HB 383  (Reeves-99th)  Bill Link
Defines the term "healthcare worker" as any employee or independent contractor of a hospital or other healthcare facility. Increased penalties are added when someone commits aggravated assault against a healthcare worker or an emergency health worker located on a hospital campus. The penalty is imprisonment between three to 20 years. The bill increases penalties for committing aggravated battery against a healthcare worker or an emergency health worker located on a hospital campus. The penalty is imprisonment between three to 20 years. A new chapter in the Code is created that defines "hospital", "hospital campus", and "hospital peace officer". The provisions allow a hospital guard to have arrest powers while on a hospital campus, and hospital security who are certified by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) can be authorized by a hospital to carry a firearm or weapon. Each hospital that employs law enforcement are required to report to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and local law enforcement incidents of criminal gang activity that occurs on or adjacent to the hospital campus. The bill requires records not protected under a state disclosure law to be available for public inspection.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee. The bill rests in House Rules Committee.

HB 399  (Schofield-63rd)  Bill Link
Creates the Commission for the Blind and the Visually Impaired.
Status: House Human Resources Committee

HB 405  (Crawford-84th)  Bill Link
Requires the Department of Community Health to conduct an annual review of medications and treatment for sickle cell disease for Medicaid recipients.
Status: House Public Health Committee

HB 414  (Blackmon-146th)  Bill Link
Creates a grant program within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to provide behavioral health services to military service members, veterans, and their families.
Status: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Veterans, Military and Homeland Security Committee.

HB 416  (Silcox-53rd)  Bill Link
Allows for qualified pharmacy technicians to administer any COVID-19 vaccine and any vaccine on the adult immunization schedule to individuals 18 years of age or older. The supervising pharmacist will have discretion over delegating the authority to administer vaccines and must be readily available to the pharmacy technician when a vaccine is being administered.
Status: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

HB 417  (Knight-134th)  Bill Link
Prohibits insurers from denying, restricting, refusing to authorize or approve, failing to cover, or reducing payment to a participating healthcare provider for a provider administered drug or the administration of a provider administered drug in certain circumstances.
Status: House Insurance Committee. The bill will be heard in committee this morning (MONDAY).

HB 428  (Hugley-141st)  Bill Link
Requires the state to provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for Medicaid and the PeachCare for Kids Program to children from birth through 18 years of age.
Status: House Public Health Committee

HB 440  (Stoner-40th)  Bill Link
Authorizes public and private schools to stock a supply of undesignated ready-to-use glucagon and permits prescribers to provide such medication to schools. (Glucagon is a hormone that your pancreas makes to help regulate your blood glucose (sugar) levels.)
Status: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Health and Human Services Committee.