It is about this time every year when I start to worry about what the unintended consequences will be in a few days when I start to get enough sleep. You see, as our little legislative universe spirals towards Sine Die, sleep becomes less and less like a regular and expected part of life, and more and more like The Impossible Dream. At any given moment, my inner dialogue with myself goes something like this: “Hey, Polly – In the next 4 minutes you need to get the Recess Bill passed, pick up yesterday’s lunch bag from the state trooper lost-and-found office, draft that floor amendment while you’re in the metal detector line, and carry nine large pizzas, seven salads, and enough plates for the House interns up to the third floor, all while texting whatshername questions to ask in the ongoing floor debate about that yucky felony bill. Got it? Good.” Clearly, R&R does not mean “Rest & Relaxation” to those of us at the capitol, but rather “Resolutions & Red Bull.” So we endure, stacking anxiety-laden sleeplessness upon weird dreams about children licking venetian blinds, my 90-year-old mother dressed as a police officer, and dogs eating Crème Brulee in electric cars surrounded by livestock.

And then, as if by some kind of merciful magic, the session ends with the slam of a couple of gavels and the declaration to “adjourn Sine Die.” People throw paper in the air and then leave the building en masse and in the dark since it is usually midnight or close to. Finally, we all get to go home. We try to resume what other people consider “normal” life behaviors, but what non-gold-dome-people don’t realize, is that many of us gold-domers suffer PTSD – Post Traumatic Session Disorder. Symptoms include falling asleep while staring at expired milk in the refrigerator or while searching for the mailbox under dunes of pollen and uncut grass. We imagine the ding of
Twitter only to find it is a wind chime on the back porch and we struggle to eat without a coat on and while sitting in a chair. Some of us even need a 12-step program to come down off our mint gum addiction or to quit wearing a lobbyist badge. We long for a crisis, a win, or at the very least, a good long argument about the placement of a comma. Most of all, we wonder how we made it through the first three months of the year without seeing the inside of a movie theater, a gym, or our eyelids. After a few days, multiple naps, and lots of time trying to remember the names of our pets, neighbors, and kids, we will question whether we really want to do it again or if the amnesia of time will lure us back to the Gold Dome in 2023. It usually does. Not sure that is a healthy thing, but who cares? If Frank can sing The Impossible Dream all those years, the least I can do is try to make it mean something.

And with that, I urge you to check out the update below to see where we are as we barrel into the home stretch (which is happening even as you read this!).

As the Chairman of the Board once said, “You only go around once, but if you play your cards right, once is enough.”

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The Impossible Dream

To dream the impossible dream
To fight the unbeatable foe
To bear with unbearable sorrow
And to run where the brave dare not go

To right the unrightable wrong
And to love pure and chaste from afar
To try when your arms are too weary
To reach the unreachable star

This is my quest
To follow that star
No matter how hopeless
No matter how far

To fight for the right
Without question or pause
To be willing to march, march into Hell
For that Heavenly cause

And I know if I’ll only be true
To this glorious quest
That my heart will lie peaceful and calm
When I’m laid to my rest
And the world will be better for this
That one man, scorned and covered with scars
Still strove with his last ounce of courage

To reach the unreachable
The unreachable
The unreachable star

And I’ll always dream the impossible dream
Yes, and I’ll reach the unreachable star

JUSTICE AND EFFECTIVE SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

**HB 272** (Ballinger-23rd) A study committee to consider implementing raising the age of juvenile court jurisdiction to include 17-year-olds.
**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. Recommended Do Pass by Senate Judiciary Committee, but the bill remains in Senate Rules

**HB 274** (Ballinger-23rd) Provides a $6,000 salary supplement for juvenile court judges in counties that also have an accountability court and meet other criteria.
**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee

**HB 371** (Gunter-8th) Requires that an affidavit accompany a complaint on any action upon a simple contract in parole where the plaintiff alleges the value of such contract exceeds $100,000.00 and provides for the dismissal of a complaint for failure to state a claim due to a defective affidavit or no affidavit. -- FYI, this bill used to be about video court appearances, but the language was replaced with that related to the above.
**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Judiciary Committee, but the bill remains in Senate Rules

**HB 1004** (Mainor-56th) Expands jurisdiction of campus police forces by virtue of "unified campus police forces agreements" entered into by colleges and universities for any property that they own or occupy.
**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE, but was changed by the Senate so awaits agreement to the changes by the House

**HB 1134** (Efstration-104th) Provides for the concurrent authority of prosecuting attorneys and the Attorney General to prosecute offenses involving criminal gang activity.
**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**HB 1216** (McDonald-26th) Increases penalties for violations of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer. The bill also prohibits the use of a blue light to impersonate a law enforcement officer.
**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE, but was changed by the Senate so awaits agreement to changes by the House

**HB 1234** (Ballinger-23rd) Requires a juvenile court to appoint an attorney for any child receiving extended care youth services from DFCS.
**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Judiciary Committee, but the bill remains in Senate Rules

**HB 1433** *(Ballinger-23rd)* Adds the following to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council advisory board: Persons, licensed or certified by the applicable state, with expertise and competence in preventing and addressing mental health and substance abuse issues in delinquent youth, youth at risk of delinquency, and representatives of victims or witness advocacy groups, including at least one individual with expertise in addressing the challenges of sexual abuse, exploitation, and trauma, particularly the needs of youth who experience disproportionate levels of sexual abuse, exploitation, and trauma before entering the juvenile justice system. Among other things, the bill also creates a proxy for members with juvenile justice involvement.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**HB 1613** *(Shannon-84th)* Prohibits law enforcement officers from using maneuvers that restrict blood or oxygen flow to the brain of a person.

