five years, have received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and have accreditation from either the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. These institutions must also have a four-year average passage rate of at least 85% for the National Council Licensure Examination and admit students who have a high school diploma or equivalency, or a degree from an accredited postsecondary institution. Such institutions are only considered as approved institutions for students who enroll on or before July 1, 2025.

**Status:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Higher Education Committee. The bill rests in House Rules Committee.

**SB 169 (Payne-54th)**  
Provides for limits on the extension of hearing dates for student discipline tribunals and requires local school systems to provide appropriate grade-level instructional materials to any student subject to in-school suspension, short-term suspension, or long-term suspension pending completion of the student discipline tribunal.

**Status:** PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Education Committee.

**SB 170 (Albers-56th)**  
Provides for the qualification and selection of students to advise the State Board of Education and local boards of education, and provides for the Georgia Teacher of the Year to be invited to advise the State Board of Education.

**Status:** PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Education Committee.

**SB 211 (Hickman-4th)**  
Creates the Georgia Council on Literacy to conduct a comprehensive review of birth to postsecondary literacy programs for the purpose of improving literacy outcomes of Georgia students. The council is composed of 30 members, will meet at least four times per year, and will dissolve December 31, 2026.

**Status:** PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Education Committee. The bill rests in House Rules Committee.

**SB 233 (Dolezal-27th)**  
Creates the 'Georgia Promise Scholarship Act', which would provide $6,500 per student to families for qualified education-related expenses outside of the public school system. Qualified education expenses include tuition at a participating school, tutoring, and purchase of curriculum, professional services, transportation, and other expenses authorized by the State Board of Education. Funds will go into an account controlled by a parent to be used for qualified education expenses. In order to allow parents and taxpayers to measure the achievements of this program, students participating must take nationally norm-referenced tests that measure student academic progress in math and language arts annually. The bill stipulates reporting requirements participating schools must provide annually to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and the Department of Education. The commission must annually report to the General Assembly on the previous fiscal year's promise scholarship recipients and their respective schools.

**Status:** PASSED SENATE. TABLED IN THE HOUSE.

**SB 237 (Hatchett-50th)**  
Provides for student loan repayment for peace officers.

**Status:** PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Higher Education Committee.

**HR 278 (Parsons-44th)**  
Creates the House Study Committee on Civics Education in Georgia.

**Status:** House Special Rules Committee

**HR 281 (Olaleye-59th)**  
Creates the House Study Committee on Lottery Revenues, Reserves, and Educational Programs.

**Status:** House Higher Education Committee

**HR 490 (Olaleye-59th)**  
Creates the House Study Committee on Education Funding Mechanisms.