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Calendar Highlights
Today, the day before Valentine’s Day, “normal” people like yourselves, are tee-ing up rose deliveries, chocolate-covered strawberries, and candle-lit dinners. Many are also preparing a declaration of love, whether by card, candy heart, spoken word, or 1980’s playlist. I, on the other hand, am fretting about things other than calories, flowers, and proposals, as the world prepares to honor the patron saint of courtly love. (BTW, the dude was also patron saint of epilepsy, beekeepers, and an Italian town named Terni! I guess sainthood works like a charm bracelet where the “charm” parts actually are supposed to function.) What could I possibly have to think about other than the imminent arrival of bouquets from George Clooney, Colin Firth, or Denzel Washington? Well, a true and dedicated child advocate like myself, couldn’t care less about the adoration of handsome, rich, and famous middle-aged men. A true and dedicated child advocate instead worries about the most important baby of the day: CUPID! And my concerns look like this:

- Why is he nearly naked?! Doesn’t he know that it’s February, for Zeus ’sake?! Put some clothes on!
- Does Cupid support a tax exemption on diapers (HB 211)? Not that he seems to be wearing any, which is also a problem considering he is flying over us.
- Does Cupid have a birth certificate (SB 64) and if so, is it in Greek or Latin? History.com says he was “born of the World Egg” and also born to Venus and Mars. Which is it? - and if it is the egg thing, how do you count that year in vital records?
- Will Cupid’s bow and arrows be able to get through the Capitol metal detector?
- What does Cupid’s photo ID look like? A valentine’s card?
- Does he need a permit for his weapons? Or training? Or a weapon safe? Are Venus and Mars in trouble for letting him play with pointy arrows?
- Is he caught up on his vaccinations? (I hope so!) Are they administered with his own arrows, via a lightning bolt, or by quill?
- Is he in Early Head Start? Does he use childcare subsidies (CAPS)? Will he have access to CAPS when the federal dollars from the COVID monies run out?
- When he’s zipping around, does he have to stop for school buses like the rest of us (HB 301)?
- And then there’s his mom – Venus.
  - Did she have a certified Home Visitor to help her while she was pregnant and after the winged bundle-of-joy was born?
  - Did she have midwife (SB 81)?
  - Did she use telemedicine for her maternal care (SB 106)?
Could she access TANF benefits while pregnant (HB 129)? – see today’s action alert!

Did Mars (or the World Egg) have to take a paternity test (SB 135)?

And finally, is anyone else worried that some military missile will mistake baby Cupid for a “weather” balloon?

If any of you know the answer to any of these questions, please let me know ASAP. I can barely stand the stress of it all! Somebody, quick, give me a glass of champagne with a strawberry in it! And read me a poem with mediocre meter and rhyme! And candles, I need candles! Oh – Thanks, Colin. Very helpful. Now I can relax. Baby Cupid, good luck. Text me if you spot a missile, but otherwise, you’re gonna have to wait on the lawmakers to figure out all the other stuff.

Hearts.
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Legislative Update
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Justice, Public Safety, and School Discipline

HB 107 (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
Requires that certain procedures be followed by peace officers upon and after making contact with individuals for law enforcement purposes, including providing the peace officer's business card to any person whom the peace officer has detained in a traffic stop but has not cited or arrested, wearing of body cameras, methods to file complaints, etc.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 112 (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
Provides for the creation, operation, and powers of certain citizen review boards and protocols for recording complaints alleging police misconduct and disciplinary actions, among other things.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 113 (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
Requires training on de-escalation techniques for peace officers.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 114 (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
Requires implicit bias training for law enforcement officers.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 115 (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
Prohibits racial profiling by law enforcement officers and law enforcement agencies and requires collection of related data. The bill also requires certain actions by the Attorney General and revises the state waiver of sovereign immunity.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 136 (Petrea-166th)  Bill Link
Requires the commissioner of corrections to report certain information regarding the immigration status, offenses, and home countries of persons who are confined under the authority of the Department of Corrections.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 142 (Mainor-56th)  Bill Link
Provides for the establishment of unified campus police forces through agreements entered into by colleges and universities, whereby a campus policeman employed by any of the colleges or universities participating in the united police force agreement who is P.O.S.T. certified shall have the same law enforcement powers, including the power of arrest, as a law enforcement officer of any local government with police jurisdiction over such campuses.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 171 (Kennard-101st)  Bill Link
Revises the handling of arrest-only criminal history record information and provides for the automatic restriction of an individual's criminal history record information upon arrest, and provides that such criminal history record information shall be made publicly available only upon the issuance of an indictment, accusation, or other charging instrument.
Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 179 (Hutchinson-106th)  Bill Link
Provides that when an inmate is subjected to confinement in a correctional facility the department shall ensure that any such confinement is imposed only within the medical units of the facility, digitally record each incident from the initiation of the confinement for the duration of the incident, and document any de-escalation efforts implemented, the reason or reasons for which the use of confinement was implemented, and the duration of the confinement. The warden or facility administrator of each correctional facility shall furnish monthly reports to the department off that data.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee
HB 197 (McCollum-30th)  Bill Link
Creates the offense of drug-induced homicide and increases penalties for the distribution of fentanyl and for the
distribution of controlled substances within 1,000 feet of any substance abuse treatment facility.
Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 218 (Hilton-48th)  Bill Link
Provides for the use of hearsay as admissible evidence in sexual assault cases involving disabled adults and disabled 17
year olds.
Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 227 (Leverett-123rd)  Bill Link
Provides for the offense of criminal interference with critical infrastructure.
Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 231 (Gullett-19th)  Bill Link
Creates the Prosecuting Attorneys Oversight Commission.
Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 232 (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
Requires public disclosure of certain data pertaining to the health, safety, or other conditions of detention of inmates.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 253 (Momtahan-17th)  Bill Link
Creates the offense of drug-induced homicide and increases penalties for the distribution of fentanyl and for the
distribution of controlled substances within 1,000 feet of any substance abuse treatment facility.
Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 296 (Neal-79th)  Bill Link
Requires the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to establish basic and in-service training courses on
de-escalation techniques and methods.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 325 (Miller-62nd)  Bill Link
Requires the establishment of guidelines for use of body cameras by peace officers and that certain peace officers be
equipped with body cameras for recording audio and video of all activities performed while on duty.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 334 (Smith-18th)  Bill Link
Provides for criminal history record information restriction for persons granted a pardon for certain offenses and
revises the procedure for petitioning for exoneration and discharge when an individual has qualified for sentencing as
a first offender.
Status: House Hopper

SB 7 (Beach-21st)  Bill Link
Increases the mandatory minimum sentence for serious violent felonies committed with possession of a firearm or
knife.
Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 10 (Jones-10th)  Bill Link
Increases penalties for drag racing and also states that any person who is knowingly present and actively facilitating an
exhibition of illegal drag racing shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of at least $250.00. Active
facilitation may be evidenced by using a vehicle to block the portion of the roadway closest to exhibition participants
allowing the event to take place.
Status: Senate Public Safety Committee
SB 11 (Albers-56th)  
Bill Link
Provides for concurrent jurisdiction by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in cases involving the identification, investigation, arrest, and prosecution of an individual or groups of individuals for violation of state laws concerning domestic, cyber, biological, chemical, and nuclear terrorism.
Status: PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

SB 12 (Albers-56th)  
Bill Link
Provides for sentencing to minimum terms of imprisonment for persons convicted of possession of firearms by convicted felons and first offender probationers when the offense for which such person is on probation, or has been previously convicted is a forcible felony, or a domestic violence felony, or an act of family violence. Among other things, the bill also provides that a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal gang activity offense shall stop the defendant in any related civil proceeding as to matters proved in the criminal proceeding.
Status: Senate Judiciary Committee. This bill will be heard in committee this MONDAY.

