HB 101 (Crowe-118th)  Bill Link
Revises Rural Hospital tax credits to include rural freestanding emergency departments. The bill also deals with mortgage loan policy. Additionally, it increases the cap from $120 million to $130 million for student scholarship organizations (SSOs) but adds a sunset provision.
Status: PASSED HOUSE. Assigned to Senate Finance Committee. The bill failed to receive any recommendation from the committee and therefore did not progress this session.

HB 122 (Hawkins-27th)  Bill Link
Provides for membership of the board of directors for the Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan (GHESP). The bill removes the specified maximum GHESP account balance of $235,000 and allows the board of directors to set a reasonable maximum amount. The bill authorizes the GHESP board of directors to govern the Georgia Achieving A Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program Corporation.
Status: PASSED HOUSE. Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Higher Education Committee. The bill remained in Senate Rules Committee and therefore DID NOT PASS.

HB 130 (Gambill-15th)  Bill Link
Establishes a student loan repayment program for eligible full-time peace officers. The total repayment amount must not exceed $20,000 or the total student debt amount, whichever is less. Payments will be paid in annual installments for a period not exceeding five years. The Georgia Student Finance Authority is authorized to establish rules and regulations to implement the program, and the program is contingent upon appropriation of funds by the General Assembly.
Status: PASSED HOUSE. Tabled in the Senate and therefore DID NOT PASS.

HB 185 (Gaines-120th)  Bill Link
Provides for the establishment of Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) grants. The grants would be awarded to eligible Georgia students enrolled on or before July 1, 2028, in authorized IPSE programs at qualified postsecondary institutions in an amount equal to the current academic year undergraduate tuition at each student’s qualified institution.
Status: PASSED HOUSE. Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Higher Education Committee. The bill remained in Senate Rules Committee and therefore DID NOT PASS.

HB 228 (Dempsey-13th)  Bill Link
Expands tuition equalization grant eligibility to include higher education institutions which offer: baccalaureate programs in nursing; have a current physical presence in Georgia for at least five years; have received accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education; and have accreditation from either the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) or a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. These institutions must 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. The bill was amended to include provisions from HB 641 which, relates to definitions regarding tuition equalization grants at private colleges and universities. It revises the definition of approved school to include schools which were previously accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, are now accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools.
Status: PASSED HOUSE. PASSED SENATE. The House failed to agree to the changes the Senate made to the House version of the bill, therefore it DID NOT PASS.

HB 301 (Ridley-6th)  Bill Link
This bill originally increased penalties for overtaking a school bus, but was amended on Legislative Day 38 and those provisions were removed and ultimately amended into HB 348. This bill, HB 301, currently contains the contents of SB 11 and SB 12, which 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. The