

Legislative Update February 22, 2021

Status Code Legend

- Beneficial for Mental Health/Recovery/Support
- Detrimental to Mental Health Recovery/Practices/Against
- Watching Details for Impact
- Unlikely to move

House Bills

Bill	Description
<u>HB9: Education, Department of; develop guidelines for use of telehealth services in public schools</u> Representative Sandra Scott 76th District • Democrat • Rex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the health of students generally, so as to require the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and others, to develop guidelines for the use of telehealth services in public schools to provide mental health and behavioral health services to students at school or during any school related function; to define the term "telehealth"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status: Assigned to Education Committee; House Second Readers 01/27/2021</p>
<u>HB11: Safe Patients Limits Act</u> Representative Sandra Scott 76th District • Democrat • Rex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation and construction of hospitals and other health care facilities, so as to limit the number of patients that may be assigned to a registered professional nurse in specified situations in hospitals; to provide for definitions; to provide that nothing shall preclude a hospital from assigning fewer patients to a registered professional nurse than the established limits; to require the adoption of written policies and procedures for the training and orientation of nursing staff by hospitals; to provide for sanctions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status: Assigned to Health & Human Services; House Second Readers 02/02/2021</p>
<u>HB13: Georgia Crime Information Center; fees associated with filing for record restrictions or the inspection and correction of criminal records</u> Representative Sandra Scott 76th District • Democrat • Rex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 the Georgia Crime Information Center, so as to reduce the fees associated with filing for record restrictions or the inspection and correction of criminal records; to provide a definition; to remove theft from the list of convictions for which restrictions shall not be appropriate; to remove the prohibition on record restrictions in the event multiple charges were tried and some but not all of the charges resulted in an acquittal; to allow the restriction of criminal history record information for convictions of certain misdemeanors and felonies after the completion of the sentence and a conviction-free period of time; to provide date of applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status: Assigned to Judiciary Non-Civil; House Second Readers 02/02/2021</p>

<p><u>HB15: Preventing Tragedies Between Police and Communities Act</u></p> <p>Representative Sandra Scott 76th District • Democrat • Rex</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to require training on de-escalation techniques for peace officers; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purpose. <p>Status: Assigned to Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee; House Second Readers 01/27/2021</p>
<p><u>HB18: Police Accountability Act</u></p> <p>Representative Sandra Scott 76th District • Democrat • Rex</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to require that certain procedures be followed by peace officers upon making contact with individuals for law enforcement purposes; to require all law enforcement agencies provide a body-worn camera to each peace officer of the law enforcement agency; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state tort claims; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to arrest by law enforcement officers generally, so as to revise use of force standards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status: Assigned to Judiciary Non-Civil; House Second Readers 02/04/2021</p>
<p><u>HB37: Public schools; operational wheelchair onsite at all times</u></p> <p>Representative Kim Schofield 60th District • Democrat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require every public school in this state to have an operational wheelchair onsite at all times; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions regarding income taxes, so as to provide a tax credit for donations of wheelchairs to public schools; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status: House Prefiled 12/02/2020</p>
<p><u>HB39: Individual Short-Term Health Insurance Consumer Protection Act</u></p> <p>Representative Kim Schofield 60th District • Democrat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance generally, so as to provide for certain consumer protections related to individual short-term health insurance plans; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for a 181 day coverage limit; to provide for the inclusion of most essential health benefits; to prohibit medical underwriting; to provide that preventive services shall be included at no additional cost to the insured; to provide that certain consumer disclosures are required; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status: House Prefiled 12/02/2020</p>
<p><u>HB41: Health Benefit Plan Network Access and Adequacy Act</u></p> <p>Representative Kim Schofield 60th District • Democrat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance, so as to increase consumer access to health care by improving network adequacy; to provide for the inclusion of a consumer "hold harmless" provision; to provide that under certain circumstances, health carriers shall charge for out-of-network services at in-network rates; to provide for a requirement that carriers file network adequacy plans with the department; to provide for a requirement that health carriers notify providers on an ongoing basis of the specific covered health care services for which the provider is responsible; to provide for a standard continuity of care authorization form proscribed by the Commissioner; to provide for an advisory committee for advising on standard continuity of care; to provide for effective dates; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status: House Prefiled 12/02/2020</p>

