SB 233 (Dolezal-27th)  
Bill Link
Creates the 'Georgia Promise Scholarship Act', which would provide $6,500 per student to families for qualified education-related expenses outside of the public school system. Qualified education expenses include tuition at a participating school, tutoring, and purchase of curriculum, professional services, transportation, and other expenses authorized by the State Board of Education. Funds will go into an account controlled by a parent to be used for qualified education expenses. In order to allow parents and taxpayers to measure the achievements of this program, students participating must take nationally norm-referenced tests that measure student academic progress in math and language arts annually. The bill stipulates reporting requirements participating schools must provide annually to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and the Department of Education. The commission must annually report to the General Assembly on the previous fiscal year’s promise scholarship recipients and their respective schools.
Status: PASSED SENATE. FAILED HOUSE.

SB 237 (Hatchett-50th)  
Bill Link
Provides for student loan repayment for peace officers.
Status: PASSED SENATE. Assigned to House Higher Education Committee. The bill failed to receive any recommendation from the committee and therefore did not progress this session.

SB 240 (Walker-20th)  
Bill Link
Prohibits anyone hired after June 1, 2023 from becoming a member of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, if the operator or management company of the public charter school in which they are employed offers an alternative retirement plan. The bill requires the Employees Retirement System (ERS) of Georgia to identify each school system that does not extend Social Security coverage to members of the Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS). The ERS must submit a report of all school systems that do not offer this benefit to the chairmen of the House and Senate Retirement Committees by September 1, 2023. Any school system not offering coverage must revise their plan to extend coverage by January 1, 2024. On or after September 1, 2023, the ERS is not authorized to approve any plan that does not extend Social Security benefits to PSERS members. The bill allows the ERS of Georgia to invest up to 10 percent of assets in alternative investments. Currently, ERS can only invest up to five percent of assets in alternative investments. The bill is certified by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts as a non-fiscal retirement bill.
Status: PASSED SENATE. PASSED HOUSE. The House disagreed with the ultimate Senate version, therefore the bill DID NOT PASS.

SR 121 (Butler-55th)  
Bill Link
Creates the Senate Helping Georgia Students Overcome COVID-19 Related Learning Loss Study Committee.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Rules Committee. The bill failed to receive vote on the Senate floor and therefore did not progress.

SR 144 (Estevez-6th)  
Bill Link
Creates the Senate Expanding Early Childhood Education Study Committee.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Rules Committee. The bill failed to receive vote on the Senate floor and therefore did not progress.

SR 251 (Davenport-44th)  
Bill Link
Creates the Senate Rosenwald Schools Study Committee.
Status: Recommended Do Pass by the Senate Rules Committee. The bill failed to receive vote on the Senate floor and therefore did not progress.