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Perhaps the biggest news coming out of the General Assembly last week is the passage of the adjournment resolution that schedules meeting days through the end of the session. Often a contentious debate between houses in any year, threatening to stretch out the session gave the House possible leverage over the Senate, where presiding officer Casey Cagle is anxious to start campaigning full time for Governor, and several senators are also running for higher office. Settling this issue clears the way for better cooperation over legislation like the budget. Crossover Day is now set for February 28 and adjournment sine die is scheduled for March 29. Should you be planning a trip to the Capitol, check the dates below to be sure legislators will be there during your visit.

General Assembly's Meeting Schedule

Monday, January 29..... legislative day 11
Tuesday, January 30..... legislative day 12
Wednesday, January 31..... legislative day 13
Thursday, February 1..... legislative day 14

Monday, February 5..... legislative day 15
Tuesday, February 6..... legislative day 16
Wednesday, February 7 legislative day 17
Thursday, February 8..... legislative day 18

Monday, February 12..... legislative day 19
Tuesday, February 13..... legislative day 20
Wednesday, February 14 legislative day 21
Thursday, February 15..... legislative day 22

Tuesday, February 20..... legislative day 23
Wednesday, February 21..... legislative day 24
Thursday, February 22..... legislative day 25
Friday, February 23..... legislative day 26

Monday, February 26..... legislative day 27
Wednesday, February 28..... legislative day 28

Thursday, March 1legislative day 29

Monday, March 5..... legislative day 30
Tuesday, March 6.....committee working day
Wednesday, March 7 legislative day 31
Thursday, March 8.....committee working day
Friday, March 9..... legislative day 32

Monday, March 12..... legislative day 33
Tuesday, March 13.....committee working day
Wednesday, March 14..... legislative day 34
Thursday, March 15..... legislative day 35

Monday, March 19..... legislative day 36
Tuesday, March 20.....committee working day
Wednesday, March 21..... legislative day 37
Thursday, March 22.....committee working day
Friday, March 23..... legislative day 38

Tuesday, March 27..... legislative day 39

Thursday, March 29..... legislative day 40
(Adjournment Sine Die)

Taking the Profit Out of Cost Overruns

A bill introduced Thursday by Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (R-Rome) would put an end to Georgia Power's ability to include profit in the formula that it charges ratepayers for the cost overruns at its nuclear power facilities currently under construction. "The way things are set up now, Hufstetler said, referring to Georgia Power, "the more over budget, the more profit they make." The bill would also exempt public schools and charter schools from paying any of the overrun costs.

"Taxpayers fund public schools, and then for schools to also have to pay the fee, it's like ratepayers are being double taxed," explained Sen. Elena Parent (D-Atlanta), a cosponsor of the legislation. Additionally, [SB 355](#) would require Georgia Power to return all pre-collected financing costs to customers should the Vogtle project be cancelled. And, legislative approval would be necessary before the company can again build a nuclear facility. The bill was assigned to the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.

Independence for Rural APRNs

Sen. Renee Unterman (R-Buford) on Thursday introduced [SB 351](#), a bill that would allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) to practice independently in counties with less than 50,000 population. Currently, Georgia APRNs must practice under the supervision of a physician with a written protocol in place, a more restrictive regime than in most other states. For a number of years there has been a call for expanding their scope of practice, particularly in rural areas to provide better access to healthcare for citizens where no physicians are practicing. The bill was referred to the Health and Human Services Committee -- chaired by Sen. Unterman.

Cancelable Loans for Rural Psychiatrists

Rep. Kimberly Alexander (D-Hiram), a freshman, introduced [HB 733](#) last week to include psychiatrists in the service cancelable loan program run by the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce (GBPW). However, on Thursday the GBPW Board indicated that they were not particularly supportive of the measure. Members of the Board reasoned that they were already making the service-cancelable loans available to psychiatrists (who are medical doctors), and they were concerned with setting a precedent that to add any profession to the program would require legislative action, a procedure that often takes one to two years. While the bill may have been introduced by a freshman Democrat, cosponsors include the Republican Chair of the HHS Committee and the Chair of the House Republican Caucus.

Adios Amazon Agenda

Opponents of a group of bills targeting immigrants have come up with a catchy label to cast them in a negative light – the Adios Amazon Agenda. [HB 66](#) would impose a new fee on money wired out of the country to support families back home. [SB 161](#) would require vertical driver's licenses for noncitizens. And, [SR 587](#) would require all government communication, including ballots and driver's license exams, to be printed in only English. Opponents of the legislation contend

that such targeted bills send the wrong message to potential big-score economic development projects such as Amazon's HQ2 project. Amazon's founder, Jeff Bezos, recently donated \$33 million to fund college scholarships for students brought to this country as children. His stepfather came to the states as a 16-year-old refugee from Cuba, speaking no English.

Maria Del Rosario Palacios with the Georgia Alliance of Latino Elected Officials postulated, "Imagine if the stepfather of the CEO of Amazon was in today's state of Georgia, with an English-only bill." Rep. Pedro Marin pointed out that his own wife took the written driver's license test in Spanish. "And what happened? She became a productive person in the state of Georgia. She could drive, she could work, she could go to school."

Sen. Josh McKoon, author of the English-only constitutional amendment, rejected the idea that his bill would turn away Amazon, arguing that companies decide where they will build based on taxes, regulations, workforce, infrastructure and tax incentives -- not an English-language policy. SR 587 cleared the Rules Committee on Wednesday and is expected to be voted on by the full Senate next week.

Want to Run for Lt. Governor?

Assuming you're not a kitchen appliance, but always thought your name would look good followed by the initials "LG," this may be your chance. In a recent poll of Republican voters asked about their preference in the race to be Georgia's next Lt. Governor, 60% said they had never heard of any of the announced Republican candidates. Those who did express a preference gave Sen. David Shafer 10%, former representative Geoff Duncan 9%, and former senator Rick Jeffares 6% of the vote. The primary is coming up soon, May 22, and you're only 10 points behind. So, perhaps it's time to freshen-up those high school "Vote Me for Student Council" fliers, hit the civic club circuit, and scratch that old political itch. You don't want to be left crying, "I could'a been a contenda!"