SB 30 (Jones II-22nd)  
Bill Link
Lessens penalties for possession of two ounces or less of marijuana.
Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 44 (Hatchett-50th)  
Bill Link
Increases mandatory minimum penalties for violations of the Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill will be on the Senate floor for a VOTE TODAY (MONDAY).

SB 92 (Robertson-29th)  
Bill Link
Creates the Prosecuting Attorneys Oversight Commission.
Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 100 (Hatchett-50th)  
Bill Link
Provides for the limitation of unsecured judicial release in certain circumstances where the accused has a prior conviction for the offense of bail jumping or failure to appear; for the requirement that an accused’s criminal history be considered prior to issuing an unsecured judicial release; and for reconsideration of eligibility.
Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 110 (Walker-20th)  
Bill Link
Establishes the Back the Blue Fund that distributes voluntary contributions made through motor vehicle insurance policies for the purpose of increasing the pay to or enhancing the benefits of law enforcement officers.
Status: Senate Industry and Labor Committee

SB 119 (Parent-42nd)  
Bill Link
Prohibits persons convicted of misdemeanor crimes of family violence or subject to family violence protective orders from receiving, possessing, or transporting a firearm.
Status: Senate Interstate Cooperation Committee

SB 139 (Seay-34th)  
Bill Link
Establishes a state-wide database of peace officer disciplinary actions and complaints of misconduct.
Status: Senate Hopper
Protection and Safety

HB 121  (Anderson-10th)  Bill Link
Prohibits wakesurfing or wakeboarding between sunset and sunrise on a body of water that is less than 50 acres in size, on a portion of a body of water with a width of less than 400 feet, within 200 feet of a shoreline or a dock, pier, boathouse, or other structure located completely or partly on the water; or when surfing a wake or being towed on a board, without wearing a personal flotation device approved by the United States Coast Guard.
Status: House Game, Fish & Parks Committee. **This bill will be heard in committee this TUESDAY.**

HB 124  (Bruce-61st)  Bill Link
Allows first responders of a fire department of a municipality to be granted licenses for emergency medical transportation under certain circumstances and to then be able to transport patients under certain circumstances.
Status: House Health Committee

HB 135  (Oliver-82nd)  Bill Link
Establishes the offense of failure to adequately secure a firearm.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 144  (Lewis-Ward-115th)  Bill Link
Except to the extent determined by the court, allows a ward to retain and exercise all of the powers of a person without a disability, including the right to communicate, visit, or interact with other persons through visits, telephone calls, or personal mail.
Status: House Juvenile Justice Committee

HB 188  (Sainz-180th)  Bill Link
Revises the name of the Sexual Offender Registration Review Board to "Sexual Offender Risk Review Board." The bill also provides that punishment for certain sexual offenses shall be life imprisonment and shall require such persons to wear a device capable of tracking the location of the probationer by electronic means, including global positioning satellite systems.
Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 194  (Hutchison-106th)  Bill Link
"Undocumented Persons Family Violence Protection Act" - provides that any undocumented person who in good faith seeks law enforcement assistance and who is a victim of family violence, or who seeks assistance on behalf of a victim of family violence, shall not be arrested, charged, or prosecuted for being an undocumented person.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 195  (Marin-96th)  Bill Link
Requires a firearms safety training course for certain persons making application for a weapons carry license or renewal license.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 327  (Cameron-1st)  Bill Link
Includes grandparent and grandchild of the whole blood or of the half blood or step-grandchild in the list of relatives who are able to be charged with incest.
Status: House Hopper

HB 329  (Mainor-56th)  Bill Link
Requires landlords of an apartment building that is being leased for residential purposes and that consists of 50 or more rental units must provide certain notices to existing and prospective tenants with regard to certain crimes occurring on the premises being leased.
Status: House Hopper

HB 344  (Lim-98th)  Bill Link
Requires that a landlord has a nonwaivable duty to maintain the premises in a habitable condition, including, but not
limited to, making necessary repairs and access to essential services.
Status: House Hopper

**SB 36  (Robertson-29th)** Bill Link
Increases penalties for pimping and pandering.
Status: PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

**SB 40  (Seay-34th)** Bill Link
Makes it unlawful to possess firearm parts in certain circumstances.
Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

**SB 42  (Williams-25th)** Bill Link
Relating to posting model notice with human trafficking hotline information in businesses and on internet, so as to increase the fine for failure to comply with model notice requirements.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill rests in Senate Rules Committee.

**SB 61  (Strickland-17th)** Bill Link
Makes permanent the ability to use existing sick leave for care of immediate family members.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Insurance & Labor Committee. The bill rests in Senate Rules Committee.

**SB 71  (Jones-10th)** Bill Link
Requires that motorcycle passengers shall be no younger than 16 years of age.
Status: Senate Public Safety Committee

**SB 75  (Parent-42nd)** Bill Link
Establishes the offense of making a firearm accessible to a child if such child gains access to a readily dischargeable firearm, under certain conditions.
Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

**SB 107  (Burns-23rd)** Bill Link
"Izzy's Law" - Requires the Department of Public Health to develop and make available for download from its internet website a model aquatic safety plan based on national standards for private swim instructors.
Status: Senate Children and Families Committee

**SB 133  (Strickland-17th)** Bill Link
Creates a uniform process for juvenile courts to follow in placing a child in the custody of DFCS for Children in Need of Services cases as well as delinquency cases.
Status: Senate Hopper

**SB 134  (Cowsert-46th)** Bill Link
Provides that a child witness be deemed competent to testify without taking the oath in matters regarding termination of parental rights, and allows the use of narrative form medical reports in dependency and termination of parental rights matters.
Status: Senate Hopper

