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Gold Dome Report - Legislative Day 40 (Sine Die)



The Nelson Mullins Georgia Government Relations and Gold Dome Report Team on Legislative Day 40.

Like air out of a balloon, the Georgia General Assembly concluded its 2025 Legislative Session on Friday with an exasperated but exhausted "PFFFFffft." While many lawmakers and lobbyists floated through the halls during the day celebrating legislative victories, others were left deflated by the Senate's sudden adjournment sine die just after 9 p.m., a move which left over 30 bills on the table and many others awaiting final action. The House tried to keep working but succumbed to the Senate's early exit about 90 minutes later, unwilling to take up further actions on Senate bills after the upper chamber went home. The decision left hopes for pending legislation popped and scattered amongst the [shredded paper on the chambers' floors](#).

Nevertheless, good work did get done on Friday, including the adoption of a compromise version of the FY 2026 State Budget, and final passage of several other measures that will help some of the least of these in our state. And hope springs eternal for 2026 as legislation left pending in 2025 remains available for action in the second year of the biennium. It has been our [#GoldDomeReport](#) team's honor to work with so many of you and share our perspectives with all of you this year, and we look forward to continued success together as we look toward January 12, 2026.

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House, Senate Approve Compromise FY 2026 State Budget

After passing versions of the spending plan with hundreds of millions of dollars of differences, the House and Senate unveiled and approved a compromise version of the FY 2026 State Budget on Friday to tick off the one constitutionally mandated duty of the legislature each session. Aided by \$50 million added by Governor Brian Kemp through an increase to the revenue estimate, House Appropriations Chairman Matt Hatchett (R-Dublin) and Senate Appropriations Chairman Blake Tillery (R-Vidalia) presented a balanced budget focused on “necessities” without many “knick knacks” or “trinkets”. Highlights from the compromise budget, [as prepared by the House Budget and Research Office](#), include:

- \$22.7 million, including \$10 million in newly appropriated funds, for recommendations by the Georgia Council on Literacy (\$18.5 million for 116 RESA-based literacy coaches; \$2 million for a free universal reading screener for all school systems pursuant to HB 538).
- \$6.9 million to provide reimbursable grants to school systems for “qualified student advocacy specialists” to identify and facilitate appropriate intervention for students at risk for mental health concerns.
- A new “Student Support Services” program at the Department of Education to provide academic and mental health supports for students in and outside school, including \$19.6 million for mental health support grants to school systems (\$20,000 for each middle and high school) for mental health services; \$2.4 million for social work services grants; \$12.5 million for out-of-school care for statewide and community grantees; and \$15.3 million to systems for targeted support to economically-disadvantaged students.
- \$19.2 million to address growth in foster care and the increased costs of care; almost \$900,000 to provide clothing and supplies for foster youth, keep foster care children closer to their families, and deter child welfare involvement; and \$6.1 million for a 2% provider rate increase for Child Caring Institutions, Child Placing Agencies, foster parents, and relative caregivers.
- \$7.4 million in new funding for graduate medical education, including \$3 million for 150 new residency slots, \$469,654 in new fellowships, and \$4 million to establish a grant program to support new and expanding residency programs.
- \$1.8 million in new funding provided in the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) for various programs that address homelessness, including 100 new housing voucher slots, outreach services for those with severe mental illness, and a community action team.
- Funding for 100 NOW/COMP waivers from the Governor’s recommended budget and addition of 50 new waivers with a \$3.4 million appropriation.

The compromise version of the budget adopts the Senate position on bond funding, paying for all new capital projects with cash rather than debt. The full budget, which was approved by the House and Senate on Friday afternoon, can be found [here](#). It now awaits the governor’s signature.

Floor Action

Legislative Day 39

The House took up the following measures on Legislative Day 39 after our publication deadline:

- [SB 20](#) - Veterinarians; student loan repayment; who practice shelter medicine and in nonprofit pet sterilization clinics; provide; create the State Veterinary Education Board for Shelter Medicine and Pet Sterilization (HEd-Hilton-48th) Kirkpatrick-32ndn - PASSED 160-5
- [SB 36](#) - "Georgia Religious Freedom Restoration Act"; enact (Judy-Smith-18th) Setzler-37th - PASSED 96-70
- [SB 46](#) - "Government Serves the People Act"; enact (B&FAO-Bonner-73rd) Harbin-16th - PASSED 128-35
- [SB 255](#) - General Assembly; authorization of statutory investigatory powers to certain committees of the General Assembly; codify a process (Substitute)(Rules-Leverett-123rd) Cowsert-46th - PASSED 91-67
- [SB 291](#) - Special License Plates; establish an "America First" specialty license plate (Substitute)(MotV - Momtahan-17th) Gooch-51st - PASSED 95-68