Next Week

We are expecting a good bit of news early next week. On Monday there is a Senate press conference scheduled to announce legislation impacting rural health care. Among the measures to be touted will be Sen. Renee Unterman's bill to allow for independent practice for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. We expect to hear about other bills as well, emanating from Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle's Health Care Reform Task Force. The House, too, is expected to release its legislative agenda regarding rural health issues, including proposed changes to the Certificate of Need laws for healthcare providers.

Tracking List

Here are the bills we are tracking. **New activity is noted in red.** Click on the [Bill Number](#) to access the current version of the bill.

The 2018 Legislative Session is the second session of the 2017-2018 Term of the Georgia General Assembly. Therefore, bills not passed or defeated last session are carried over to the 2018 session. Bills pending in the House or Senate Rules Committees at adjournment sine die of the 2017 session have been recommitted to the committee from whence they came.

Aging and Adult Services

[HB 330, Individuals identified in a diligent search conducted as part of a dependency proceeding](#), (Rep. Stacey Abrams-D),

Relating to a relative search by the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services, so as to specify additional information to be provided in the notice to certain individuals identified in a diligent search conducted as part of a dependency proceeding. **Status:** Referred to Human Relations & Aging, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte.

[HB 497, De Facto Custody for Kinship Care](#), (Rep. Chuck Efstoration-R)

To provide for de facto custodians custody arrangements; to provide for joint child custody arrangements between a parent and a de facto custodian of a child. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules, Passed House by Substitute, Sent to Senate, Referred to Judiciary Cmte.

[HB 668, Adult Guardianship](#), (Rep. Betty Price-R)

Relating to procedure for appointment, so as to provide for petitions for appointment of a guardian and orders of appointment for adult guardianship. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte.

[HB 159, Georgia Adoption Law Revision](#), (Rep. Bert Reeves-R)

Revision of the Georgia's adoption laws; to change the requirements for adopting children; to provide for nonresident adoption of his or her child; to provide for adoption of foreign children; to change the age for individuals to access the Adoption Reunion Registry; to provide for a waiver to revoke a surrender of parental rights; and to repeal conflicting laws. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Passed House Sent to Senate, Referred to Judiciary Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Senate Recommended to Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Pending House Agree/Disagree.

City & County Governments and Regional Commissions

[HB 33, Individuals appointed to authorities and boards be U.S. citizens](#), (Rep. Brad Raffensperger-R)

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 or nationals, lawful permanent residents, or aliens having lawful status to be present in the United States. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte.

[HB 61, Retailers to collect and remit or notify purchaser and state of sales/use tax](#), (Rep. Jay Powell-R)

Relating to imposition of tax, rates, and collection, so as to require certain retailers to either collect and remit sales and use taxes or provide certain notifications to each purchaser and the state. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, HB 61 merged with HB 62, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to the Senate, Referred to Finance Cmte.

Note: HB 62 language was incorporated into HB 61.

[HB 62, Revise sales and use tax on personal property delivered into state](#), (Rep. Jay Powell-R)

Amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state sales and use tax on tangible personal property delivered into this state. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte, Withdrawn and recommitted to Ways & Means Cmte.

Note: HB 62 language was incorporated into HB 61.

[HB 66, Certain fees for money transmission transactions by financial institutions](#), (Rep. Jeff Jones-R)

Relating to sale of payment instruments, so as to provide for the imposition of certain fees upon money transmission transactions completed by financial institutions for individuals; to provide for compensation to financial institutions for reporting and paying fees; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income tax returns and furnishing of information, so as to provide for a tax credit for residents in the amount of certain assessed money transmission transaction fees paid by such residents; to provide for a reimbursement for certain residents in the amount of certain assessed money transmission transaction fees paid by such residents. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 69, Reporting of statistics related to the classification of counties into tiers for economic development](#), (Rep. Paulette Rakestraw-R)

Relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to provide for the reporting of statistics related to the classification of counties into tiers for economic development purposes. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 70, Reclassify counties with certain percentage who commute outside county for work](#), (Rep. Paulette Rakestraw-R)

Relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to provide that a county with a certain percentage of workers who commute outside such county for work shall be reclassified one tier lower in the county tier system for economic development purposes. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 95, Change certain property tax definitions](#), (Rep. Jay Powell-R)

Relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 141, Expand list of permitted expenditures for revenues from excise tax on lodging](#), (Rep. Ron Stephens-R)

Relating to county and municipal levies on public accommodations charges for promotion of tourism, conventions, and trade shows, so as to expand the list of permitted expenditures for revenues from excise taxes on lodging. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 178, Quality Basic Education Act](#), (Rep. Dave Belton-R)

Relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for local school systems to earn funding for school counselors for military students. **Status:** Referred to Education Cmte.

[HB 181, Change provisions regarding furnishing of certain tax information in all municipalities with a population of 350,000+](#), (Rep. Jodi Lott-R)

Relating to confidential information secured in the administration of taxes, so as to change certain provisions regarding the furnishing of certain tax information in all municipalities in this state having a population of 350,000 or more and make such provisions applicable state wide. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Hearing Only in Sales Tax Subcmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, by Substitute, Sent to the Senate, Referred to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte.

Note: HB 181 was added to [SB 216](#) Senate motion to Agree to House Amend Failed

[HB 189, Contract Cancellation Act](#), (Rep. Shelia Nelson-D)

Relating to general 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. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to the Senate, Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Cmte.

[HB 194, Require counties and municipalities to consider the effect of proposed zoning on local schools](#), (Rep. Todd Jones-R)

Relating to adoption of hearing policies and procedures and standards for exercise of zoning power, so as to require counties and municipalities to consider the effect of a proposed zoning action on local school systems and the potential overcrowding of schools within such local school systems. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte.

[HB 204, Property tax bills shall not include nontax related fees](#), (Rep. Brett Harrell-R)

Relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide that property tax bills shall not include any nontax related fees or assessments. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte.

[HB 216, Georgia Jobs Matter Act](#), (Rep. Debbie Buckner-D)

Relating to contracts and purchases by public schools, local government, and general authority, duties, and procedure relative to government purchasing, respectively, so as to modify provisions relating to contractual and purchasing preferences for Georgia service providers and certain supplies, materials, equipment, and agricultural products grown, manufactured, or produced in this state. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte.

