



Mountain Legislative Watch Group

Legislative report for week ending 04/25/2025

About the report: HB (House Bill) SB (Senate bill)

Year to date numbers HB 931 , SB 378, **Total 2817**

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HB 197 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-46-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for certification, utilization of nationally recognized accreditation standards, and website identifying nationally recognized accreditation entities, so as to detail the effort that shall be made by treating **health care provider** to respond to a private review agent or utility review entity's attempt to reach such provider to discuss the patient's care; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability;

House: 04/09/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 04/02/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted by Substitute

House Committee: Health
Senate Committee: Rules

MONEY DRAIN ON PROVIDERS and Burdensome Time requirement creep

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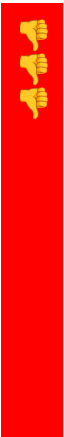


HB 416 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **enterprise zones, so as to revise the class of retailer from which fees may be collected**; to revise the period of existence of enterprise zones

House: 04/07/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 03/31/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Governmental Affairs
Senate Committee: Regulated Industries and Utilities

Punishing Free Enterprise

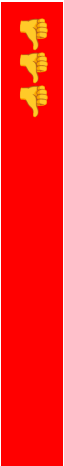


HB 129 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property**, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities

House: 04/10/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 04/02/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted by Substitute

House Committee: Ways and Means
Senate Committee: Rules

Government preferential treatment for who?



HB 141 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-13-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **levy on business or practitioner with location or office in more than one jurisdiction**, allocating gross receipts, and limits on levies using criteria for taxation, so as to **allow businesses and practitioners to provide affidavits of certified public accountants in lieu of tax returns**

House: 03/03/2025 - House Passed/Adopted by Substitute
Senate: 04/02/2025 - Senate Tabled

House Committee: Ways and Means
Senate Committee: Finance

Invites Fraud



SB 131 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to **provide for the establishment of the Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System**; to provide for definitions; to provide for collaboration with state licensing boards; to provide for a publicly accessible website; to provide for collection of data from state licensing boards; to provide for specified data; to provide for seeking of funding sources

Senate: 02/27/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted by Substitute
House: 04/02/2025 - House Passed/Adopted by Substitute

Senate Committee: Regulated Industries and Utilities
House Committee: Regulated Industries

Unnecessary government tracking , government intrusion



HB 484

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as **to provide for the digitization and electronic publication of the Georgia Laws; to provide for assistance and oversight by the Georgia Code Revision Commission;** to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 4/07/2025 - House sent to Governor
Senate: 03/27/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Code Revision
Senate Committee: Rules



SB 13

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the **Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities;** to revise definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 04/07/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
House: 03/21/2025 - House Passed/Adopted by Substitute

Senate Committee: Regulated Industries and Utilities
House Committee: Energy, Utilities & Telecommunication



SB 256

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric membership corporations and foreign electric cooperatives, so as **to require an electric membership corporation to disclose certain acquisitions and other information to its members within a certain time frame**

Senate: 04/07/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
House: 03/31/2025 - House Passed/Adopted

Senate Committee: Regulated Industries and Utilities
House Committee: Energy, Utilities & Telecommunication

**HB 423**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **emergency communications authority and emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, respectively, so as to provide for Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services**; to revise and provide for definitions; to revise the duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority as relevant to Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services; to **add members to the board of directors of such authority**; to require all new 9-1-1 systems conform to wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service or NG9-1-1 service standards; to revise the role of the executive director of the authority

House: 04/07/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 03/20/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Public Safety and Homeland Security
Senate Committee: Public Safety

**HB 433**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to **provide that the Department of Human Services shall be authorized to access restricted and sealed information to conduct employee oversight** in certain circumstances

House: 04/07/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 03/28/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Public Safety and Homeland Security
Senate Committee: Children and Families

**HB 148**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accountants, so as to **revise provisions relating to the education and experience requirements of certified public accountants; to revise provisions relating to licensure of firms practicing public accountancy**; to revise provisions relating to reciprocity; to conform terminology; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budget and audits, so as to conform a cross-reference

House: 02/19/2025 - House Passed/Adopted
Senate: 04/02/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Regulated Industries
Senate Committee: Regulated Industries and Utilities