The House took the following further actions on Legislative Day 39 after our publication deadline:

- [HB 129](#) - Ad valorem tax; bona fide conservation use property; remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities (Substitute) (RULES-11th) Cannon-172nd - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 149-13
- [HB 136](#) - Income tax; contributions to foster child support organizations; expand tax credit (Substitute)(FIN-42nd) Newton-127th - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED BY HOUSE 163-4
- [HB 155](#) - Local government; selection and objection to arbitrators; revise procedures - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED BY HOUSE 130-35
- [SB 40](#) - Secondary Metals Recyclers; the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; provide for applicability - AGREE TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 91-63

The Senate took up the following measures on Legislative Day 39 after our publication deadline:

- [HB 14](#) - State symbols; cornbread as official state bread; designate (Substitute) (RULES-46th) Carpenter-4th - PASSED 47-9
- [HB 36](#) - Guardian and ward; revise list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian for an adult (Substitute) (JUDY-1st) Leverett-123rd - PASSED 49-1
- [HB 78](#) - Employees' Retirement System of Georgia; total percentage of funds invested in alternative investments; raise limit (RET-25th) Franklin-160th - PASSED 35-18
- [HB 127](#) - Education; number of accumulated sick leave days for teachers and other school personnel; increase from three to five (Substitute) (ED&Y-23rd) Cox-28th - PASSED 33-1
- [HB 148](#) - Accountants; education and experience requirements; revise provisions (RI&U-4th) Carson-46th - PASSED 52-0
- [HB 156](#) - Transportation, Department of; authority over vertiports; provide (TRANS-21st) Jones-25th - PASSED 53-0
- [HB 176](#) - Appeal and error; judgments deemed directly appealable; change a provision (JUDY-42nd) Smith-18th - PASSED 51-0
- [HB 177](#) - Domestic relations; protection for household pets in both family violence and dating violence protective orders; provide (JUDY-42nd) Cooper-45th - PASSED 52-1
- [HB 197](#) - Insurance; health care provider to respond to a private review agent or utility review entity's attempt to discuss the patient's care; detail the effort (Substitute) (RULES-32nd) Hawkins-27th - PASSED 53-0
- [HB 233](#) - State symbols; Brunswick stew as the official state stew; designate (Substitute) (RULES-3rd) Townsend-179th - PASSED 52-1
- [HB 253](#) - Ethan's Law; enact - PASSED 55-0
- [HB 308](#) - Motor vehicles; operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; provide - PASSED 47-6

- [HB 339](#) - Motor vehicles; exempt ride share drivers or ride share network services from definition of motor carrier (TRANS-42nd) Leverett-123rd - PASSED 46-7
- [HB 370](#) - Ad valorem tax; school districts; state-wide base year homestead exemption; provisions (Substitute) (FIN-52nd) Gaines-120th - PASSED 43-11
- [HB 491](#) - Game and fish; remove an exception for use of air guns to hunt wildlife - PASSED 52-3
- [HB 567](#) - Professions and businesses; authorize and regulate teledentistry by licensed dentists (Substitute) (H&HS-48th) Dempsey-13th - PASSED 52-1
- [HB 582](#) - Georgia Survivor Justice Act; enact (Substitute) (JUDY-50th) Gunter-8th - PASSED 53-1
- [HB 586](#) - Revenue and taxation; intangible recording tax; revise notes (Substitute) (FIN-3rd) Williamson-112th - PASSED 55-1
- [HB 630](#) - State Board of Registration; remove used car division and the used parts division; provisions (Substitute) (RI&U-20th) Wiedower-121st - PASSED 52-1
- [HB 635](#) - State Licensing Board for Residential and Commercial General Contractors; revise provisions (RI&U-20th) Wiedower-121st - PASSED 53-1
- [HB 645](#) - Health; COVID-19 testing of staff members in long term-care facilities; repeal certain provisions (H&HS-1st) LaHood-175th - PASSED 52-2