<p><u>HB42: Education, grant program to encourage certain physicians to practice in underserved areas</u></p> <p>Representative Kim Schofield 60th District • Democrat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to scholarships, loans, and grants, so as to create a grant program to encourage certain physicians to practice in underserved areas of the state; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status: House Prefiled 12/02/2020</p>
<p><u>HB43: Motor vehicles; require registration application forms to include optional information regarding certain conditions which may interfere with a registrant's</u></p> <p>Representative Wes Cantrell 22nd District • Republican Chairman - Small Business Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to form and contents of application for registration, heavy vehicle tax, and satisfactory proof of insurance, so as to require motor vehicle registration application forms to include optional information regarding certain conditions which may interfere with a registrant's ability to communicate; to provide for the sharing of such information with law enforcement upon a vehicle tag inquiry; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Public Safety Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/26//2021</p>
<p><u>HB49: Mental Health Parity Act</u></p> <p>Representative Shelly Hutchinson 107th District • Democrat • Snellville</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance generally, so as to require that insurer treatment of claims concerning mental and substance use disorders are treated in parity with other health insurance claims; to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public assistance, so as to require that care management organization treatment of claims concerning mental and substance use disorders are treated in parity with other Medicaid claims; to ensure that insurers and care management organizations comply with certain federal law; to provide for reporting; to provide for enforcement; to provide for definitions; to prohibit certain actions; to provide for applicability; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status: Assigned to Insurance Committee; House Second Readers 1/28/2021</p>
<p><u>HB54: Education; instruction on the best practices and risks associated with the use of tampons</u></p> <p>Representative Debra Bazemore 63rd District • Democrat • South Fulton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, so as to provide for instruction on the best practices for and risks associated with the use of tampons in a course of study in sex education and AIDS prevention instruction; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to encourage physicians and nurses providing a tampon for use by any female patient under his or her care to recite and provide certain written information to such female patient regarding the best practices for and risks associated with the use of tampons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Education Committee; House Second Readers 01/26/2021</p>
<p><u>HB57: Penal institutions; policies for breast milk storage and breast feeding; provide</u></p> <p>Representative Sandra Scott 76th District • Democrat • Rex</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inmate policies, so as to provide for policies for breast milk storage and the breast feeding of a delivered child; to provide for definitions; to require the provision of breast pumps by the Department of Public Health; to provide for requirements for prenatal and postpartum care; to require a notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

	<p>Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 01/27/2021</p>
<p><u>HB58: Georgia Women's Care Act; enact</u></p> <p>Representative Kim Schofield 60th District • Democrat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrest by law enforcement officers generally, so as to revise provisions relating to the arrests of pregnant women; to provide that women who have been arrested are offered pregnancy testing upon detention; to enact a provision regarding delayed sentencing for postpartum female inmates; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to inmate policies, so as to revise provisions relating to the treatment of pregnant and postpartum female inmates; to provide for the reporting of certain information; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status House Prefiled 12/23/2020</p>
<p><u>HB 60: Georgia Educational Scholarship Act;</u></p> <p>Representative Wes Cantrell 22nd District • Republican Chairman - Small Business Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide for the establishment of educational scholarship accounts; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for qualified education expenses; to provide for qualifications for students to participate in the account program; to establish certain requirements for participating schools and service providers; to provide for accounts and account funds; to establish a Parent Review Committee to review expenditures upon request; to authorize the Office of Student Achievement to promulgate rules and regulations; to provide for annual testing of participating students; to provide for an annual report on the account program; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Education Committee; House Committee Favorably Reported by Substitute 2/26/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 68: Professions and businesses; certain military certifications; extend time to qualify</u></p> <p>Representative Clark, Heath 147th District • Republican • Warner Robins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-14-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain military certifications that entitle persons to obtain certain professional licenses, so as to extend the time a member of the military has to qualify for the issuance of a license or certification as an electrical contractor, plumber, conditioned air contractor, low-voltage contractor, or utility contractor using his or her military specialty or certification; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Regulated Industries Committee; Senate Read and Referred 2/24/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 72: New Mothers Medicaid Expansion Act;</u></p> <p>Representative Carolyn Hugley 136th District • Democrat • Columbus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, so as to require the Department of Community Health to allow mothers giving birth to newborns to retain Medicaid eligibility for one year following such birth; to provide for amendments to the state plan if necessary; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 1/26/2021</p>

