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Healthcare Issues Dominate

The General Assembly's agenda continues to be dominated by healthcare-related bills, only three of which are mentioned here.

[HB 769](#) is an omnibus bill coming out of the House Rural Development Council which met across the state during the interim. The bill:

- Eases the restrictions on remote order entry by hospital pharmacies when a staff pharmacist is not in the hospital;
- Directs Medicaid to streamline the provider credentialing and billing processes and to update its payment policies for telehealth services;
- Creates a new grant program for physicians who agree to practice in underserved rural areas of the state;
- Creates a Rural Center for Health Care Innovation and Sustainability; and
- Increases the rural hospital tax credit to 100% and adds subchapter S corporations to the list of those eligible to participate.

The bill passed out of the House HHS committee on Tuesday.

Georgia ranks next to last among states in the number of maternal deaths within one year of giving birth. No one is content with that statistic and freshman Representative Deborah Silcox (R-Sandy Springs) has introduced [HB 909](#) to address the problem. The bill would establish a program that encourages improvement in maternal and neonatal outcomes. Georgia also ranks 32nd worst for infant deaths before the age of one. The measure requires the Department of Public Health to establish quality criteria for various levels of maternal and neonatal care, which when met, would qualify a hospital to become a "designated" facility.

The House passed [HB 678](#) by Insurance Committee Chair Richard Smith (R-Columbus) on Monday. The bill addresses "surprise medical billing" by placing certain disclosure requirements on hospitals, physicians and insurance companies for non-emergency services.

Chairwoman Rattlesnake?!

[SB 334](#) got unanimous approval from the Senate HHS Committee on Wednesday, but that doesn't mean there were no fireworks. The bill would move the Board of Nursing out from the Secretary of State's (SoS) jurisdiction to an independent entity attached to the Department of Community Health for administrative purposes. Chairwoman Renee Unterman entertained testimony from three nurses who went into great detail about their dissatisfaction with procedures under the SoS's Professional Licensing Office in Macon. In addition, the chairwoman stunned the hearing when she quoted a social media post where a South Georgia SoS staff member referred to her as a "rattlesnake." She claimed to have been called worse, but made it clear she thought that such was unbecoming of a state employee. The SoS's chief of staff agreed that the posting violated internal policy and apologized. (Secretary of State Brian Kemp is a candidate for Governor. Sen. Unterman is a vocal supporter of Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle in that race.)

Little Budget Almost Done

The Senate passed out the Amended FY 2018 budget on Thursday, but made a few changes before sending it back to the House. According to Senate Appropriations Chairman Jack Hill (R-Reidsville) the differences between the House and Senate are few and manageable, meaning work on the bill could be finished without forming a conference committee. If that's the case, the bill could be agreed to by both houses and sent to the Governor as soon as Tuesday.

Worse than Lucifer and All His Demons!

Gov. Nathan Deal is pushing the final phase of his judicial reform this year, legislation that would allow judges to consider a defendant's ability to pay when setting cash bail for minor, nonviolent misdemeanors. It would also give law enforcement officials more leeway to issue a citation instead of filing criminal charges for minor misdemeanors. According to the administration, about 64 percent of inmates in Georgia jails are awaiting trial and many of those are behind bars - at taxpayer expense - because they were unable to afford bail.

But [SB 407](#) introduced Wednesday has run into significant opposition from some law enforcement officers. The most virulent has been Putnam County Sheriff Howard Sills who sent an email to fellow sheriffs saying among other things, "This Governor has done more for those who perpetrate crime than Lucifer and his demons combined and every piece of his criminal justice reform that has been passed into law has complicated or burdened our duties and/or endangered the citizenry of our state." The Sheriffs' Association has not yet taken a formal position on the entire bill, but its Executive Director said members intend to fight portions of the bill that change the cash bail system and permit officers to issue citations in lieu of making arrests.

Sills did not address how a misdemeanor suspect who could not pay a cash bail would be more dangerous than one who could afford to be released on bond. He did reference a portion of the bill that appears to allow first-time offenders convicted of some felonies to be sentenced to a year of probation.

Quick to defend the Governor, House Speaker David Ralston said, “When I read those comments this morning, I got sick to my stomach. Few things in my public career have I found as disgusting and deplorable as that statement made by a man who wears a badge. They are wrong, and they are an embarrassment to an honorable profession.”

