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HB/Sponsor	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT STATUS
HB 51 **Pirkle - R**	Allows school districts to transport students in vehicles other than school buses. Currently, this transportation option is only open to students experiencing homelessness and special education students. The State Board of Education would set the minimum standards for vehicles and drivers. Amended to allow schools that are part of the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) to be an affiliate of the National Federation of High Schools in order to compete across state lines.	**To Governor for Signature 03.26.2024**
HB 318 **Hilton - R**	Re-establishes the Office of Charter School Compliance, also includes language which allows low-wealth schools in the bottom 25 percent of tax collections in the last three years to access capital outlay grants to build school facilities if they meet certain criteria (HB81). After a school system's needs have been met, they will roll off the list and cannot qualify for the capital outlay grants again for 10 years.	**To Governor for Signature 02.06.2024**
HB 409 **Daniel - R**	"Addy's Law:" addresses the behavior of passing school buses. Encourages school districts from having stops on roads 40 mph and over, second offense sends contact info to the insurer, and increases the fine from $250 to $1,000. Allows for state charter schools to contract with "education service providers" for services including but not limited to curriculum design, professional development, student assessments, financial and operational management, facilities management, human resources management, or employee benefits.	**To Governor for Signature 03.28.2024**
HB 451 **Seabaugh - R**	Requires that public officers and employees who are first responders with illness-specific insurance for occupational post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) be covered. This applies to school districts.	**To Governor for Signature 03.28.2024**
HB 581 **Blackmon - R**	Creates a statewide floating homestead exemption for school, county, and city taxes which limits increases in assessed value to no more than the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from year to year. This will be in addition to any other exemptions already in place. • If your district already has a similar exemption, the homeowner gets whichever one is greater. • It requires a constitutional amendment that would be on the November ballot and then would go into effect January 1, 2025. An opt-out provision requires that the district follow a similar process to the "Taxpayer Bill of Rights" with three	**To Governor for Signature 03.28.2024**

	public hearings, legal advertisements, adopting a resolution to opt out, and getting it to the Secretary of State by March 1, 2025. • Removes prohibition of simultaneously levying a LOST and a HOST All this will take effect if the Constitutional Amendment, HR 1022, passes by voter referendum.	
HB 808 **Cheokas - R**	Increases the statewide exemption for tangible personal property, including equipment and inventory, from $7,500 to $20,000 if a statewide referendum passes in November.	**To Governor for Signature 03.26.2024**
HB 874 **Hawkins - R**	Requires all K-12 public schools to have at least one automated external defibrillator (AED), establish a written emergency action plan and internal response team, conduct at least two emergency action plan drills, and ensure internal response team members are trained in CPR and AED use.	**To Governor for Signature 03.21.2024**
HB 915 **Burns - R**	Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	**Act 366** ***Effective Date 02.29.2024***
HB 916 **Burns - R**	General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 • SHBP increases to $1580 PMPM on Jan. 1, 2025 with a note to increase as needed in future fiscal years to match certified rate (which will go to $1760 in July)	**To Governor for Signature 03.21.2024**
HB 935 **Vance - R**	Provides for times when a school zone speed limit may be enforced through the use of an automated traffic enforcement safety device	**To Governor for Signature 03.20.2024**
HB 970 **Dickey - R**	Allows for REACH scholarship eligibility for victims of human trafficking. The bill also requires that school systems be responsible for $1,000 of the $10,000 provided for each REACH scholarship.	**To Governor for Signature 03.28.2024**
HB 982 **Gambill - R**	Workforce Development Board; annually publish a High-demand Career List identifying those careers most critical to the state's current and future workforce needs	**To Governor for Signature 03.14.2024**
HB 995 **Bonner - R**	Requires high schools to administer ASVAB in grades 11 and 12	**To Governor for Signature 03.14.2024**
HB 1010 **Jones - R**	Increases to 240 hours of paid parental leave, including teachers, and requires notification of the benefit	**To Governor for Signature 03.26.2024**