The Senate took the following further actions on Legislative Day 39 after our publication deadline:

- [HB 266](#) -Income tax; exempt income received as personal compensation for full-time duty in the active military service of the United State - AGREE TO HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 52-0
- [HB 551](#) - Motor vehicles; conditions, procedures, and limitations for issuance of temporary operating permits; provide - AGREE TO HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 50-3
- [SB 40](#) - Secondary Metals Recyclers; the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; provide for applicability - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 49-4
- [SB 93](#) - "Georgia Early Literacy Act"; the three-cuing system from inclusion in high-quality instructional materials or structured literacy; prohibit - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 55-0
- [SB 212](#) - "Quality Basic Education Act,"; disclosure of public student directory information to political candidates or persons or groups acting on their behalf; prohibit - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 53-0
- [SB 245](#) - Grandparents; include within the category of persons who may seek to revoke or amend an existing grandparent visitation order - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 52-0

Legislative Day 40

The House took up the following measures on Legislative Day 40:

- [HR 40](#) - House Study Committee on Reinsurance for Essential Industries; create (SRules-Douglas-78th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 59 0182S) - ADOPTED 166-0
- [HR 72](#) - House Study Committee on Cancer Care Access; create (Hth-Hawkins-27th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 46 1254S) - ADOPTED 166-0
- [HR 304](#) - House Study Committee on the Costs and Effects of Smoking; create (P&CH-Au-50th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 39 4817S) - ADOPTED 166-0
- [HR 347](#) - Georgia high schools; establish flag football programs for girls; urge (SRules-Cox-28th) - ADOPTED 172-0
- [HR 429](#) - House Study Committee on Funding for Next Generation 9-1-1; create (EU&T-Martin-49th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 46 1255S) - ADOPTED 166-0

- [HR 557](#) - House Study Committee on Georgia's Investment Funds; create (Substitute)(W&M-Kendrick-95th) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 56 0423S) - ADOPTED 166-0
- [HR 558](#) - House Study Committee on the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; create (Substitute)(MotV-Corbett-174th) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 46 1257S) - ADOPTED 166-0
- [HR 611](#) - House Study Committee on Abandoned Child Placement Following Hospital Discharge; create (P&CH-Dempsey-13th) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 56 0424S) - ADOPTED 166-0
- [HR 711](#) - House Study Committee on Student Attendance in PreK-12 Education; create (Ed-Erwin-32nd)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 52 0861S) - ADOPTED 166-0
- [HR 753](#) - House Study Committee on Improving Access to Internal Medicine in Rural Areas; create (RDev-Donatucci-105th) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 44 3208S) - ADOPTED 166-0
- [HR 847](#) - House Study Committee on Evaluating Funding for Public Health; create (Substitute)(P&CH-Taylor-173rd) (Rules Committee Substitute LC 52 0862S) - ADOPTED 166-0
- [HR 885](#) - House Study Committee on Election Procedures; create (Rules-Anderson-10th)(Rules Committee Substitute LC 57 0290S) - ADOPTED 166-0
- [HR 887](#) - House Study Committee on Reducing and Prioritizing Mandates for Public School Administration; create (Ed-Blackmon-146th) - ADOPTED 166-0
- [SB 10](#) - Superior Courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; additional judge; provide (Substitute)(Judy-Kelley-16th) Goodman-8th (Rules Committee Substitute LC 48 1626S) - PASSED 161-7
- [SB 12](#) - Inspection of Public Records; documents and records in the possession of private persons or entities; revise provisions (Substitute) (GAff-Anderson-10th) Ginn-47th - PASSED 167-1
- [SB 101](#) - Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; testing in the newborn screening system; require (Substitute)(P&CH-Clark-100th) Robertson-29th - PASSED 167-2
- [SB 148](#) - Public School Property and Facilities; outdoor learning spaces pilot program; provide (Substitute)(Ed-Hong-103rd) Hatchett-50th (Rules Committee Substitute LC 61 0264S) -
- [SB 179](#) - Education; the academic and disciplinary records of each transferring student shall be provided within five days; require (Substitute) (Ed-Ballard-147th) Dixon-45th - PASSED 169-0
- [SB 204](#) - Criminal Procedure; offenses that are not serious violent felonies, sexual felonies, or other certain offenses to be charged by accusation of the district attorney; allow (Substitute)(JudyNC-Powell-33rd) Jones II-22nd (Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2425S) - PASSED 99-74
- [SB 207](#) - Professions and Businesses; a preclearance process in the licensing of individuals with criminal records who make application to or are investigated by certain licensing boards and commissions; create (JudyNC-Smith-18th) Strickland-42nd (Rules Committee Substitute LC 59 0181S) - PASSED 170-0
- [SB 218](#) - Prosecuting Attorneys Qualifications Commission; shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the Administrative Office of the Courts; provide (Substitute)(JudyNC-Gullett-19th) Robertson-29th (Rules Committee Substitute LC 49 2424S) - PASSED 149-18