Rep. Scot Turner (R-Holly Springs) called on the Sheriffs’ Association to censure Sills. He asked, “Because we treat people as human beings in the criminal justice system . . . we somehow are worse than Lucifer, than the devil?”

Members of a Deal-appointed Criminal Justice Reform Council traveled to Kentucky where they were briefed on a study that found people who were held in jail for several days after their arrests were significantly more likely to be arrested on a new charge than people released on the first day. The cities of Atlanta and Calhoun, among others, have recently faced lawsuits aimed at their excessive incarceration of people too poor to pay cash bonds.

As pointed out by AJC columnist Jim Galloway, not mentioned in the name-calling exchange is the fact that sheriffs need campaign contributions to run for office and a list of their largest donors often includes local bail bondsmen.

All this and the legislation has not yet been heard in committee.

New GDoT Board Member

The Georgia Board of Transportation has a new member, Jerry Shearin, a former Paulding county Commission chairman. Shearin is President of Brightway Insurance in Dallas, GA. Legislators from the 14th Congressional District on Wednesday elected to replace retired board member Roger Williams of Dalton. “Transportation is a key issue for Georgia,” Shearin said. “I look forward to being a part of the State Transportation Board as we strive to make positive steps for the future of our state.”

Sexual Harassment Training

Responding to a national focus on sexual harassment cases, Georgia’s Legislative Services Committee last week adopted a new policy requiring members of the General Assembly to receive sexual harassment training every two years. The five-page addition to the employee handbook includes relationships with lobbyists and part-time employees. The General Assembly is exempt from the state’s Open Records Act, so any sanction against a member could possibly still remain secret unless a House or Senate ethics committee voted to release it. Speaker Pro Tem Jan Jones has said she plans to introduce legislation that would allow lobbyists to be sanctioned as well and require them to acknowledge they have read the policy.

The Governor’s Race

We’ve alluded to the fact that the race for Governor might occasionally influence goings-on at the Capitol, but we haven’t addressed the race itself too much. Our friend Tom Crawford of the *Georgia Report* has spent some time sifting through campaign finance reports to make a few comparisons we found interesting.

For example, Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle has raised almost \$7 million, more than twice as much as his nearest Republican competitor, Brian Kemp with \$2.88 million. Kemp is followed by former senator Hunter Hill who has raised \$2.26 million and businessman Clay Tippins with \$2.14 million. Sen. Michael Williams, who touts himself as the first Georgia legislator to endorse Donald Trump, trails at only \$1.78 million, but \$1.5 million of that came out of his own pocket.

On the Democratic side, former House Minority Leader Stacey Abrams and former State Rep. Stacey Evans have each raised a little less than \$2.3 million. Similar to Williams, Evans has put more than \$1 million of her own money into the campaign. But, Crawford points out a significant difference between the two Staceys' reports. "When you analyze campaign reports, one of the most important factors to consider is the burn rate," he wrote. "Most of the candidates running for Governor have spent somewhere between 25% and 33% of the money they have raised, with the rest still in the bank to use during the weeks between now and the May 22 primary election."

Crawford reports that Abrams is the glaring exception, already having burned about 80% of her funds on consulting, staff salaries, grassroots development, etc. He says that Abrams' campaign manager disagrees that a high burn rate for a strong ground game is a negative. Abrams prefers to spend money early on building a field organization to get out the vote, rather than saving money for TV advertising just before the election, she explained. It will be interesting to see how the two strategies play out.

Next Week

Monday is a recess day, then legislators will be back in session Tuesday through Friday. Legislators will be anxious to see movement on their legislation this week, which ends on Legislative Day 26. Legislative Day 28, set for the following Wednesday, is crossover or die day for all bills.

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 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 Recommitted to Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Pending House Agree/Disagree, House Agreed as Amended by the House, Sent to Senate, Pending Agree/Disagree., Senate agreed to Senate Substitute as Amended by the House, On to Governor's Desk

[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 635, Disabled Adults and Elder Persons Protection Act](#), (Rep. Sharon Cooper-R)

To provide for the establishment of at risk adult protective investigative/coordinating teams to coordinate responses to suspected instances of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of disabled adults or elder persons; to provide for coordination with the director of the division of Aging Services. **Status:** Referred to Human Relations & Aging Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed House, Sent to Senate.**

[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., Passed Judiciary Cmte., Pending Rules Cmte., **Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Judiciary Cmte.**

[HB 776, Authorized Electronic Monitoring in Long-term Care Facilities Act](#), (Rep. Demetrius Douglas – D)

To provide for authorized electronic monitoring in long-term care facilities; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide consent requirements; to provide for notice to the facility; to provide for cost and installation; to provide for an assistance program for Medicaid recipients. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[HB 803, Protection of Elderly Persons](#), (Rep. Wendell Willard-R)

To prohibit trafficking of disabled adults, elderly persons; to provide for penalties and mandatory sentences. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Cmte.