<p><u>HB 73: Insurance; out-of-pocket costs for consumers requiring insulin; reduce</u></p> <p>Representative Carolyn Hugley 136th District • Democrat • Columbus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to reduce out-of-pocket costs for consumers requiring insulin; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to reduce out-of-pocket costs for Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids recipients requiring insulin; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Insurance Committee; House Second Readers 1/26/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 86: Georgia Lottery Mobile Sports Wagering Integrity Act; enact</u></p> <p>Representative Ron Stephens 164th District • Republican • Savannah</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to lottery for education, so as to provide for the lottery game of sports wagering in this state; to provide for and revise certain definitions; to provide for oversight of such lottery game by the Georgia Lottery Corporation and its board of directors; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for additional powers and duties of the corporation and its board of directors; to provide for procedures, limitations, requirements, qualifications, and licensing; to regulate wagers and provide requirements for bettors; to provide for bettors to restrict themselves from placing certain wagers; to provide certain resources for individuals with a gambling problem or a gambling disorder; to provide for the collection and disposition of taxes; to provide for violations and penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Economic Development & Tourism, House Postponed, 02/26/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 96: Domestic relations; revise presumption in cases in which the custody of any child is at issue</u></p> <p>Representative Jasmine Clark 108th District • Democrat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding child custody proceedings, so as to revise the presumption in cases in which the custody of any child is at issue; to revise certain requirements and processes for the establishment and review of child custody and visitation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Juvenile Justice Committee; House Second Readers 1/27/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 98: State government; conditions for meetings and public hearings to be held by teleconference in emergency conditions; provide</u></p> <p>Representative Eddie Lumsden 12th District • Republican • Armuchee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide conditions for meetings and public hearings to be held by teleconference in emergency conditions; to provide conditions for certain agency members to participate in nonemergency meetings by teleconference; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes <p>Status Assigned to Governmental Affairs Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/23/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 114 Income tax; adoption of foster children; revise tax credit</u></p> <p>Representative Bert Reeves 34th District • Republican • Marietta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to revise the tax credit for adoption of foster children; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Ways & Means; House Withdrawn, Recommitted 02/23/2021</p>

<p><u>HB 115 Insurance; prohibit certain insurers from using information derived from genetic testing for any nontherapeutic purpose in the absence of a diagnosis of a condition related to such information</u></p> <p>Representative Mike Wilensky 79th District • Democrat • Dunwoody</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to prohibit certain insurers from using information derived from genetic testing for any nontherapeutic purpose in the absence of a diagnosis of a condition related to such information; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Insurance Committee; House Second Readers 1/28/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 128 Health; prohibit providers from discriminating against potential organ transplant recipients due solely to the physical or mental disability of the potential recipient</u></p> <p>Representative Rick Williams 145th District • Republican • Milledgeville</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to prohibit providers from discriminating against potential organ transplant recipients due solely to the physical or mental disability of the potential recipient; to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to insurance generally, so as to prohibit health insurers from discriminating against potential organ transplant recipients due solely to the physical or mental disability of the potential recipient; to provide for definitions; to provide for health benefit plans and collective bargaining; to provide for applicability; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to House Health and Human Services Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/17/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 163 Community Health, Department of; submit state plan amendment to implement express lane enrollment in Medicaid; direct</u></p> <p>Representative Sharon Cooper 43rd District • Republican • Marietta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to direct the Department of Community Health to submit a state plan amendment to implement express lane enrollment in Medicaid; to direct the Department of Human Services to automatically enroll and renew eligible children in Medicaid, based on application data received for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Health & Human Services; Senate Read Second Time 02/26/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 164 Prescription Drug Consumer Financial Protection Act; enact</u></p> <p>Representative Demetrius Douglas 78th District • Democrat • Stockbridge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to require all health insurers to pass along no less than 80 percent of all prescription drug rebates to enrollees that such insurer receives from third parties with regard to such enrollee's prescription drugs; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care; House Second Readers 02/01/2021</p>