[HB 227, Provide for the value of interest to be paid on refunds](#), (Rep. Jay Powell-R)

Provide for the value of interest to be paid on refunds of certain overpayments made pursuant to a direct payment permit; to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title, relating to the imposition, rate, collection, and assessment of sales and use taxes, so as to require the Department of Revenue to establish and maintain a direct pay permit program that permits a qualified taxpayer to accrue and pay directly to the department certain state and local sales and use taxes. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 257, Requires local government authorities to register with the DCA for funds](#), (Jan Tankersley-R)

Relating to local government, so as to require local government authorities to register with the Department of Community Affairs in order to be eligible for state funds; to change the deadline for local government authorities to register with said department. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte, Local Government Subcmte Favorably Reported by substitute, Cmte Favorably Reported by substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House by Substitute, Sent to Senate, Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Moved to Foot of the Rules Calendar, Tabled in Senate, Returned to State and Local Governmental Operations Cmte

[HB 270, Repeal the Equalized Homestead Option Sales Tax Act](#), (Rep. Tom Taylor-R)

Relating to sales and use taxes, so as to repeal a certain exemption to the ceiling on local sales and use taxes which may be levied by a political subdivision; to repeal the Equalized Homestead Option Sales Tax Act of 2015. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Sales Tax Subcmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Full Cmte.

[HB 271, Shore protection](#), (Rep. Jesse Petrea-R)

Relating to shore protection, so as to revise various provisions relative to shore protection; to revise and add definitions; to establish authority and powers of the Department of Natural Resources; to revise provisions relating to permit activities. **Status:** Referred to Natural Resources & Environment Cmte, Environmental Quality Subcmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte.

[HB 332, Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act](#), (Rep. Sam Watson-R)

Relating to conservation and natural resources, so as to repeal and reenact Chapter 6A, relating to land conservation; to provide for a short title; to create the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; to create funding mechanisms for the protection and preservation of conservation land and provide for their operation. **Status:** Referred to Natural Resources & Environment Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Returned to Natural Resources Cmte.

[HB 336, Broadband Deployment Incentives](#), (Rep. Don Parsons-R)

To provide for broadband deployment incentives; to establish certification of certain counties and municipal corporations as broadband ready communities; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the Department of Economic Development; to provide for the Georgia Technology Authority to develop an annual "Broadband Strategy for All of Georgia." **Status:** Referred to Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Returned to the Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Cmte.

[HB 362, Terms of office for county and municipal governing authorities](#), (Rep. Andrew Welch-R), Relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide for the beginning of the terms of office for county and municipal governing authorities and consolidated governments under certain circumstances; to provide for limitations on actions by governing authorities and consolidated governments under certain circumstances; to provide for exceptions; to amend Chapter 20 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county leadership training. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules, Returned to Governmental Affairs Cmte.

[HB 371, Immunity of municipal corporations](#), (Rep. Barry Fleming-R) Relating to liability of municipal corporations for acts or omissions, so as to revise provisions relating to immunity of municipal corporations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for liability involving joint undertakings. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte.

[HB 372, Exemption for certain equipment used in the deployment of broadband](#), (Rep. Don Parsons-R) Relating to the state sales and use tax, so as to create an exemption for certain equipment used in the deployment of broadband technology; to provide for definitions; to provide for the commissioner of community affairs to make certain annual designations. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Hearing Only in Sales Tax Subcmte.

[HB 419, Counties further regulate the use or ignition of consumer fireworks](#), (Rep. Deborah Silcox-R) Relating to general provisions regarding local government provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to enable the governing authority of certain counties to further regulate the use or ignition of consumer fireworks. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Public Safety Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Senate Tabled, Returned to Public Safety Cmte.

[HB 446, Local Government 9-1-1 Authority Act](#), (Rep. Alan Powell-R) Relating to local government, public officers and employees, and public utilities and public transportation, respectively, so as to create the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority; to provide for members, powers, duties, authority, and responsibilities; to change certain provisions relating to the remittance of 9-1-1 charges; to provide for payment by service suppliers to the Local Government 9-1-1 Authority. **Status:** Referred to Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, On Rules Calendar, House Postponed and Recommitted to Rules Cmte, Returned to Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Cmte.

[HB 451, Ordinance restricting certain vehicles on certain roads](#), (Rep. Bubber Epps-R) Relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit adoption of an ordinance by a county or municipal corporation restricting the travel of certain vehicles on certain roads within their respective systems without providing for certain exceptions. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules, Returned to Governmental Affairs Cmte.

[HB 489, Georgia Procurement Registry in addition to official legal organ to advertise certain bid opportunities](#), (Sen. Tom McCall-R) Relating to local government, so as to provide that the Georgia Procurement Registry shall be used in addition to the official legal organ and other media outlets for advertisement of certain bid opportunities for goods and services and public works construction contracts by a county, municipal corporation, or local board of education; to provide that advertisement via the Georgia Procurement Registry shall be at no cost to local government entities. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte.

[HB 512, Storm-water utility fees on water-neutral properties](#), (Rep. Regina Quick-R)

Relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit the assessment of storm-water utility fees on water-neutral properties. **Status:** Referred to Natural Resources & Environment Cmte.

[HB 518, Specify accounts or portions considered to be "actual recurring local service revenues"](#), (Rep. Lee Hawkins-R)

Relating to exercise of power of eminent domain by telephone companies, placement of posts and other fixtures, regulation of construction of fixtures, posts, and wires near railroad tracks, liability of telephone companies for damages, required information, and due compensation, so as to specify the accounts or portions thereof considered to be included as part of the term "actual recurring local service revenues". **Status:** Referred to Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Cmte.

[HB 523, Industrial Loans Near Military Bases](#), (Rep. Brian Strickland-R)

Relating to industrial loans, so as to prohibit the issuance of a license to issue industrial loans within a certain distance from a military base or installation; to require certain disclosures related to insurance premiums on industrial loans in certain instances; to prohibit persons engaged in the business of making industrial loans from issuing payment instruments which create a loan contract upon redemption. **Status:** Referred to Industry and Labor Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules, Passed House, Sent to the Senate, Referred to Banking and Financial Institutions Cmte.