[HB 896, Uniform Adult Guardianship and Conservatorship](#), (Rep. Chuck Efstoration – R)

To change provisions relating to guardians and conservators of adults; to recognize certain provisions of the "Uniform Adult Guardianship and Conservatorship Proceedings Jurisdiction Act" in connection with the appointment of a guardian or conservator of adults and the jurisdiction for such petitions; to change provisions relating to the termination of an emergency guardianship. **Status:** **Referred to Judiciary Cmte., Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte.**

[HB 897, Uniform Power of Attorney Act](#), (Rep. Chuck Efstoration – R)

Relating to the "Uniform Power of Attorney Act," so as to revise the short title; to provide for definitions; to change provisions relating to the application of Chapter 6 of this title. **Status:** **Referred to Judiciary Cmte, Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte.**

[HB 927, Info to Caregiver by DFCS upon placement of child](#), (Rep. Chad Nimmer – R)

Relating to general provisions relative to dependency proceedings, so as to require certain information be provided to a caregiver, foster parent, preadoptive parent, or relative by DFCS upon placement of a child. **Status:** **Referred to Juvenile Justice Cmte.**

[SB 370, Waive claims against estates up to \\$25,000](#), (Sen. John Wilkinson – R)

Relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide that the commissioner of human services waives the first \$25,000.00 of any estate. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte., Passed Health Cmte. as amended by the Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed Senate with Committee Substitute, Sent to House, Referred to Judiciary Cmte.**

[SB 406, "Georgia Long-term Care Background Check Program,"](#) (Sen. Brian Strickland – R)

To enact the "Georgia Long-term Care Background Check Program" and to promote public safety and provide for comprehensive criminal background checks for owners, applicants for employment, and employees providing care or owning a personal care home, assisted living community, private home care provider, home health agency, hospice care, nursing home, skilled nursing facility, or an adult day care. **Status:** Referred to Public Safety Cmte.

Business

[HR 993, CA to Create a Business Court,](#) (Rep. Chuck Efstoration – R)

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to create a business court with state-wide jurisdiction; to provide for venue and uniformity of jurisdiction and powers. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte.

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, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte.

[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.

[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.

[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, Passed Cmte, Pending Rules 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, **Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules 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 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 ban 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, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules 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, Passed out of Cmte, Passed out of House, Sent to Senate, 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, passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte, **On House Floor Tuesday.**

[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, Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Public Safety Cmte.

[HB 751, Establish Georgia Emergency Communications Authority](#), (Rep. Jay Powell – R)

To establish the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority; to amend Title 46 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to revise the Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act of 1977 to account for the establishment of the authority. **Status:** Referred to Public Safety and Homeland Security Cmte, Passed Cmte by substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Public Safety Cmte.**

[HB 756, SPLOST Annual Reporting Revisions](#), (Rep. Scott Hilton – R)

Relating to county special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST), so as to revise the annual reporting requirements regarding projects and purposes using SPLOST funds. **Status:** Referred to Ways and Means Cmte, Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Finance Cmte.

[HB 792, Extend sunset for Solid Waste Surcharges](#), (Rep. Terry Rodgers – R)

Relating to waste management, so as to extend the sunset date for certain solid waste surcharges and hazardous waste fees. **Status:** Referred to Ways and Means Cmte, Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed House, Sent to Senate.**

[HB 810, Boards and Committee Meetings by Teleconference](#), (Rep. Tom McCall-R)

An agency with state-wide jurisdiction or committee of such an agency, or a local workforce development board or their committee shall be authorized to conduct meetings by teleconference. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte, **Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte.**

[HB 821, Jet Fuel Exemption from SPLOST](#), (Rep. Chuck Efstrotation – R)

To define the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and thereby incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to provide for no liability for state or local title ad valorem tax fees in a replacement title transaction for a vehicle not less than 15 years old; to exempt jet fuel from state sales and use tax and from the sales and use taxes levied pursuant to the County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), the Sales Tax for Educational Purposes (ESPLOST), the Special District Transportation Sales and Use Tax (TSPLOST), and the Special District Mass Transportation Sales and Use Tax. **Status:** Referred to Ways and Means Cmte, Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte.