**STATUS:** House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

**HR 204** *(Gilliard-162nd)* Changes the name of the Savannah Regional Youth Detention Center for the Department of Juvenile Justice to the Judge Willie J. Lovett, Jr., Juvenile Justice Center. (To watch a video honoring Judge Lovett, [click here](#).)

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die

**SB 10** *(Jones-10th)* Makes it a felony offense to impersonate an officer of the court with punishment of imprisonment between one to five years, a maximum fine of $1,000, or both. The bill also makes it a crime to intentionally, secretly place or direct someone else to place a global positioning system (GPS) on a motor vehicle when the car owner or lessee has a protective order against the person placing the GPS. The bill also provides discretion to judges when a person fails to appear for court so that the court can order that person’s driver’s license be reinstated in lieu of the case being fully adjudicated and allows the court to waive the fee to reinstate the driver’s license.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE but the bill was altered by the House so must return to the Senate for agreement

**SB 171** *(Robertson-29th)* Increases the punishment for simple battery if committed during an act of unlawful assembly to "a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature". Expands definition of unlawful assembly and makes certain offenses a felony (e.g., defilement of public property, obstruction of a highway, gathering with 7 or more people and committing violence against someone’s person or property). Requires local governments to establish permitting processes for public gatherings. Holds local governments civilly liable for any damages if they interfere with law enforcement response during a "riot" or unlawful assembly. Mandates that the state and local government provide a deduction to law enforcement officers for the purpose of purchasing insurance that provides legal representation. Waives the defense of sovereign immunity for anyone seeking relief, monetary damages, etc. related to an act of unlawful assembly.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

**SB 257** *(Anderson-43rd)* Restricts records for non-violent theft offenses; enables courts to seal minor offenses without Georgia Crime Information Center restriction; removes the two-year waiting period for human trafficking survivors to have records sealed; allows for the filing of retroactive first offenders petitions for sealing without first obtaining a prosecutor’s permission to do so; explicitly states that while
records are available to law enforcement agencies, first offense records are not eligible for subsequent prosecution for certain crimes. The housekeeping measure also allows for the misdemeanor expungement for shoplifting and refund fraud.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

**SB 359 (Albers-56th)** Requires a biennial report and recommendation from the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia to various officials of the General Assembly. The bill also increases penalties for possession of a firearm by people who have committed felonies or certain other acts of violence and requires that a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for a criminal gang offense shall preclude the defendant from disputing matters proved in the criminal proceeding during a subsequent related civil action or proceeding, and (with respect to criminal gang activity) aligns venue considerations for prosecution with the criminal racketeering venue statute. The bill also requires that prior felons convicted for abusing a disabled person, elder person, or minor who is subsequently convicted of that same felony offense shall be sentenced for the longest period of time prescribed for that offense subject to probation or suspension of only the maximum sentence.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Judiciary Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

**SB 504 (Robertson-29th)** Expands bail restricted offenses to include all 600+ felonies. The bill also states that a judge may issue an unsecured judicial release for a bail restricted offense which is not a serious violent felony, if the defendant has been judicially placed into an accountability court.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

**SR 835 (Halpern-39th)** Creates the Senate Study Committee on Modern Policing Techniques and Practices for Georgia Law Enforcement Agencies.

**STATUS:** Senate Rules Committee

**PROTECTION AND SAFETY**

**HB 200 (Powell-32nd)** Requires the issuance of a Class C driver’s license to operators of three-wheeled motor vehicles with seatbelts and a frame to partially or fully enclose the operator, among other things.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE, but was changed by the Senate so awaits agreement to the changes by the House

**HB 202 (Hitchens-161st)** Authorizes the Drivers Education Commission to cover the cost of drivers ed for a person 21 years of age or younger who has left foster care or protective custody of the Division of Family and Children Services of the Department of Human Services by reason of having attained the age of 18 years. The bill also established the Driver’s Education Trust Fund under the governor’s Office of Highway Safety.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die

**HB 424 (Williamson-115th)** Creates tax credits for certain contributions made by taxpayers to certain foster child support organizations that assist youth who age out of foster care. The amount of tax credits issued by the state would be capped at $20 million per year.
**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**HB 464 (Scoggins-14th)** Allows a petition for the appointment of a temporary guardian of a minor filed in the probate court to be transferred to the juvenile court.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**HB 689 (Gaines-117th)** Allows a food service establishment that authorizes pet dogs in outside dining areas to offer and serve food for pet dogs.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die