[HB 533, 5G Broadband Infrastructure Leads to Development \(BILD\) Act](#), (Rep. Brett Harrell-R)

Relating to local government, so as to limit the ability of local governing authorities to prohibit, regulate, or charge for the collocation of small wireless facilities in public rights of way under certain circumstances; to provide the Public Service Commission with the jurisdiction to determine disputes. **Status:** Referred to Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications.

[HB 579, Local Government can't band or regulate short-term and vacation rentals](#), (Rep. Matt Dollar-R)

Relating to local government, so as to provide that local governments cannot ban or regulate short-term and vacation rentals; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the imposition and collection of certain taxes. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries.

[HB 650, Local Government Relocation of Monuments](#), (Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver-D)

To provide that local governments may relocate, remove, conceal, obscure, or alter certain monuments. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte.

[HB 674, Waiver of Sovereign Immunity](#), (Rep. Wendell Willard-R)

Relating to sovereign immunity as to actions ex contractu and state tort claims and a municipal corporation's immunity from liability for damages and the waiver of immunity by the purchase of liability insurance. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte.

[HB 677, Tax Exemption for Deployed Service Members](#), (Rep. Paulette Rakestraw – R)

Relating to property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to provide for a homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes for state, county, municipal, or school purposes for deployed service members in an amount proportional to the period of deployment during the preceding calendar year. **Status:** Referred to Ways and Means Cmte.

[HB 679, Annexation of Territory](#), (Rep. Beth Beskin-R)

Regarding the annexation of territory, so as to provide that no annexation or deannexation shall be effective during the period 90-days prior to a municipal election. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte.

[HB 692, Deferred Compensation Plan](#), (Rep. Howard Maxwell-R)

Relating to deferred compensation plans, so as to provide that the governing authority of a municipality may pay cost or fees associated with an employee's participation in a deferred compensation plan. **Status:** Referred to Retirement Cmte.

[HB 693, Solid Waste Management](#), (Rep. Brett Harrell-R)

Relating to solid waste management generally, so as to repeal provisions relating to authorization to enforce collection taxes, fees, or assessments. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 699, Firefighter Training & Transfer of Military Certification](#), (Rep. Dave Belton-R)

Relating to basic firefighting training courses and transfer of certification, so as to provide that military firefighter training may be accepted as required basic training. **Status:** Referred to Public Safety & Homeland Security Cmte.

[HR 158, Provide for the Dedication of Revenues](#), (Rep. Jay Powell – R)

To provide by general law for the dedication of revenues derived from fees or taxes to the public purpose for which such fees or taxes were imposed. **Status:** Referred to Ways and Means Cmte, Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte.

[HR 169, Adopt interstate health licensing for military service members & families](#), (Rep. Sandra Scott-D)

A RESOLUTION urging the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, the Georgia Board of Dentistry, and the various professional licensing boards under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State's office to adopt existing interstate licensing compacts to permit military service members and their families who have a license to practice in a health service field for which a license is required to practice in such field in this state, without requiring such individuals to earn a Georgia license in addition to their home state license. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte.

[SB 2, "The FAST Act - Empowering Our Small Businesses to Succeed"](#), (Sen. Mike Dugan-R)

Relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, general provisions regarding professions and businesses, and state government, respectively, so as to enhance accountability and notice requirements for agency rule making so as to reduce regulatory burdens on businesses. **Status:** Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported By Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to the House, Referred to Small Business Development Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte, Tabled in Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules, House Postponed, House Postponed, Returned to Small Business Development Cmte.

[SB 116, Storm-water utility fees on water-neutral properties](#), (Sen. Frank Ginn-R)

Relating to provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to prohibit the assessment of storm-water utility fees on water-neutral properties. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte.

[SB 165, Impose Liability on Coal ash producers who dispose of such coal ash in this state in the event of a release](#), (Sen. William Ligon-R)

Relating to solid waste management, so as to impose liability on any producer of coal ash who disposes of such coal ash in this state in the event of a release; to provide for definitions. **Status:** Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Cmte.

[SB 232, "Facilitating Internet Broadband Rural Expansion \(FIBRE\) Act"](#), (Sen. Steve Gooch-R)

Relating to local government, public utilities and public transportation, revenue and taxation, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for broadband service planning, deployment, and incentives; to provide for the creation and administration of the Georgia Gigabit Ready Community Site designation program by the Department of Economic Development; to change the definitions relative to the "OneGeorgia Authority Act" to include broadband services in the terms "cost of project" and "project". **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte.

[SB 256, State Properties Commission can enter into leases in certain rural technology eligible counties](#), (Sen. Blake Tillery-R)

Relating to the State Properties Code, so as to authorize the State Properties Commission to enter into leases in certain rural technology lease eligible counties for the purpose of providing wireless service or broadband service to the public without submission to the General Assembly for approval. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte.

[SB 288, Refundable income tax credit for taxpayers who earn full-time law enforcement income](#), (Sen. Michael Williams-R)

Relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to provide for a refundable income tax credit for taxpayers who earn full-time law enforcement income below a certain threshold. **Status:** Referred to Finance Cmte.

[SB 302, Local Government Relocation of Monuments](#), (Sen. Elan Parent-D)

To provide that local governments may relocate, remove, conceal, obscure, or alter certain monuments. **Status:** Referred to Government Oversight Cmte.

[SB 324, Abutting counties construction and maintenance of bridges](#), (Sen. John Albers – R)

Relating to contracts with state agencies and adjoining counties so as to provide that municipalities may contract with abutting counties for the construction and maintenance of bridges. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte.

[SB 333, Deferred Compensation Plan](#), (Sen. Ellis Black-R)

Relating to deferred compensation plans, so as to provide that the governing authority of a municipality may pay cost or fees associated with an employee's participation in a deferred compensation plan. **Status:** Referred to Retirement Cmte.

[SB 341, Provide the Use of Cameras on Ignition Interlock Devices](#), (Sen. Lee Anderson – R)

Relating to ignition interlock devices, the purchase or lease of such devices by counties, municipalities, or private entities, fees, costs, and deposits for such devices, and requirements for such devices when indigent, so as to provide for the use of cameras on ignition interlock devices. **Status:** Referred to Public Safety Committee.