[HB 833, Professional Land Surveyors Changes](#), (Rep. Paulette Rakestraw – R)

To change provisions relating to professional land surveyors; to change and add certain defined terms; to provide for land surveyor interns; to change certain educational and examination requirements. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte.

[HB 843, Tax Credits for Businesses include Census Tract with Federal Military Installation](#), (Rep. Jason Shaw – R)

Relating to tax credits for business enterprises in less developed areas, so as to include any census tract that in a county that contains a certain federal military installation and also contains an industrial park that is owned and operated by a governmental entity. **Status:** Referred to Ways and Means Cmte, **Recommitted to Economic Development Cmte.**

[HB 876, Use of Wood in Construction of Buildings](#), (Rep. John Corbett – R)

Relating to state-wide application of minimum standard codes, adoption of more stringent requirements by local governments, adoption of standards for which state code does not exist, and exemptions for farm buildings and structures, so as to prohibit counties and municipalities from proscribing the use of wood in the construction of buildings when state minimum standard codes are otherwise met. **Status:** Referred to Agriculture Cmte, Passed Cmte, Pending Rules 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 by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Appropriations 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, **Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules 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, Passed Transportation Cmte, Pending Rules 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, Passed Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, **Referred to House 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.

[SB 366, Wage and Compensation Studies for Employees of Sheriff's Office and Law Enforcement](#), (Sen. Steve Gooch – R)

To require counties and municipal corporations to perform wage and compensation studies for employees of the sheriff's office and law enforcement agencies; to require certain agreement and consultations with sheriffs and chief executives of law enforcement agencies of the county or municipal corporation in conducting such studies; to guide the establishment of pay scales; to require the submission of certain pay

scales to the Department of Community Affairs. **Status:** Referred to Public Safety Cmte, **Passed Cmte, Pending Rules, Passed Senate with Floor Amendment, Sent to House, Referred to Appropriations Cmte.**

[SB 371, Sales and Use Tax Information to Municipalities and Counties](#), (Sen. Lee Anderson –R)

Relating to confidential information secured in the administration of taxes, so as to change the provisions regarding the furnishing of sales and use tax information to municipalities and counties. **Status:** Referred to Finance Cmte, Passed Finance Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte, **On Senate Floor Tuesday.**

[SB 377, State Workforce Development Board to TCSG](#), (Sen. Brian Strickland – R)

To transfer the State Workforce Development Board from the Department of Economic Development to the Technical College System of Georgia; to revise duties and obligations of the State Workforce Development Board. **Status:** Referred to Higher Education Cmte.

[SB 385, Private Solid Waste Companies Surcharge](#), (Sen. Burt Jones – R)

To change the surcharge imposed by host local governments regarding solid waste disposal facilities operated by private enterprises. **Status:** Referred to Natural Resources & Environment Cmte, **Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte.**

[SB 397, Municipalities Hire Real Estate Brokers](#), (Sen. Ben Watson – R)

To allow municipalities to hire state licensed real estate brokers to assist in the sale of real property; to provide for the duties of the state licensed real estate broker. **Status:** **Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Cmte.**

[SB 404, Separate Fee for Fire Sprinkler System](#), (Sen. Matt Brass – R)

To prohibit county, municipal, and other public water systems from charging or assessing a separate fee for standby water service for fire sprinkler system connections. **Status:** **Referred to Natural Resources Cmte.**

[SB 425, Change Land Surveyor Provisions](#), (Sen. Steve Gooch – R)

To change provisions relating to professional land surveyors; to change and add certain defined terms; to provide for land surveyor interns; to change certain educational and examination requirements. **Status:** **Referred to Regulated Industries Cmte.**

[SB 426, BILD Act](#), (Sen. Steve Gooch – R)

To enact the "Broadband Infrastructure Leads to Development (BILD) Act" to limit the ability of local governing authorities to prohibit, regulate, or charge for use of public rights of way under certain circumstances. **Status:** **Referred to Regulated Industries Cmte.**

Disabilities and Mental Health

[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.

