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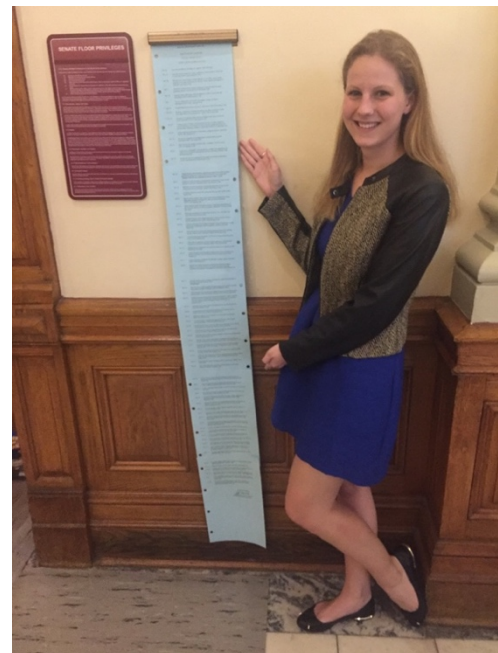
Adjournment Sine Die

The General Assembly's adjournment sine die came at around 12:50 a.m. Thursday night, what most observers believe to be a historically late end to the 40th and constitutionally mandated final legislative day of the session. While there was some protest from legislators who thought it improper to work past midnight, David Cook, Secretary of the Senate, defined a "legislative day" as being from the time of convening until the time of adjournment, which leaves lots of wiggle room.

Cooperation Sine Die

And both houses wiggled extra late this year, quite often with the seeming purpose of tripping up their colleagues from the opposite side of the dome. On a number of major issues this year, it appeared the fight was not between Republicans and Democrats, but rather between the House and Senate.

SB 1, updating domestic terrorism laws, was the Senate leadership's top priority, introduced by Majority Leader Bill Cowsert (R-Athens). The House took a rather dim view of it, voting it down 85-83 (91 votes are required to pass a bill in the House). Representatives then agreed to reconsider their vote and took another run at it. The bill lost 84-83 on the second vote. Among concerns of House members was language they feared would allow protesters to be charged as domestic terrorists resulting in felony charges and judges being restricted to sentences with 10-years minimums. Eventually, some of the Senate's original language that would establish a separate Georgia Department of Homeland Security was added to another bill, which succeeded. The House also failed to pass other Senate



Our traditional picture of the Senate's Debate Calendar on the 39th Legislative Day, featuring Molly Swindall, our terrific Legislative Aide for the session. Senate bills not voted on are tabled until the 40th Day, when no new calendar is set. Even so, some bills never get taken off the table for a final vote. House rules allow that body to add bills to the calendar up to the last minute.

priorities, including SB 2 (intended to help small businesses deal with state and local governments), SB 3 (a jobs training bill), and SB 5 (would force the lottery to turn over a larger percentage of proceeds to the HOPE scholarship fund).

On the other hand, the Georgia House had worked for two years to rewrite the state's out-of-date adoption law, finally passing out [HB 159](#) (Bert Reeves-R). But, Sen. William Ligon (R-Brunswick) led a Senate effort to attach a foot-in-the-door religious freedom amendment to the adoption bill. The amendment would have allowed private firms under contract with a state agency to discriminate against gays when arranging adoptions. The House would not agree to the amendment and the entire measure failed to pass before adjournment.

The Senate also hobbled a House effort to pass Rep. Earl Ehrhart's (R-Marietta) campus rape bill, [HB 51](#). The bill would have forced colleges and universities to conform to specified steps when handling charges of rape on campus. The legislation was opposed by numerous rape victims and advocates and the Senate tabled the original measure. However, Ehrhart was able to strip the language from a bill dealing with bankruptcy and insert his previously tabled language. The Senate sponsor of the original bankruptcy legislation cried foul, "SB 71 is a bill that would have protected health savings accounts in a bankruptcy, said Sen. Jesse Stone (R-Waynesboro). "It has now been campus raped." The Senate wouldn't go along with Ehrhart's maneuver; thus, neither measure passed.

Whence from Here?

Bills that simply fail to pass are returned to the last subject committee from whence they came. Thus, a bill that passed the House and the Senate HHS Committee, but never got a Senate floor vote, will pick up next year back in Senate HHS. If that same bill were voted down at any point, it must be reintroduced as a new bill next year and start the entire process over.

Bills on the Way to the Governor's Desk

The Budget – [HB 44](#) was passed by both Houses on the 37th Legislative Day, the earliest point in the process in anyone's memory. At \$24.9 billion, it's also the largest budget in history, although not the largest per capita. The Governor has line-item veto authority in Georgia and generally strikes through a few items, most often for technical reasons, but sometimes based on policy or political disagreements.

Campus Carry -- [HB 280](#) (Mandy Ballinger-R) passed with only a six-vote margin in the House and a three-vote margin in the Senate Thursday night, but it now rests on the Governor's desk. Gov. Nathan Deal vetoed a similar bill last year, but this year's version made a few modifications, so the Governor's position on the bill remains one of the big question marks for the session.

Dental Hygienists -- [HB 154](#) (Sharon Cooper-R) finally crossed the finish line in the General Assembly. The bill will allow dental hygienists to work in venues such as nursing homes and schools without their supervising dentist in the same building. It also means the hygienist can clean your teeth in the dental office while the dentist steps next door for lunch. Georgia was the last state in the nation to take this step.

Medical Cannabis -- [SB 16](#) (Ben Watson-R) is a bill that expands the number of ailments that may be treated with doctor-prescribed medical cannabis. The actual bill that passed started in the

Senate, but Rep. Allen Peake (R-Macon) is the legislator credited with leading the charge on medical cannabis for the last several years.

Assistance to Failing Schools – [HB 338](#) (Kevin Tanner-R) is the Governor's second try at rescuing failing schools in Georgia. Voters rejected a constitutional amendment last year, so this session pared back the Governor's authority somewhat and does not change the constitution. The current bill that passed both houses allows only non-profit companies to take charge of schools deemed to be failing. The overall rescue system will be run by a Chief Turnaround Officer who answers to the state Board of Education.