Disabilities and Mental Health

[SB 4, Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-R)

Relating to medical assistance generally, so as to establish the Georgia Mental Health Treatment Task Force; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the membership, duties, compensation, and expense allowances; to develop applications for a Medicaid waiver and block grant funding; to prohibit the submission of a mental health Medicaid waiver application without legislative approval. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported By Substitute, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Withdrawn from Rules Cmte Recommitted to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House by Cmte Substitute, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed as Amended, House Disagreed.

[SB 40, Authorize EMS personnel to transport certain mentally ill patients](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-R)

Relating to examination, hospitalization, and treatment of involuntary patients, so as to provide for authorization of emergency medical services personnel to transport certain mentally ill patients under certain circumstances. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Returned to the Health Cmte.

[SB 118, Change the age limit for coverage for autism spectrum disorders](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-R)

Relating to coverage for autism, so as to change the age limit for coverage for autism spectrum disorders for an individual covered under a policy or contract. **Status:** Referred to Insurance and Labor Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Returned to Insurance and Labor Cmte.

[SB 318, Physician's certificate for emergency examination](#), (Sen. Doc Rhett – D)

Relating to mental health so as to provide for the execution of a physician's certificate for emergency examination of person for involuntary evaluation and treatment from mental illness or alcohol or drug abused based on consultation with an emergency medical technician or paramedic...to provide for immunity. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[HB 716, Georgia Pre-Arrest Diversion for Drug and Mental Health Treatment Act](#), (Rep. Paulette Rakestraw – R)

Relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for self-referral to law enforcement officers and agencies by persons seeking treatment for drug or alcohol abuse or dependence or mental health issues...relating to hospitalization and treatment of voluntary patients, to provide for related matters. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Cmte.

Economic Development

[HB 158, Creation of Georgia Gaming Commission and Destination Resorts](#), (Rep. Ron Stephens-R)

Relating to the creation, membership, appointments, and duties of the Georgia Gaming Commission; to authorize the licensing of up to two destination resorts. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries Cmte.

[SB 17, Local authorities to authorize Sunday times to sell alcoholic beverages](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-R)

Relating to alcoholic beverages, so as to provide that governing authorities of counties and municipalities in which the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises is lawful may authorize sales of such alcoholic beverages during a certain time on Sundays. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Cmte.

[SB 79, Creation of Georgia Gaming Commission and Destination Resorts](#), (Sen. Brandon Beach-R)

Relating to the creation, membership, appointments, and duties of the Georgia Gaming Commission; to authorize the licensing of up to two destination resorts. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte.

[SR 249, A Constitutional Amendment to authorize casino resorts](#), (Sen. Brandon Beach-R)

A Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, so as to provide by law for the local authorization of a limited number of licensed destination casino resorts within the state; to authorize the operation and regulation of limited casino gaming within the state; and to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Cmte.

Environment & Natural Resources

[HB 205, Oil and Gas Deep Drilling Act](#), (Rep. John Meadows-R)

Relating to mining and drilling, so as to regulate the exploration and extraction of gas and oil and to create an Oil and Gas Board and impose a severance tax on the extraction of oil and gas. **Status:** Referred to the Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Cmte, Hearing Only in Energy Subcmte, Second Hearing Only in Energy Subcmte, Energy Subcmte Favorably Reported, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House by Substitute, Sent to Senate, Referred to Regulated Industries & Utilities, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate As Amended, Pending House to Agree, House Agreed as Amended, Senate Disagreed, House Insisted, Conference Cmte Appointed.

Note: Conference Cmte report never brought to the floor

[SB 191, Regulation and permitting of petroleum pipelines](#), (Sen. Rick Jeffares-R)

Relating to conservation and natural resources, eminent domain, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for the regulation and permitting of petroleum pipelines in this state; to provide for the issuance of certain permits by the director of the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources. **Status:** Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Passed Senate, Sent to the House, Referred to Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Cmte, Hearing Only in Energy Subcmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules, Returned to Energy Subcmte.

General Government

[HB 399, Campaign Finance Act](#), (Rep. Wendell Willard-R)

Provides for the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission and its composition, duties, powers, authority, and funding; to provide for procedures regarding complaints, disclosures, and other filings; to provide limitations on campaign contributions and expenditures; to provide for disclosure of contributions and expenditures and personal finances; to provide for the registration of lobbyists. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte.

[HB 620, Standards for the issuance of a license to issue industrial loans](#), (Rep. Earl Ehrhart-R)

Relating to industrial loans, so as to provide for standards for the issuance of a license to issue industrial loans; to provide for standards for and require certain disclosures related to insurance premiums on industrial loans. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries Cmte.

[SB 319, Consolidation of Fire Safety Services in Georgia](#), (Sen. John Albers – R)

To establish the Department of Fire Safety. **Status:** Referred to Public Safety Cmte.

Health – General

[HB 301, Delete income tax deduction for certain physicians serving as community based faculty physicians](#), (Rep. Jodi Lott-R)

Relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to delete an income tax deduction for certain physicians serving as community based faculty physicians; to create a new income tax credit for taxpayers who are licensed physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, or physician assistants who provide uncompensated preceptorship training to medical students, advanced practice registered nurse students, or physician assistant students. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Finance Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte.

[HR 36, Production and sale of medical cannabis to individuals for medical use](#), (Rep. Allen Peake-R)

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the regulation of the production of cannabis and sale of medical cannabis to certain individuals for medical usage as provided by law; to provide that the fees paid from the production of cannabis and state tax proceeds from the sale of medical cannabis be dedicated. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Cmte.

[SB 25, Create Georgia Health Care Transparency Initiative](#), (Sen. Joshua McKoon-R)

Relating to general provisions of insurance, so as to create the Georgia Health Care Transparency Initiative; to provide for definitions; to provide for a purpose; to provide for a Georgia Health Care Initiative Board; to provide for the board's membership and duties; to provide for the Commissioner's duties; to provide for subcommittees. **Status:** Referred to Insurance and Labor Cmte.