[HB 733, Expand Cancelable Loan Program for Psychiatrists in Rural Areas](#), (Rep. Kimberly Alexander – D)

Relating to medical professionals for rural areas assistance, so as to expand the service cancelable loan program for certain health professionals in underserved rural areas to psychiatrists in areas that are lacking in mental health services. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[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, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte., Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Insurance 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.

[SB 352, Establish Commission on Substance Abuse and Recovery](#), (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; to provide for membership; to provide for duties; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to insurance, so as to provide for a fraudulent insurance act for the excessive, high-tech, or fraudulent drug testing of certain individuals; to provide for investigation by the Commissioner; to provide for penalties. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte., Cmte. passed with substitute, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Health 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, **Passed Cmte by Substitute, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Regulated Industries 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.

[HB 823, North Georgia Cherokee Indians as Legitimate](#), (Rep. Tom Kirby – R)

To recognize the North Georgia Cherokee Indians as a legitimate American Indian tribe. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte.

[HB 887, Facilitating Broadband Throughout State](#), (Rep. Jay Powell – R)

Relating to local government, military, emergency management, and veteran affairs, public utilities and public transportation, revenue and taxation, and state government respectively, so as to facilitate and incentivize adequate and expanded broadband and other communications services throughout the state.

Status: Referred to Ways and Means Cmte.

[SB 232, 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 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, Passed Cmte., Pending Rules Cmte.

[SB 395, Georgia Joint Defense Commission](#), (Sen. Ben Watson – R)

Relating to the Defense Community Economic Development Fund, so as to create the Georgia Joint Defense Commission. **Status:** Referred to Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Cmte.

[SB 402, Achieving Connectivity Everywhere \(ACE\) Act](#), (Sen. Steve Gooch – R)

To provide for broadband services planning, deployment, and incentives; to provide authorization for the Department of Transportation to take certain actions to enable the rights of way of interstate highways to be used for the deployment of broadband and other communications technologies; to change certain definitions relative to the "OneGeorgia Authority Act" to include broadband services. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries 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.

[HB 769, Establishment of Rural Center for Health Care Innovation and Sustainability](#), (Rep. Rick Jasperse – R)

To implement recommendations from the House Rural Development Council relating to health care issues; to revise provisions relative to pharmacy practices; to provide for and revise definitions; to revise provisions relative to credentialing and billing; to provide for the establishment of the Rural Center for Health Care Innovation and Sustainability; to revise provisions relative to certificate of need; to provide for the establishment of micro-hospitals; to provide for a grant program for insurance premium assistance for physicians practicing in medically underserved rural areas of the state. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules 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.

[SB 357, Health Coordination and Innovation Council of Georgia](#), (Sen. Dean Burke – R)

To create the Health Coordination and Innovation Council of the State of Georgia. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Health Cmte.

[SB 364, Delegation of Authority to Physician Assistants](#), (Sen. Chuck Hufstetler – R)

Relating to delegation of authority to physician assistants, so as to authorize a higher supervisory ratio for physician assistants who have completed a board approved anesthesiologist assistant program. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte, Passed Health Cmte, Pending Rules 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 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, Referred to Subcmte, Hearings held.

[HB 736, Pop-up Restaurant Permits](#), (Rep. Rick Williams – R)
Relating to food service establishments, so as to provide that the facilitator of pop-up restaurant services may obtain a permit for certain locations for the operation of pop-up restaurants; to define certain terms; to provide that a participating restaurant shall not be required to obtain a separate license to provide such services at such locations. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries Cmte.

[HB 743, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act](#), (Rep. David Clark – R)
To provide for guidelines and other relevant materials to inform students participating in interscholastic athletic activities about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest; to provide for definitions; to provide for informational meetings; to provide for removal from an athletic activity under certain circumstances and to establish return to play policies; to require annual review by coaches. **Status:** Referred to Education Cmte, **Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte.**

[HB 764, Lawful Possession of Low THC oil, PTSD Authorized for Use of THC](#), (Rep. David Clark – R)
To provide for certain circumstances for the lawful possession or control of certain quantities of low THC oil and marijuana. Relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to add post traumatic stress disorder to the conditions authorized for the use of low THC oil; to provide for licensing for cultivation of cannabis for the purpose of producing, processing, and dispensing low THC oil in this state. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Cmte.