**SB 135  (Kirkpatrick-32nd)** Bill Link
Aligns evidentiary medical and genetic testing with the Uniform Parentage Act of 2017 in order to determine paternity.
Status: Senate Hopper
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<td>House Health Committee</td>
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<td>HB 5</td>
<td>(Scott-76th)</td>
<td>Bill Link Requires the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia to make menstrual hygiene products available at no cost to students in certain facilities or portions of facilities of institutions.</td>
<td>House Higher Education Committee</td>
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<td>HB 6</td>
<td>(Scott-76th)</td>
<td>Bill Link Provides for the submission of a waiver request by the Department of Human Services to permit the recipients of certain public assistance benefits to use such benefits for the purpose of purchasing diapers or menstrual hygiene products if the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service makes such waiver available to states.</td>
<td>House Public Health Committee</td>
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<td>HB 7</td>
<td>(Scott-76th)</td>
<td>Bill Link Establishes a school-linked behavioral health grant program to provide early identification of and intervention for students with mental health or substance use disorder needs and to build the capacity of K-12 schools to support students with mental health or substance use disorder needs in the classroom.</td>
<td>House Health Committee</td>
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<td>HB 9</td>
<td>(Scott-76th)</td>
<td>Bill Link Statutorily requires DBHDD to create, operate, and maintain the Georgia Crisis and Access Line, collect certain data and requires any state-operated registry of available inpatient psychiatric beds, crisis residential beds, or substance use disorder beds to report data for purposes of the access line.</td>
<td>House Health Committee</td>
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<td>HB 16</td>
<td>(Thomas-65th)</td>
<td>Bill Link Extends the sunset provision relating to the use of sick leave for the care of immediate family members to July 1, 2026.</td>
<td>House Industry and Labor Committee</td>
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<td>HB 37</td>
<td>(Beverly-143rd)</td>
<td>Bill Link Requires the Department of Community Health to mitigate the potential loss of Medicaid coverage caused by the discontinuation of the continuous enrollment condition of the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act by providing, continuing, and expanding services; and to improve training, processes, technology and communication to that end.</td>
<td>House Public Health Committee</td>
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<td>HB 38</td>
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<td>Bill Link Expands Medicaid to cover eligibility up to a maximum of 138 percent of the federal poverty level.</td>
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<td>HB 41</td>
<td>(Lim-98th)</td>
<td>Bill Link Requires that when a person is committed involuntarily for emergency involuntary treatment for mental health and alcohol and drug dependency, the physician’s certificate or affidavits shall be affixed to the court order; Personally identifying the affiants shall be redacted and concealed in these instances.</td>
<td>House Public Health Committee</td>
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<td>HB 46</td>
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<td>Bill Link Expands enhanced punishment for aggravitated assault and aggravated battery committed upon emergency health workers to all healthcare workers in a hospital or healthcare facility.</td>
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Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 62 (Park-107th)  Bill Link
"Georgia Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership (HELP) Act" - Creates a public, premium formatted health insurance plan for eligible adults with low income.
Status: House Health Committee

HB 63 (Williams-148th)  Bill Link
Requires insurers providing policies for groups of 20 or more to timely furnish claims experience at the request of a group policyholder; to allow such insurers that use other methods to apply to the Commissioner for approval of the use of an alternative form of claims experience reporting.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the House Insurance Committee. The bill rests in House Rules Committee

HB 69 (Thomas-65th)  Bill Link
Creates a one-year pilot program to provide a monthly supplemental benefit of $75.00 for three months to federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients who have been diagnosed with high glucose, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure. The supplemental benefit can only be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets and cooperative marketing associations.
Status: House Public Health Committee

HB 70 (Thomas-65th)  Bill Link
"Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act" - Requires a nonparticipating provider, prior to performing any healthcare services, to notify a covered person if such services will require $100.00 or more in out-of-pocket costs.
Status: House Insurance Committee

HB 74 (Barnes-86th)  Bill Link
Would allow for Medicaid coverage for the prevention and treatment of lymphedema.
Status: House Public Health Committee

HB 76 (Powell-33rd)  Bill Link
Revises provisions relating to education, experience, and training requirements for licensure in marriage and family therapy.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the House Regulated Industries Committee. The bill now rests in House Rules Committee.

HB 82 (Jackson-128th)  Bill Link
Limits eligibility for the rural physician tax credit to persons qualifying as a rural physician on or before December 31, 2023; and creates a new tax credit for rural physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.
Status: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 85 (Cooper-45th)  Bill Link
Requires health benefit policy coverage for biomarker testing if supported by medical and scientific evidence.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the House Insurance Committee. The bill rests in House Rules Committee

HB 123 (Stephens-164th)  Bill Link
Creates an exemption from state sales and use tax for certain menstrual products.
Status: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 129 (Hong-103rd)  Bill Link
Expands Temporary Assistance for Needy Families eligibility criteria to pregnant women and repeals a provision relating to elimination of increment in benefits.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the House Public Health Committee. The bill will be on the House floor for a VOTE TODAY (MONDAY).

HB 140 (Hawkins-27th)  Bill Link
Provides for a three-year pilot program to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infection (PANDAS) and pediatric acute onset
neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) under the state health benefit plan.
Status: House Health Committee

HB 143 (Mathis-149th)  
Requires the Department of Community Health to include continuous glucose monitors as a pharmacy benefit for Medicaid recipients.

HB 150 (Mainor-56th)  
Revises the definition of "physical therapy" to include ordering diagnostic imaging and using ultrasound.
Status: House Health Committee

HB 161 (Au-50th)  
Establishes the offense of making a firearm accessible to a child. The bill also provides for exceptions and affirmative defenses, for criminal penalties and requires a notice by certain firearm dealers.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 172 (Mainor-56th)  
Requires that notice of admission of an involuntary minor patient under 12 years of age to certain facilities for treatment of mental illness shall be given to his or her parent or legal guardian representative by telephone or in person as soon as possible. Any such facility shall provide such parent or legal guardian representative with at least one update per calendar day as to the minor patient's state of health and well-being. The parent or legal guardian representative of a minor patient under 12 years of age may consult with the facility regarding the development of such minor patient's individualized service plan and the minor patient's treatment under such plan.
Status: House Juvenile Justice Committee

HB 181 (Townsend-179th)  
Provide that mitragynine and hydroxymitragynine are Schedule I controlled substances and repeals provisions relating to the regulation of kratom.
Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee. This bill will be heard in committee this MONDAY.

HB 184 (Lim-98th)  
Includes a specific federal regulation under mental health parity requirements.
Status: House Insurance Committee

HB 191 (Stephens-164th)  
Increases the rate of the tax on each pack of cigarettes from 37 cents per pack to 57 cents per pack and requires that the proceeds derived from such increase are intended to be appropriated for healthcare purposes.
Status: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 192 (Stephens-164th)  
Increase the rate of the tax on consumable vapor products by 15% of the wholesale cost and requires that the proceeds derived from such increase are intended to be appropriated for healthcare purposes.
Status: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 201 (Schofield-63rd)  
Authorizes the Department of Public Health to carry out projects to increase education, awareness, or diagnosis of valvular heart disease and to reduce the incidence of sudden cardiac death caused by valvular heart disease.
Status: House Public Health Committee

HB 213 (Dempsey-13th)  
Revises provisions relating to required information given to parents of students in K-12 schools stating that if a local board of education provides information on immunizations, infectious diseases, medications, or other school health issues to parents and guardians, then certain information about influenza disease and its vaccine and the vaccine for meningococcal meningitis disease must be included.
Status: House Education Committee
HB 214 (Powell-33rd)  Bill Link
Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to execute affidavits certifying an individual is disabled for purposes of obtaining special vehicle decals for persons with disabilities, to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances under certain conditions and with certain training. The bill also provides for automatic approval of identical job descriptions under certain conditions.
Status: House Health Committee. This bill will be heard in committee this MONDAY.

