

## Gold Dome



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## Gold Dome Report - 2019 Legislative Session Recap

We are pleased to present the Nelson Mullins Gold Dome Report for the 2019 Session of the Georgia General Assembly. We appreciate the privilege of representing our clients and wish to accumulate in some detail the key pieces of legislation that were passed or considered and in which our clients and our lobbying team are actively involved.

2019 was a transition year with new statewide constitutional officers and numerous new legislators elected in 2018. In terms of the big picture, the passage of a \$3000 pay raise for all certified teachers and educators in public schools, certificate of need legislation, and the passage of an abortion bill stand out. The agricultural growth of hemp was authorized and a limited production of THC oil was also permitted. The efforts of our lobbying team, in particular Helen Sloat and George Ray, were crucial for several of our education clients in extending the teacher pay raise to all certified professionals in public schools, including counselors, social workers, and psychologists, and preventing expansion of private school vouchers. In the certificate of need wars, the hospital side succeeded in keeping CON largely intact.

Find details on these issues and many more organized by subject matter, such as health or education, with subtopics where helpful and appropriate, in this final [#GoldDomeReport](#) for the 2019 Georgia Legislative Session.

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