[SB 300, Medical Assistance](#), (Sen. Doc Rhett – D)

Relating to medical assistance to provide for a program of premium assistance to enable eligible individuals to obtain health care coverage. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

Health – Public Health

[HB 28, Test for lead contamination in drinking water, public and private schools](#), (Rep. Billy Mitchell-D)

To require testing of drinking water in public and private schools for lead contamination; to provide for remediation plans or alternate sources of drinking water. **Status:** Referred to Education Cmte.

[HB 38, Issuance of license for three-wheeled motor vehicle](#), (Rep. Alan Powell-R)

Provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class C driver's license for the operation of three-wheeled motor vehicles equipped with a steering wheel for directional control; to provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class M driver's license for the operation of motorcycles equipped with handlebars for directional control. **Status:** Referred to Motor Vehicles Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Public Safety Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte. Returned to Public Safety Cmte.

[HB 200, Authorizing students to carry and self-administer sunscreen](#), (Rep. Mark Newton-R)
Require local boards of education to adopt policies authorizing students to carry and self-administer sunscreen. **Status:** Referred to Education Cmte.

[HB 263, Provide dental services for Medicaid recipients and PeachCare for Kids](#), (Rep. Darlene Taylor-R)
Relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for administrators for dental services for Medicaid recipients and PeachCare for Kids participants; to require the Department of Community Health to competitively bid out and contract with such administrators. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services.

[HB 274, Makes smoking inside of any motor vehicle when a person under 13 is present an offense](#), (Rep. Sandra Scott-D)
Relating to general provisions regarding offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for the offense of smoking inside any motor vehicle when a person who is under 13 years of age is present; to provide for a criminal penalty. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil.

[HB 454, Publicly funded health facilities offering HIV testing](#), (Rep. Park Cannon-D)
Relating to control of HIV, so as to provide for certain information in publicly funded health facilities offering HIV testing. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte.

[HB 673, Distracted Driving](#), (Rep. John Carson-R)
To provide for the safe use of wireless communication devices while driving; to provide for punishment when a driver was operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless telecommunications device. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Cmte.

[SB 81, Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr., Act.](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-R)
Provide that the state health officer may issue a standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain opioid antagonists under the conditions the state health officer may impose. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte.

[SB 184, Integrated Population Health Data Project](#), (Sen. Chuck Hufstetler-R)
Relating to the Office of Planning and Budget, so as to establish the Integrated Population Health Data Project; to create a governing board and provide for its membership and terms; to provide for oversight of the project; to provide for board responsibilities. **Status:** Referred to Appropriations Cmte.

[SB 245, 'Cory Joseph Wilson Act'](#), (Sen. Butch Miller-R)
Relating to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary education, so as to give a short title to a Code section relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of automated external defibrillators in schools. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Returned to Health Cmte.

[SB 329, Sovereign Immunity Coverage for Boards of Health](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-R)
Relating to torts claims, so as to provide that boards of health are covered entities under the waiver of sovereign immunity pursuant to The Georgia Tort Claims Act. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte.

Hospitals

[HB 71, Insurance: consumer protections regarding health insurance](#), (Rep. Richard Smith-R)
Relating to insurance, so as to provide for consumer protections regarding health insurance; to provide for definitions; to provide for disclosure requirements of providers, hospitals, and insurers; to provide for network composition; to provide for billing and reimbursement of in-network and out-of-network services; to provide for payment of emergency services. **Status:** Referred to Insurance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, House Postponed, House Postponed, House Tabled.

[HB 81, Health facilities to receive tax refund setoffs for collection of medical debts](#), (Rep. Tom McCall-R)

Relating to income taxes, so as to allow certain health care facilities to receive income tax refund setoffs for collection of medical debts. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 149, Comprehensive regulation of trauma scene cleanup](#), (Rep. Alan Powell-R)

Relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for the comprehensive regulation of trauma scene cleanup services and regulated waste transport. **Status:** Referred to Public Safety & Homeland Security Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House by Substitute, Sent to the Senate, Referred to Public Safety Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Tabled in Senate, Returned to Public Safety Cmte.

[HB 299, Certificate of Need Modification](#), (Rep. Wendell Willard-R)

Relating to state health planning and development, to eliminate the requirement that certain expenditures by a health care facility are required to obtain a certificate of need; to eliminate the requirement for certificate of need for medical equipment; to exempt freestanding emergency departments from certificate of need requirements; to eliminate exemptions for certain capital expenditures and cost overruns. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte, Tabled in Subcmte.

[HB 426, Delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses](#), (Rep. Sharon Cooper-R)

Relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, so as to provide an exception to the number of advanced practice registered nurses with which a delegating physician can enter into a protocol agreement at any one time for nurses in certain locations under certain conditions. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte.

[HB 464, Destination cancer hospitals](#), (Rep. Wendell Willard-R)

Relating to state health planning and development, so as to provide for a five-year phase-in decrease in the percentage of out-of-state patients required to compose the patient base; to eliminate the licensed bed capacity maximum for destination cancer hospitals in two years; to increase the required charity care of a destination cancer hospital for purposes of certificate of need for the next five years. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte, Tabled in Subcmte.

[HB 487, Disaster Volunteer Relief Act](#), (Rep. Josh Bonner-R)

Relating to the Disaster Volunteer Relief Act, so as to authorize certain employees of state agencies to be granted leave from work with pay in order to participate in specialized disaster relief services. **Status:** Referred to Public Safety & Homeland Security Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules. Returned to Public Safety & Homeland Security Cmte.

[HB 517, Registration of diagnostic imaging equipment](#), (Rep. Tom Taylor-R)

Relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to provide for the registration of diagnostic imaging equipment. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte.

[HB 643, Certificate of Need](#), (Billy Mitchell – D)

Relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, so as to require the development of quality assurance standards for the health care facility. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte.

[HB 669, Medicaid Expansion](#), (Rep. Bob Trammell-D)

To provide for Medicaid expansion under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **Status:** Referred to Appropriations Cmte.

[HB 678, Surprise Billing](#), (Rep. Richard Smith-R)

To provide for disclosure requirement of health insurance; to provide for disclosure requirements of providers, hospitals, and insurers; to provide for billing, reimbursement, and arbitration of certain services. **Status:** Referred to Insurance Cmte.

