

## **Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)**

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We continue to monitor many bills that could affect FOP. We are working to ensure legislation negatively impacting the FOP does not pass, and positive legislation the FOP is pushing does pass.

Senator Robinson's bill ([SB 115](#)) regarding training drivers on interacting with law enforcement officers passed out of Senate Public Safety committee this week.

Also, as far as Pay Parity is concerned, the FOP position is for the continuation of Pay Parity for all State Law Enforcement Agencies (GSP, GBI and DNR). Our government affairs team has spoken with several decision makers and no one is aware of further discussions at this time for additional money for ranks, education, etc at the Georgia State Patrol.

As a reminder, Senator Albers bill, SB 249, related to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund and helping our members a great deal passed both Chambers and was signed by the Governor in 2020! This is a huge deal, as this would have been an almost impossible year to pass the same thing.

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This week the legislature completed days 17-19 and will return on Monday for a full week of hearings. Governor Kemp signed the mid-year budget this past Monday, which runs through June 30th and increases state spending by \$654 million. The Senate bill extending daylight savings ([SB 100](#)) passed out of committee this week and the legislation extending the COVID-19 liability law ([HB 112](#)) is awaiting a hearing in Senate Judiciary.

**As always, Thrash-Haliburton is diligently watching and working to stop any detrimental legislation to our industry and push the legislation we support. Our governmental affairs team continues every day to work on, look out for and answer requests, needs and interests, as we act at the direction of the group's leadership.**

### **2021-2022 Regular Session**

*This is the first year of the two-year (2021-2022) biennial session. As a reminder, any bills introduced this year will be considered "alive" for the 2022 legislative session. We are monitoring the following legislation, and watchful for any bills that may impact our industry.*

<b>Bil l</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>House Comm</b>	<b>Sen Comm</b>	<b>House Sponso r</b>	<b>Sen Sponsor</b>	<b>Link</b>
HB 112	Torts; provide certain immunities from liability claims regarding COVID-19; extend applicability for one year	Special Committee on Access to the Civil Justice System	Judiciary	Trey Kelley		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58959">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58959</a>
HB 69	State government; certain immunities from actions	Judiciary		Dar'shun Kendrick		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58885">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58885</a>

	of certain state officers or employees; remove					
HB 21	Crimes and offenses; unlawful conduct during 9-1-1 call to include bias motivations in calling or otherwise contacting 9-1-1; revise	Judiciary Non-Civil		Sandra Scott		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58806">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58806</a>
HB 175	Crimes and offenses; aggravated strangulation by a peace officer; provide for the crime	Judiciary Non-Civil		William Boddie		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59097">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59097</a>
HB 17	End Racial Profiling Act; enact	Judiciary Non-Civil		Sandra Scott		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58802">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58802</a>
HB 18	Police Accountability Act; enact	Judiciary Non-Civil		Sandra Scott		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58803">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58803</a>
HB 232	Criminal procedure; indictment or special presentment of a peace officer for a crime committed in the performance of his or her duties and the right to testify before a grand jury; repeal procedure	Judiciary Non-Civil		Derrick Jackson		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59196">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59196</a>
HB 15	Preventing Tragedies Between Police and Communities Act; enact	Public Safety and Homeland Security		Sandra Scott		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58800">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58800</a>
HB 313	Georgia State Law Enforcement Citizen Review Council; create	Public Safety and Homeland Security		Sam Park		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59355">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59355</a>
HB 368	Georgia Bureau of Investigation; primary law enforcement agency for investigating certain deaths; provisions	Public Safety and Homeland Security		Mandi Ballinger		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59468">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59468</a>
HB 438	Law enforcement; prohibit any officer with an emergency suspension order against them from exercising the powers of a law enforcement officer	Public Safety and Homeland Security		Dar'shun Kendrick		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59633">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59633</a>
HB 18	Police Accountability Act; enact	Judiciary Non-Civil		Sandra Scott		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58803">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58803</a>
HB 2	Georgia Constitutional Carry Act of 2021; enact			Philip Singleton		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58787">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/58787</a>
SB 76	Emergency Communications Authority; Next Generation 911 systems and services; provide		Regulated Industries and Utilities		John Albers	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59236">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59236</a>
SB 84	Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; certain communications officers shall be eligible for membership in such fund; provide		Retirement		John Albers	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59268">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59268</a>
SB 115	Drivers' Licenses; instructional course; educating drivers and the public on best practices to implement when interacting with law enforcement officers;		Public Safety		Randy Robertson	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59456">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59456</a>

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SB 121	Perjury; false statements made in police reports by law enforcement officers; expand the offense of perjury		Judiciary		Gloria Butler	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59483">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59483</a>
SB 124	Arrest by Law Enforcement Officers; the duty to intervene; provide		Public Safety		Gloria Butler	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59482">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59482</a>
SB 125	Arrest by Law Enforcement Officers; kinetic impact projectiles in the use of force; prohibit officers from using		Public Safety		Gloria Butler	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59487">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59487</a>
SB 126	State Tort Claims; certain immunities from the actions of certain law enforcement officers; remove		Judiciary		Gloria Butler	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59489">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59489</a>
SB 127	Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council; basic and in-service training courses on post-traumatic stress disorder; establish		Public Safety		Gloria Butler	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59488">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59488</a>
SB 128	Georgia Law Enforcement Citizen Review Council; create		Public Safety		Nikki Merritt	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59486">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59486</a>
SB 129	Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; certain peace officers be equipped with audio and video recording devices for recording all activities while on duty; require		Public Safety		Harold Jones II	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59481">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59481</a>
SB 130	Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; possession of certain property from the United States Department of Defense by certain local law enforcement agencies; prohibit		Public Safety		Sally Harrell	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59480">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59480</a>
SB 131	Prosecuting Attorneys; appointment of a prosecuting attorney when the accused is a law enforcement officer charged with a felony or an act of family violence; provide		Judiciary		Harold Jones II	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59490">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59490</a>
SB 132	Arrest by Law Enforcement Officers; use of force maneuvers that restrict blood or oxygen flow to the brain; prohibit officers		Public Safety		Gloria Butler	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59498">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59498</a>
SB 134	Motor Vehicles and Traffic; policies that prohibit law enforcement officers from using race or ethnicity in determining whether to stop a motor vehicle; require		Public Safety		Sheikh Rahman	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59500">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59500</a>
SB 135	Grand Jury, Crimes and Offenses, Procedure for Indictment; provision regarding no duty to retreat prior to the use of		Judiciary		Gloria Butler	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59501">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59501</a>

	force; repeal					
SB 136	Arrest by Private Persons; repeal the article in its entirety		Judiciary		Gloria Butler	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59492">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59492</a>
SB 138	Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; standard by which state, county, and local law enforcement agencies engage in vehicular pursuits; provide		Public Safety		Gail Davenport	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59496">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59496</a>
SB 183	Office of Sheriff; qualification requirements; revise				Randy Robertson	<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59695">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59695</a>
HB 479	Criminal procedure; revise certain arrest powers; provisions	Judiciary		Bert Reeves		<a href="https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59726">https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/59726</a>