**SB 241**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, so as **to provide for the organic human reduction as a means of disposing of deceased human bodies**; to amend Titles 10, 31, and 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade, health, and local government, respectively, so as to require a disposition permit for the organic human reduction of a dead human body or fetus;

Senate: 04/07/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
House: 03/31/2025 - House Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Regulated Industries
Senate Committee: Regulated Industries and Utilities

**SB 213**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "**Fair Business Practices Act of 1975**," so as **to ban commercial cheating services that target students and examinees seeking a professional license as an unlawful, unfair, and deceptive trade practice**; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 04/07/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
House: 03/31/2025 - House Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Regulated Industries
Senate Committee: Regulated Industries and Utilities

**SB 81**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 22 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicle franchise practices, so as **provide for protection of consumer data in motor vehicle sales or lease transactions by affiliates of franchisors, manufacturers, and distributors**; to amend Code Section 40-2-39 of the O.C.G.A., relating to registration and licensing of new motor vehicle dealers, temporary site permits, administrative fines, and penalty, so as to provide for activities which qualify as activity as a new motor vehicle dealer;

Senate: 04/07/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
House: 03/13/2025 - House Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Regulated Industries
Senate Committee: Regulated Industries and Utilities



HB 111

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as **to reduce the rate of the tax**; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/07/2025 - House Sent to Governor
 Senate: 03/20/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted
 Governor: 04/15/2025 - House Date Signed by Governor **(ACT 7)**

House Committee: Ways & Means
 Senate Committee: Finance



SB 35

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating **to cancellation or nonrenewal of certain property insurance policies, so as to increase the number of days of notice required to be given a policyholder before the nonrenewal of his or her homeowners' insurance policy**; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 04/07/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
 House: 03/18/2025 - House Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Insurance
 Senate Committee: Insurance and Labor



SB 276

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-148 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating **to recovery of medical assistance from third party liable for sickness, injury, disease, or disability, so as to revise certain provisions to comply with federal law; to bar liable third-party payers from refusing payment solely because a healthcare item or service did not receive prior authorization**; to require a third-party payer to respond to an inquiry from the Department of Community Health regarding a healthcare claim within 60 days;

Senate: 04/07/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
 House: 03/18/2025 - House Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Insurance
 Senate Committee: Insurance and Labor

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- HB 134 TAX CREDITS AND EXEMPTIONS WHY ?**
HB 153 TAX Credits and exemptions means we all have to pay more in taxes!
HB 165 Why do we need all these Loop Holes ?
HB 169
HB 229 HB 134 - sales tax exemption on manufactured homes (Senate Tabled)
HB 248 HB 153 - tax exemptions for manufacturing equipment (House sent to Governor)
HB 370 HB 165 - income tax credit for business enterprises/affordable housing (Stalled in Senate)
HB 425 HB 169 - ad valorem provisions for solar farms (Stalled in Senate)
HB 429 HB 229 - no tax on materials for education construction projects (Stalled in Senate)
HB 463 HB 248 - tax credits for geothermal machinery at residential (Stalled in Senate)
 HB 370 - require tax bill for school districts that opt out of HB581 (Stalled in House)
 HB 425 - tax credit convenience stores for emergency power generator (Stalled Senate)
 HB 429 - exempt ad valorem on vehicles titled before 03/01/2013 (Stalled in Senate)
 HB 463 - tax exemption for senior government volunteers (Senate Tabled)

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- SB 28** Red Tape Rollback Act of 2025
 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 28, 31, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the **General Assembly, health, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for procedures and processes concerning the enactment of legislation and the adoption of rules and regulations**; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- Senate: 02/24/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted by Substitute
 House: 04/04/2025 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted
 03/20/2025 - House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute
- Senate Committee: Economic Develop & Tourism
 House Committee: Budget & Fiscal Affairs Oversight

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- SB 9** Accountability for Illegal AI Activities Act";
 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses**, so as to repeal and replace Code Section 16-12-80, relating to obscene material, distribution, and penalty; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide for sentencing of defendants **who utilize artificial intelligence in the commission of certain crimes**; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
- Senate: 03/04/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted by Substitute
 House: 03/27/2025 - House Passed & Adopted by Substitute
- Senate Committee: Judiciary
 House Committee: Technology and Infrastructure Innovation

Prevents AI from being used in election campaigning. "A person commits the offense of fraudulent election interference if he or she, with knowledge of its falsity, publishes, broadcasts, streams or uploads materially deceptive media within 90 days of an election with the intent to deceive one or more electors."