<p><u>HB 193 Courts; sexual assault protocol; require certain certifications to be filed; provisions</u></p> <p>Representative Steven Sainz 180th District • Republican • Woodbine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to sexual assault protocol, so as to require certain certifications to be filed; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to investigating sexual assault; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding law enforcement officers and agencies; to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to physicians, physician assistants, and others, so as to provide for the refusal, suspension, or revocation of the license of a physician who has committed a sexual assault on a patient; to provide for limited liability; to amend Chapter 34A of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to patient right to know, so as to provide for annual reporting to the General Assembly of the number of physicians investigated or disciplined for the sexual assault of patients; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Judiciary Non-civil; House Second Readers 02/01/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 197 Labor and industrial relations; use of sick leave for the care of immediate family members; change certain provisions</u></p> <p>Representative Regina Lewis-Ward 109th District • Democrat • McDonough</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to change certain provisions related to the use of sick leave for the care of immediate family members; to increase the applicability of such sick leave requirements to more employers; to revise a definition; to extend the sunset provision relating to such sick leave requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Industry and Labor Committee; House Second Readers 02/02/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 201 Unlocking the Promise Whole Child Model Schools Act; enact</u></p> <p>Representative Stacey Evans 57th District • Democrat • Atlanta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for a certification program for whole child model schools; to provide for reports on implementation and progress; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Education Committee; House Second Readers 02/02/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 209 Public assistance; Medicaid Expansion Program; provide establishment</u></p> <p>Representative Donna McLeod 105th District • Democrat • Lawrenceville</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, so as to provide for a Medicaid expansion program to provide health care coverage to uninsured individuals; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of the Medicaid Expansion Program; to provide for requirements; to provide for submission of a federal waiver request; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/02/2021</p>

HB 214 Social services; individuals to buy-in to Medicaid coverage; allow

Representative Mary Robichaux 48th District • Democrat • Roswell

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, so as to allow individuals to buy-in to Medicaid coverage; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of the Medicaid Buy-In Program; to provide for the design and administration of the program; to provide for the establishment of premiums; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for submission of a federal waiver if necessary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/03/2021

HB 215 Social services; use of telehealth options in the Medicaid program; expand

Representative Mary Robichaux 48th District • Democrat • Roswell

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to expand the use of telehealth options in the Medicaid program; to extend the temporary use of telehealth options during the pandemic emergency to a permanent status; to provide for certification and training of providers of medical assistance via telehealth options; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/03/2021

HB 217 Community Health, Department of; annual quality and payment reporting for health care plans and programs administered; provide

Representative Mary Robichaux 48th District • Democrat • Roswell

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to provide for annual quality and payment reporting for health care plans and programs administered by the department; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to include comprehensive dental and vision coverage under Medicaid for adults; to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for primary care services; to provide for the submission of a state plan amendment or waiver, if necessary; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/03/2021

HB 219 General Assembly; pilot program to evaluate whether health notes to assess the potential health impact by proposed legislation should be required by the General Assembly; provide

Representative Donna McLeod 105th District • Democrat • Lawrenceville

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to the General Assembly, so as to provide for a pilot program to evaluate whether health notes to assess the potential health impact by proposed legislation should be required by the General Assembly; to provide for a definition; to provide for recommendations; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for other related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/03/2021

HB 239 Mental health; Department of Behavioral Health conduct or coordinate all audits of behavioral health providers; provide

Representative Shelly Hutchinson 107th District • Democrat • Snellville

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relating to the governing and regulation of mental health, so as to provide that the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities conduct or coordinate all audits of behavioral health providers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/03/2021

