness Fair. For more information: [www.sweetauburn.com](http://www.sweetauburn.com).

---

**Did you know** an easier link to live Homework Help is through the library's website, [www.claytonpl.org](http://www.claytonpl.org) ? Citizens can now use the password: Clayton instead of their library card to access Live Homework Help. Live Homework Help is available Sun. – Thur. from 4 PM to 10 PM for grades K – 12 + college intro for math, science, social studies and English. Help is also available in Spanish for math and science. Live Homework Help also has assistance for adult learners.

Two other online resources available from the library website are Learning Express and Ferguson's Career Guidance Center. Learning Express has many practice tests such as SAT and GED in addition to job search and workplace skills learning centers.



Rep. Glanton pictured left with University of Georgia legend Hershel Walker attended the OAAG Convention at Lake Lanier Islands. Topics discussed included the future of Digital Outdoor Advertisements. Pictured right Rep. Glanton took an opportunity to visit the Falcons training camp



in Flowery Branch. The group received VIP access to the Falcons training

session. During the on field occasion Rep. Glanton spoke with Atlanta Falcons Head Coach Mike Smith and team GM Thomas Dimitroff about the Falcons' upcoming season expectations and season opener against the Miami Dolphins. Photographers are prohibited during practice.

---

**More Summary of General Statutes Enacted at the 2009 Session of the General Assembly of Georgia.** This represents one of the services which the Legislative Services Committee and the Office of Legislative Counsel perform for the legislative branch of government. This document contains a summary of the general statutes of state-wide application which were enacted at the 2009 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia. It is intended to be used as a convenient reference for persons desiring to know which laws were enacted or desiring to ascertain the main features of each Act without the necessity of reading the Act in its entirety. Acts may be readily located in the Georgia Laws by Act number. Copies of this summary and legislation may also be obtained electronically from the internet web site of the General Assembly: [www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov). I plan to provide you with 5-10 ACTS per newsletter until the list is exhausted.

## TITLE 20

### EDUCATION

#### **Act 91; SB 14**

This Act prohibits any person on the National Sex Offender Registry or the state sexual offender registry from being eligible for election to or service on a local board of education. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-51. **Effective July 1, 2009.**

#### **Act 164; HB 251**

This Act provides parents with the option of enrolling their children in another school within the local school system or in a school in another local school system if certain conditions are met. The Act also provides nepotism restrictions for eligibility for members of local boards of education and for local school superintendents. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-51 and 20-2-101 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-2130 and 20-2-2131. **Effective May 5, 2009.**

#### **Act 118; HB 193**

This Act provides for a 180 day school year or the equivalent thereof. The Act changes the base payment calculation for school food and nutrition personnel from 190 days multiplied by eight hours to 1,520 hours in an annual school year. The Act provides for public elementary and secondary schools to be closed on November 11 of each year in honor of Veterans Day. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-147, 20-2-151, 20-2-168, 20-2-187, 20-2-306, and 20-2-942. **Effective May 4, 2009.**

#### **Act 39; HB 313**

This Act revises certain provisions relating to calculating grade point averages for purposes of determining eligibility for enrollment and scholarships for postsecondary education. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-57. **Effective July 1, 2009.**

#### **Veto No. 11; SB 178**

---

**3** | Page     *Note: This correspondence is disseminated in the interest of State House District 76 constituents. It is intended to be an information source to keep constituents informed on new laws and changes to existing Laws which impact lives and decisions. Also included is general information on events and activities.*

This Act provides for enrollment counts for students who are enrolled in a dual enrollment program. The Act establishes requirements for weighting of students in certain dual enrollment courses under the Quality Basic Education Formula. The Act temporarily waives expenditure controls relating to funds earned for direct instructional costs, media center costs, staff and professional development costs, and additional days of instruction. The Act embeds into the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and extends sunset dates in an Act approved May 6, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 288), an Act approved April 9, 2001 (Ga. L. 2001, p. 148), and an Act approved April 22, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 400), relating to the automatic repeal of provisions relating to advance funding, exceptional growth, and low-wealth capital outlay grants. The Act enacts the "Building Resourceful Individuals to Develop Georgia's Economy Act" to develop programs to improve graduation rates and to improve the preparedness of students for postsecondary education and careers. The Act provides for the development of focused programs of study and model programs for students at risk of dropping out of high school. The Act requires the training of school counselors and graduation coaches to provide for educational counseling and career awareness programs for students. The Act establishes a reform grant program and requires local school systems which receive a reform grant to comply with certain requirements. The Act provides for high school completion rate goals in the state accountability system. The Act also provides for exemptions from certain portions of the high school graduation test and end-of-course assessments. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-160, 20-2-161, 20-2-167, 20-2-184.1, 20-2-260, 20-2-262, and 20-2-281 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-325 through 20-2-329.3.

**Act 63; HB 149**

This Act enacts the "Move on When Ready Act" to provide a program for eleventh and twelfth grade students to attend postsecondary colleges and schools for high school credit. The Act requires that certain information and notices be provided to parents and students of the program. The Act provides requirements for course credit and requires the establishment of rules and regulations relating to testing requirements for eligible students participating in the program. The Act also provides for state funding. The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-161.3.

**Effective July 1, 2009.**

---

**The Third Annual Clayton County Business Community**

**"Business2Business" Bowling**

**Tournament 2009** is Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The event hosted by State Representative Mike Glanton and Clayton County Tax Commissioner Terry Baskin will be held at Pin Strikes Bowling Center located at 3478 Mt. Zion Road Stockbridge, Georgia. The Tournament is slated to begin at 6pm. Registration is \$300 per team. Teams will consist of 5 members each. Three males and two females or three females and two males. Participants must be at least 21 years of age. All scores are scratch and awards will be presented in seven categories. Proceeds from the Tournament will support several local non-profits including the National

Museum of Commercial Aviation, Better Babies Ministry, Inc., Price Performing Arts Center and Dance Company and others. The Clayton County Chamber of Commerce will



award door prizes throughout the evening. **A SILENT AUCTION** will be conducted by the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Council Mentoring Program.

Tournament participants and spectators are encouraged to bring their families and friends. The bowling center has many activities catering to the whole family experience including bumper cars, laser tag, video games, air hockey, billiards and much more....

For more information, sponsorship and team registrations contact Rep. Mike Glanton at (678) 479-7730 or Email: [glantonm@bellsouth.net](mailto:glantonm@bellsouth.net), or Commissioner Terry Baskin at (770) 477-3311 or Email: [terry.baskin@co.clayton.ga.us](mailto:terry.baskin@co.clayton.ga.us).

"Serving Proudly; Making A Difference"

State Representative Mike Glanton  
District 76  
[www.mikeglanton.com](http://www.mikeglanton.com)