[HB 835, Special Event Tobacco Permits](#), (Rep. Jodi Lott – R)
To provide for the issuance of special event tobacco permits to licensed dealers authorizing off-premise sales of certain tobacco products at special events or temporary locations; to provide for the promulgation of certain rules and regulations by the state revenue commissioner. **Status:** Referred to Ways and Means Cmte, **Recommitted to Regulated Industries Cmte, Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte.**

[HB 877, Tax Rate on Modified Risk Tobacco Products](#), (Rep. Chad Nimmer – R)
To lessen the tax rate on modified risk tobacco products. **Status:** **Referred to Ways and Means Cmte, Hearing Held.**

[HB 884, Local Government Fluoridation Option](#), (Rep. Karen Mathiak – R)

To provide that communities may impose or remove fluoridation by referendum under certain circumstances. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[HB 909, Designation of Perinatal Facilities](#), (Rep. Debra Silcox – R)

Relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to provide for the designation of perinatal facilities. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[HB 926, Local Schools Submit Reports on Student Health and PE](#), (Rep. Beth Beskin – R)

To require each local school system to submit certain information relating to student health and physical education; to provide for a report by the State Board of Education. **Status:** Referred to Education 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, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, On Senate Floor Tuesday.

[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.

[SB 424, Establishment of Center for Rural Health Innovation](#), (Sen. David Lucas – D)

To provide for the establishment of the Center for Rural Health Innovation and Sustainability. **Status:** Referred to Health 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, Recommitted 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, **Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Public Safety 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, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Health 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.

[HB 747, Hemophilic Medicaid Patients](#), (Rep. Sharon Cooper -- R)

To provide that Medicaid recipients receive unrestricted access to medications prescribed for the treatment of hemophilia. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[HB 799, Post-stabilization care responsibilities for hospitals](#), (Rep. Sharon Cooper – R)

to provide certain requirements for out of network hospitals prior to providing post-stabilization care; to provide for contact with the patient's health benefit plan or the plan's contracted health care provider; to

provide for transfer to an in network hospital; to provide for cost coverage associated with care and transfer. **Status:** Referred to Insurance Cmte.

[HB 827, Rural Hospital Organization Tax Credit](#), (Rep. Trey Kelley – R)

To increase the value of the rural hospital organization tax credit to 100 percent; to remove limitations on total amounts allowed to individual taxpayers; to provide that credits are allowable to certain pass-through entities; to provide for limits on contributions by individual taxpayers during the first six months of the year; to extend the date for automatic repeal. **Status:** Referred to Ways and Means Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte.

[HB 875, Health Insurance Plans Equal to Medicaid Coverage](#), (Rep. Debbie Buckner – D)

To require coverage by health benefit plans for certain services and procedures covered by Medicaid or Medicare. **Status:** Referred to Insurance 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, Recommitted 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, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Passed Senate, Sent to House, 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, Hearings Held.

[SB 359, Balanced Billing in Emergency Medical Care](#), (Sen. Chuck Hufstetler – R)

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. **Status:** Referred to Insurance and Labor Cmte.

[SB 399, Revise APRNs](#), (Sen. Michael Williams – R)

Relating to nurses, so as to revise certain provisions relating to advanced nursing practice; to provide for changes to the roles and definitions of advanced nursing practice and advanced practice registered nurses; to provide for certain titles and abbreviations by licensed nurses. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[SB 400, Repeal CON](#), (Sen. Michael Williams – R)

To repeal the Certificate of Need program; relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to provide that certain requirements relating to charity and indigent care previously imposed as a condition for a certificate of need are imposed as a condition of licensure. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[SB 434, Name Change of GBPW](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman – R)

To change the name of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce; to provide a definition; to add advanced practice registered nurses to the board's powers, duties, and responsibilities. **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

[HB 754, Division of a Domestic Insurer](#), (Rep. Jason Shaw – R)

To provide for the division of a domestic insurer into two or more resulting domestic insurers; to provide for definitions; to provide for a plan of division subject to approval by the Insurance Commissioner; to provide for a certificate of division; to provide for the effect of a division; to provide for the responsibilities of a resulting insurer; to provide for shareholder appraisal rights; to provide for rules and regulations; to revise the authorization and procedure for merger or consolidation. **Status:** Referred to Insurance Cmte.

[HB 818, Reimbursement of Health Care Provider](#), (Rep. Lee Hawkins - R)

To provide that a health care provider shall choose the method by which such provider shall be reimbursed by an insurer for health care services performed. **Status:** Referred to Insurance Cmte.