HB 257 The Maternity Supportive Housing Act; enact

Representative Ed Setzler 35th District • Republican • Acworth

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to children and youth services, so as to provide for registration of maternity supportive housing residences to provide housing for pregnant women; to define a term; to provide for requirements; to prohibit additional rules and regulations; to prohibit constraints imposed by local governments; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/04/2021

HB 261 Health; establish pilot program to conduct a simulated exchange for health care facilities to purchase and sell charity care credits to meet their charity care requirements; provide

Representative Todd Jones 25th District • Republican • South Forsyth

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the care and protection of indigent and elderly patients, so as to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to conduct a simulated exchange for health care facilities to purchase and sell charity care credits to meet their charity care requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for the design of the simulated exchange; to provide for a report; to provide for penalties for nonparticipation; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Human Relations & Aging Committee; House Second Readers 02/04/2021

HB 272: Juvenile Code; juvenile court to include children who are under 18 years of age; change jurisdiction

Representative Mandi Ballinger 23rd District • Republican • Canton

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to change the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to include children who are under 18 years of age; to amend Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penal institutions, so as to clarify provisions regarding juveniles; to amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for a uniform misdemeanor citation for certain juvenile offenses; to provide for implementation; to provide for implementation committee; to provide for the powers, composition, and appointment of such committee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Status Assigned to Juvenile Justice Committee; House Committee Favorably Reported by Substitute 02/22/2021

HB 274 Courts; certain juvenile court judges; provide salary supplement

Representative Mandi Ballinger 23rd District • Republican • Canton

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to juvenile court administration, so as to provide for a salary supplement for certain juvenile court judges; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Juvenile Justice Committee; House Committee Favorably Reported by Substitute 02/22/2021

HB 276 Education; unlawful for public or private schools whose students compete against a public school to operate athletic programs that permit a person whose gender is male to participate in an athletic program that is designated for females; provide

Representative Philip Singleton 71st District • Republican • Sharpsburg

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide that it shall be unlawful for a public school, an institution of the University System of Georgia, or a private school whose students or teams compete against a public school to operate, sponsor, or facilitate athletic programs or activities that permit a person whose gender is male to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designated for females; to provide for a definition; to provide for remedies for violations; to waive certain immunities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Status Assigned to Education Committee; House Second Readers 02/08/2021

HB 307 Georgia Telehealth Act; revise

Representative Sharon Cooper 43rd District • Democrat • Marietta

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the care and protection of indigent and elderly patients, so as to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to conduct a simulated exchange for health care facilities to purchase and sell charity care credits to meet their charity care requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for the design of the simulated exchange; to provide for a report; to provide for penalties for nonparticipation; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/23/2021

HB 320 Insurance; health care insurers to offer group health benefit plans to state and local governments to insure inmates and certain other persons in police custody; require

Representative Yasmin Neal 74th District • Democrat • Jonesboro

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to require health care insurers to offer group health benefit plans to state and local governments to insure inmates and certain other persons in police custody; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Insurance Committee; House Second Readers 02/09/2021

<p><u>HB 321 Insurance; health care insurers to offer group health benefit plans to hospitals to provide health insurance coverage for uninsured hospital patients; require</u></p> <p>Representative Yasmin Neal 74th District • Democrat • Jonesboro</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to require health care insurers to offer group health benefit plans to hospitals to provide health insurance coverage for uninsured hospital patients; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes <p>Status Assigned to Insurance Committee; House Second Readers 02/09/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 323 Juvenile Code; termination of parental rights in certain cases; expedite and prioritize processes</u></p> <p>Representative Marcus Wiedower 119th District • Republican • Watkinsonville</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Juvenile Code, so as to expedite and prioritize processes for the termination of parental rights in certain cases involving parental incapacity and child maltreatment; to revise and to provide for definitions; to revise circumstances for when reasonable efforts by DFCS are not required; to revise requirements for nonreunification hearings; to provide for findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Juvenile Justice Committee; House Second Readers 02/09/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 324 Courts; interested parties may intervene and participate in dependency proceedings under certain circumstances; provide</u></p> <p>Representative Marcus Wiedower 119th District • Republican • Watkinsonville</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding dependency proceedings, so as to provide that interested parties may intervene and participate in dependency proceedings under certain circumstances by filing a motion for order to show cause; to provide for a definition; to provide for requirements; to provide for a form by the Council of Juvenile Court Judges; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Juvenile Justice Committee; House Second Readers 02/09/2021</p>
<p><u>HB 349 Juvenile Code; revise certain definitions; codify best practices; remove inconsistencies</u></p> <p>Representative Donna McLeod 105th District • Democrat • Lawrenceville</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the juvenile code, so as to revise certain definitions; to codify best practices; to remove inconsistencies; to provide for the timing of certain hearings and filings; to provide for the provision of certain reports; to provide for the appointment of guardians ad litem and their powers, duties, and responsibilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Juvenile Justice Committee; House Second Readers 02/10/2021</p>

