

UNION COUNTY GOP

Legislative report for week ending 04/07/2025

About the report

HB (House Bill) **SB** (Senate bill)

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🔗 HB 197 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-46-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for certification, utilization of nationally recognized accreditation standards, and website identifying nationally recognized accreditation entities, so as to detail

the effort that shall be made by treating health care provider to respond to a private review agent or utility review entity's attempt to reach such provider to discuss the patient's care; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability;

04/04/2025 House Agreed Senate Amend or Sub

04/02/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

MONEY DRAIN ON PROVIDERS and Burdensome Time requirement creep

🗣️ HB 416 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 88 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enterprise zones, so as to revise the class of retailer from which fees may be collected; to revise the period of existence of enterprise zones

03/31/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted

Punishing Free Enterprise

🗣️ HB 129 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities

04/02/2025 House Agreed Senate Amend or Sub

04/02/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute


Government preferential treatment for who?

🗣️ HB 141 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-13-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to levy on business or practitioner with location or office in more than one jurisdiction, allocating gross receipts, and limits on levies using criteria for taxation, so as to allow businesses and practitioners to provide affidavits of certified public accountants in lieu of tax returns

04/02/2025 Senate Tabled

04/02/2025 Senate Engrossed


Invites Fraud

 SB 131 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to provide for the establishment of the Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System; to provide for definitions; to provide for collaboration with state licensing boards; to provide for a publicly accessible website; to provide for collection of data from state licensing boards; to provide for specified data; to provide for seeking of funding sources

04/02/2025 House Passed/Adopted By Substitute


04/02/2025 House Third Readers

Unnecessary government tracking , government intrusion

 HB 484 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to provide for the digitization and electronic publication of the Georgia Laws


03/27/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted

03/06/2025 House Passed/Adopted

 SB 13 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 23 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority, so as to authorize the authority to finance and perform certain duties in connection with projects relating to natural gas facilities

03/27/2025 Senate Agreed House Amend or Sub

03/21/2025 House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

 SB 256 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric membership corporations and foreign electric cooperatives, so as to require an electric membership corporation to disclose certain acquisitions and other information to its members within a certain time frame

03/31/2025 House Passed/Adopted

03/06/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

🔑 HB 423 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 38 and Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency communications authority and emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, respectively, so as to provide for Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services; to revise and provide for definitions; to revise the duties and responsibilities of the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority as relevant to Next Generation 9-1-1 systems and services; to add members to the board of directors of such authority; to require all new 9-1-1 systems conform to wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service or NG9-1-1 service standards; to revise the role of the executive director of the authority

03/20/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted

02/28/2025 House Passed/Adopted

🔑 HB 433 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to provide that the Department of Human Services shall be authorized to access restricted and sealed information to conduct employee oversight in certain circumstances

03/28/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted

03/06/2025 House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

🔑 HB 148 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to accountants, so as to revise provisions relating to the education and experience requirements of certified public accountants; to revise provisions relating to licensure of firms practicing public accountancy; to revise provisions relating to reciprocity; to conform terminology; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 81 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government budget and audits, so as to conform a cross-reference

04/02/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted

02/19/2025 House Passed/Adopted

🔑 SB 241 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, so as to provide for the organic human reduction as a means of disposing of deceased human bodies; to amend Titles 10, 31, and 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade, health, and local government, respectively, so as to require a disposition permit for the organic human reduction of a dead human body or fetus;

03/31/2025 House Passed/Adopted

03/04/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted

🔑 SB 213 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to ban commercial cheating services that target students and examinees seeking a professional license as an unlawful, unfair, and deceptive trade practice

03/31/2025 House Passed/Adopted

03/06/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted As Amended

🔑 SB 81 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 22 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to motor vehicle franchise practices, so as provide for protection of consumer data in motor vehicle sales or lease transactions by affiliates of franchisors, manufacturers, and distributors; to amend Code Section 40-2-39 of the O.C.G.A., relating to registration and licensing of new motor vehicle dealers, temporary site permits, administrative fines, and penalty, so as to provide for activities which qualify as activity as a new motor vehicle dealer;

03/13/2025 House Passed/Adopted

02/18/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

? HB 111 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to reduce the rate of the tax;

03/20/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted

03/06/2025 House Passed/Adopted

🔑 SB 35 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 33-24-46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cancellation or nonrenewal of certain property insurance policies, so as to increase the number of days of notice required to be given a policyholder before the nonrenewal of his or her homeowners' insurance policy;

03/18/2025 House Passed/Adopted

02/10/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

🔑 SB 276 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-148 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recovery of medical assistance from third party liable for sickness, injury, disease, or disability, so as to revise certain provisions to comply with federal law; to bar liable third-party payers from refusing payment solely because a healthcare item or service did not receive prior authorization; to require a third-party payer to respond to an inquiry from the Department of Community Health regarding a healthcare claim within 60 days;

03/18/2025 House Passed/Adopted

03/06/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted

🐼 🐼 🙋 TAX CREDITS AND EXEMPTIONS
WHY ?