HB 215 (Powell-33rd)  Bill Link
Provides for a misdemeanor to practice advanced nursing practice without a license. The bill also clarifies certain roles under the definition of advanced practice medical nurse (APRN) and authorizes APRNs and physician assistants to execute affidavits certifying an individual is disabled for purposes of obtaining special vehicle decals for persons with disabilities.
Status: House Health Committee. This bill will be heard in committee this MONDAY.

HB 216 (Lim-98th)  Bill Link
Allows for awards made from the Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund to sexual assault survivors for medical treatment or counseling.
Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 226 (Cooper-45th)  Bill Link
Requires the Department of Community Health to submit a Section 1115 waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a demonstration project to provide treatment services under Medicaid to persons living with HIV. The demonstration project would work to provide more effective, early treatment of HIV to persons in this state by making available a package of services, including antiretrovirals. The eligibility criteria for recipients shall include having a diagnosis of HIV, an income of less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level, and no health insurance.
Status: House Public Health Committee

HB 233 (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
Provides for mental health treatment alternatives to imprisonment and for mental health treatment options (while imprisoned) for a defendant who has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, and who currently is, or at any prior time was, eligible for public mental health services due to a diagnosed serious mental illness or who currently is, or at any prior time was, eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits due to a diagnosed serious mental illness.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 234 (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
 Requires that within 48 hours of taking custody of a person for or within a penal institution, and at any other time thereafter where there is reasonable cause to believe that such person has a mental illness, a custodian shall have a physician of a facility to evaluate such person for mental illness.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 257 (Schofield-63rd)  Bill Link
Prohibits feminine hygiene products containing restricted substances from being distributed, sold, or offered for sale in this state.
Status: House Public Health Committee

HB 258 (Schofield-63rd)  Bill Link
Starting January 1, 2024, each package or box containing menstrual products sold in this state shall include a plain and conspicuous printed list of all ingredients which shall be listed in order of predominance.
Status: House Public Health Committee

HB 266 (Byrd-20th)  Bill Link
Repeals the authority of the Department of Public Health and all county boards of health to require persons to submit to vaccinations against or other measures to prevent contagious or infectious diseases, including, but not limited to,
as a condition of: access to any government service, building, or space; employment; professional licensure; access to or enrollment and attendance at any public or private pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, elementary, secondary, or postsecondary educational institution; educational diploma, certification, licensure, or degree; access to any mode of transportation; access or admittance to any child care facility, healthcare facility, long-term care facility, or nursing home; or admittance to any place of business or entertainment.

Status: House Public Health Committee

HB 286 (Au-50th)  Bill Link
Provides for certain consumer protections against surprise billing for ambulance service; and requires a healthcare plan to reimburse for ambulance service provided to a covered person by a nonparticipating ambulance provider.
Status: House Public Health Committee

HB 295 (Hawkins-27th)  Bill Link
Improves policies and powers of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance to combat surprise billing by insurers.
Status: House Insurance Committee

HB 308 (Newton-127th)  Bill Link
Revises a tax credit for certain medical preceptor rotations, adding dentistry.
Status: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 320 (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules to require all certificated public school personnel to receive annual training in depression and suicide awareness and prevention.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 339 (Hutchinson-106th)  Bill Link
Requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to conduct or coordinate all audits of behavioral health providers.
Status: House Hopper

HB 343 (Newton-127th)  Bill Link
Requires pharmacy benefits managers to calculate defined cost sharing for insureds at the point of sale.
Status: House Hopper

HB 345 (Mathiak-74th)  Bill Link
Eliminates sales and use tax for products for maintaining oral hygiene, including but not limited to toothbrushes, toothpaste, tooth powders, mouthwash, dental floss, or similar oral hygiene products.
Status: House Hopper

HR 43 (Au-50th)  Bill Link
Creates the Costs and Effects of Smoking Joint Study Committee.
Status: House Health Committee

SB 1 (Dolezal-27th)  Bill Link
Makes permanent (by removing the sunset provision) the prohibition on state and local governments from requiring proof of COVID vaccination for government services.
Status: PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Public Health Committee

SB 8 (Davenport-44th)  Bill Link
Creates the Commission for the Blind and the Visually Impaired.
Status: Senate Health and Human Services Committee

SB 9 (Rhett-33rd)  Bill Link
"Kathleen Cominski Act" - Requires state office buildings to have at least one functional automated external defibrillator on site at all times.
Status: Senate Health and Human Services Committee
SB 16  (Albers-56th)  **Bill Link**
Authorizes local entities to establish boundaries for the provision of emergency medical services.
Status: Senate Health and Human Services Committee

SB 17  (Rhett-33rd)  **Bill Link**
Creates a public, premium formatted health insurance plan for eligible adults with income between 100-138% of the Federal Poverty Level.
Status: Senate Insurance & Labor Committee

SB 20  (Kirkpatrick-32nd)  **Bill Link**
"Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act" - Ensures consumer access to quality healthcare by setting adequacy standards for network plans offered by an insurer.
Status: Senate Insurance & Labor Committee

SB 22  (Kirkpatrick-32nd)  **Bill Link**
Prohibits the purchase of, sale of, and the offering of samples of hemp products by or to any individual under the age of 18 years old.
Status: Senate Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee. **This bill will be heard in committee this MONDAY.**

SB 24  (Butler-55th)  **Bill Link**
Authorizes appropriations for the purposes of obtaining federal financial participation for medical assistance payments to providers on behalf of Medicaid recipients and funding the state's portion of the cost to expand the Medicaid program.
Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 47  (Hufstetler-52nd)  **Bill Link**
Provides that vaping in restricted areas is a misdemeanor punishable by fine.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by Senate Health and Human Services Committee. The bill now rests in Senate Rules Committee.