The House took the following further actions on Legislative Day 40:

- [HB 36](#) - Guardian and ward; revise list of providers who are authorized to participate in the processes for appointment of a guardian for an adult - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 165-2
- [HB 37](#) - Education; require local school systems to notify employees regarding social security withholdings and eligibility for certain benefits - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE - 163-0
- [HB 54](#) - Health; advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services; authorize - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED BY HOUSE 157-0

- [HB 68](#) - General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 - ADOPT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT 170-5
- [HB 105](#) - Public officers and employees; increase indemnification award of certain state public school personnel in the event of death - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE - 164-0
- [HB 131](#) - Self-service storage facilities; revise advertisement requirements before an owner can enforce an owner's lien - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 163-1
- [HB 150](#) - Combating Threats from China Act of 2025 - Higher Education; enact - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 98-64
- [HB 155](#) -Local government; selection and objection to arbitrators; revise procedures - AGREE TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE SUBSTITUTE 117-49
- [HB 156](#) - Transportation, Department of; authority over vertiports; provide - AGREE TO SENATE AMENDMENT 159-3
- [HB 179](#) - Appellate practice; digital recording of certain trial proceedings; provide - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 167-0
- [HB 197](#) - Insurance; health care provider to respond to a private review agent or utility review entity's attempt to discuss the patient's care; detail the effort - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 162-0
- [HB 217](#) - Education; make Dual Achievement Program a permanent state-wide program - AGREE TO SENATE AMENDMENT 143-22
- [HB 233](#) - State symbols; Brunswick stew as the official state stew; designate - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE
- [HB 253](#) - Ethan's Law; enact - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED BY HOUSE 146-15
- [HB 266](#) - Income tax; exempt income received as personal compensation for full-time duty in the active military service of the United States - AGREE TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 167-0
- [HB 296](#) - Motor vehicles; presentation of a driver's license in a certain electronic format; provisions - AGREE TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT 163-3
- [HB 308](#) - Motor vehicles; operation of miniature on-road vehicles on certain highways; provide - AGREE TO SENATE AMENDMENT 104-60
- [HB 352](#) - Georgia Gestational Diabetes Management Act; enact - AGREE TO THE SENATE SUBSTITUTE 163-2
- [HB 360](#) - Revenue and taxation; rehabilitation of historic structures; revise tax credit - AGREE TO SENATE AMENDMENT 158-5
- [HB 370](#) - Ad valorem tax; school districts; state-wide base year homestead exemption; provisions - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED BY HOUSE 141-31
- [HB 371](#) - Quality Basic Education Act; state's maximum authorization of capital outlay funding; provide for an increase - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 168-3
- [HB 399](#) - Property; require certain residential landlords to have in-state staff to manage tenant communications - AGREE TO THE SENATE SUBSTITUTE 159-5
- [HB 422](#) - State employees' health insurance; include high deductible health plans - AGREE TO THE SENATE SUBSTITUTE 163-0
- [HB 491](#) - Game and fish; remove an exception for use of air guns to hunt wildlife - AGREE TO SENATE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED BY HOUSE 170-0
- [HB 513](#) - Local government; criteria for service delivery strategy; revise provisions - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 163-2