HB 134 , HB 153, HB 165, HB 169 , HB 229 , HB 248, HB 370 , HB 425 ,
HB429 , HB 463

**TAX Credits and exemptions means we all
have to pay more in taxes !**

Why do we need all these Loop Holes ?

SENATE:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM



SB 28 Red Tape Rollback Act of 2025

amend Titles 28, 31, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to General Assembly, health, and state government, respectively, providing for procedures and processes re: enactment of legislation and adoption of rules and regulations;.

03/20/2025 House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute

**House Committee: Budget & Fiscal Affairs Oversight Senate
Committee: Economic Develop & Tourism**

JUDICIARY



SB 9

Accountability for Illegal AI Activities Act"; to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of OCGA re: general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses, procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide for sentencing of defendants who utilize artificial intelligence in the commission of certain crimes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

03/27/2025 House Passed & Adopted

**House Committee: Technology and Infrastructure Innovation Senate
Committee: Judiciary**



SB 10

Superior Courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit; additional judge; so as to provide for an additional judge of the superior courts of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit;

04/04/2025 House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

House Committee:Judiciary Senate Committee: Rules



SB 12


Inspection of Public Records; documents and records in the possession of private persons or entities; revise provisions

04/04/2025 Senate Agreed House Amend or Sub

04/04/2025 House Passed/Adopted By Substitute

**House Committee: Governmental Affairs Senate Committee:
Judiciary**

PUBLIC SAFETY


 **SB 21** Local Governments; violation of prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies; waive sovereign & governmental immunities

03/27/2025 House Favorably reported

**House Committee: Public Safety and Homeland Security Senate
Committee: Public Safety**

HOUSE

JUDICIARY

 **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

04/04/2025 House Agreed Senate Amend or Sub

04/02/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

House Committee: Judiciary Senate Committee: Judiciary

 **HB 55** Alapaha Judicial Circuit; superior court; provide for an additional judge

03/25/2025 House Agreed Senate Amend or Substitute

House Committee: Judiciary Senate Committee: Judiciary

? HB 85 Superior Court Judicial Compensation Reform Act; modify provisions for superior court judges' compensation; to amend Code Section 45-7-4 of OCGA re: annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living adjustments

3/28/2025 Senate Passed & Adopted

House Committee: Judiciary Senate Committee: Judiciary

? **HB 86** Public officers and employees; calculating and setting the salaries of certain state officials;

03/28/2025 Senate Receded from Amend or Sub

03/28/2025 House Immediately Transmitted to Senate

03/28/2025 House Disagreed Senate Amend or Sub

03/27/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted As Amended

House Committee:Judiciary Senate Committee: Judiciary

HB 131 Self-service storage facilities; revise advertisement requirements before an owner can enforce an owner's lien; revise the advertisement requirements and for other purposes.

04/04/2025 House Agreed Senate Amend or Sub

04/02/2025 Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute

04/02/2025 Senate Third Read

04/02/2025 Senate Taken from Table

04/02/2025 Senate Tabled

House Committee:Judiciary Senate Committee: Judiciary

HB 132 Council of Municipal Court Judges; office of senior municipal court judge; provide

02/26/2025 House Committee Favorably Reported

House Committee:Judiciary Senate Committee: N/A

JUDICIARY - NON CIVIL

? **HB 35** amend Code Section 15-18-5 of O.C.G.A., relating to appointment of substitute for absent or disqualified district attorney, so as to revise the compensation of private attorneys appointed to act as district attorney pro tempore.

03/06/2025 House Committee Favorably Reported

House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil Senate Committee: N/A

HB 57 Crimes and offenses; **incest**; include step-grandparent and step-grandchild relationship

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to **incest**, so as to include step-

grandparent and step-grandchild relationship; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

03/06/2025 House Committee Favorably Reported

House Committee:Judiciary Non-Civil **Senate Committee:** N/A

HB 123 Criminal procedure; pretrial proceedings in capital offense cases where death penalty is sought

when the accused has an intellectual disability; to provide for pretrial and for other purposes.

03/31/2025 **House Agreed Senate Amend or Sub**

03/31/2025 **Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute**

House Committee:Judiciary Non-Civil **Senate Committee:**
Judiciary

Senate Banking & Finance

? SB178 – A bill to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 17 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Senate Read & Referred. **To allow the state treasurer to invest in Bitcoin. (4 sponosrs, 3R, 1D)**

Senate Committee: Banking & Financial Institutions

02/13/2025 Senate Read and Referred


RISKY SPECULATION WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS

?SB228 – A bill to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 17 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state depositories, so as to provide for the State Depository Board to allow the state treasurer to invest in bitcoin.