SB 51  (Islam-7th)  **Bill Link**
Exempts the sale or use of certain menstrual products.
Status: Senate Finance Committee

SB 76  (Merritt-9th)  **Bill Link**
Requires state health benefit plans to cover insulin medication at an amount not to exceed $35.00 per 30-day supply.
Status: Senate Industry and Labor Committee

SB 99  (Dolezal-27th)  **Bill Link**
Provides an exemption from certificate of need for acute care hospitals established in rural counties that meet certain criteria.
Status: Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee

SB 102  (Walker-20th)  **Bill Link**
Allows the administration of anesthesia by certified registered nurse anesthetists, pursuant to an order by a duly licensed physician, dentist, or podiatrist.
Status: Senate Health and Human Services Committee

SB 109  (Echols-49th)  **Bill Link**
Requires the Department of Community Health to include continuous glucose monitors as a pharmacy benefit for Medicaid recipients.
Status: Senate Health and Human Services Committee

SB 140  (Summers-13th)  **Bill Link**
Prohibits certain surgical procedures for the treatment of gender dysphoria in minors from being performed in
hospitals and other licensed healthcare facilities.
Status: Senate Hopper

SB 141  (Dixon-45th)  Bill Link
Prohibits health care providers from performing specified practices on minors relating to altering a person's appearance relating to gender and from aiding or abetting such practices for minors. The bill also prohibits school nurses and other employees and officials from engaging in certain conduct relating to a minor's perception of his or her gender.
Status: Senate Hopper
Maternal Care and Child Care

HB 1 (Kendrick-95th) **Bill Link**
Provides for the compensation of pregnant women who but for a fetal heartbeat law could choose to terminate the pregnancy but are compelled to carry the pregnancy to term and give birth to a child.
Status: House Public Health Committee

HB 75 (Roberts-52nd) **Bill Link**
Provides that natural persons do not include an unborn child and shall not be included in certain population-based determinations.
Status: House Public Health Committee

HB 211 (Stephens-164th) **Bill Link**
Creates a tax exemption for certain absorbent diapers, undergarments, and pads.
Status: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 235 (Scott-76th) **Bill Link**
Provides for policies for breast milk storage and the breast feeding of a child of an inmate.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 236 (Scott-76th) **Bill Link**
Exempts from licensure early care and education programs that operate on a military installation or are licensed as a family child care provider by a branch of the armed services of the United States.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 298 (Daniel-117th) **Bill Link**
Provides for an exemption or deferment from jury service for natural or adoptive mothers of children six months of age and younger.
Status: House Judiciary Committee

SB 15 (Harrell-40th) **Bill Link**
Provides that natural persons do not include an unborn child and shall not be included in certain population based determinations.
Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 46 (Hufstetler-52nd) **Bill Link**
Requires physicians and healthcare providers to test all pregnant women for HIV and syphilis at the first prenatal visit, at 28–32 weeks' gestation, and at delivery.
Status: Senate Health and Human Services Committee

SB 81 (Anderson-43rd) **Bill Link**
Creates the State Board of Community Midwifery and defines roles, responsibilities, and licensure requirements relating to community midwifery.
Status: Senate Health and Human Services Committee

SB 89 (Merritt-9th) **Bill Link**
Allows child care and other caregiving services associated with a candidate's campaign to constitute ordinary and necessary expenses of a campaign.
Status: Senate Ethics Committee

SB 106 (Walker-20th) **Bill Link**
Provides for a three-year pilot program to provide coverage for remote maternal health clinical services under the Medicaid program.
Status: Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Education

HB 3 (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
Provides for grants by the State Board of Education to local units of administration to support students living in poverty.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 8 (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
Requires school attendance policies regarding excused absences take into consideration mental and behavioral health.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 14 (Kendrick-95th)  Bill Link
Requires the Department of Labor to establish criteria for the certification of workforce readiness programs and the certification of workforce-ready graduates. The bill allows that on and after January 1, 2024, an employer that employs a workforce-ready graduate in a full-time job for at least 40 weeks during a 12-month period shall be eligible for an income tax credit in the amount of $9,600.00 for each workforce-ready graduate.
Status: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 39 (Lim-98th)  Bill Link
Provides that no institution of higher education shall refuse to provide an unofficial transcript to a current or former student on the grounds that the student owes a debt, condition the provision of an unofficial transcript on the payment of a debt, or charge a higher fee for obtaining an unofficial transcript or provide less favorable treatment for such a request because a current or former student owes a debt.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

HB 51 (Pirkle-169th)  Bill Link
Authorizes local boards of education to use vehicles other than school buses for the transport of all students to and from school and school related activities.
Status: House Education Committee. This bill will be heard in subcommittee this MONDAY (Hearing only).

HB 54 (Carson-46th)  Bill Link
Increases the annual aggregate limit of tax credits available for the qualified education tax credit from $120 million to $200 million per year starting in 2024.
Status: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 56 (Petrea-166th)  Bill Link
Provides for undergraduate full tuition grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards who were killed in the line of duty who attend institutions of the University System of Georgia, so long as the eligible student is under 22 years of age and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or greater.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

HB 65 (Thomas-65th)  Bill Link
"Building Resourceful Individuals to Develop Georgia's Economy Act" - Provides for a pilot program to provide grants for up to six local school systems to develop learning recovery programs for at-risk students to mitigate COVID-19 related lost instructional time.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 81 (Corbett-174th)  Bill Link
Revises the eligibility criteria for certain capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems to include systems which achieved a low-wealth ranking during any of the three most recently completed school years.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 87 (Erwin-32nd)  Bill Link
Revises and repeals certain provisions for alternative charter schools; provides for the continued operation of state chartered special schools until no later than the expiration of each such school's current charter with the State Board
of Education.
Status: House Education Committee

**HB 111  (Scott-76th)  Bill Link**
Creates a pilot program with 6 school systems to implement the student-based funding recommendations of the 2015 Education Reform Commission, mandates pre-kindergarten and kindergarten for all children prior to entering first grade and includes funding for mandatory Pre-K programs.
Status: House Education Committee

**HB 122  (Hawkins-27th)  Bill Link**
Provides for the governance of the Georgia ABLE program by the board of directors of the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan and revises the composition and chairperson of the board of directors of the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan. The bill also removes the maximum amount of contributions currently allowed per beneficiary and authorizes the board to establish such maximum amount.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

**HB 127  (Mainor-56th)  Bill Link**
Requires the State Board of Education to establish rules and regulations for local school system outreach efforts regarding the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs, and to engage in such community outreach efforts. The bill also provides for standards for foreign language interpreters providing services to students in educational settings and requires local school systems to provide certain notices concerning interpretation services.
Status: House Education Committee

**HB 130  (Gambill-15th)  Bill Link**
Provides for student loan repayment for peace officers.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

**HB 131  (Carpenter-4th)  Bill Link**
Provides that certain students shall be deemed opportunity students and shall be classified for opportunity tuition, subject to certain conditions. The bill also provides for priority consideration for students classified for in-state tuition.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

**HB 141  (Mainor-56th)  Bill Link**
Requires local school systems to conduct suicide screenings on all students ages eight through 18.
Status: House Education Committee. **This bill will be heard in subcommittee this MONDAY (Hearing only).**

**HB 147  (Wade-9th)  Bill Link**
Provides for a school safety and anti-gang endorsement for eligible certificated professional personnel issued by the Professional Standards Commission, requires school safety plans to be submitted to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA), requires intruder alert drills in all public schools, requires that public schools to report completion of such drills to GEMA, and allows parents and guardians to opt their children out of such drills.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

