bill also enhances penalties for abuse of a disabled person or an elder adult. It allows in a criminal proceeding in which the accused is accused of family violence, abuse of a disabled person, an elder adult, or a series of crimes driven by certain prejudices, that evidence of the accused's prior commission of any other like acts to be admissible and may be considered for its bearing on any matter to which it is relevant. The bill grants original jurisdiction to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) for violation of laws concerning domestic, cyber, biological, chemical, and nuclear terrorism.

**Status:** PASSED HOUSE. Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill remained in Senate Rules Committee and therefore DID NOT PASS.

**HB 318** (Hilton-48th)  
Bill Link
Reestablishes the Office of Charter School Compliance, create the Office of District Flexibility, and requires administrative fees held back by the state or local school system for the administration of charter schools to be used solely for that purpose. The Office of Charter School Compliance is reestablished under the State Charter Schools Commission and assists with the administration, review of, and creation of new local charter schools. The bill creates the Office of District Flexibility under the Department of Education to help school systems become and remain a charter system. Up to three percent may be retained by local boards of education from the charter school funding to provide administrative services for the local charter school. The local board of education must spend these funds solely and directly on administrative services performed for the local charter school. Any funds not expended should be remitted to the local charter school 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. 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 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. Tabled in the Senate and therefore DID NOT PASS.

**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. Most provisions of the old HB 301 were included in this bill as well. These increase penalties for overtaking a school bus.

**Status:** PASSED HOUSE. Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill remained in Senate Rules Committee and therefore DID NOT PASS.

**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. The bill failed to receive any recommendation from the committee and therefore did not progress this session.