HB 504  (Hatchett-155th)  [Bill Link]
Amended with provisions allowing rural freestanding emergency departments to be eligible for the rural hospital tax credit and allows an individual rural hospital organization to keep contributions even if such contribution would cause the rural hospital organization to exceed its maximum amount of contributions for that year. The bill also increases by $5 million the public education foundation tax credit. Another provision excludes amounts attributable to level 1 freeport exemptions for purposes of calculating local five mill share for public school funding.
Status: PASSED HOUSE. Tabled in the Senate and therefore DID NOT PASS.

HR 278  (Parsons-44th)  [Bill Link]
Creates the House Study Committee on Civics Education in Georgia.
Status: House Special Rules Committee. The bill failed to receive any recommendation from the committee and therefore did not progress this session.

HR 281  (Olaleye-59th)  [Bill Link]
Creates the House Study Committee on Lottery Revenues, Reserves, and Educational Programs.
Status: House Higher Education Committee. The bill failed to receive any recommendation from the committee and therefore did not progress this session.

HR 490  (Olaleye-59th)  [Bill Link]
Creates the House Study Committee on Education Funding Mechanisms.
Status: House Education Committee. The bill failed to receive any recommendation from the committee and therefore did not progress this session.

HR 604  (Knight-134th)  [Bill Link]
Creates the House Study Committee on Funding for the Technical College System of Georgia.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the House Rules Committee. The bill failed to receive vote on the House floor and therefore did not progress.

SB 4  (Davenport-44th)  [Bill Link]
Enacts the "Blind Persons' Braille Literacy Rights and Education Act". Among other things, the bill requires an evaluation of a blind or visually impaired student to determine such student's need for Braille instruction; and requires Braille instruction in the individualized education program of a blind or visually impaired student as appropriate.
Status: PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Education Committee.

SB 32  (Anavitarte-31st)  [Bill Link]
"Alyssa's Law" - Provides for the care of students being treated for epilepsy or a seizure disorder. A school nurse or other school employee should be trained in the proper protocols should a student experience a seizure while at school. The parent or guardian must annually supply the school with a seizure action plan which provides specific directions about what to do in emergency situations.
Status: PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by the House Education Committee. The bill remained in House Rules Committee and therefore DID NOT PASS.

SB 37  (Robertson-29th)  [Bill Link]
Requires peace officers who want to qualify as candidates for the office of sheriff to be in good standing with the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Council. The bill requires the executive director of POST Council to create and provide for an affidavit attesting to the person's compliance with the new standard for qualifying. The director, or their designee, must sign the affidavit and the person seeking to qualify must present the affidavit to elections officials in order to qualify. The bill allows a sheriff who serves in more than one court to receive salary for each court but prohibits the sheriff receiving more than two additional salaries. The bill amends the statute relating to school bus cameras and school zone speed cameras to allow for the Department of Revenue to remove penalty on a vehicle registration if the department receives adequate proof of payment of the fee and any late fee from the agent or governing body.
Status: PASSED SENATE. Recommended Do Pass by House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee. The bill remained in House Rules Committee and therefore DID NOT PASS.