Firefighters Cancer Insurance -- [HB 146](#) (Micah Gravely-R) will require all fire departments to provide cancer insurance policies to firefighters. A bill last year requiring workers comp coverage for firefighters' cancer failed, but this year's compromise made it to the Governor's desk.

Rural Hospital Tax Credits -- [SB 180](#) (Dean Burke-R) goes to the Governor as a bill that adds juice to last year's measure allowing tax credits for contributions to rural hospitals. In the case of a single individual or head of household, 90% of the actual amount expended or \$5,000 per tax year, whichever is less, may be deducted. For a married couple filing jointly, those figures change to 90% or \$10,000, whichever is less. SB 180 also changes the definition of "rural hospital" to include those in counties of 50,000 or less population, instead of 35,000. The latter amendment allows six additional hospitals to participate that are physically located in larger counties, but serve very rural populations in surrounding counties.

Rural Development Tax Credit – [HB 314](#) (Jason Shaw-R), known as the Georgia Agribusiness and Rural Jobs Act, would allow tax credits for qualified capital investments in rural development projects. The language made its way as an amendment onto [SB 133](#) (Larry Walker-R), a bill dealing with corporate net worth tax minimums. The amended bill failed to pass the Senate on its first vote Thursday night, 26-23, because 29 yeas are required. Sen. Walker (R-Perry) won a motion to reconsider the Senate's action by a five-vote margin, and that maneuver resulted in a 29-23 victory the second time around, sending the package on to the Governor without a vote to spare.

Downtown Revitalization Tax Credit -- [HB 73](#) (Penny Houston-R) provides for tax credit incentives to promote the revitalization of vacant rural Georgia downtowns by encouraging investment, job creation, and economic growth in long-established business districts. It's on the way to the Governor's office after passing the House and Senate with wide margins.

Family Sick Leave – [SB 201](#) (Butch Miller-R) requires that businesses with 25 or more employees that already provide sick leave as a benefit, must allow employees to use at least four earned sick days to care for ill family members. After a close vote in the Senate, it's headed to the Governor's desk.

Nurse Licensure Compact – [SB 166](#) (Renee Unterman-R) goes to the Governor as a part of SB 109. The SB 166 language adds Georgia to a compact of 25 other states allowing licensed nurses to temporarily practice in another state while applying to be licensed in the new state. It is hoped the measure will ease nursing shortages, especially in hospitals near a state line. [SB 109](#) (Michael Williams-R) is a compact for Emergency Medical Technicians, which permits them to practice across state lines.

Better Luck Next Year

Income Tax Reform – [HB 329](#) (Jay Powell-R) Both the House and Senate passed versions of income tax reform, but they couldn't iron out specific differences on the 40th Day. Thus, it will be back next session to help kick off election year politicking.

Internet Retailers Sales Tax – [HB 61](#) (Jay Powell-R) would force internet retailers to either collect Georgia sales tax or give the state a list of people who purchased goods over the internet without paying sales tax so the state may pursue the tax. The language was added to HB 329 (above), which made it to a conference committee, but didn't receive a final vote. Thus, they will have to revisit it next year.

Surprise Billing – [SB 8](#) (Renee Unterman-R) an effort to curtail “surprise” bills from out-of-network” health providers when a procedure is performed by an in-network hospital. The bill passed the Senate but remains in the House HHS Committee.

Destination Resorts (Casino Gambling) – [HB 158](#) (Ron Stephens-R) and [SB 79](#) (Brandon Beach-R) both offered up scenarios to permit casino gambling at destination resorts with a requirement for massive investment in non-gaming developments that produce more revenue than the gaming. Neither bill moved, but the issue is expected to be a hot topic again next year.

The FAST Act -- [SB 2](#) (Mike Dugan-R) is a bill being pushed by Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle with the intent of streamlining the process by which small businesses must get permits and licenses from both state agencies and local governments. The House pushed back on some of the language that appeared to heap bureaucratic requirements on cities and counties. The bill passed the Senate easily and made it to the House floor, but was never called for a vote. It will be returned to the House Small Business Committee and pick up there next year.

Higher Percentage of Lottery Revenues to HOPE – [SB 5](#) (Bill Cowser-R) puts into language an idea the Senate Majority Leader has pushed for some time – a higher percentage of lottery proceeds should be directed to the HOPE scholarship coffers, meaning less for administrative costs such as salaries and advertising. The bill passed the Senate but was never voted on by the full House. It will return to the House Appropriations Committee.

The Next 40 Days

The Georgia Constitution allows the Governor 40 calendar days in which to sign or veto a bill, or it becomes law without his signature. That makes May 9th the deadline for Gov. Deal to act on legislation. In the meantime, his legal and policy staff will be reviewing the final language of bills, looking for unintended consequences, outright mistakes and policy differences.

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. **Bills “dead” for the 2017 session because they failed to pass at least one chamber by the 30th day are noted in green.**

The 2017 Legislative Session is the first session of the 2017-2018 Term of the Georgia General Assembly. Therefore, bills not passed or defeated during this session will be carried over to the

2018 session. Bills pending in the House or Senate Rules Committees at adjournment sine die of the 2017 session will be recommitted to the committee from whence they came.