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HB 1015 McDonald - R	Accelerates plans first passed in 2022 to gradually reduce the state income tax rate from 5.75% to 4.99% (currently 5.49% would drop to 5.39%)	**To Governor for Signature 03.20.2024**
HB 1019 Reeves - R	The state minimum homestead exemption would increase from $2,000 to $4,000 or $10,000 *(both numbers are stated in the bill that passed)*	**To Governor for Signature 04.03.2024**
HB 1023 Williamson - R	Ties the corporate income tax rate to the individual rate, reducing it from 5.75% to 5.39%	**To Governor for Signature 03.20.2024**
HB 1053 Carter - R	Prohibits any government agency, including political subdivisions like schools, from accepting payment using "central bank digital currency" or participating in any test of "central bank digital currency."	**To Governor for Signature 03.21.2024**
HB 1105 Petrea - R	Requires school districts to report enrollment of illegal immigrants *(Conflicts with Pyler vs. Doe, U.S. Supreme Court, 1982)*	**To Governor for Signature 04.03.2024**
HB 1122 Hilton - R	Updates conflict-of-interest governance board policies regarding state charter schools. The bill authorizes charter schools to earn more funding for more school leaders. State charter schools would also receive funding for a school superintendent under the bill. The bill includes language mandating a single statewide school accountability score, which was amended in the Senate to include the five components used by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) to determine a single score. The score must be published on the GOSA website, GaDOE website, school system website, and the school website if one exists.	**To Governor for Signature 03.28.2024**
HB 1183 Dempsey - R	Requires all local school systems that provide information on immunizations, infectious diseases, medications, or other school health issues to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12 to also provide information on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.	**To Governor for Signature 03.21.2024**
HB 1207 Fleming - R	Reopens qualifying if no one qualifies for an elected office, including school board, during the set qualifying period among other elections provisions.	**To Governor for Signature 04.03.2024**
HR/Sponsor	**DESCRIPTION**	
HR 1022 Camp - R	Constitutional Amendment: provides option to offer a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes when current year	**To Governor for Signature 04.03.2024**

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	assessed value exceeds the inflation rate and includes opt out provisions.	
SB/Sponsor	**DESCRIPTION**	**CURRENT STATUS**
SB 50 **Burns - R**	Allows schools to provide lifeguarding and aquatic safety instruction for students in grades nine through 12. The bill does not mandate that schools offer the program. The course would count as a half credit for students who complete the program.	**To Governor for Signature 03.18.2024**
SB 105 **Walker - R**	Increases PSERS multiplier to $17 and removes the cap so the PSERS board of trustees can adjust benefits as they see fit	**To Governor for Signature 03.28.2024**
SB 169 **Payne - R**	Requires school disciplinary hearings to be held no later than 15 days, rather than 10 days, after the beginning of the student's suspension. The disciplinary hearing can be held later than 15 days if the school receives a written request from the student's parent. Schools must provide appropriate grade-level instructional materials to any suspended student after the hearing.	**To Governor for Signature 03.18.2024**
SB 233 **Dolezal - R**	'The Georgia Promise Scholarship Act'; establishment of promise scholarship accounts; amendments contain modification of QBE program weights, testing requirements; pre-K capital outlay funding; triples the existing public school tax credit from $5 million to $15 million and designates that $10 million of funds be reserved for schools at the lowest 25% of performance; also includes "public school choice" as proposed in HB 1221, with a limit on tuition that can be charged by receiving school districts. The Scholarships cannot exceed 1% of QBE annually and will not be implemented until SY2025-26. Priority for students from families making less than 400% of the federal poverty level, and eligibility limited to students from schools in the bottom 25% in performance.	**To Governor for Signature 03.20.2024**
SB 351 **Anavitarte - R**	***Effective July 1, 2025:*** "Protecting Georgia's Children on Social Media Act of 2024:" requires policies and programs for school districts concerning social media and cyberbullying. Local school boards must implement a program "promoting responsible digital citizenship and the safe and appropriate use of technology, the internet, and social media" at the beginning of the SY2025-26 school year. Local boards must adopt a social media policy and submit it to GaDOE for compliance review by April 1, 2026. Boards must also adopt a policy to prohibit cyberbullying by July 1, 2026, and establish a process to regularly evaluate and update technology solutions to prevent cyberbullying. Section 3-2 added HB 910 language, which adds regulations,	**To Governor for Signature 03.28.2024**