Senate Committee: Banking & Financial Institutions

02/13/2025 Senate Read and Referred


RISKY SPECULATION WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS

 **HB 53.** Crossed over to Senate Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Comm. Allows National Guard, other Reservists, their spouses and children to be buried in Georgia veterans cemeteries.


Passed and adopted by Senate substitute.

 **HB 108.** Crossed over to Senate Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Comm. Expands rights and protections for veterans applying for benefits. Limits their being taken advantage of by excessive fees and difficult processing.

2nd reading by Senate.


 **SB 109** Crossed over to House Insurance. A policy of group life insurance prohibiting excluding certain deaths on life insurance while on active duty.

House passed and adopted.

 **SB 236** Crossed over to House Education Comm.

Allows students of active duty parents to enroll in public schools where they intend to live.



Favorably reported by substitute


 **SB 245.** Crossed over to House Judiciary Comm.



To include Grandparents within the category of persons who may seek to revoke or amend an existing grandparent visitation order regard to children and certain custody rights.


House passed/adopted by substitute

Senate agreed House amend or sub. 04/02/2025

  **SB-31** Income Taxes; exempt from taxation all income received as retirement benefits derived from service in the armed forces of the United States or the reserve components thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. [House Second Readers](#) Why was this never passed?

 **HB-172** A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 6A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state veterinary education, to provide for limits on the student loan forgiveness program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. [Senate Read Second Time](#) Should provide no relief for student loans, even limited!

  **HB 88** State veterinary education; biomedical technicians to be eligible for the state student loan forgiveness program Bad bill!!! democrat sponsored [House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute](#) There are no visible public or private PolitiCorps discussions concerning the 2025 Georgia HB88 at this time.

 **HB-64** relating to crimes and offenses and insurance, respectively, so as to require an owner of an assault weapon to procure and maintain

sufficient liability insurance to protect against legal liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance, operation, or use of such weapon; **House Second Readers** All democrats!! Too much regulation!!

👍 SB18 – Increases per diem for Legislators – from \$7 thousand to \$33 thousand for Senators and from \$7 thousand up to \$11 thousand for House members. **Read and Referred** – Sponsored by 9 Republicans and 4 Democrats. Last activity was in January, maybe should be dropped!

👤🗳️ SB-199 State Ethics Commission; shall not accept or reject complaints made against candidates 60 days prior to an election; to revise provisions related to reporting income on personal financial disclosure statements for office holders; to provide that the commission shall not publicly release home address information in its possession; to revise lobbyist reporting requirements to make the reporting dates for such requirements more uniform; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes **Senate Engrossed House Committee Favorably Reported** Passed by substitute.

New Concerns

HB 397 Elections; allow municipalities to opt in to providing advance voting on Saturdays for municipal elections **Adopted by substitute... a municipality may opt out of conducting voting on one or more Saturdays during the period of advance voting in any municipal election for such municipality. Substitute is exact opposite**

HB 794 A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, approved February 8, 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2064), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 4178), so as to revise and update provisions relating to the code of ethics and the board of ethics; to provide for administrative and support services; to provide for budgetary independence of such board; to provide for returns to grand jury; to provide for examination and

approval and failure of such returns; to provide for employment of ethics officer and ethics administrator; to provide for hearings; to provide for petitions; to provide for referral of potential criminal activity to law enforcement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. **Senate Passed/Adopted** All Democrat SB 175 prohibit the use of ranked-choice voting **Substitute says nothing about ranked-choice voting.**

SB52 Relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to authorize certain local governing authorities to provide temporary tax relief from the taxes levied for the harvest or sale of standing timber in certain disaster areas; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters. . **To house** Ways & Means 2/18/2025 Senate Engrossed

SB59 Relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities. **To** house Ways & Means 2/19/2025 Senate Engrossed

SB141 Relating to revenue and taxation, so as to extend the appeal and protest period from 30 days to 45 days for tax assessments; to clarify final determination language for federal income tax adjustments; to provide for related matters. . **To house** Ways & Means **House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute** 2/27/2025 Engrossed in Senate

SB96 So as to modernize and update provisions creating certain boards, panels, authorities, centers, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and other such bodies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters. **To house** Code Revision **House** **Passed/Adopted By Substitute** 3/27/2025 Senate Agreed to House Substitute

HB58 Relating to general provisions relative to aviation, so as to authorize the adoption of local ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or policies that restrict the flight of unmanned aircraft systems over mass public gatherings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters. **To Senate Transportation** **Senate Passed/Adopted**
By Substitute 03/27/2025 House agreed to Senate Substitute as
House amended