SB 10

Superior Courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; additional judge;
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as **to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit**; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 02/21/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted by Substitute
House: 04/04/2025 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

Senate Committee: Rules
House Committee: Judiciary

Same as HB55, passed and headed to governor's desk



SB 12

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **inspection of public records, so as to revise provisions related to documents and records in the possession of private persons or entities**; to revise definitions; to **revise provisions related to judicial enforcement of inspection requests**; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 04/10/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
House: 04/04/2025 - House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

Senate Committee: Judiciary
House Committee: Governmental Affairs



SB 21

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other governmental entities, so as **to waive sovereign and governmental immunities for local governments and their officials and employees for a violation of the prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies**; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding jails, so as **to require sheriffs, jailers, and deputies to honor immigration detainer requests issued by the Department of Homeland Security**; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 02/13/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted by Substitute
House: 04/04/2025 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted
03/27/2025 - House Favorably reported

Senate Committee: Public Safety
House Committee: Public Safety and Homeland Security



HB 36

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to guardian and ward, so as **to revise the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian for an adult**, the modification and termination of such guardianship, and the appointment of emergency guardian; to revise the list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a conservator for an adult, the modification and termination of such conservatorship, and the appointment of emergency conservator; to provide for limitations on the powers and duties of certain emergency conservators; to revise and provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/09/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 04/02/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

House Committee: Judiciary
Senate Committee: Judiciary



HB 55

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as **to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit**; to provide for the appointment and term of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/07/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 03/20/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted by Substitute

House Committee: Judiciary
Senate Committee: Judiciary

Same as SB10

HB 85

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning superior courts, so as to **modify provisions regarding the compensation received by superior court judges**; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of superior court judges**; to provide a definition; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to suspend the operation of local laws or local ordinances or resolutions that use a superior court judge's salary for the calculation of the salary or compensation of other officers, officials, or employees; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/09/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 3/28/2025 - Senate Passed & Adopted

House Committee: Judiciary
Senate Committee: Judiciary

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HB 86

Public officers and employees; calculating and setting the salaries of certain state officials; A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating **to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments, so as to revise provisions relating to calculating and setting the salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, the judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court, and the judge of the Georgia State Tax Court**; to provide for effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/08/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 03/28/2025 - Senate Receded from Amend or Sub

House Committee: Judiciary
Senate Committee: Judiciary

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HB 131

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to self-service storage facilities, so as **to revise the advertisement requirements before an owner of a self-service storage facility can enforce an owner's lien**; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/10/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 04/02/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

House Committee: Judiciary
Senate Committee: Judiciary

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HB 132

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Council of Municipal Court Judges, so as to **provide for the office of senior municipal court judge**; to provide for qualifications, application and approval procedures, and amenities and privileges of such judges; to preserve local actions establishing senior judges for particular municipal courts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/04/2025 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

House Committee: Judiciary

**HB 35**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-18-5 of the O.C.G.A., relating to **appointment of substitute for absent or disqualified district attorney, so as to revise the compensation of private attorneys appointed to act as district attorney pro tempore; to provide for such attorneys to be compensated \$250.00 per hour for each certified hour worked**, subject to a cap; to provide for certification by the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of the State of Georgia of such hours worked by such attorneys; to provide for such attorneys to engage the services of private counsel, paralegals, and legal interns and to provide for their compensation; to provide for inflation adjustments; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/04/2025 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil

**HB 57**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **incest, so as to include step-grandparent and step-grandchild relationship**; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/04/2025 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil

Senate Committee: N/A

HB 123

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure, so as to **provide for pretrial proceedings in capital offense cases where the death penalty is sought when the accused has intellectual disability**; to provide for a definition; to provide for notice of intent to claim intellectual disability; **to provide for pretrial determination of intellectual disability**; to provide for verdicts; to provide for capital case procedures; to provide for reports investigating reversible error; to provide for a standard of review; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/08/2025 - House Sent to Governor