	including fines, around identity and age verification and other issues for pornographic websites. Requires schools to add grade appropriate filtering systems for school/state owned devices and networks to prevent students from viewing inappropriate material. (HB 338)	
SB 366 **Hufstetler - R**	"Tax Expenditures Transparency Act of 2024:" refines the budget process and includes a summary of the tax expenditure report, which shows revenue loss due to tax exemptions, exclusions, or credits. This includes the revenue loss from the $120 million approved for income tax credits for those who contribute to student scholarship organizations to provide vouchers to private school students.	**To Governor for Signature 04.02.2024**
SB 388 **Kirkpatrick - R**	Provides for full value exemption for senior and disabled residents of school tax – Cherokee County	**ACT 359** ***Effective Date: 01.01.2025***
SB 395 **Dixon - R**	"Wesley's Law:" requires schools to make a "reasonable effort" to maintain a supply of naloxone/Narcan, an opioid antagonist. The legislation allows teachers to carry and keep the drug in classrooms. The bill protects anyone who uses or chooses not to use naloxone in a school from liability and shields school districts and staff from civil liability. A parent or other emergency contact must be notified after an opioid antagonist has been used on a student. Allows for placement of naloxone/Narcan vending machines on college campuses and requiring public government buildings equipped with automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to carry naloxone/Narcan where the AEDs are located.	**To Governor for Signature 03.28.2024**
SB 399 **Echols - R**	Requires the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia and Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to produce a report of approved courses that are transferable between the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and the University System of Georgia (USG),	**To Governor for Signature 03.26.2024**
SB 440 **Brass - R**	Creates Accelerated Career Diploma programs and outlines requirements for students to receive a related high school diploma, including requiring them to complete an associate degree in a program included on the High-Demand Career List published by the State Workforce Development Board. The bill also establishes the ACE Grants program to award accelerated career education grants to students participating in the Accelerated Career Diploma Program. Finally, SB 440 requires all students to complete at least a half-credit course in the foundations of algebra. Extends program sunset to 2027.	**To Governor for Signature 03.21.2024**

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SB 464 **Dixon - R**	Creates the School Supplies for Teachers Program which would provide financial support to educators, including paraprofessionals and administrators, purchasing school supplies online. This assistance would be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, which is not provided in the FY 2025 budget. By May 15, 2025, the State Board of Education and the Literacy Council shall approve a memorandum of agreement for a list of no more than 5 universal reading screeners, and one of those 5 will be free to the school district. The Literacy Council, the Deal Center, and the Office of Planning and Budget shall identify the free screener from the list of 5. GaDOE shall publish the free screener and the list of 5 approved screeners. School districts must select one of the 5 screeners from the list by July 2025. Also, creates a five-member executive committee of the Georgia Council on Literacy. Membership of this committee would be made up of members of the Literacy Council. Each member would be designated by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House. The other two members would be a State Board representative and the Council Chair.	**To Governor for Signature 03.26.2024**
SB 469 **Esteves - D**	Expands higher education savings plan 529	**To Governor for Signature 03.21.2024**
SB 496 **Burns - R**	Allows rehabilitated historic properties to maintain their classification and assessment for up to an additional twelve years for income-producing real property if the county approves it. The bill allows properties to start the process before receiving the full designation and extends the sunset by five years. A sunset was also added for the Downtown Historic Tax Credit.	**To Governor for Signature 03.21.2024**
SB 497 **Hickman - R**	Expands and re-designates the High-Demand Initiatives Program as the High-Demand Apprenticeship Program. The public service apprenticeship program prioritizes students aged 15-21 and is administered by the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). It reduces the apprenticeship award to apprentice employers from $10,000 to $5,000. *Was amended to confirm that only people who are legally allowed to work in the state can participate in the program.*	**To Governor for Signature 03.26.2024**
SR/Sponsor	**DESCRIPTION**	**CURRENT STATUS**
SR 476 **Albers - R**	Creates the Senate Study Committee on Artificial Intelligence (AI). *Senate Rules Committee*	**Senate Passed 03.26.2024**

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