Aging and Adult Services

[HB 154, Dental hygienists practice](#), (Rep. Sharon Cooper-R)

Regulates the practice of dental hygienists when the supervising dentist is not in same building. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to the Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Moved to Foot of the Rules Calendar, **Tabled in Senate, Taken off Table, Passed Senate, Pending House to Agree, House Agreed to Senate Amend or Sub, On to the Governor**

[HB 221, Update and Conform Provisions relating to powers of attorney](#), (Rep. Chuck Efrstration-R)

Relating to agency, so as to update and conform provisions relating to powers of attorney to a uniform Act. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Judiciary Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Pending House to Agree, **House Agreed to Senate Amend or Sub, On to the Governor**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 486, Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act](#), (Rep. Tommy Benton-R)

Relating to exceptions to operation of the Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act and burden of proof, so as to provided training of proxy caregivers and to provide for selection of curricula by the DBHDD. **Status:** Referred to Human Relations & Aging Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Tabled in Senate, Taken off Table, Passed Senate, On to the Governor**

[SB 12, Dental hygienists practice](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-R)

Regulates the practice of dental hygienists when the supervising dentist is not in same building. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte

[SB 201, Allows employees to use sick leave to care for immediate family members](#), (Sen. Butch Miller-R)

Relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to allow employees to use sick leave for the care of immediate family members. **Status:** Referred to Insurance and Labor Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Industry and Labor Cmte, Industry & Labor Subcmte Favorably Reported, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Tabled in House Until the Next Legislative Day –Monday, Tabled in House, Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, **Senate Agreed to House Sub, On to the Governor**

[SB 202, Increases the personal needs allowance to deducted from a nursing home resident's income](#), (Sen. Michael Rhett-D)

Relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for an increase in the personal needs allowance to be deducted from a nursing home resident's income. **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, **Dead for the Session**

Note: [SB 186](#) was amended on the House Floor by House Minority Leader Stacey Abrams to include the language from SB 202, [SB 186](#) then passed the House As Amended, Sent to Senate for Agree/Disagree, **Senate Agreed to House Sub, On to the Governor**

City & County Governments and Regional Commissions

[HB 1, To provide for the facilitation of space flight activities](#), (Rep. Jason Spencer-R)

To provide for the facilitation of space flight activities in this state; to provide for exceptions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who have agreed in writing to such activities. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to the Senate, Referred to Science & Technology Cmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Pending House to Agree, House Agreed to Senate Amend or Sub, On to the Governor

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 42, Correct mistakes and omissions on ballots for a primary or election](#), (Rep. Eddie Lumsden-R)

Relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to authorize election superintendents to correct mistakes and omissions on ballots for a primary or election. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Ethics Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to the Governor, Governor Deal Signed February 23, 2017.

[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, **Dead for the Session**

Note: HB 62 language was incorporated into HB 61.

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

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

Note: HB 62 language was incorporated into HB 61.

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

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

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[HB 73, Income tax credit incentives to promote rural downtown revitalization](#), (Rep. Penny Houston-R)

Relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxation, so as to provide tax credit incentives to promote the revitalization of vacant rural Georgia downtowns by encouraging investment, job creation, and economic growth in long-established business districts. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Public Finance Subcmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to the Senate, Referred to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, [Passed Senate, Pending House to Agree, House Agreed to Senate Sub, On to the Governor](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[HB 146, Fire departments to maintain certain insurance coverage for firefighters](#), (Rep. Micah Gravley-R)

Relating to general requirements for legally organized fire departments, so as to require such fire departments to purchase and maintain certain insurance coverage for firefighters. **Status:** Referred to Insurance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to State and Local Governmental Operations Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Pending House to Agree, House Agreed to Senate Amend or Substitute, On to the Governor

[HB 152, Occupational disease; firefighter show certain evidence](#), (Rep. Micah Gravley-R)

Relating to compensation for occupational disease, so as to allow a firefighter to show certain evidence as to the ordinary disease of life of cancer. **Status:** Referred to Industry and Labor Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, [Dead for the Session](#)

[HB 168, Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority](#), (Rep. Regina Quick-R)

An Act to amend an Act creating the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority, Ga. L. 1994, p. 5123, so as to abolish the Upper Oconee Resource Management Commission; to remove all references to same; to modify the composition of the Authority's Board. **Status:** Referred to Natural Resources & Environment Cmte, Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to State & Local Government Operations, Cmte Favorably Reported, Passed Senate, On to the Governor

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

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

[HB 183, Recreate the Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council](#), (Rep. Robert Dickey-R)

Recreate the Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council under the Department of Community Affairs; to provide for definitions; to provide that all documents and data of the current Georgia Geospatial Advisory Council that is under the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources shall be transferred to the new council. **Status:** Referred to State Planning & Community Affairs Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, On to the Governor

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

Note: [SB 2](#) was amended to include HB 204 on a Cmte Substitute

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[HB 224, "Quality Basic Education Act" military students](#), (Rep. Dave Belton-R)

Relating to organization of schools and school systems under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that a military student may attend any school in the local school system. **Status:** Referred to Education Cmte, Passed Cmte, Pending Rules Cmte, House Postponed, Passed House as Amended, Sent to Senate, Referred to Education & Youth Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, On to the Governor

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 243, Additional pay to employees based on schedule changes](#), (Rep. Bill Werkheiser-R)

Relating to minimum wage law, so as to preempt local government mandates requiring additional pay to employees based on schedule changes. **Status:** Referred to Industry and Labor Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Insurance & Labor Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Tabled in Senate, Taken off Table, Passed Senate, On to the Governor**

[HB 245, Process by which military spouses may qualify for temporary certificates](#), (Rep. Al Williams-D)

Relating to certificated professional personnel, so as to provide for the establishment of a process by the Professional Standards Commission by which military spouses may qualify for temporary certificates, certificates by endorsement, or expedited certificates upon moving to Georgia with their service member or transitioning service member spouse. **Status:** Referred to Defense & Veterans Affairs Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, On to the Governor

[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, Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[HB 342, Enterprise Zones](#), (Rep. Chuck Efstoration-R)

Relating to enterprise zones, so as to provide that certain urban redevelopment zones may be designated as enterprise zones; to provide for a sales tax exemption in such enterprise zones. **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, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Recommitted to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, [Tabled in Senate, Taken off Table, Passed Senate, On to the Governor](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[HB 370, Council to create and administer savings plans and deferred compensation plans](#), (Rep. Scott Hilton-R)

Relating to the Council of Municipal Court Judges of Georgia, so as to authorize the council to create and administer savings plans and deferred compensation plans for its members; to provide for the manner of funding. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules, Passed House, Sent to the Senate, Referred to Retirement Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, [Passed Senate, On to the Governor](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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**