**HB 148  (Hugley-141st)  Bill Link**
Establishes grant funds to be paid by public schools to student teachers who successfully complete their student teaching requirements and requires the State Board of Education to establish rules and regulations to implement the program.
Status: House Education Committee

**HB 152  (Scott-76th)  Bill Link**
Adopts the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact, which expedites and enhances the ability of teachers to move across state lines.
Status: House Education Committee
HB 157  (Evans-57th)  Bill Link
Provides that students may receive HOPE grants for remedial and developmental courses within the Technical College System of Georgia that are required for seeking an associate degree there.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

HB 173  (Kennard-101st)  Bill Link
Establishes mandatory pre-kindergarten and kindergarten for all children prior to entering into first grade and lowers the age of compulsory school attendance from six years old to four years old.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 174  (Bentley-150th)  Bill Link
Requires the Department of Education to provide to parents and guardians of students entering the sixth grade information regarding recommended adolescent vaccinations in print and electronic form.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 177  (Clark-108th)  Bill Link
Requires that the prescribed course of study in sex education and HIV prevention instruction under QBE is age appropriate; to include the subject of consent in such course of study.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 185  (Gaines-120th)  Bill Link
Provides for HOPE Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) grants for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

HB 202  (Schofield-63rd)  Bill Link
Provides that student performers shall not be counted absent from school due to performing in certain productions and requires the instruction and related services provided by a studio teacher to a student performer are aligned with the curriculum and content standards being delivered at the student performer’s school. The bill also authorizes the Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Education, to develop certification forms and promulgate rules and regulations and provides for authorizations by parents or guardians relating to the education records of student performers.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 228  (Dempsey-13th)  Bill Link
Expands the definition of “approved school” relating to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities, so as to include certain nursing schools.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

HB 238  (Bruce-61st)  Bill Link
Establishes a five-year pilot program to incentivize qualified local units of administration to utilize school bus monitors to promote and enhance student safety and appropriate student conduct as part of the local unit of administration’s transportation program.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 249  (Martin-49th)  Bill Link
Changes the criteria for the needs-based financial aid program for a four-year program from 70% of the credit requirements toward the credential of his or her program of study to 80%; or if the program is a two-year program, to 45% of the credit requirements toward the credential.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

HB 276  (Scoggins-14th)  Bill Link
Revises the definition of approved school with regards to tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities to include those located in this state since on or before January 1, 2021.
Status: House Higher Education Committee
HB 282  (Mainor-56th)  Bill Link
Provides for a minimum course of study in career readiness education for students in grades six through 12, including instruction and training experiences focused on employability and career readiness skills. The bill also directs the Department of Education to develop instructional resources and materials concerning employability and career readiness skills, career exploration, and career oriented learning experiences.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 297  (Neal-79th)  Bill Link
Revises the minimum base salary for certificated professional personnel with bachelor's degrees and no experience, for certificated professional personnel with bachelor's degrees and five years of creditable experience, and for a minimum base salary for licensed paraprofessionals. The bill also provides for periodic salary studies.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 310  (Wilkerson-38th)  Bill Link
Revises the definition of the term "Zell Miller Scholarship Scholar" by removing the SAT and ACT score requirements for students who graduate from eligible high schools and updates the SAT and ACT requirement for eligible high school students relating to dual enrollment.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

HB 313  (Stephens-164th)  Bill Link
Creates a pilot program whereby qualifying private, nonprofit entities provide instruction and other services for eligible students 21 years of age and older to attain a high school diploma.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

HB 316  (Evans-57th)  Bill Link
Provides that all HOPE grants shall equal the student's undergraduate tuition amount for the current academic standard year and repeals the Zell Miller Grant Scholar program.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

HB 318  (Hilton-48th)  Bill Link
Reestablishes the Office of Charter School Compliance under the State Charter Schools Commission.
Status: House Education Committee

HB 319  (Martin-49th)  Bill Link
Abolishes the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation.
Status: House Higher Education Committee

HB 338  (Erwin-32nd)  Bill Link
Provides for 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 public K-12 schools. The bill also establishes a pilot program to study whether the use of advanced technologies capable of reliably monitoring and detecting children at potential risk of harming themselves or others based on their internet use patterns is effective at reducing rates of youth suicide and violence; provided that such study is limited to internet use on school-issued devices.
Status: House Hopper

HB 340  (Corbett-174th)  Bill Link
Allows for daily duty-free planning periods for teachers in grades six through 12.
Status: House Hopper

HB 341  (Scott-76th)  Bill Link
Enacts the "Blind Persons' Braille Literacy Rights and Education Act". Among other things, the bill requires an evaluation of a blind or visually impaired student to determine such student's need for Braille instruction; and requires Braille instruction in the individualized education program of a blind or visually impaired student as
HR 42 (Scoggins-14th) Bill Link
Constitutional Amendment - Authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law that local school superintendents shall be elected by voters as an alternative to being appointed by local boards of education, if approved by local referendum.
Status: House Education Committee

SB 4 (Davenport-44th) Bill Link
Enacts the "Blind Persons' Braille Literacy Rights and Education Act". Among other things, the bill requires an evaluation of a blind or visually impaired student to determine such student's need for Braille instruction; and requires Braille instruction in the individualized education program of a blind or visually impaired student as appropriate.
Status: Senate Education & Youth Committee

SB 18 (James-35th) Bill Link
Allows students and their siblings to attend the same schools so long as they continue to reside in the same resident school system.
Status: Senate Education & Youth Committee

SB 32 (Anavitarte-31st) Bill Link
"Alyssa's Law" - Requires local education agencies to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple state and local first responder agencies in the event of a school security emergency.
Status: Senate Education & Youth Committee

SB 45 (Anavitarte-45) Bill Link
 Allows a parent or guardian of a student being treated for epilepsy or a seizure disorder to seek support and services for the student's seizures while the student is at school or participating in a school related function by submitting to the local school system or school at which the student is enrolled a copy of a seizure action plan.
Status: Senate Children and Families Committee

SB 50 (Burns-23rd) Bill Link
Allows that local boards of education which operate a school with grades nine through 12 may provide instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety.
Status: Senate Education & Youth Committee

SB 52 (Parent-42nd) Bill Link
Requires the Georgia Student Finance Commission to establish participation and performance targets for the Dual Enrollment program and to annually measure and evaluate the program and report certain data analyses related to the program to the Governor and the General Assembly.
Status: Senate Higher Education Committee

SB 58 (Hickman-4th) Bill Link
Revises and repeals certain provisions for alternative charter schools; provides for the continued operation of state chartered special schools until no later than the expiration of each such school's current charter with the State Board of Education.
Status: Senate Education & Youth Committee

SB 86 (Brass-28th) Bill Link
Allows eligible students participating in the Dual Enrollment program to access HOPE career grant funds for certain CTAE courses irrespective of whether they have reached maximum credit hour caps.
Status: Senate Higher Education Committee

SB 88 (Summers-13th) Bill Link
Prevents an adult acting in loco parentis from providing to or obtain from a child information of a sensitive nature (meaning sex ed or information regarding a child's sexual orientation or gender identity, other than the child's biological sex) without the express written permission of the child's parent or legal guardian, including if a child
indicates a desire to discuss information of a sensitive nature with an adult acting in loco parentis. The bill also prohibits an adult acting in loco parentis from engaging in instruction, education, or training of a child while dressed in a sexually provocative manner, applying current community standards, as determined by the school, social services agency, library, camp, or similar facility or program, without the express written permission of the child's parent or legal guardian. In addition, any request to change a student's official school record to reflect a change in the student's gender shall be in writing and accompanied by a copy of the student's amended birth certificate reflecting the change in gender and a written consent form signed by all of the child's parents or legal guardians.