[HB 715, Dense Breast Tissue Mammogram Report](#), (Rep. Carolyn Hugley – D)

As to require certain notice in a mammogram report to patients with dense breast tissue. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[HR 182, Creating per capita block grant funding for indigent healthcare](#), (Rep. Brad Raffensperger-R)

A RESOLUTION urging the Governor to negotiate with federal authorities to receive a waiver creating per capita block grant funding to be used for indigent health care. **Status:** Referred to Appropriations Cmte.

[SB 8, Surprise Billing and Consumer Protection Act](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-R)

To provide for disclosure requirements of providers, hospitals, and insurers; to provide for billing and reimbursement of out-of-network services; to provide for procedures for dispute resolution for surprise bills for nonemergency services; to provide for payment of emergency services; to provide for an out-of-network reimbursement rate workgroup. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte hearing only, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate by Substitute, Sent to House, Referred to Insurance Cmte, On House Insurance Cmte Agenda for Monday morning, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Recommitted to Rules Cmte from the House Floor, Returned to Insurance Cmte.

[SB 44, Exempt from public disclosure the identities of donors to rural hospitals](#), (Sen. Dean Burke-R)

Relating to when public disclosure not required, so that the identities of individual and corporate donors to rural hospital organizations are exempt from public disclosure. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Returned to Health Cmte

[SB 138, "Patient Compensation Act"](#), (Sen. Brandon Beach-R)

Relating to torts, so as to create an alternative to medical malpractice litigation whereby patients are compensated for medical injuries; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for definitions; to establish the Patient Compensation System and the Patient Compensation Board. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services.

[SB 157, Creates additional exemptions to the certificate of need](#), (Sen. Ben Watson-R)

Relating to state health planning and development, so as to create additional exemptions to the certificate of need requirement. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte.

[SB 158, Creates additional exemptions from the certificate of need requirement](#), (Sen. Ben Watson-R)

Creates additional exemptions from the certificate of need requirement; to create a certificate of need process for freestanding emergency services; to provide for department application standards for freestanding emergency services; to provide for additional exemptions from certificate of need for hospital expenditures, multi-specialty surgical centers, and the sale of single specialty surgery centers. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte.

[SB 277, "Consumer Coverage for Emergency Medical Care Act"](#), (Sen. Michael Williams-R)

Relating to insurance, so as to establish standards for carriers and health care providers with regard to payment under a managed care plan in the provision of emergency medical care; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements regarding the provision of emergency medical care for covered persons under a managed care plan; to provide for requirements for managed care plan contracts between carriers and covered persons. **Status:** Referred to Insurance and Labor Cmte.

[SB 321, Maximum Penalties for Medicaid fraud](#), (Sen. Blake Tillery – R)

Relating to the civil penalties for false or fraudulent Medicaid claims, so as to increase the civil penalties that shall be imposed in order to allow this state to recover the maximum penalty authorized by federal law. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte.

[SB 325, "Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Act"](#), (Sen. Kay Kilpatrick – R)

Relating to physicians, assistants, and others, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Act"; to authorize the Georgia Composite Medical Board to

administer the compact in this state; to provide for the purpose of the compact; to provide definitions. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[SB 334, Ga. Board of Nursing Transfer to Department of Community Health](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman – R)
To transfer the Georgia Board of Nursing from the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State to the Department of Community Health for administrative purposes only. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[SB 351, Adding Powers to Georgia Board of Nursing](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman – R)
Relating to nurses, so as to revise certain provisions related to advanced nursing practice; to revise a definition; to add certain powers to the Georgia Board of Nursing; to provide for expansion of roles and restrictions. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[SB 352, Create Director of Substance Abuse, Addiction, Related Disorders](#) (Sen. Renee Unterman – R)
To prohibit patient brokering; to create a director of Substance Abuse, Addiction, and Related Disorders; to provide for appointment; to provide for qualifications; to establish the Commission on Substance Abuse and Recovery. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

Insurance

[HB 631, State employees' health insurance plan](#), (Rep. Trey Kelley-R)
Relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to prohibit a corporation licensed to transact accident and health insurance business in this state from providing health insurance benefits if it has been out of network with any critical access hospital in the previous 12 months. **Status:** Referred to Insurance Cmte

[SB 248, Life insurers' requirement to review the National Association of Insurance Commissioners life insurance policy locator](#), (Sen. Marty Harbin-R)
Relating to life insurance, so as to provide for life insurers' requirement to review the National Association of Insurance Commissioners life insurance policy locator. **Status:** Referred to Insurance and Labor Cmte.

[SB 350, Update Notice Practices to Comport with Federal Law](#), (Sen. Larry Walker – R)
Relating to transactions requiring notice of information practices, form and content of notice, abbreviated notice, and satisfaction of obligations by another institution or agent, so as to update notice practices requirements by an insurance institution or agent to applicants or policyholders in the case of policy renewal to comport with federal law. **Status:** Referred to Insurance & Labor Cmte.

Pharmaceuticals

[HB 30, Add synthetic opioid to Schedule I Controlled Substances](#), (Rep. Kevin Tanner-R)
Relating to Schedule I controlled substances, so as add a synthetic opioid to Schedule I. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Cmte.

[HB 35, Pharmacy benefits managers required to confirm receipt of prior approval request within 48 hours](#), (Rep. Bruce Broadrick-R)
Relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, so as to require confirmation of receipt of prior approval requests for prescription drugs within 48 hours. **Status:** Referred to the Insurance Cmte.

[HB 519, Certain review criteria used to establish step therapy protocols](#), (Rep. Sharon Cooper-R),
Relating to insurance generally, so as to require health benefit plans to utilize certain clinical review criteria to establish step therapy protocols; to provide for a step therapy override determination process; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for rules and regulations. **Status:** Referred to Insurance Cmte.

Study Committees

[HR 913, Incorporating Law Enforcement in Treatment for Drug Use and Mental Health](#), (Rep. Paulette Rakestraw – R)

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Incorporating Law Enforcement in the Pathway to Treatment and Social Services for Persons Having Challenges with Drug Use and Mental Health. **Status:** Referred to Public Safety Cmte.

[SR 502, Broadband Study Committee](#), (Sen. Steve Gooch – R)

Encouraging the Congress of the United States and Federal Agencies to do all within their powers to develop policies and funding sources to help bring high-speed broadband access to Rural America; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Rules Cmte.