[HB 878, Procedure for Cancellation by Insured](#), (Rep. Heath Clark – R)

Relating to procedure for cancellation by an insured and notice, so as to change certain provisions regarding cancellation of an insurance policy by an insured. **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, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte. **Passed Senate, Sent to House**

[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.

[SB 381, Domestic Surplus Line Insurer](#), (Sen. Bruce Thompson – R)

To provide that a non-admitted insurer domiciled in this state will be deemed a domestic surplus lines insurer if certain criteria are met. **Status:** Referred to Insurance Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **On Senate Floor Tuesday.**

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.

[HB 782, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Data Base](#), (Rep. Trey Rhodes – R)

Relating to privacy and confidentiality, use of data, and security program for the prescription drug monitoring program data base, so as to revise provisions relating to permissible users with access to the data base. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte, Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte.

[HB 830, Annual Drug Bill](#), (Rep. Buddy Harden - R)

To change certain provisions relating to Schedules I and II controlled substances; to change certain provisions relating to the definition of dangerous drug. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Cmte, **Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte.**

[HB 895, Prohibit Sale of Dextromethorphan to Minors](#), (Rep. Sharon Cooper – R)

To prohibit the sale to and by minors of drug products containing dextromethorphan. **Status:** **Referred to Health Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules**

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 772, Retrospective Emergency Rooms](#), (Sen. Bruce Thompson – R)

Creating the Joint Study Committee on Retrospective Emergency Room Policies. **Status:** Referred to Health Cmte.

[SR 774, Adoption Expenses](#), (Sen. Jesse Stone – R)

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Adoption Expenses. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary 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

[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, Recommited to Ways & Means 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., House Insisted, House and Senate Conference Cmte Appointed.

[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.

[HB 741, Changing Definition of Fair Market Value of Property](#), (Rep. John Corbett – R)

Relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation of property, so as to change the definition of fair market value of property. **Status:** Referred to Ways and Means Cmte.

[HB 753, Excise Tax Exemption on Nonprofit Conference/Retreat Centers](#), (Rep. Don Hogan – R)

Relating to the excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to exempt nonprofit conference and retreat centers. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte.

[HB 851, Expiration of low-income housing income tax credits](#), (Rep. Dale Rutledge – R)

To provide for the expiration of low-income housing income tax credits. **Status:** Referred to Ways and Means Cmte.

[HB 918, Revenue Code Updates](#), (Rep. Chuck Efstoration – R)

To define the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and thereby incorporate certain provisions of the federal law into Georgia law; to revise the individual exemption amounts; to revise provisions relating to assignment of corporate income tax credits. **Status:** Referred to Ways and 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, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Appropriations 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, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Recommitted to Ways & Means Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules 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, House agrees to Senate Substitute, On to the Governor.

Note: The Senate Substitute includes extending the sunset of the CPI tied to the gasoline excise tax rate to 2022.

[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 796, Renew Holiday Sales Tax](#), (Rep. John Corbett – R)

To renew the sales tax holiday. **Status:** Referred to Ways and Means Cmte.

[HB 929, Renew MOST Tax](#), (Rep. Chuck Efstration – R)

Relating to the water and sewer projects and costs tax (MOST), so as to allow for additional renewals of the tax. **Status:** Referred to Ways and Means Cmte.

[HB 930, Mass Transit](#), (Rep. Kevin Tanner-R)

Relating to provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, revenue and taxation, and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority; to amend Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mass transportation, so as to provide for a new article; to create a special district in Cobb County for purposes of entering a rapid transit contract with the authority; relating to referendum approval required prior to expenditure of public funds for establishment of fixed guideway transit. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte, Hearing Held.

[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.

[SB 386, Exception to Ceiling on Local Sales & Use Tax, T-SPLOST for ATL](#), (Sen. Brandon Beach – R)

to provide for an exception to the ceiling on local sales and use taxes; to provide for the imposition of a transit special purpose local option sales and use tax within special districts; relating to the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, so as to create the Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL" Commission to serve as a division within such authority. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte.

[SB 391, Exempt Transit Vehicles from ID requirements](#), (Sen. Brandon Beach – R)

To exempt transit service buses, motor vehicles, and rapid rail systems from requirements relating to identification and regulation of motor vehicles. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte, **Passed Cmte**, **Pending rules Cmte**.