Senate: 03/31/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil

Senate Committee: Judiciary



SB 178

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 17 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state depositories, so as **to provide for the State Depository Board to allow the state treasurer to invest in Bitcoin**; to provide for a limit on such investment; to provide for requirements for the safe handling of such assets; to provide for the loaning of such assets; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 02/03/2025 - Senate Read and Referred

Senate Committee: Banking & Financial Institutions

RISKY SPECULATION WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS - how to invest and loaning Bitcoin, would need SB 228 to pass



SB 228

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 17 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state depositories, so as **to provide for the State Depository Board to allow the state treasurer to invest in bitcoin**; to **require the state treasurer to develop policies and procedures for the acceptance, storage, and transacting of bitcoin by the state**; to require that bitcoin received or otherwise owned by the state shall be held in accordance with such policies and procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 02/21/2025 - Senate Read and Referred

Senate Committee: Banking & Financial Institutions

RISKY SPECULATION WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS - set policies for Bitcoin



HB 53

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia veterans cemeteries, so as to **allow certain persons to be buried in Georgia veterans cemeteries**; to provide for definitions; to provide for fees; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/07/2025 - House Sent to Governor

Senate: 03/25/2025 - Passed and adopted by Senate substitute.

House Committee: Defense & Veterans Affairs

Senate Committee: Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

Crossed over to Senate Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Comm. Allows National Guard, other Reservists, their spouses and children to be buried in Georgia veterans cemeteries



HB 108

Safeguarding American Veteran Empowerment Act or SAVE Act;
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as **to provide certain protections for veterans and other eligible persons applying for benefits**; to provide for limitations; to provide for violations; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 02/26/2025 - House Passed/Adopted
Senate: 03/21/2025 - Senate Read Second Time

House Committee: Defense & Veterans Affairs
Senate Committee: Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

Crossed over to Senate Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Comm. Expands rights and protections for veterans applying for benefits. Limits their being taken advantage of by excessive fees and difficult processing.



SB 109

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 25 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to life insurance, so as **to prohibit a policy of group life insurance from excluding or restricting liability for certain deaths occurring while an individual is an active duty service member**; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 04/07/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
House: 03/18/2025 - House Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Insurance
Senate Committee: Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security

Crossed over to House Insurance. A policy of group life insurance prohibiting excluding certain deaths on life insurance while on active duty. House passed and adopted.



SB 236

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-150 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility for enrollment under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as **to provide that certain students whose parents or guardians are on active duty in the United States armed forces are eligible for enrollment in the public school** of the attendance zone in which they intend to reside regardless of whether they have entered into a lease, purchased a house, or otherwise secured housing within such attendance zone; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 03/06/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted by Substitute
House: 04/04/2025 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

Crossed over to House Education Comm. Allows students of active duty parents to enroll in public schools where they intend to live. Favorably reported by substitute

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SB 245

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-7-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **actions by grandparents or other family members for visitation rights or intervention**, revocation or amendment of visitation rights, appointment of guardian ad litem, mediation, hearing, and notification to family members of child's participation in events, to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 04/10/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
House: 03/28/2025 - House Passed/Adopted by Substitute

House Committee: Judiciary
Senate Committee: Children and Families

To include Grandparents within the category of persons who may seek to revoke or amend an existing grandparent visitation order regarding children custody rights.

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SB 31

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to **exempt from taxation all income received as retirement benefits derived from service in the armed forces of the United States** or the reserve components thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 03/03/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted
House: 03/06/2025 - House Second Readers

House Committee: Ways & Means
Senate Committee: Finance

Why was this never passed?

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HB 172

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 6A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **state veterinary education**, to provide for **limits on the student loan forgiveness program**; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/09/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 04/04/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Higher Education
Senate Committee: Higher Education

Should provide no relief for student loans, even limited!

HB 88

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 6A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **state veterinary education, so as to provide for biomedical technicians to be eligible for the state student loan forgiveness program**; to provide for a definition; to provide for conditions and eligibility; to provide for terms of the loan purchase agreement; to provide for cancellation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/04/2025 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

House Committee: Higher Education

Bad bill!!! democrat sponsored There are no visible public or private PolitiCorps discussions concerning the 2025 Georgia HB88 at this time. Moved to HB 172

HB 64

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16 and 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to **crimes and offenses and insurance, respectively, so as to require an owner of an assault weapon to procure and maintain sufficient liability insurance to protect against legal liability** arising out of the ownership, maintenance, operation, or use of such weapon; to provide for definitions; to provide for proof or evidence of such insurance; to provide for exceptions; to provide for enforcement and penalties; to provide for an affirmative defense; to provide for limitations on such liability insurance; to provide for notification of changes or termination of such liability insurance; to require insurers to submit certain information; to provide for the adoption of rules and regulations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 01/17/2025 - House Second Reader

House Committee: Public Safety and Homeland Security

require an owner of an assault weapon to maintain sufficient liability insurance. All democrats!! Too much regulation!!