HB 381 Expanding Medicaid to Improve Health Outcomes for New Mothers Act; enact

Representative Renitta Shannon 84th District • Democrat • Decatur

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to social services, so as to require the Department of Community Health to allow mothers giving birth to newborns to retain Medicaid eligibility for one year following such birth; to provide for amendments to the state plan if necessary; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Status Assigned to Health & Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/11/2021

HB 401 Vulnerable Child Protection Act; enact

Representative Ginny Ehrhart 36th District • Republican • Marietta

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to prohibit certain licensed, certified, or registered professionals from engaging in certain acts upon minors; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for a penalty and private cause of action; to explicitly waive sovereign immunity, qualified immunity, and official immunity for such a private cause of action; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Status Assigned to Health & Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/16/2021

HB 412 Professions and businesses; licensure of individuals in the practice of applied behavior analysis; provide

Representative Katie Dempsey 13th District • Republican • Rome

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for the licensure of individuals in the practice of applied behavior analysis; to provide legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to create the Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board; to provide for its membership and duties; to provide for licensing requirements; to provide for penalties; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for temporary licenses; to provide for reciprocity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Regulated Industries Committee; House Second Readers 02/17/2021

HB 437 Local government; attendants at self-service motor fuel establishments to dispense motor fuel to individuals with special disabilities; require

Representative Henry "Wayne" Howard 124th District • Democrat • Augusta

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to require attendants at self-service motor fuel establishments to dispense motor fuel to individuals with special disabilities; to provide for related decals on pumps; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Health & Human Services Committee; House Passed/Adopted by Substitute 02/26/2021

HB 447 State employees' health insurance plan; all contracts contain provisions relating to disclosure of cost related data; require

Representative David Knight
130th District • Republican • Griffin

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to require that all contracts for health care coverage or services under the state health benefit plan contain provisions relating to disclosure of cost related data; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care; House Second Readers 02/17/2021

HB 448 Social services; all contracts for health care coverage or services under Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids Program contain provisions relating to disclosure of cost related data; require

Representative David Knight
130th District • Republican • Griffin

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require that all contracts for health care coverage or services under Medicaid and the PeachCare for Kids Program contain provisions relating to disclosure of cost related data; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care; House Second Readers 02/17/2021

HB 458 Georgia Composite Medical Board; require certain training relating to sexual misconduct for members

Representative Sharon Cooper 43rd District • Republican • Marietta

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, physician assistants, and others, so as to require certain training relating to sexual misconduct for members of the Georgia Composite Medical Board; to amend Chapter 34A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to patient right to know, so as to provide for annual reporting to the General Assembly of the number of physicians investigated or disciplined for the sexual assault of patients; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Health & Human Services Committee; House Passed/Adopted by Substitute 02/26/2021

HB 474 State employees' health insurance plan; all contracts contain provisions relating to disclosure of cost related data; require

Representative David Knight
130th District • Republican • Griffin

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to require that all contracts for health care coverage or services under the state health benefit plan contain provisions relating to disclosure of cost related data; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care; House Second Readers 02/18/2021