[HB 428, Downtown development authorities](#), (Rep. Chuck Martin-R)

Relating to downtown development authorities, so as to authorize assessments under Code Section 36-42-17. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Withdrawn and recommitted to Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Tabled in Senate, Taken off Table, Passed Senate, On to the Governor**

[HB 434, Provisions relative to eminent domain](#), (Rep. Wendell Willard-R)

Relating to general provisions relative to eminent domain, so as to provide for an exception to the requirement that condemnations not be converted to any use other than a public use for 20 years from the initial condemnation. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Judiciary, Pending Rules, **Passed Senate, Pending House to Agree, House Agreed as Amended, Senated Agreed to House Amend, On to the Governor**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 470, Grants to certain organizations supporting military communities](#), (Rep. Shaw Blackmon-R)

Relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to create a program for making grants to certain organizations supporting military communities; to provide for legislative findings. **Status:** Referred to Economic Development & Tourism, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Economic Development and Tourism Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed Senate, On to the Governor**

[HB 489, Georgia Procurement Registry in addition to official legal organ to advertise certain bid opportunities](#), (Sen. Tom McCall-R)

Relating to local government, so as to provide that the Georgia Procurement Registry shall be used in addition to the official legal organ and other media outlets for advertisement of certain bid opportunities for goods and services and public works construction contracts by a county, municipal corporation, or local board of education; to provide that advertisement via the Georgia Procurement Registry shall be at no cost to local government entities. **Status:** Referred to Governmental Affairs Cmte, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

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

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

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[HR 389, House Rural Development Council](#), (Rep. Sam Watson-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the House Rural Development Council. **Status:** Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House

[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](#)

Note: SB 2 was amended to include language from [HB 204](#), by Rep. Brett Harrell, on a Cmte Substitute. [HB 204](#) says a property tax bill shall not include nontax related fees.

[SB 46, Provide for the facilitation of space flight activities](#), (Sen. William Ligon-R)

To provide for the facilitation of space flight activities in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who

have agreed in writing to such a limitation after being provided with certain warnings. **Status:** Referred to Science and Technology Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Passed Senate, Sent to the House, Referred to Judiciary Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Recommitted to Rules, Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed to House Sub, On to the Governor**
Note: [HB 203](#) and [HB 414](#) were added to SB 46

[SB 85, Provide for limited sale of malt beverages at retail by manufacturers](#), (Sen. Rick Jeffares-R)

Relating to malt beverages, so as to provide for the limited sale of malt beverages at retail by manufacturers of malt beverages; to provide for a definition; to clarify that sales of malt beverages by brewpubs for consumption off the premises are governed by the local jurisdiction. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported By Substitute, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Regulated Industries Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed to House Sub or Amend, On to the Governor

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[SB 222, 'Local Government 9-1-1 Authority Act'](#), (Sen. John Kennedy-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 Regulated Industries and Utilities Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Passed Senate as Amended, Sent to the House, Referred to Judiciary Cmte, Hearing Only in Subcmte, **Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed to House Sub, On to the Governor**

Note: [HB 413](#) was amended to include some language from SB 222, **the language in HB 413 was gutted and replaced with a bill creating a two-step process for petroleum pipelines to use eminent domain.**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

Disabilities and Mental Health

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

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

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

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

[SB 52, Repeal sunset provision authorizing licensed professional counselor](#), (Sen. P. K. Martin IV-R)

Relating to mental health and authorizing a licensed professional counselor to perform certain acts. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Passed House, On to the Governor

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[HB 265, Tax credit for establishing or relocating quality jobs](#), (Rep. Chuck Efstoration-R)

Relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income tax, so as to revise the provisions relating to the credit for establishing or relocating quality jobs; to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the O.C.G.A., relating to exemptions from state sales and use taxes, so as to provide a state sales tax exemption for sales of tickets, fees, or charges of admission to certain facilities that provide certain arts and education programming; to provide a state and local sales tax exemption for sales of tangible personal property used for or in the renovation or expansion of certain theaters. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, 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 to Senate Amend or Sub, On to the Governor

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[SB 156, DeKalb County Sales and Use Taxes](#), (Sen. Fran Millar-R)
Relating to sales and use taxes, so as to provide certain restrictions with regard to equalized homestead option sales and use taxes; to provide for limitations on the collection of certain other taxes while such equalized homestead option sales and use tax is being levied; to provide for the sales on which such tax may be levied; to provide limitation on the use of special purpose local option sales taxes which are levied in conjunction with an equalized homestead option sales and use tax. **Status:** Referred to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported As Amended, Pending Rules Cmte, Senate Engrossed, Passed Senate as Amended, Sent to the House, Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Withdrawn and Recommitted to Ways & Means Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, House Withdrawn recommitted to Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, **Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed to House Sub, On to the Governor**
Note: [HB 118](#), Fantasy Sports Gaming by Rep. Trey Kelly, and [HB 125](#), Yacht Repair Tax Exemption by Rep. Ron Stephens, were added to SB 156.

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

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**

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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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](#), [Dead for the Session](#)

[SB 75, Create the Division of Supplier Diversity](#), (Sen. Vincent For-D)

Relating to the Department of Administrative Services, so as to define certain terms; to create the Division of Supplier Diversity; to provide for appointment of a director; to provide for powers and duties of the director; to create the position of minority and women owned business enterprises state-wide advocate. **Status:** Referred to Government Oversight Cmte, [Dead for the Session](#)

[SR 229, Granting of non-exclusive easements for roads](#), (Sen. Burt Jones-R)

A RESOLUTION authorizing the granting of non-exclusive easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, utilities, roads, and ingress and egress in, on, over, under, upon, across, or through property owned by the State of Georgia in Bleckley, Cherokee, Douglas, Evans, Glynn, Hall, Laurens, Rockdale, Upson, and Walton Counties. **Status:** Referred to State Institutions and Property Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to the House, Referred to State Properties Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Passed House by Cmte Substitute, Pending Senate to Agree, [Senate Agreed to House Sub](#)