Status: Senate Education & Youth Committee

SB 96 (Anavitarte-31st)  Bill Link
Provides that the Professional Standards Commission's standards and procedures for certification programs shall be neutral with respect to whether such programs are provided by for-profit or not-for-profit entities and shall consider teacher programs outside of this state which meet certain requirements of the commission.
Status: Senate Education & Youth Committee

SB 98 (Anavitarte-31st)  Bill Link
Prohibits local board of education members from discussing individual personnel matters with school officials except under certain circumstances provided by law; states that no local board of education member shall retaliate against the local school superintendent or a school administrator, teacher, or other school personnel for engaging in protected political activity; and that local board of education members should be professional and provide fair and courteous treatment in their dealings with members of the public.
Status: Senate Education & Youth Committee

SB 105 (Walker-20th)  Bill Link
Revises the minimum and maximum allowable benefit multiplier for current and future retiree retirement benefits payable upon normal, early, or delayed retirement in the Public School Employees Retirement System.
Status: Senate Retirement Committee

SB 112 (Anavitarte-31st)  Bill Link
Establishes a pilot program whereby qualifying private nonprofit entities provide instruction and other services for eligible students 21 years of age and older to attain a high school diploma.
Status: Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee. This bill will be heard in committee this MONDAY.

SB 123 (Anavitarte-31st)  Bill Link
Requires a state funded administration of a nationally recognized career and college readiness assessment and an assessment leading to a nationally recognized workforce credential to public school students in grades 11 and 12 who choose to participate.
Status: Senate Education & Youth Committee

SB 137 (Burns-23rd)  Bill Link
Revises the definition of approved school with regards to tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities to include those located in this state since on or before January 1, 2021.
Status: Senate Hopper

SB 147 (Still-48th)  Bill Link
Permits student transfers between local school systems without contracts between the local school system where the student resides and the local school system where the student seeks to enroll. The bill also caps on tuition that can be charged to a student by an enrolling local unit of administration that exclusively provides virtual instruction to such student.
Status: Senate Hopper

SR 121 (Butler-55th)  Bill Link
Creates the Senate Helping Georgia Students Overcome COVID-19 Related Learning Loss Study Committee.
Status: Senate Rules Committee
**Miscellaneous**

**HB 15**  (Kendrick-95th)  Bill Link  
Requires the state to establish a task force to evaluate and monitor the broadband equity of state-funded broadband network projects.  
Status: House Technology and Infrastructure Innovation Committee

**HB 24**  (Thomas-65th)  Bill Link  
Provides for the placement of a digital monument within the state capitol building or upon the capitol grounds to memorialize the Georgians who have died from COVID-19.  
Status: House Special Rules Committee

**HB 25**  (Thomas-65th)  Bill Link  
Allows each toy manufacturer that increases its expenditures incurred in this state for materials or labor used directly in the manufacture of wooden toys for children by at least 30 percent from its preceding taxable year to claim a tax credit in the amount of 20 percent of the increase in such expenditures.  
Status: House Ways & Means Committee

**HB 26**  (Thomas-65th)  Bill Link  
Requires the Department of Community Affairs to include certain indoor air quality provisions in applicable state minimum standard codes to require the installation of indoor air quality equipment and utilization of best practices in new construction permitted on or after July 1, 2024. These provisions include (but are not limited to) HVAC systems that can utilize a MERV 13 filter; adequate humidity control to maintain the humidity near or below 50 percent at room temperature; and fresh air ventilation through HVAC systems.  
Status: House Public Health Committee

**HB 30**  (Carson-46th)  Bill Link  
 Defines the term 'antisemitism' has the same meaning as provided for in the working definition of antisemitism adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) on May 26, 2016. The bill also requires state agencies and departments to consider such definition when determining whether an alleged act was motivated by discriminatory antisemitic intent.  
Status: House Judiciary Committee

**HB 32**  (Douglas-78th)  Bill Link  
Provides that no high school which receives funding under Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20, the "Quality Basic Education Act," shall participate in or sponsor interscholastic sports events conducted by any athletic association that does not utilize instant replay for high school football championship games.  
Status: House Education Committee. This bill will be heard in subcommittee this MONDAY (Hearing only).

**HB 44**  (Au-50th)  Bill Link  
Requires universal background checks in all manner of firearm transfers and purchases.  
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

**HB 68**  (Thomas-65th)  Bill Link  
Increases the tax credit available to employers that offer certain child care services for employees from 50% to 90% of the taxpayer’s liability.  
Status: House Ways & Means Committee

**HB 78**  (Alexander-66th)  Bill Link  
Requires all employers to implement paid sick leave for employees. Requires an employee to be compensated at the same rate of pay and with the same benefits, including, but not limited to, healthcare benefits, as the employee earns from the employer at the time the employee uses the sick time.  
Status: House Industry & Labor Committee

**HB 79**  (Park-107th)  Bill Link  
Revises a state income tax credit based to provide for a state income tax credit equal to 25% of the federal child tax
credit, and for an income tax credit equal to 20% of the federal earned income tax credit.

Status: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 83  (Gunther-8th)  
Bill Link

Allows owners, operators, lessees, or tenants of the property at which an athletic contest, entertainment event, or performing arts event is being held, or the sponsor of such a contest or event, may restrict access to such property and may reserve the right to revoke the license granted by a ticket at any time and for any lawful reason, including without limitation for safety and security reasons or due to any other lawful purpose.

Status: House Regulated Industries Committee

HB 88  (Gaines-120th)  
Bill Link

Establishes protocols for review of cold case murder files by law enforcement agencies.

Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 89  (Bruce-61st)  
Bill Link

Establishes the Georgia Equity and Fairness Commission for examining the impact of slavery on the descendants of slaves and recommending appropriate remedies.

Status: House Governmental Affairs Committee

HB 163  (McDonald-26th)  
Bill Link

Provides for student loan repayment for medical examiners employed by the Division of Forensic Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Status: House Higher Education Committee

HB 167  (Momtahan-17th)  
Bill Link

Allows individuals who have lost their drivers license due to failure to pay child support to apply for a limited drivers license.

Status: House Motor Vehicles Committee

HB 180  (Martinez-111th)  
Bill Link

Exempts from taxes equipment sold to and used by a qualified food bank for their primary purposes.