SB 18

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments**, so as to revise provisions related to **daily expense accounts of members of the General Assembly**; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 01/17/2025 - Senate Read and Referred

Senate Committee: Rules

Increases per diem for Legislators – from \$7 thousand to \$33 thousand for Senators and from \$7 thousand up to \$11 thousand for House members. Read and Referred – Sponsored by 9 Republicans and 4 Democrats



SB 199

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, **relating to government transparency and campaign finance**, so as to provide that **the State Ethics Commission shall not accept or reject complaints made against candidates 60 days prior to an election; to revise provisions related to reporting income on personal financial disclosure statements for office holders**; to provide that the commission shall not publicly release home address information in its possession; to revise lobbyist reporting requirements to make the reporting dates for such requirements more uniform; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 04/07/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
House: 03/31/2025 - House Passed/Adopted

House Committee: Governmental Affairs
Senate Committee: Ethics



HB 397

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, **relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to allow municipalities to opt in to providing advance voting on Saturdays for municipal elections**; to revise provisions related to the timelines for calling special elections and the dates on which special elections can be held; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 03/06/2025 - House Passed/Adopted by Substitute
Senate: 04/02/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted by Substitute

House Committee: Governmental Affairs
Senate Committee: Ethics

Elections; allow municipalities to opt in to providing advance voting on Saturdays for municipal elections. Substitute is exact opposite



HB 794

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an **Act creating the Clayton County Board of Commissioners**, approved February 8, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2064), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 4178), so as to revise and update provisions relating to the code of ethics and the board of ethics; to provide for administrative and support services; to provide for budgetary independence of such board; to provide for returns to grand jury; to provide for examination and approval and failure of such returns; to provide for employment of ethics officer and ethics administrator; to provide for hearings; to provide for petitions; to provide for referral of potential criminal activity to law enforcement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/07/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 03/31/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted All Democrat

House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination
Senate Committee: State and Local Governmental Operations

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SB 175

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding elections and primaries, so as **to prohibit the use of ranked-choice voting**; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 03/03/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted
House: 04/04/2025 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

House Committee: Governmental Affairs
Senate Committee: Ethics

**Prohibit the use of ranked-choice voting
Substitute says nothing about ranked-choice voting.**

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SB 52

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as **to authorize certain local governing authorities to provide temporary tax relief from the taxes levied for the harvest or sale of standing timber in certain disaster areas**;to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title and legislative findings and intent; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 02/18/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted by Substitute
House: 02/20/2025 - House Second Readers

House Committee: Ways & Means
Senate Committee: Finance

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SB 59

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use** property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as **to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities**; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 02/19/2025 - Senate Passed/Adopted
House: 04/04/2025 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

House Committee: Ways & Means
Senate Committee: Finance

To house Ways & Means 2/19/2025 Senate Engrossed

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SB 141

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as **to extend the appeal and protest period from 30 days to 45 days for tax assessments**; to clarify final determination language for federal income tax adjustments; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 04/07/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
House: 03/31/2025 - House Passed/Adopted by Substitute

House Committee: Ways & Means
Senate Committee: Finance

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SB 96

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to modernize and **update provisions creating certain boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies**; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate: 04/07/2025 - Senate Sent to Governor
House: 03/21/2025 - House Passed/Adopted by Substitute

House Committee: Code Revision
Senate Committee: Government Oversight

So as to modernize and update provisions

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HB 58

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as **to authorize the adoption of local ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or policies that restrict the flight of unmanned aircraft systems over mass public gatherings**; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House: 04/01/2025 - House Sent to Governor
Senate: 03/31/2025 - Senate Agreed House Amend or Sub
Governor Signed 04/01/2025: Act 4

House Committee: Technology and Infrastructure Innovation
Senate Committee: Transportation