Taxes

[HB 56, Levy a tax on persons who enter certain rental agreements](#), (Rep. Ron Stephens-R)

Relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to levy and impose a tax on persons who enter certain rental agreements with certain equipment rental companies within a certain period of time; to provide for definitions; to require such equipment rental companies to collect such taxes and hold them in escrow for a period of time; to provide that such companies shall pay their ad valorem tax liability for certain rental equipment with such taxes and shall remit any excess funds to the general fund of the state treasury; to provide for the reporting of statistical data related to such tax. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Withdrawn from Ways & Means Cmte and recommitted to Transportation Cmte

[HB 59, Tax credits for rehabilitation of historic structures](#), (Rep. Ron Stephens-R)

Changes to tax credits for the rehabilitation of historic structures, so as to revise procedures, conditions, and limitations. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules, Passed House by Substitute, Sent to the Senate, Referred to Finance Cmte, Income Tax Subcmte Favorably Reported, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Returned to Finance Cmte

Note: HB 59 was added to [SB 216](#) Senate motion to Agree to House Amend on SB 216 Failed

[HB 89, Type of investor eligible for certain income tax credits](#), (Rep. Dar'shun Kendrick-D)

Relating to income taxes, so as to add a type of investor eligible for certain tax credits. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 145, Change method of charging tax on jet fuel](#), (John Carson-R)

Relating to general provisions regarding the state sales and use tax, so as to change the method of charging such tax on jet fuel. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte.

[HB 147, Income tax credit for films that employ veterans](#), (Rep. Pam Dickerson-D)

Relating to an income tax credit for film, video, or digital production in Georgia, so as to provide for an additional credit amount for productions that employ veterans. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 217, Aggregate cap on contributions to certain scholarship organizations](#), (Rep. John Carson-R)

Relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to increase the amount of the aggregate cap on contributions to certain scholarship organizations in order to receive income tax credits. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Income Tax Subcmte Favorably Reported, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Pending House to Agree, House Agreed as Amended, Senate Disagreed House Amend or Sub.

[HB 236, Increase education tax credit](#), (Rep. Sam Teasley-R)

Relating to the qualified education tax credit, so as to increase the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed; to provide for two separate application dates; to provide for an automatic annual increase; to provide for rollover of tax credits. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 277, Tax credit for recording industries created in less developed areas](#), (Rep. Spencer Frye-D) Relating to tax credits for business enterprises in less developed areas, so as to provide that sound recording is an industry eligible for a tax credit in less developed areas. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 414, Certain unapproved and unused tax credits to be carried forward to next taxable year](#), (Rep. Sam Teasley-R)

Relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to provide for certain unapproved and unused tax credits to be carried forward to the next taxable year. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 604, Special district mass transportation sales and use tax](#), (Rep. Ron Stephens-R)

Relating to the special district mass transportation sales and use tax, so as to provide for a sales tax to be levied for public transportation purposes. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 696, Tax Exemption for computer equipment in data centers](#), (Rep. Trey Kelley-R)

To create a tax exemption for certain computer equipment sold or leased to certain entities for use in high-technology data centers. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HR 158, Dedicate the revenues derived from fees or taxes to the public purpose for which they were imposed](#), (Rep. Jay Powell-R)

Provide by general law for the dedication of revenues derived from fees or taxes to the public purpose for which such fees or taxes were imposed; to provide for procedures. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte.

[HR 238, Annual allocation of 75% of revenue from sale of outdoor recreation equipment](#), (Rep. Sam Watson-R)

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for an annual allocation of 75 percent of the revenue derived from the state sales and use tax with respect to the sale of outdoor recreation equipment to a trust fund to be used for the protection and preservation of conservation land. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

Transportation

[HB 68, Emergency pull off shoulders for motor vehicles in construction zones](#), (Rep. Andrew Welch-R)

Relating to general provisions relative to regulation of maintenance and use of public roads, so as to provide for emergency pull off shoulders for motor vehicles in construction zones of road expansion projects. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte.

[HB 96, Change definitions of rooms, lodgings, and accommodations for excise tax](#), (Rep. Jay Powell-R)

Relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 103, Change certain definitions for motor fuel and road taxes](#), (Rep. Jay Powell-R)

Relating to motor fuel and road taxes, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes; to provide an effective date. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte

[HB 107, Change definitions for rooms, lodgings, and accommodations for excise tax](#), (Rep. Jay Powell-R)

Relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxes. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 150, Failure to Pay Tolls](#), (Rep. Alan Powell-R)

To provide for the placement of a hold on motor vehicle registration upon failure to pay tolls and administrative fees. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Transportation Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Senate Calendar, Senate Tabled, Passed Senate by Substitute, Sent to the House

Note: The Senate Substitute includes a Floor Amendment to repeal sunset of the CPI to the excise tax.

[HB 201, Exempt public mass transit vehicles from taxes on the sale of motor vehicle fuel](#), (Rep. Ron Stephens-R)

Relating to an excise tax on motor fuels, so as to provide for an exemption from taxes on the sale of motor vehicle fuel for use by public mass transit vehicles, certain vehicles operated by public campus transportation systems. **Status:** Referred Ways & Means Cmte.

[HB 379, Georgia Public Road Authority](#), (Rep. Kevin Tanner-R)

Relating to state government, so as to create the Georgia Public Road Authority; to provide for liberal construction. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte.

[HB 658, Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Sunset](#), (Rep. Earl Ehrhart – R)

Relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to remove the sunset date for the time during which a certain excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations may be collected. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, **Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte.**

[SB 58, Repeal the excise tax on hotel and motel room rentals](#), (Sen. Joshua McKoon-R) Relating to an excise tax on hotel and motel room rentals, so as to repeal such provision; to provide for an effective date.

Status: Referred to Finance Cmte.

[SB 89, Provide for state investment in railways, railroad facilities, and equipment](#), (Sen. David Shafer-R)

Relating to officers in the Department of Transportation, so as to provide for state investment in railways and railroad facilities and equipment; to provide that the commissioner of transportation may administer a Georgia Freight Railroad Program. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate by Substitute, Sent to the House, Referred to Transportation Cmte.