**HB 849 (Smith-41st)** Adds human resources personnel and supervisory personnel in a workplace that employs minors as mandatory reporters for child abuse and requires mandatory reporter training for such personnel.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Industry and Labor Committee

**HB 1188 (Lott-122nd)** States that when a person does an immoral or indecent act involving touching of any child under the age of 16 years with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or the person, and such person touches such child in multiple areas of such child’s body, the touching of each area shall constitute a separate offense of child molestation. The bill also states that each action involving media, which is considered sexual exploitation of children will be counted as a separate offense.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE, but was changed by the Senate so awaits agreement to the changes by the House

**HB 1452 (Gaines-117th)** Expands the definition of "dating violence" to include people who were in a dating relationship within the last 12 months (current law states within the last 6 months).

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**HB 1483 (Barton-5th)** Allows license by endorsement in social work to an applicant who holds an unrestricted license in social work in another jurisdiction, state, or territory of the United States that requires standards for licensure considered by the board to be equivalent to the requirements here.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee

**SB 54 (Harbison-15th)** Allows judicial discretion in determining the right of a surviving parent to custody of a child when the surviving parent is criminally charged with the murder or voluntary manslaughter of the other parent.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Juvenile Justice Committee

**SB 316 (Anavitarte-31st)** Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act - Prevents the creation of "free speech zones" at public institutions of higher education.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

**SB 360 (McNeill-3rd)** Provides for protections from exploitation and intimidation for disabled minors and renames this part of Georgia law "Colton’s Law".

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee
**SB 370 (Cowsert-46th)** Creates tax credits for certain contributions made by taxpayers to certain foster child support organizations that assist youth who age out of foster care. The amount of tax credits issues by the state would be capped at $20 million per year.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Ways and Means Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

**SB 381 (Robertson-29th)** Increases the penalty provisions relating to pimping and pandering.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

**SB 382 (Robertson-29th)** Changes the name of the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board to the Sexual Offender Risk Review Board. The bill also provides courts with the discretion to sentence someone with imprisonment for life, or a split sentence that is term of imprisonment followed by probation for life, if he or she was previously convicted of a sexual felony and subsequently convicted of: 1) aggravated assault with the intent to rape; 2) kidnapping which involves a victim who is less than 14 years of age; 3) trafficking an individual for labor servitude or sexual servitude; 4) rape; 5) aggravated sodomy; 6) statutory rape when the individual convicted was 21 years of age or older; 7) child molestation or aggravated child molestation; 8) enticing a child for indecent purposes; 9) improper sexual contact by employee, agent, or foster parent in the first degree; 10) incest; 11) aggravated sexual battery; or 12) sexual exploitation of children. Further, the bill clarifies that each individual violation of the crime of sexual exploitation of children can be charged as its own count in a charging document. The bill defines “Sexual Felony” and revises the minimum age of the "Romeo and Juliet” clause for the crime of child molestation to 13 years old. The bill also appears to incorporate language from HB 194, which clarifies the procedure for when the court seeks additional information involving a sentence that could be life imprisonment and provides timelines when risk assessment evaluations need to be made by the Sexual Offender Risk Review Board. Further, a procedure that is also retroactive is created in which the Department of Community Supervision files a petition to terminate the probation of someone who has served 10 years if the probationer has: paid all restitution owed; not had the probation revoked; not been arrested for anything other than a non-serious traffic offense; and not been classified as a sexually dangerous predator. If the petition is not granted, a petition shall be filed every five years afterward until the probationer meets the requirements.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE but the bill was altered by the House so must return to the Senate for agreement

**SB 461 (Dixon-45th)** Adds the offense of human trafficking as a bailable offense.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**SB 543 (Halpern-39th)** Provides that a parent who is determined to be responsible for the homicide of his or her child shall have no right of recovery against the value of the child’s life.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**SB 565 (Strickland-17th)** Provides that at any time after conviction for a misdemeanor or felony offense, a defendant convicted of an offense and sentenced as a direct result of being a victim of trafficking for labor or sexual servitude may petition the sentencing court to grant the relief of vacatur.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration
HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

HB 412 (Dempsey-13th) Provides for the licensure of individuals in the practice of applied behavior analysis and creates the Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE, but was changed by the Senate so awaits agreement to the changes by the House

HB 430 (Powell-32nd) Changes the licensure requirements for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to include a fingerprint criminal background check. Allows home health services to be provided to individuals under a written plan of care by an APRN or physician assistant, or, as was already law, a physician. Authorizes the collection of nurse workforce data.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Health and Human Services Committee

HB 752 (Cooper-43rd) Addresses psychiatric advance directives for adults and emancipated youth.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

HB 867 (Newton-123rd) Among other things, the bill requires pharmacy benefits managers to disclose the true net cost and final net cost (if applicable) of prescription drugs to insureds and to calculate cost sharing requirements for insureds based on the true net cost of prescription drugs.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Insurance and Labor Committee