HB 509 Insurance; require certain insurers to make at least one reasonably priced comprehensive major medical health insurance policy available

Representative Houston Gaines 117th District • Republican • Athens

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 30 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to group or blanket accident and sickness insurance, so as to require certain insurers to make at least one reasonably priced comprehensive major medical health insurance policy available to residents in this state without limitation or exclusion based on preexisting conditions; to condition such requirement on the repeal or judicial invalidation of certain provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Insurance Committee; House Passed/Adopted 02/26/2021

HB 514 Insurance; Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders; update references

Representative Shelly Hutchinson 107th District • Democrat • Snellville

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to update references to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Status Assigned to Insurance Committee; House Second Readers 02/22/2021

HB 523 Insurance; health care services; provide good faith estimates

Representative Marvin Lim 99th District • Democrat • Norcross

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 and Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to health and insurance, respectively, so as to provide good faith estimates regarding the cost of health care services; to provide for definitions; to require health care providers to provide good faith estimates of costs and fees available to consumers upon request; to require health insurers to provide good faith estimates of costs available to consumers upon request; to provide for time limits; to prohibit the limitation of disclosure by contract; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Status Assigned to Judiciary Committee; House Second Readers 02/22/2021

HB 519 Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia; institutional licenses; revise provisions

Representative Sharon Cooper 43rd District • Republican • Marietta

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Medical Practice Act of the State of Georgia," so as to revise provisions relating to institutional licenses; to provide for a definition; to revise a provision relating to United States Drug Enforcement Administration registration; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Education Committee; House Second Readers 02/22/2021

HB 569 Youth Mental Health Protection Act; enact

Representative Matthew Wilson 80th District • Democrat • Brookhaven

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to prohibit the practice of conversion therapy by professional counselors, physicians, or psychologists; to define "conversion therapy"; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Regulated Industries Committee; House Second Readers 02/23/2021

HB 570 Georgia Public Safety Training Center; training requirements for mental health operatives; provide

Representative Yasmin Neal 74th District • Democrat • Jonesboro

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, so as to provide for training requirements for mental health operatives; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee; House Second Readers 02/23/2021

HB 571 Law enforcement officers and agencies; mental health operatives; provide training requirements

Representative Yasmin Neal 74th District • Democrat • Jonesboro

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training requirements for mental health operatives; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee; House Second Readers 02/23/2021

HB 590 Mental health; grant program to establish assisted outpatient treatment programs; provide

Representative Don Hogan 179th District • Republican • St. Simon's Island

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mental health, so as to provide for a grant program to establish assisted outpatient treatment programs for persons with mental illness who struggle to maintain engagement with essential mental health treatment; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/24/2021

HB 591 Mental health; marriage and family therapists to perform certain acts which physicians and others are authorized to perform; authorize

Representative Don Hogan 179th District • Republican • St. Simon's Island

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to authorize marriage and family therapists to perform certain acts which physicians, psychologists, and others are authorized to perform regarding emergency examinations of persons for involuntary evaluation and treatment for mental illness or alcohol or drug abuse; to define certain terms; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/24/2021

HB 608 State government; planning, deployment, and incentives of broadband services throughout the state; provide

Representative Marcus Wiedower 119th District • Republican • Watkinsville

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for planning, deployment, and incentives of broadband services throughout the state; to provide for definitions; to provide for certain powers, duties, and responsibilities of the OneGeorgia Authority and the Department of Community Affairs relative to funding and contractual awards for the deployment of broadband services to unserved areas and unserved locations within such areas; to provide certain criteria and conditions for such awards; to establish a process and procedure for the department to receive and investigate comments and suggestions related to proposed awards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Governmental Affairs Committee; House Second Readers 02/25/2021

HB 636 Labor and industrial relations; rest breaks for certain employees; provide

Representative William Boddie 62nd District • Democrat • East Point

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide for rest breaks for certain employees; to provide for definitions; to provide for the duration and frequency of such breaks; to provide for compensation during such rest breaks; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Industry and Labor Committee; House Second Readers 02/26/2021

