**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 utilize alternative means of transportation other than school buses to transport students to school and school-related activities where appropriate.  
Status: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Education and Youth Committee.

**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