HB 918 (Cheokas-138th) Creates a state-based advisory council to educate medical professionals, government agencies, legislators, and the public about rare diseases and encourage research and treatment of rare diseases.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE, but was changed by the Senate so awaits agreement to the changes by the House

HB 972 (Belton-112th) Among other things, this bill adjusts licensing provisions regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE, but was changed by the Senate so awaits agreement to the changes by the House

HB 1013 (Ralston-7th) See Summary of the Final Bill Here.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The governor plans to sign the bill TODAY (Monday)

HB 1041 (Pirkle-155th) Increases the aggregate limit for tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations from $60 to $75 million per taxable year.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

HB 1042 (Jasperse-11th) Creates a grant program to establish primary care medical facilities (meaning any facility where the majority of the services provided are primary care, dental, or mental health services) in health professional shortage areas as designated by the Department of Community Health.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration
HB 1175 (Pirkle-155th) Authorizes and regulates the production, handling, transporting, and sale of raw milk and raw milk products for human consumption.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE, but was changed by the Senate so awaits agreement to the changes by the House

HB 1186 (Houston-170th) Allows persons who are not licensed audiologists to use otoacoustic emissions or auditory brainstem response technology as part of a screening process for the initial identification of communication disorders in individuals up to age 22.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die

HB 1276 (Hawkins-27th) Requires that statistical reports containing data relating to state health plans (e.g. state health benefits plan, PeachCare, etc.) be posted on the DCH website. The data include things such as the number of, type of, and changes in enrolled providers; county-level data on primary care providers enrolled per 1,000 people and indicating which counties fall below defined benchmarks; and data on hospital utilization and costs.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE, but was changed by the Senate so awaits agreement to the changes by the House

HB 1324 (Camp-131st) Clarifies that the prudent layperson standard is not affected by the diagnoses given.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

HB 1348 (Rich-97th) Prohibits vaping in the same places where smoking is currently prohibited.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate Floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die

HB 1351 (Knight-130th) Provides for pharmacy benefits management for the Medicaid program in DCH.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Insurance and Labor Committee

HB 1355 (Dempsey-13th) Updates current law to comport with the current CDC and EPA guidelines for blood lead levels.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die

HB 1371 (Jasperse-11th) Creates the Rural Health Advancement Commission to develop private-sector solutions to address short-term and long-term health care and long-term care workforce shortages, with an emphasis on rural areas.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Government Oversight Committee

HB 1404 (Pruitt-109th) Directs the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize private institutions for mental disease to qualify for Medicaid reimbursement.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Health and Human Services Committee

HB 1484 (Hawkins-27th) Creates a three-year pilot program to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS and PANS under Medicaid.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die

**HB 1520 (Hawkins-27th)** Creates the Georgia Council on Addressing Health Care Workforce Challenges.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die

**HB 1599 (Powell-32nd)** Revises provisions relating to education, experience, and training requirements for licensure in marriage and family therapy.

**STATUS:** House Regulated Industries Committee

**HB 1616 (Belton-112th)** Among other things, the bill reduces outdated restrictions on the composition of the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists and changes some licensing requirements.

**STATUS:** House Regulated Industries Committee

**SB 82 (Au-48th)** Clarifies that the prudent layperson standard is not affected by the diagnoses (initial, interim, final, or otherwise) given with regards to emergency medical services. Adds Emergency Medical Technician to the definition of healthcare provider. The bill also adds a definition relative to accurate insurance provider directories to specify that a "public health emergency" includes, but is not limited to, a federal public health emergency that includes the state of Georgia, and requires all State Health Benefit Plan health care contracts to include a requirement that every plan member have access to laboratory services at in-network rates at a qualified clinical laboratory within 50 miles or one hour of a member’s business or residence.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Special Committee on Access to Quality Healthcare. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

**SB 256 (Burke-11th)** Allows the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health to select a district health director for each health district, and requires a district health director to serve as the chief executive officer for that county board of health.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. The bill was on the House calendar for a floor vote but has been postponed and may be taken up for a House vote on Sine Die

**SB 330 (Albers-56th)** Prohibits insurers from cancelling, modifying coverage, refusing to issue, or refusing to renew life insurance policies solely because the applicant or insured donated a liver or kidney.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE but the bill was altered by the House so must return to the Senate for agreement

**SB 341 (Kirkpatrick-32nd)** Provides guidelines for the prior authorization of a prescribed medication for chronic conditions requiring ongoing medication therapy.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**SB 342 (Kirkpatrick-32nd)** Requires annual reporting regarding mental health parity in healthcare plans.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by House Health and Human Services Committee, went to House Rules Committee but was recommitted back to House Health and Human Services Committee

**SB 345 (Mullis-53rd)** Prohibits state and local governments from mandating vaccine passports.
**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE but the bill was altered by the House so must return to the Senate for agreement