- [HB 516](#) - State government; authorize county and regional library boards to conduct meetings via teleconference - AGREE TO THE SENATE SUBSTITUTE 94-71
- [HB 567](#) - Professions and businesses; authorize and regulate teledentistry by licensed dentists - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 165-2
- [HB 582](#) - Georgia Survivor Justice Act; enact - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 164-0
- [HB 586](#) - Revenue and taxation; intangible recording tax; revise notes - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 161-0
- [HB 630](#) - State Board of Registration; remove used car division and the used parts division; provisions - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 173-1
- [HB 645](#) - Health; COVID-19 testing of staff members in long term-care facilities; repeal certain provisions - AGREE TO SENATE AMENDMENT 166-0
- [HB 651](#) - Motor vehicles; use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; revise provisions - AGREE TO THE SENATE SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE 140-29
- [HB 652](#) - Motor fuel tax; electricity delivered by certain electric vehicle charging stations; provide exception - AGREE TO THE SENATE SUBSTITUTE 163-0
- [HR 7](#) - George C. Trulock, Jr. Memorial Highway; Grady County; dedicate - AGREE TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED BY HOUSE 166-0

The Senate took up the following measures on Legislative Day 40:

- [HB 172](#) - Veterinary education; limits on student loan forgiveness program; provide - PASSED 43-4
- [HB 222](#) - Criminal procedure; inclusion of certain contact information on bonds and recognizances; require - PASSED 52-0
- [HB 225](#) - Motor vehicles; enforcement of speeding violations in school zones through automated traffic enforcement safety devices; repeal all laws (Substitute) (RULES-29th) Washburn-144th - PASSED 46-9
- [HB 235](#) - Georgia Supporting Living Donor Educators Act; enact - PASSED 54-0
- [HB 238](#) - Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; create and maintain an at-risk adult training course focusing on officer response to individuals with Alzheimer's disease or dementia - PASSED 52-0
- [HB 296](#) - Motor vehicles; presentation of a driver's license in a certain electronic format; provisions - PASSED 51-3
- [HB 352](#) - Georgia Gestational Diabetes Management Act; enact - PASSED 51-1
- [HB 360](#) - Revenue and taxation; rehabilitation of historic structures; revise tax credit - PASSED 49-6
- [HB 399](#) - Property; require certain residential landlords to have in-state staff to manage tenant communications - PASSED 41-9
- [HB 422](#) - State employees' health insurance; include high deductible health plans - PASSED 51-1
- [HB 443](#) - Game and fish; fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; provide PASSED 48-5
- [HB 516](#) - State government; authorize county and regional library boards to conduct meetings via teleconference - PASSED 49-1
- [HB 651](#) - Motor vehicles; use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices in school zones; revise provisions (Substitute) (RULES-29th) Powell-33rd - PASSED 51-3
- [HB 652](#) - Motor fuel tax; electricity delivered by certain electric vehicle charging stations; provide exception - PASSED 54-0

The Senate took the following further actions on Legislative Day 40:

- [HB 136](#) - Income tax; contributions to foster child support organizations; expand tax credit - AGREE TO HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 54-0
- [HB 155](#) - Local government; selection and objection to arbitrators; revise procedures - AGREE TO HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 36-17
- [HB 491](#) - Game and fish; remove an exception for use of air guns to hunt wildlife - AGREE TO HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT 52-1
- [HR 7](#) - George C. Trulock, Jr. Memorial Highway; Grady County; dedicate - AGREE TO HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE 50-0
- [SB 5](#) - Private Review Agents; health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements; provide AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 52-0
- [SB 12](#) - Inspection of Public Records; documents and records in the possession of private persons or entities; revise provisions - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 53-1
- [SB 20](#) - Veterinarians; student loan repayment; who practice shelter medicine and in nonprofit pet sterilization clinics; provide; create the State Veterinary Education Board for Shelter Medicine and Pet Sterilization - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 50-2
- [SB 63](#) - "Quality Basic Education Act"; local school systems offer certain exams to home study students; require - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 51-0
- [HB 68](#) - General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 - ADOPT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT 54-1
- [SB 82](#) - "Local Charter School Authorization and Support Act of 2025"; enact - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 44-10
- [SB 85](#) - Grants for Foster Children; a grant program to provide grants to former foster youth who meet eligibility requirements, subject to specific appropriations; establish - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 53-1
- [SB 99](#) - Crimes and Offenses; definition of law enforcement officer; provide - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 50-3
- [SB 101](#) - Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; testing in the newborn screening system; require - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 51-1
- [SB 105](#) - Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians; licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to practice veterinary teleadvice; authorize - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 51-1
- [SB 125](#) - Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; decouple the sequential order of experience and examination requirements - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 37-14
- [SB 193](#) - State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; establish the adult workforce high school diploma program; authorize - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 50-1
- [SB 201](#) - Consumer Transactions; increased consumer protection for homeowners entering into contracts with contractors following natural disasters; provide - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 49-1
- [SB 207](#) - Professions and Businesses; a preclearance process in the licensing of individuals with criminal records who make application to or are investigated by certain licensing boards and commissions; create - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED 53-0
- [SB 244](#) - Criminal Proceedings; the award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs in a criminal case to the defendant upon such defendant making a successful motion to disqualify the prosecuting attorney for misconduct in connection with the case; provide - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 35-18
- [SB 255](#) - General Assembly; authorization of statutory investigatory powers to certain committees of the General Assembly; codify a process - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 31-22
- [SB 291](#) - Special License Plates; establish an "America First" specialty license plate - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 33-21