Health – General

[HB 65, Change conditions and eligibility for Low THC Registry](#), (Rep. Allen Peake-R)

Change provisions relating to conditions and eligibility; to provide a definition; to remove certain reporting requirements for the Low THC Registry. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Non-civil Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred Health and Human Services Cmte, [Dead for the Session](#)

Note: Elements of [HB 65](#) were combined with SB 16 through a compromise agreement

[HB 300, Transfer the state health care benefit plan from the DCH](#), (Rep. Geoff Duncan-R),

Transfer the state health care benefit plan from the Department of Community Health to the Department of Administrative Services; to require incentives for public employees to utilize federally qualified health centers; to provide for the identification of up to 100 potential new sites for federally qualified health centers; to provide for a task force; to provide for an advisory board. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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 427, Physicians and Health Care Practitioners for Rural Areas Assistance Act](#), (Rep. Mark Newton-R) Relating to physicians for rural areas assistance, so as to expand the service cancelable loan program for physicians in underserved areas to other health care practitioners. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed Senate, On to the Governor**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[SB 16, Change conditions and eligibility for use of low THC Oil](#), (Sen. Ben Watson-R) Relating to the regulation of low THC oil and the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose, registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, respectively, so as to change the definition of low THC oil; to change provisions relating to conditions eligible for use of low THC oil. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Passed Senate, Sent to the House, Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed to House Sub, On to the Governor**

Note: Compromise agreement with Senate on HB 65

[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, **Dead for the Session**

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, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 38, Issuance of license for three-wheeled motor vehicle](#), (Rep. Alan Powell-R) Provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class C driver's license for the operation of three-wheeled motor vehicles equipped with a steering wheel for directional control; to provide for the issuance of a noncommercial Class M driver's license for the operation of motorcycles equipped with handlebars for directional control. **Status:** Referred to Motor Vehicles Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Public Safety Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 198, Requires schools to provide info about the influenza vaccine to parents of 6-12 students](#), (Rep. Katie Dempsey-R) Relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12 on influenza and its vaccine whenever other health information is provided. **Status:** Referred to Education Cmte, Cmte

Favorably Reported, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to the Education and Youth Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Tabled in Senate, Taken off Table, Passed Senate, Pending House to Agree, House Agreed to Senate Amend or Sub, On to the Governor**

Note: [HB 382](#) was added to [HB 198](#)

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 210, Certain specimen collection stations and blood banks aren't considered clinical labs](#), (Rep. Jodi Lott-R)

Relating to definitions relative to clinical laboratories, so as to provide that certain specimen collection stations and blood banks are not considered clinical laboratories. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Health and Humans Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, On to the Governor

[HB 241, Cove's Law](#), (Rep. Lee Hawkins-R)

Relating to control of hazardous conditions, so as to add Krabbe disease to the list of metabolic and genetic conditions for which newborn screening may be conducted pursuant to the Department of Public Health; to provide for the screening at the option of the parent or parents. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, On to the Governor

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 382, Georgia Commission on Women](#), (Rep. Jimmy Pruett-R)

Relating to the Georgia Commission on Women, so as to place said commission under the administration of the Department of Public Health. **Status:** Referred to State Planning & Community Affairs Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Dead for the Session**

Note: [HB 382](#) was added to [HB 198](#)

[HB 405, Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency](#), (Rep. Bill Hitchens-R)

Relating to the emergency powers of the Governor, so as to require the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to establish a state-wide system to facilitate the transport and distribution of essentials in commerce during a state of emergency declared by the Governor. **Status:** Referred to Public Safety and Homeland Security Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Public Safety Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Tabled in Senate, Taken off Table, Passed Senate, On to the Governor**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[SB 88, 'Narcotic Treatment Programs Enforcement Act'](#), (Sen. Jeff Mullis-R)

Relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to provide for regulation of narcotic treatment programs. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries and Utilities Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate by Substitute, Sent to House, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Tabled in House, Tabled in House, Tabled in House Until the Next Legislative Day –Tuesday, **House Passed, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed as Amended, House Agreed to Amend, On to the Governor**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[SB 193, Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-R)

Relating to the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and Parenting Grant Program, so as to revise the program mission and practice; to remove certain references to medically indigent women. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to the House, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed House, Pending House to Agree, Senate Agreed to House Sub, On to the Governor**
Note: Language from [HB 360](#) included in SB 193

[SB 200, Synchronizing patients' chronic medications](#), (Sen. Chuck Hufstetler-R)

Relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for synchronizing patients' chronic medications. **Status:** Referred to Insurance and Labor Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to the House, Referred to Insurance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, **Senate Agreed to House Amend or Sub, On to the Governor**

[SB 121, "Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr., Act"](#), (Sen. Butch Miller-R)

Relating to pharmacies, so as to 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 Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, **Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed as Amended, House Agreed to Senate Amend, On to the Governor**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

Hospitals

[HB 54, Change certain amounts eligible for tax credit for rural hospitals](#), (Rep. Geoff Duncan-R)

Relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, so as to provide for an additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals; make changes relating to the imposition, computation, rate, and exemptions from income taxes. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Public Finance Subcmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Withdrawn from the House Rules Calendar and Recommitted to Rules Cmte

Note: Some language from [HB 54](#) was added to SB 180

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 127, Revise nonprofit medical and hospital service corporations provisions](#), (Rep. Richard Smith-R)

Relating to insurance, so as to repeal certain obsolete provisions relative to nonprofit medical service corporations and nonprofit hospital service corporations; to amend Titles 31 and 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health and public officers and employees. **Status:** Referred to Insurance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Industry and Labor Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, On to the Governor

[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**

[HB 157, Revise medical advertising criteria](#), (Rep. Trey Kelley-R)

Relating to requirements for advertising or publicizing of medical specialty certification. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House by Substitute, Sent to Senate, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, On to the Governor

[HB 165, Maintenance of certification not required to practice medicine](#), (Rep. Betty Price-R)