Status: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 237  (Hagan-156th)  
Bill Link

Designates the Southeast Georgia Soap Box Derby as the official soap box derby of the State of Georgia.

Status: House Special Rules Committee

HB 241  (McClain-109th)  
Bill Link

Increases the minimum wage from $5.15 to $15.00 per hour. The bill states that employers of employees that meet the eligibility requirements for the tip credit under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. Section 203(t), may credit tips toward the satisfaction of up to 50% of the minimum wage. There are exclusions for various employment situations.

Status: House Industry and Labor Committee

HB 242  (Hitchens-161st)  
Bill Link

Increases traffic violation fines by 3%.

Status: House Motor Vehicles Committee

HB 245  (Evans-57th)  
Bill Link

Repeals certain provisions relating to the preemption of wage and employment benefit mandates adopted by a local government entity.

Status: House Industry and Labor Committee

HB 291  (Scoggins-14th)  
Bill Link

Adds advanced practice registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, registered professional nurse, physician assistant, licensed master’s social worker, marriage and family therapist, and professional counselor to the list of those
authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian for an adult.
Status: House Juvenile Justice Committee

HB 293 (Byrd-20th)  
Bill Link
Provides for protections against the infringements on the right to keep and bear arms and prohibits the enforcement or assistance in the enforcement of certain federal laws or actions relative to firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition.
Status: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

HB 301 (Ridley-6th)  
Bill Link
Lowers the amount of civil monetary penalty for violations of improperly passing a school bus and speeding in a school zone when captured by cameras.
Status: House Motor Vehicles Committee

HB 304 (Neal-79th)  
Bill Link
Increases protections for tenants of residential properties.
Status: House Judiciary Committee

HB 321 (Scott-76th)  
Bill Link
Establishes the Healthy Food Development Program to expand access to healthy foods in eligible areas by providing assistance to grocery stores, corner stores, farmers' markets, and other small food retailers.
Status: House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee

HR 10 (Thomas-65th)  
Bill Link
Creates the House Study Committee on Public Water Systems Serving Disadvantaged Communities.
Status: House Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee

HR 139 (Neal-79th)  
Bill Link
Creates the House Study Committee on Alternatives to Mass Shooter Prevention Methods.
Status: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

SB 3 (Albers-56th)  
Bill Link
"Reducing Barriers to State Employment Act of 2023" - Requires every state department, agency, board, bureau, office, commission, public corporation, and authority to regularly assess the educational, experiential, and training requirements necessary for each position of employment within the entity and identify positions where the educational, experiential, and training requirements could be reduced from their present level; and when practicable, reduce the number of positions for which a four-year college degree is required as a condition of employment.
Status: PASSED SENATE. Awaits assignment to House Committee

SB 25 (Butler-55th)  
Bill Link
Increases the Georgia minimum wage to reflect cost of living increases.
Status: Senate Insurance & Labor Committee

SB 38 (Robertson-29th)  
Bill Link
Removes schools from signing off on cameras that enforce speed limits in school safety zones.
Status: Senate Public Safety Committee

SB 48 (James-35th)  
Bill Link
Creates the Equity and Reconciliation Commission of Georgia.
Status: Senate Government Oversight Committee

SB 55 (Parent-42nd)  
Bill Link
Prohibits the regulation of businesses of persons under 18 years of age which are located on private property with the permission of the property owner and generate gross receipts of $3,000.00 or less in a calendar year per business.
Status: Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee. This bill will be heard in committee this MONDAY.

SB 57 (Hickman-4th)  
Bill Link
Authorizes and provides for the regulation and taxation of sports betting and for additional powers and duties of the Georgia Lottery Corporation.
Status: Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee. This bill will be heard in committee this TUESDAY.

**SB 62** (Summers-13th) [Bill Link](#)
Prohibits certain local ordinances or policies relating to public camping or sleeping; requires a performance audit by the state auditor on public spending on homeless programs; provides for sanctioned camping areas for the homeless; and among other things, requires the use of certain federal funds for supportive services in transitional housing for the homeless.
Status: Senate State and Local Government Operations Committee. This bill will be heard in committee this MONDAY.

**SB 64** (Robertson-64th) [Bill Link](#)
Allows for the issuance of a copy of the original birth certificate to persons 18 years old or older who were adopted.
Status: Senate Children and Families Committee

**SB 67** (Moore-53rd) [Bill Link](#)
Provides for protections against the infringements on the right to keep and bear arms and prohibits the enforcement or assistance in the enforcement of certain federal laws or actions relative to firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition.
Status: Senate Interstate Cooperation Committee

**SB 77** (Robertson-29th) [Bill Link](#)
Establishes protocols for review of cold case murder files by law enforcement agencies.
Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

**SB 82** (Anderson-43rd) [Bill Link](#)
Prohibits discrimination based on protective hairstyles associated with race, color, or national origin.
Status: Senate Industry and Labor Committee

**SB 118** (Parent-42nd) [Bill Link](#)
Creates a state income tax credit equal to 25% of the federal child tax credit and an income tax credit equal to 20% of the federal earned income tax credit.
Status: Senate Finance Committee

**SB 125** (James-35th) [Bill Link](#)
Repeals restrictions on rent regulation by local governments.
Status: Senate State and Local Government Operations Committee

**SR 6** (Gooch-51st) [Bill Link](#)
Agreed upon adjournment resolution (schedule) for the General Assembly through Sine Die (the last day of the 2023 legislative session).
Status: ADOPTED by both chambers
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The Ask: Call members of the Georgia House of Representatives TODAY and ask them to vote YES on House Bill 129 this MONDAY MORNING when it comes before them on the House floor.

What’s in the Bill:

House Bill 129 would support families overall well-being in the following ways:

- Expand family’s access to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families by expanding eligibility to include pregnant women who do not currently have other children
- Eliminates language that caps a family’s benefit amount if their family size increases

The Why:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is a cash support program, with an employment component, for families with low-income
- Currently, TANF is available for families with low-income with children under 18 years old and youth ages 18 years old and attending school full time. The inclusion of pregnant women without children would further support Georgia’s working families
- Check out the income requirements here

The Message:

Dear Representative ________________

Please vote YES on House Bill 129 when it comes before you MONDAY on the House floor. This bill helps pregnant women with low income and who do not have other children by allowing them access to cash assistance through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant. These dollars are helpful in that they can be used to ensure good health and mental health by reducing poverty-related housing and nutrition stress during pregnancy. Thank you for your consideration of this issue and your work on behalf of all of Georgia’s children

The Contact Info.:

Call your Member of the Georgia House of Representatives
CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Don’t forget to mark your calendar for these events:

Feb 15 (Wednesday) Reception in Celebration of Children (5-7PM)

Tuesday’s starting Jan 24 Talk Justice Tuesdays
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Feb 22 (Wednesday) Georgia ACT Housing Day at the Capitol
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER