be remitted to the local charter school each year by June 30th. The Department of Education may retain up to 3% for the administration of state chartered special schools. Any funds not used by June 30th for the administration of the state chartered special school will be remitted to the school. The State Charter School Commission must follow the same structure relating to retaining and reimbursing state charter schools for the 3% administrative fee collected.

Status: PASSED HOUSE Assigned to Senate Education and Youth Committee. The bill will be heard in committee TUESDAY.

HB 319  (Martin-49th)  Bill Link
Abolishes the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation and transfers any obligations, liabilities, or assets to the Georgia Student Finance Authority.
Status: PASSED HOUSE Assigned to Senate Higher Education Committee.

HB 338  (Erwin-32nd)  Bill Link
“Student Technology Protection Act” - amends the ‘Quality Basic Education Act’ by revising O.C.G.A 20-2-324 to provide that schools promote the safe and appropriate use of technology. By October 1, 2023, each local board of education and charter school governing body will adopt an acceptable use policy with the purpose of preventing and prohibiting any computer or network from accessing obscene materials. Each system will take necessary steps to implement and enforce the acceptable use policy to filter grade-appropriate content on school-owned devices.
Status: PASSED HOUSE Assigned to Senate Education and Youth Committee.

HB 340  (Corbett-174th)  Bill Link
Protects planning periods for teachers. Teachers who are in the classroom more than 50% of a regular school day are required to have a duty-free planning period, with some exceptions related to safety.
Status: PASSED HOUSE Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Education and Youth Committee. The bill rests in Senate Rules Committee.

HB 348  (Collins-71st)  Bill Link
Requires warning signs for traffic safety enforcement devices and school zone speed limit reduction to display flashing yellow lights while the speed reduction is in effect. The speed limit may be enforced 30 minutes prior to and 30 minutes after the school starts; 30 minutes prior to and 30 minutes after the school dismisses unless the school campus is bisected by a highway; and when the driver is 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. When a citation is issued, the driver will receive an assigned hearing date that must be within 60 days of issuance of the citation. If a penalty is unpaid 30 days after a final notice has been mailed, the vehicle’s registration cannot be renewed until the penalty and late fees have been collected. The bill requires an assigned hearing date to be issued with a citation for improperly overtaking a school bus. Registration of the vehicle cannot be renewed until the penalty and late fees are collected.
Status: PASSED HOUSE Assigned to Senate Public Safety Committee.

HB 392  (Jasperse-11th)  Bill Link
Creates the Georgia Endowment for Teaching Professionals. The purpose of the endowment is to receive and distribute funds to support outstanding teaching professionals in high-demand fields within the Technical College System of Georgia.
Status: PASSED HOUSE Assigned to Senate Higher Education Committee.

HB 504  (Hatchett-155th)  Bill Link
Removes the value of level 1 freeport exemptions from the equalized property tax digest for the purpose of calculating local five mill share and equalization.
Status: PASSED HOUSE Assigned to Senate Finance Committee.

HB 538  (Ballard-147th)  Bill Link
Creates the “Georgia Early Literacy Act” to implement the science of reading in Georgia. School systems will be required to teach high-quality instructional materials approved by the State Board of Education in grades kindergarten through third grade. The Department of Education must develop and provide training to kindergarten through third-grade teachers on the science of reading so teachers have the skills and knowledge to teach young students to read.