Relating to medical practice, so as to provide that maintenance of certification shall not be required as a condition of licensure to practice medicine. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed Senate, On to the Governor**

[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 402, Nurse Licensure Compact](#), (Rep. Sharon Cooper-R)

Enter into an interstate compact known as the "Nurse Licensure Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to exercise certain powers with respect to the compact; to provide for general provisions and jurisdiction; to provide for applications for licensure in a party state; to provide for additional authorities invested in party state licensing boards; to provide for a coordinated licensure information system and exchange of information between the party states. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services

Note: SB 109 was amended to include HB 402 and it passed on the House Floor. [SB 109](#) now goes back to the Senate for Agree/Disagree As Amended, **Senate Agreed to Amend, On to the Governor**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

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

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

[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

[SB 14, Clarify the amount of a state income tax credit for rural hospitals](#), (Sen. Dean Burke-R)

Relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to clarify the amount of an exemption for certain entities under the contributions to rural hospitals income tax credit. **Status:** Referred to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate by Substitute, Sent to House, Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by

Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed as Amended, House Agreed to Senate Amend, On to the Governor**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[SB 50, "Direct Primary Care Act"](#), (Sen. Hunter Hill-R)

Relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, so as to provide definitions; to provide that direct primary care agreements are not insurance; to exempt such agreements from regulation as insurance. **Status:** Referred to Insurance and Labor Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Insurance Cmte, Life & Health Subcmte Favorably Reported, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte

[SB 70, Extend hospital Medicaid Financing Program](#), (Sen. Butch Miller-R)

Relating to the hospital Medicaid financing program, so as to extend the sunset provision. **Status:** Referred to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Passed Senate, Transmitted to House, Referred to Appropriations Cmte, Appropriations Health Subcmte Favorably Reported, Cmte Favorably Reported, Passed House, Sent to Governor, Governor Deal Signed February 13, 2017

[SB 96, Authorize the pronouncement of death by registered professional nurses](#), (Sen. Ben Watson-R)

Relating to health, so as to authorize the pronouncement of death by registered professional nurses, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants of patients in nursing homes and hospice care even if they are organ donors. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, On to the Governor

[SB 102, Designation of emergency cardiac care centers](#), (Sen. Butch Miller-R)

Relating to emergency medical services, so as to provide for the designation of emergency cardiac care centers; to provide for the establishment of the Office of Cardiac Care within the Department of Public Health. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate by Substitute, Sent to House, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, On to the Governor

[SB 109, "Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact"](#), (Sen. Michael Williams-R)

Provide for the enactment of "REPLICA"; to establish the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice; to provide for a coordinated database; to provide for rulemaking. **Status:** Referred to Public Safety Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House As Amended, Pending Senate to Agree, **Senate Agreed to Amend, On to the Governor**

Note: SB 109 was amended to include [HB 402](#) and [SB 166](#).

[SB 123, Eliminate the 65% out-of-state patient base requirement for a destination cancer hospital](#), (Sen. Hunter Hill-R)

Eliminates the 65% out-of-state patient base requirement for a destination cancer hospital for purposes of certificate of need; to eliminate the 50 bed limitation on destination cancer hospitals; to provide that destination cancer hospitals can increase bed capacity under certain conditions; to eliminate the limitation on the number of destination cancer hospitals that can be issued a certificate of need. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, **Dead for the Session**

[SB 125, Authorizes a physician to allow a physician assistant to prescribe hydrocodone products](#), (Sen. Rick Jeffares-R)

Relating to delegation of authority to physician assistants, so as to authorize a physician to delegate to a physician assistant the authority to prescribe hydrocodone compound products. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Cmte, Setzler Subcmte Favorably Reported, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, House Withdrawn and Recommitted to Judiciary Non-Civil Cmte, **Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Passed House by Substitute, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed to Sub, On to the Governor**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[SB 166, "Nurse Licensure Compact"](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-R)

Relating to nurses, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Nurse Licensure Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to exercise certain powers with respect to the compact; to provide for general provisions and jurisdiction; to provide for a coordinated licensure information system and exchange of information between the party states. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte

Note: [SB 109](#) was amended to include [HB 402](#) and SB 166 --- it then passed on the House Floor As Amended. SB 109 now goes back to the Senate for Agree/Disagree As Amended, **Senate Agreed to Amend, On to the Governor**

[SB 180, Additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals](#), (Sen. Dean Burke-R)

Relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, so as to provide for an additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals; relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to change certain amounts and entities eligible for the credit; to amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, 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 Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules, Passed Senate, Sent to the House, Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed as Amended, House Agreed to Senate Amend, On to the Governor**

Note: SB 180 was amended to include language from [HB 54](#) and [HB 301](#). **Language from HB 301 removed in Senate**

[SB 242, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-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 and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules, Passed Senate, Sent to the House, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, **Senate Agreed to Sub, On to the Governor**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

Insurance

[HB 74, Change life risk-based capital trend test to comply with accreditation standards](#), (Rep. Darlene Taylor-R)

Relating to company action level events, preparation and submission of risk-based capital level plan, so as to change the life risk-based capital trend test in order to comply with accreditation standards. **Status:** Referred to Insurance, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Insurance and Labor Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, On to the Governor

[HB 631, State employees' health insurance plan](#), (Rep. Trey Kelley-R)

Relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to prohibit a corporation licensed to transact accident and health insurance business in this state from providing health insurance benefits if it has been out of network with any critical access hospital in the previous 12 months. **Status:** **Referred to Insurance Cmte**

[SB 248, Life insurers' requirement to review the National Association of Insurance Commissioners life insurance policy locator](#), (Sen. Marty Harbin-R)

Relating to life insurance, so as to provide for life insurers' requirement to review the National Association of Insurance Commissioners life insurance policy locator. **Status:** Referred to Insurance and Labor Cmte, **Dead for the Session**

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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 206, The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights](#), (Rep. Trey Kelley-R)

Remove an exception relating to certain audits conducted by the Department of Community Health; amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide that clerical or other errors do not constitute a basis to recoup payments made by providers of medical assistance. **Status:**

Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Tabled in Senate, House Agreed Sen Amend, Taken off Table, Senate Passed, On to the Governor**

[HB 231, Annual Drug Bill](#), (Rep. Bruce Broadrick-R)

Relating to controlled substances, so as to change certain provisions relating to Schedules I, II, IV, and V controlled substances. **Status:** Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to the Senate, Referred to Judiciary Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed Senate, On to the Governor**

[HB 276, The Pharmacy Patient Fair Practices Act](#), (Rep. David Knight-R)

Relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to promulgate certain rules and regulations and to examine and investigate certain matters with regard to pharmacy benefits managers; to prohibit pharmacy benefits managers from requiring the use of mail-order pharmacies under certain conditions. **Status:** Referred to Insurance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Insurance and Labor Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, On to the Governor

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[SB 103, 'The Pharmacy Patient Fair Practices Act'](#), (Sen. Jeff Mullis-R)

Relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, so as to authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to promulgate certain rules and regulations and to examine and investigate certain matters with regard to pharmacy benefits managers; to prohibit pharmacy benefits managers from requiring the use of mail-order pharmacies. **Status:** Referred to Insurance and Labor Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Insurance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, On to the Governor

Study Committees

[HR 14, Joint Study Committee on the Creation of High-Tech Health Incubators for Job Growth](#), (Rep. Brad Raffensperger- R)

Creating the Joint Study Committee on the Creation of High-Tech Health Incubators for Job Growth for Georgia; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Special Rules Cmte, **Dead for the Session**

[HR 39, House Study Committee on Enhancing Economic Development Through the County Tier System](#), (Rep. Paulette Rakestraw-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Enhancing Economic Development Through the County Tier System. **Status:** Referred to Special Rules Cmte

[HR 285, Joint Georgia-Alabama Study Committee](#), (Rep. Randy Nix-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Georgia-Alabama Study Committee; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Special Rules Cmte

[HR 362, Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia](#), (Rep. Lynn Smith-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Special Rules Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte,

Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte

[HR 388, Meeting the Demand for Nursing Care](#), (Rep. Tom Kirby-R)

To create the House Study Committee on Meeting the Demand for Nursing Care in Georgia. **Status:** Referred to Special Rules Cmte

[HR 431, Study Committee on Changes in Federal Health Care Policy](#), (Rep. Scot Turner-R)

To create the House Study Committee on the Ramifications of Changes in Federal Health Care Policy. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Hearing in Cmte
Note: Chairwoman Cooper is going to set up a Subcmte in H&HS to determine if a study cmte is needed.

[HR 464, House Study Committee on Infectious Disease Preparedness](#), (Rep. Betty Price-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Infectious Disease Preparedness; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte

[HR 468, House Study Committee on Health in Georgia](#), (Rep. Karen Bennet-D)

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Health in Georgia; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Special Rules Cmte

[HR 510, House Study Committee on Service Animals for Physically or Mentally Impaired Persons](#), (Rep. Tim Kirby-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Service Animals for Physically or Mentally Impaired Persons; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Special Rules Cmte

[HR 513, House Study Committee on Coal Ash](#), (Rep. Bill Werkheiser)

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Coal Ash; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Natural Resources & Environment Cmte

[HR 514, House Study Committee on Water Desalination](#), (Rep. Keisha Waites-D)

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Water Desalination; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Natural Resources & Environment Cmte

[HR 627, House Study Committee on Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Funding Mechanisms](#), (Rep. Paulette Rakestraw-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Funding Mechanisms. **Status:** Referred to Health & Human Services, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte

[HR 798, House Study Committee on Low-Income Housing Tax Credits](#), (Rep. Dale Rutledge-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Low-Income Housing Tax Credits; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Rules Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Passed House

[HR 848, House Commission on Transit Governance and Funding](#), (Rep. Kevin Tanner)

A RESOLUTION creating the House Commission on Transit Governance and Funding; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Rules Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Passed House
Note: Language similar to [HB 160](#) which was a joint commission

[SR 152, Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia](#), (Sen. Frank Ginn-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Stream Buffers in Georgia; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Natural Resources & Environment Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Passed House

[SR 188, Barriers to Georgians' Access to Adequate Healthcare](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Barriers to Georgians' Access to Adequate Healthcare; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Health and Human Services Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed Senate**

[SR 222, Senate Special Tax Exemption Study Committee](#), (Sen. John Albers-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Special Tax Exemption Study Committee; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed Senate**

[SR 224, Joint Study Committee on Storm-Water Management Fees](#), (Sen. Frank Ginn-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Storm-Water Management Fees; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Regulated Industries & Utilities Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Natural Resources & Environment Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House

[SR 290, Joint Georgia-Alabama Study Committee](#), (Sen. Freddie Powell Sims-D)

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Georgia-Alabama Study Committee; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Interstate Cooperation Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Special Rules Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte

[SR 392, Senate Rural Georgia Study Committee](#), (Sen. David Lucas-D)

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Rural Georgia Study Committee; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Rules Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Move to Senate Rules Calendar, **Passed Senate**

[SR 410, Senate Information Technology Corridors in Georgia Study Committee](#), (Sen. P.K. Martin IV-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Information Technology Corridors in Georgia Study Committee; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Science and Technology Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed Senate**

[SR 412, Senate Stroke Trauma Center Study Committee](#), (Sen. John Kennedy-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Stroke Trauma Center Study Committee; and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to Rules Cmte, **Cmte Favorably Reported, Passed Senate**

[SR 467, Senate Study Committee on Service Animals for Physically or Mentally Impaired Persons](#), (Sen. Renee Unterman-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Service Animals for Physically or Mentally Impaired Persons. **Status:** Referred to Rules Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte

[SR 470, Create Joint Study Committee on Title Ad Valorem Tax](#), (Sen. Chuck Hufstetler)

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Title Ad Valorem Tax. **Status:** Referred to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte

[SR 484, Senate Study Committee on Creating a Lottery Game to Benefit Veterans](#), (Sen. Ed Harbison-R)

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Study Committee on Creating a Lottery Game to Benefit Veterans; and for other purposes. **Status:** **Referred to Rules Cmte**

Taxes

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

Relating to specific, business, and occupation taxes, so as to levy and impose a tax on persons who enter certain rental agreements with certain equipment rental companies within a certain period of time; to provide for definitions; to require such equipment rental companies to collect such taxes and hold them in

escrow for a period of time; to provide that such companies shall pay their ad valorem tax liability for certain rental equipment with such taxes and shall remit any excess funds to the general fund of the state treasury; to provide for the reporting of statistical data related to such tax. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Withdrawn from Ways & Means Cmte and recommitted to Transportation Cmte

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

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

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

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

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

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 155, Georgia Musical Investment Act](#), (Rep. Amy Carter-R)

Relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to create an income tax credit for certain expenditures by a production company related to certain state certified musical or theatrical productions or recorded musical performances. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules, 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 Agreed to House Amend or Sub, On to the Governor**

[HB 195, Certain for profit corporations to participate in the indirect ownership of a home for the mentally disabled](#), (Rep. Brett Harrell-R)

Relating to property tax exemptions, so as to allow certain for profit corporations to participate in the indirect ownership of a home for the mentally disabled for primarily financing purposes. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House by Substitute, Sent to the Senate, Referred to the Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte

Note: HB 195 was added to [HB 196](#) in Conference Cmte and approved by both Chambers

[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**

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[HB 247, Tax Exemption for Concrete Mixer Transports](#), (Rep. Dominic LaRiccia-R)

Relating to general provisions regarding state sales and use tax, so as to exempt machinery used to mix or transport concrete from such tax. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Hearing Only Sales Tax Subcmte, Passed Sales Tax Subcmte, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House by Substitute, Sent to Senate, Referred to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, [Passed Senate, On to the Governor](#)

[HB 285, Revise criteria used by tax assessors to determine the fair market value of property](#), (Rep. David Knight-R)

Relating to general provisions regarding ad valorem taxation, so as to revise the criteria used by tax assessors to determine the fair market value of real property, **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte

Note: HB 285 was added to [HB 196](#) in Conference Cmte and approved by both Chambers

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[HB 314, Georgia Agribusiness and Rural Jobs Act](#), (Rep. Jason Shaw-R)

Relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to establish qualified low-income community investment; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide that certain entities may earn credit against the entity's state tax liability; to disallow refundability and sale on the open market of claimed credits. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Finance Cmte, Tabled in Cmte

Note: HB 314 language was added to [SB 133](#), by Senator Larry Walker, and favorably reported out of the Ways & Means Cmte by Cmte Substitute. SB 133 pending in Rules Cmte, [Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed to House Amend or Sub, On to the Governor](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, [Dead for the Session](#)

[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, **Dead for the Session**

Transportation

[HB 58, Federal regulations regarding the safe operation of commercial vehicles](#), (Rep. Terry Rogers-R) Relating to safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles, so as to update the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles. **Status:** Referred to Motor Vehicles Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Public Safety Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, On to the Governor

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 134, Change provisions of special district mass transportation sales tax](#), (Rep. Bubber Epps-R) Relating to general provisions regarding the special district mass transportation sales and use tax, so as to change the definition of transportation purposes regarding such tax; to change certain provisions relating to special districts and the imposition of such tax. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Sales Tax Subcmte Favorably Reported, Passed Cmte by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House by Substitute, Sent to Senate, Referred to Finance Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Pending House to Agree, **House Agreed to Senate Amend or Sub, On to the Governor**

[HB 160, Georgia Commission on Transit Governance](#), (Rep. Kevin Tanner-R) Relating to mass transportation, so as to create the Georgia Commission on Transit Governance and Funding; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the commission; to provide for a report and proposal by the commission. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House by Substitute, Sent to the Senate, Referred to Transportation Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Senate Tabled**
Note: House replaced with similar [HR 848](#) which created a House Study Cmte

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[HB 215, Special district mass transportation sales and use tax](#), (Rep. Meagan Hanson-R)

Relating to the special district mass transportation sales and use tax, so as to clarify the ability of counties and qualified municipalities to issue general obligation bonds as necessary. **Status:** Referred to Ways & Means Cmte, Hearing Only in Sales Tax Subcmte, Sales Tax Subcmte Favorably Reported

Note: The language from HB 215 was incorporated into [HB 134](#), which passed out of the Ways & Means Cmte and now pending in the Rules Cmte, **Passed Senate, Pending House to Agree, House Agreed, On to the Governor**

[HB 328, Provide for the maximum length and load of vehicles](#), (Rep. Sam Watson-R)

Relating to highways and uniform rules of the road, respectively, so as to provide for the maximum length and load of vehicles; to provide for methods for determining load limits for vehicles utilizing idle reduction technology; to revise provisions for FlexAuto lanes. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed House, Sent to Senate, Referred to Transportation Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, On to the Governor

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[SB 6, Georgia Regional Transit Council](#), (Sen. Steve Gooch-R)

Relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia Regional Transit Council; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the council; to provide for a report and proposal by the council; to provide for assignment of the council to the Department of Transportation for administrative purposes; to provide for compensation and expenses. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate by Substitute, Sent to House, Referred to Transportation Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[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, **Dead for the Session**

[SB 183, State Road and Tollway Authority](#), (Sen. Brandon Beach-R)

Relating to general provisions relative to the State Road and Tollway Authority, so as to provide for a definition; to provide for powers of the authority; to allow for the indefinite collection of tolls in certain instances; to provide for letting of contracts by competitive bids. **Status:** Referred to Transportation Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported, Pending Rules Cmte, Passed Senate, Sent to House, Referred to Transportation Cmte, Hearing Only in Cmte, Cmte Favorably Reported by Substitute, Pending Rules Cmte, **Passed House, Pending Senate to Agree, Senate Agreed, On to the Governor**