- [SB 298](#) - Judgements and Rulings; certain appellate procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state; provide - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 44-8
- [SB 331](#) - City of Winder and the County of Barrow; creating and establishing a joint airport authority; repeal - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 51-0
- [SR 8](#) - Deputy Brandon Cunningham Memorial Intersection; Paulding County; dedicate - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 49-0
- [SR 231](#) - Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial Interchange; Fulton County; dedicate - AGREE TO HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 52-0

New Legislation

The following new legislation of interest has been introduced:

H.B.897	Urgent Insulin Safety Net Program Act; enact	Rep. Michelle Au (D-050)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71970
H.B.898	Continuing Insulin Safety Net Act; enact	Rep. Michelle Au (D-050)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71971
H.B.902	Insurance; transparency and accountability in rates and rate regulation after enactment of tort reform law; provide	Rep. Todd Jones (R-025)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71975
H.B.903	Georgia Administrative Procedure Act shall apply to all executive branch agencies; provide	Rep. Alan Powell (R-033)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71976
H.B.904	Health; certificate of need requirements concerning life plan communities; revise an exemption	Rep. Deborah "Deb" Silcox (R-053)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71977
H.B.906	Health; require long-term care facilities to post a link on their websites to the official website of the office of the long-term care ombudsman	Rep. Michael Smith (D-041)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71989
H.B.907	Completion Special Schools Act; certain local school systems to either be a party to a collaborative operating agreement with a completion special school or provide certain education programs and services; require	Rep. Jan Jones (R-047)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71990
H.B.908	Education; prohibit a public school, private school, or home school program from requiring a child who has completed all requirements for a high school diploma to take or attend classes for any additional course	Rep. Michael Smith (D-041)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71991
H.B.910	Georgia Lottery Game of Sports Betting Act; enact	Rep. Matt Hatchett (R-155)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71993

H.B.912	Quality Basic Education Act; \$500,000.00 in matching grants for purpose of providing home reading programs for students in kindergarten through fourth grade; provisions	Rep. David Wilkerson (D-038)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71999
H.B.913	Administrative Service, Department of; prohibit a governmental entity from entering into contracts for the licensing of certain software applications	Rep. Tim Fleming (R-114)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72004
H.B.916	Judicial Council; funding for civil legal services to low-income individuals; create grant program	Rep. Karen Lupton (D-083)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72007
H.B.917	Education; open enrollment processes for students to transfer between local school systems and between schools within local school systems; provide	Rep. Todd Jones (R-025)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72008
H.B.918	Quality Basic Education Act; permit private school students, home study students, and nonresident public school students to enroll as part-time students in any public school in this state	Rep. Scott Hilton (R-048)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72021
H.B.921	Education Impact Transparency Act; enact	Rep. Sam Park (D-107)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72053
H.R.948	House Study Committee on Pharmacy Benefits Managers and Consumer Access to Prescription Medications; create	Rep. Ron Stephens (R-164)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72055
S.B.371	Mental Health and Penal Institutions; grant program to create peer support programs in hospitals; establish	Sen. Brian Strickland (R-042)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71979
S.R.545	Senate Paid Student Teaching Study Committee; create	Sen. Rashaun Kemp (D-038)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/71987
S.R.553	Senate Study Committee on Funding for Charter School Capital Improvements; create	Sen. Sonya Halpern (D-039)	https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72056

What's Next

The General Assembly adjourned Sine Die late Friday to conclude the 2025 Legislative Session. The legislature is expected to reconvene for the 2026 Legislative Session on Monday, January 12, 2026.

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