**SB 403** (Watson-1st) "Georgia Behavioral Health and Peace Officer Co-Responder Act"- Requires each community service board to establish a co-responder program to work with local law enforcement agencies responding to emergency calls involving people in a behavioral health crisis. Law enforcement agencies have the option to collaborate with co-responder programs and can consider input from the community service board when determining where to refer the individual. Community service boards team members must be available in person or virtually during related emergency calls. Emergency facilities that receive individuals transported by the team for evaluation are required to notify the community service board prior to release of the admitted individual. Any law enforcement agency or community service board along with their personnel will be immune from civil or criminal liability for their actions done in good faith related to team dispatch, incarceration of an individual, transportation to an emergency receiving facility, and not taking someone into custody.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**SB 505** (Robertson-29th) Requires that 9-1-1 communications officers receive training in the delivery of high-quality telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

**SB 537** (Jones II-22nd) Creates the Georgia Food Security Advisory Council, which will recommend regulatory solutions to the WIC Program; ways the State of Georgia can use tax credits including the New Market Tax Credit as an economic incentive to create and maintain grocery stores in food insecure areas; ways to maximize current educational programs that educate the public on purchasing and consuming healthy foods; maximize current funding efforts to assist food banks and food pantries; policies to expand the number of farmers markets which may accept SNAP benefits; policies to encourage the use of food co-ops and community gardens located in Georgia; policies to increase collaboration between the State of Georgia and nonprofits that seek to eradicate food insecurity; and policies to increase collaboration between the State of Georgia and private entities that seek to end food insecurity.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee

**SB 566** (Burke-11th) Clarifies that, under the Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act, a medical or traumatic condition, sickness, or injury includes a mental health condition or substance use disorder and that emergency medical services include post-stabilization services. The bill goes on to state that "nothing in this Code section shall affect a covered person's financial responsibilities or a nonparticipating facility's rights with respect to nonemergency medical services received from a nonparticipating facility."

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**SB 576** (Strickland-17th) Revises provisions regarding visitation actions brought by certain grandparents of minor children.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**SB 610** (Harrell-40th) Requires the Department of Community Health to conduct a comprehensive review of provider reimbursement rates for home and community-based services covered by the waiver programs every 4 years.
**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE but the bill was altered by the House so must return to the Senate for agreement

**SR 364** (Au-48th) Creates the Senate Costs and Effects of Smoking Study Committee.  
**STATUS:** Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Rules Committee

**SR 770** (Harrell-40th) Creates the Senate Study Committee on People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Waiver Plan Access.  
**STATUS:** Senate Read and Adopted

### MATERNAL CARE AND CHILD CARE

**HB 1092** (Cooper-43rd) Requires that every woman arrested who is not released on bond within 72 hours of arrest to submit to urine pregnancy testing unless she declines, and if pregnant, allows a judge to defer any sentenced confinement until six weeks post-delivery unless the pregnant woman poses a significant threat or danger to any person or unless declined by the pregnant woman.  
**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die

**SB 116** (Robertson-29th) The "Maternity Supportive Housing Act" allows registration of maternity supportive housing residences to provide housing for up to six pregnant women aged 18 years or older and their children (per residence) at any one time during the woman's pregnancy and up to 18 months after childbirth. No services other than housing shall be provided. No county, municipality, or consolidated government shall, by rule or ordinance, constrain the establishment or operation of maternity supportive housing residences or place occupancy requirements on such residences that would not apply to a single family living in the residence.  
**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE but the bill was altered by the House so must return to the Senate for agreement

**SB 338** (Burke-11th) Extends postpartum coverage under Medicaid from six months to one year following pregnancy.  
**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by House Health and Human Services Committee. The bill went to House Rules Committee, but was recommitted to House Health and Human Services Committee

**SB 496** (Burke-11th) Requires a medical examiner’s inquiry for the death of a pregnant female or for the death a female who was pregnant within 365 days prior to her death. This does not apply to a female whose death resulted from a motor vehicle accident or who was deemed to have died unattended by a physician when any such individual has not been seen or treated by a physician within the 180 days prior to such individual’s death.  
**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

### EDUCATION

**HB 1** (Bonner-72nd) Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act - Prevents the creation of "free speech zones" at public institutions of higher education.  
**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die
**HB 385** (Blackmon-146th) Enables retired educators to return to work full-time, after a 12-month waiting period following retirement, while continuing to draw full Teachers Retirement System (TRS) benefits. Employment is restricted to high-needs areas in each region as determined by Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) and to retired educators with at least 30 years’ experience.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**HB 517** (Carson-46th) Increases the allowable education tax credit issues for donations to school scholarship organizations (SSO); requires inclusion of interest earned on deposits and investments of scholarship funds or tuition grants in SSO calculations of obligated funds; broadens requirements of the audit following each fiscal year; requires SSOs to submit 990 forms; and to be solely responsible for verifying the eligibility of students for participation in the program. Makes business enterprises, defined as any insurance company required to pay the tax provided for in Code Section 33-8-4, eligible to receive a tax credit against the tax imposed by this Code section not exceeding $1 million.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE with changes, but the chambers have not agreed to the changes. The bill is in conference committee to try to work out changes

**HB 1043** (Jasperse-11th) Creates the Georgia Endowment for Teaching Professionals to foster a public-private partnership with the Technical College System of Georgia for support of postsecondary teaching professionals in high demand courses, subjects, and disciplines.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die

**HB 1084** (Wade-9th) Prohibits the teaching of “divisive concepts” by Georgia’s public K-12 schools, prohibits discrimination in the schools, and requires school systems to develop a complaint resolution process for such.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE, but was changed by the Senate so awaits agreement to the changes by the House

**HB 1178** (Bonner-72nd) Requires procedures for a parent to review records relating to his or her minor child, learn about the child’s courses of study, to object to instructional materials intended for use in the child’s classroom or recommended by the child’s teacher, and to withdraw the child from any portion of the school’s prescribed course of study in sex education if the parent provides a written objection to the child’s participation. The procedures must provide for a parent to be notified in advance of such course content so they may withdraw their child from those portions.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**HB 1184** (Williams-168th) Requires public school systems (including DJJ) to allow 11th graders to select and administer a college entrance exam, paid for by the state, if appropriations are available.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Education and Youth Committee

**HB 1215** (Thomas-21st) Allows a student to withdraw without penalty from a local school in the school system in which such student resides at any time and enroll in a charter school with available classroom space.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die
HB 1217 (Erwin-28th) Requires the inclusion of methods for the promotion of the safe and appropriate use of technology and responsible digital citizenship in the comprehensive character education program. In so doing, the bill revises requirements for internet safety polices in public schools, existing definitions regarding pornography, obscene material, and the like, and allows for the withholding of state funds from local school systems that have not provided for adequate technology protection measures.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE, but did not receive a vote on the Senate floor and therefore did not pass

HB 1283 (Douglas-78th) Requires an average of 30 minute per day of recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five every school day unless it is a day on which a student has had physical education or structured activity time or if reasonable circumstances impede such recess.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE, but was changed by the Senate so awaits agreement to the changes by the House

HB 1292 (Jasperse-11th) Prohibits students who participate in 4-H sponsored activities or programs from being counted as absent from school.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

HB 1295 (Corbett-174th) Removes the “needs development” rating from the group of performance evaluation ratings that may adversely impact an educator’s ability to obtain a renewable certificate from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die

HB 1303 (Dickey-140th) Transitions a pilot program for elementary agricultural education to an ongoing program.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

HB 1319 (Werkheiser-157th) Creates the Georgia LEO (Law Enforcement Officer) Scholarship grant for peace officers attending postsecondary education.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Higher Education Committee, but the bill did not get put on the Senate floor for a vote and therefore did not pass

HB 1435 (Martin-49th) Enhances the state’s needs based financial aid program to include eligibility for students with a financial aid gap.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. The bill is currently tabled on the Senate floor, but may be taken off the table for a vote on Sine Die

HB 1482 (Erwin-28th) Revises the eligibility criteria for project specific capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE, but did not receive a vote on the Senate floor and therefore did not pass

HB 1515 (Bentley-139th) Revises the definition of approved school to include schools which were previously accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and are now accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Higher Education Committee

HR 650 (Gambill-15th) Creates the House Study Committee on Literacy Instruction.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. Because it is a House Study Committee, it does not need approval from the Senate.

HR 1048 (Ehrhart-36th) Creates the House Study Committee on Education Accreditation.
STATUS: Recommended Do Pass by the House Education Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee.

HR 1239 (Ridley-6th) Creates the House Study Committee on Transparency and Accountability for Nonpublic Schools Benefiting from Public Funds.
STATUS: House Hopper

SB 51 (Thompson-51st) States no high school that receives 'Quality Basic Education Act' (QBE) funds shall participate in, sponsor, or provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events that are conducted under the authority of any athletic association unless that association provides for an executive oversight committee and for reimbursement for such oversight committee.
STATUS: PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Education Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee.

SB 226 (Anavitarte-31st) Requires local boards of education to adopt a complaint resolution policy and process to address complaints submitted by parents/guardians alleging that material (e.g. books, websites, etc.) that is harmful to minors has been provided to their student. Requires GA DOE to establish a model complaint resolution process policy no later than September 21, 2021.
STATUS: PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration.

SB 231 (Anavitarte-31st) Creates a pilot program to allow for certain adults to enroll in charter schools that provide instruction only for individuals between ages 21 and 35 residing in this state who have not attained a high school diploma.
STATUS: PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Education Committee.

SB 333 (Albers-56th) The bill expands educational institutions exempted from application of general provisions to include institutions offering education or training through employment experiences or other short courses that do not specifically grant degrees. It also revises Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund participation requirements. Under current law, postsecondary institutions, which were first authorized to operate in Georgia on or after July 1, 1990, were required to participate in the trust fund for five years, but under the provisions of this bill, the institution is required to participate for seven years; and increases the balance of the trust fund from $500,000 to at least $10 million by July 1, 2040.
STATUS: PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE but the bill was altered by the House so must return to the Senate for agreement.

SB 357 (Kirkpatrick-32nd) Allows military students to select adjacent school districts for attendance and provides for a standard process of military student school transfer.
STATUS: PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by House Education Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee.

SB 377 (Hatchett-50th) Prohibits the teaching of "divisive concepts" by local boards of education, and local school systems.
STATUS: PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Education Committee.
SB 378 (Albers-56th) Expands the definition of hazing to include minors and beefs up penalties and reporting requirements for hazing affecting all ages.

STATUS: PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

SB 379 (Strickland-17th) Requires the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish a program to promote the creation and expansion of registered apprenticeship programs in the state.

STATUS: PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

SB 397 (Goodman-8th) Updates and replaces terminology related to general educational development (GED) diplomas; provides for state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diplomas; and updates the minimum standards and requirements for such diplomas to be established by the Technical College System of Georgia.

STATUS: PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

SB 435 (Harbin-16th) Prohibits Georgia public schools or participating private schools whose students or teams compete against a Georgia public school from operating, sponsoring, or facilitating athletic programs or activities that permit a person of one gender to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designated for persons of the opposite gender.

STATUS: PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Health and Human Services Committee

SB 449 (Dixon-45th) Requires procedures for a parent to review records relating to his or her minor child, learn about the child’s courses of study, to object to instructional materials intended for use in the child’s classroom or recommended by the child’s teacher, and to withdraw the child from any portion of the school’s prescribed course of study in sex education if the parent provides a written-objection to the child’s participation. The procedures must provide for a parent to be notified in advance of such course content so they may withdraw their child from those portions.

STATUS: PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Education Committee

SB 498 (Tippins-37th) Clarifies and increases expectations regarding school accreditation agencies.

STATUS: PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Education Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

SB 514 (Dixon-45th) Prevents any local board of education, local school superintendent, or school administrator, teacher, or other school personnel from making or enforcing any rule that requires a student to wear a face mask or face covering while present on school property unless such rule allows a parent or guardian of such student to elect for his or her child to be exempt from such rule. The bill also provides that a parent or guardian making such election shall not be required to provide a reason or any certification of the child’s health or education status.

STATUS: PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. SIGNED BY GOVERNOR. Is now law

SB 545 (Halpern-39th) Requires schools to provide training in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of an automated external defibrillator for students in grades nine or ten.

STATUS: PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by House Education Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee
**SB 575** (Tippins-37th) Requires local boards of education to review the financial status of the local school system at least quarterly rather than monthly.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Education Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

**SB 588** (Miller-49th) Requires all meetings of local boards of education shall be open to the public except as otherwise provided by law. The board cannot require more than 24 hours’ notice for public to speak at a regular meeting; the chair has the discretion to limit time and number of individuals speaking; the board shall annually determine dates of regular board meetings and post in the local organ or newspaper with regular circulation 2 week prior to the meeting. The public may record audio and/or video; by October 1, 2022, Local boards of education shall adopt rules of conduct for public meetings and publish rules of conduct on its public website and address removal of members of the public for actual disruption of a public meeting.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**SB 603** (Rahman-5th) Provides for an outdoor learning spaces pilot program in elementary or secondary schools to pilot the development and study of outdoor learning spaces on elementary and secondary school property.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Education Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

**SR 802** (Mullis-53rd) Creates the Joint Study Committee on Transparency in High School Athletic Associations.

**STATUS:** Senate Read and Adopted

**SR 842** (Davenport-44th) Creates the Senate Rosenwald Schools Study Committee.

**STATUS:** Senate Rules Committee

**SR 846** (Payne-54th) Recognizes October 3-7, 2022, as Georgia Pre-K Week.

**STATUS:** Senate Read and Adopted

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**HB 218** (Ballinger-23rd) Allows reciprocity for any state’s weapons carry license as long as the holder carries according to Georgia’s laws. The bill also requires the attorney general to enter into a reciprocity agreement with any state that requires one in order to recognize and give effect to a Georgia-issued license in their state.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**HB 620** (Leverett-33rd) Clarifies and revises procedures and requirements for the payment of certain settlements involving claims of minors and when the natural guardian or next friend of a minor may receive the personal property of a minor for certain purposes.

**STATUS:** PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration
HB 960 (Leverett-33rd) Creates the Office of the Inspector General in order to investigate the management and operation of agencies. The office shall be assigned to the Office of the governor for administrative purposes only.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Government Oversight Committee, but did not make it to the Senate floor for a vote and therefore did not pass.

HB 1040 (Bentley-139th) Requires community action agencies to submit audit reports and IRS forms to the Department of Audits and Accounts before any contracts with the Department of Human Services are made or offered and requires each member of the board of directors of a community action agency or their designee to execute contracts between the community action agency and the Department of Human Services.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Health and Human Service Committee

HB 1387 (Collins-68th) Provides for the suspension of a motor vehicle registration upon failure to pay a civil monetary penalty for a violation of overtaking a school bus or speeding in a school zone captured by recorded images.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Government Oversight Committee

HB 1437 (Blackmon-146th) “Tax Reduction and Reform Act of 2022” - eliminates the personal income tax brackets and replaces them with a tax rate of 5.25%. The bill also eliminates the standard deductions of $5,400 for single and head of household taxpayers and $7,100 for married taxpayers filing a joint return, as well as the additional deductions of $1,300 for taxpayers over the age of 65 or blind. The bill increases the personal exemptions from $2,700 to $12,000 for single and head of household taxpayers and from $7,400 to $24,000 for married taxpayers filing a joint return. The bill allows taxpayers to elect to apply the sum of the taxpayer’s charitable donations used in computing the taxpayer’s federal taxable income in lieu of the personal exemption.
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE but changes were disagreed to by the House

HR 1042 (Dempsey-13th) Creates the House Study Committee on Unsheltered Homelessness.
STATUS: Recommended Do Pass by the House Governmental Affairs Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

HR 1149 (Washburn-141st) Creates the House Study Committee on Regulation, Affordability, and Access to Housing.
STATUS: House Small Business Development Committee

SB 108 (Davenport-44th) Creates the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
STATUS: PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House State Planning and Community Affairs Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

SB 352 (Thompson-14th) Provides for the issuance of expedited licenses by endorsement for certain licenses to spouses of firefighters, healthcare providers, and law enforcement officers who relocate to Georgia.
STATUS: PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by House Regulated Industries Committee. The bill rests in House Rules Committee

SB 374 (Tillery-19th) Establishes the Georgia Data Analytic Center as an agent of all executive state agencies. The bill also requires all departments, agencies, and budget units charged with the duty of collecting taxes, fees, assessments, or other moneys, the collection of which is imposed by law, including
any rule or regulation, to pay all revenues moneys collected by them into the state treasury on a monthly basis.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE but the bill was altered by the House so must return to the Senate for agreement

**SB 396 (Goodman-8th)** Changes the name of the Georgia State Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to the Georgia Grown Farm to Food Bank Program (F2FB), and requires food procured pursuant to such program be Georgia grown. The bill also authorizes persons who provide services to such program or the Department of Agriculture to receive food from the program if qualified as a recipient.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**SB 456 (Thompson-14th)** Requires abortion-inducing drugs only be provided or prescribed by a qualified physician following procedures outlined in the bill. It also makes it unlawful for any manufacturer, supplier, physician, qualified physician, or any other person to provide any abortion-inducing drug via courier, delivery, or mail service. The bill prohibits abortion-inducing drugs in school facilities or on state property.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Health and Human Services Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

**SB 510 (Ginn-47th)** Prohibits a person with a Class D (provisional) driver’s license from driving more than one non-family passenger under 21 years old for 12 months following issuance of the provisional license.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Motor Vehicles Committee. The bill moves to House Rules Committee

**SB 553 (Robertson-29th)** Authorizes any person 15 years of age or older to operate a Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 vessel on any of the waters of this state if such person meets certain conditions pertaining to licensure, education, and accompaniment by an adult.

**STATUS:** PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The bill awaits transmission to the governor for his consideration

**SR 552 (Merritt-9th)** Creates the Joint Achievement Gap for Boys Study Committee.

**STATUS:** Senate Judiciary Committee

**SR 659 (Summers-13th)** Creates the Senate Study Committee on Unsheltered Homelessness.

**STATUS:** Senate Read and Adopted

**SR 734 (Anderson-43rd)** Creates the Senate Study Committee on Demographic Notes for Legislation.

**STATUS:** Senate Rules Committee
2 MINUTE ADVOCACY ASK

Ask 1: Ask the Senate to take the following bills off the table ASAP for a vote in time to ensure agreement by the House. Click here for contact information.

**HB 1355** (lead) Sponsor: Rep. Katie Dempsey
Updates current law to comport with the current CDC and EPA guidelines for blood lead levels.

**HB 1348** (smoke free air) Sponsor: Rep. Bonnie Rich
Prohibits vaping in the same places where smoking is currently prohibited.

**HB 1092** (Women Cares Act) Sponsor: Rep. Sharon Cooper
Requires that every woman arrested who is not released on bond within 72 hours of arrest to submit to urine pregnancy testing unless she declines, and if pregnant, allows a judge to defer any sentenced confinement until six weeks post-delivery unless the pregnant woman poses a significant threat or danger to any person or unless declined by the pregnant woman.

Ask 2: Ask the House to agree to Senate changes to the following bill. Click here for contact information.

**HB 1283** (Recess Bill) Sponsor: Rep. Demetrius Douglas
Requires an average of 30 minute per day of recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five every school day unless it is a day on which a student has had physical education or structured activity time or if reasonable circumstances impede such recess.

Ask 3: Contact Speaker David Ralston, Lt. governor Geoff Duncan, Chair Mary Margaret Oliver, and Chair Todd Jones to thank them for their work on the Mental Health Parity Act (HB 1013)