HB 645 rimes and offenses; medical cannabis; update and revise provisions

Representative Micah Gravley 67th District • Republican • Douglasville

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to access to medical cannabis, so as to update and revise provisions; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for application; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Regulated Industries Committee; House Second Readers 02/26/2021

HB 649 Health; visitation by essential visitors to patients in hospitals and residents in long-term care facilities; provide

Representative Erick Allen 40th District • Democrat • Smyrna

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to provide for visitation by essential visitors to patients in hospitals and residents in long-term care facilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations by the Department of Community Health; to provide for conforming policies by hospitals and long-term care facilities; to provide for sanctions for noncompliance; to provide that the Governor is not authorized to waive the provisions in a declared public health emergency; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Human Relations and Aging Committee; House First Readers 02/26/2021

Senate Bills

SB1: Georgia All-Payer Claims Database; entities that receive certain tax credits; self-funded, employer sponsored health insurance plans are submitting entities;

Senator Dean Burke 11th District • Republican • Bainbridge

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-53-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the Georgia All-Payer Claims Database, so as to provide that entities that receive certain tax credits and that provide self-funded, employer sponsored health insurance plans are submitting entities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status: Assigned to Finance Committee; Senate Read and Referred 1/12/2021

SB 4: Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Programs; patient brokering; prohibit; definitions; exceptions; penalties

Senator Kay Kirkpatrick 32nd District • Republican • Marietta

- A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs, so as to prohibit patient brokering; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; to provide for enforcement; to provide for venue; to provide for reasonable expenses; to provide for cumulative actions; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to provide that excessive, fraudulent, or high-tech drug testing of certain individuals is considered a fraudulent insurance act; to provide for investigation by the Commissioner of Insurance; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Insurance Committee; House Second Readers 02/11/2021

<p><u>SB16: Georgia Commission on Women; Georgia Commission on Black Women and Girls</u></p> <p>Senator Tonya Anderson 43rd District • Democrat • Lithonia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Commission on Women, so as to create the Georgia Commission on Black Women and Girls; to provide for its membership; to provide for powers and duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Government Oversight Committee; Senate Read and Referred 1/26/2021</p>
<p><u>SB47: Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act; revise</u></p> <p>Senator Steve Gooch 51st District • Republican • Dahlonega</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act, so as to revise the prior school year requirement; to expand eligibility for students; to revise the basis for calculating scholarship amounts; to require annual parent surveys; to provide for a review procedure for scholarship calculations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Education & Youth Committee; Senate Read Second Time 2/24/2021</p>
<p><u>SB50 Medical Assistance; program of premium assistance to enable eligible individuals to obtain health care coverage; provide</u></p> <p>Senator Michael 'Doc' Rhett 33rd District • Democrat • Marietta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for a program of premium assistance to enable eligible individuals to obtain health care coverage; to provide for definitions; to require personal responsibility premiums from eligible individuals; to provide for a compliance pool; to provide for any necessary state plan amendments or federal waivers; to provide for termination of the program under certain circumstances; to provide for the Legislative Oversight Committee for Health Care Premium Assistance; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/01/2021</p>
<p><u>SB 55 'Georgia Family Medical Leave Act'; enact</u></p> <p>Senator Gloria Butler 55th District • Democrat • Stone Mountain</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide for the creation of a program to compensate in part for the wage loss sustained by any individual who is unable to work due to such individual's own sickness or injury, the sickness or injury of a family member, or the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a new child; to create the Family Medical Leave Fund; to provide for contributions to such fund; to provide for filing determination and payment of claims; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations by the Department of Labor; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Insurance and Labor Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/01/2021</p>

<p><u>SB 65 Public Utilities and Public Transportation; funding of the deployment of certain communications services throughout this state; provide</u></p> <p>Senator Steve Gooch 51st District • Republican • Dahlonega</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, so as to provide for the funding of the deployment of certain communications services throughout this state; to change and provide for certain definitions; to change certain provisions relating to the Universal Access Fund so as to modernize such Act and to provide for a certain portion of such fund to be used for the deployment of broadband services in unserved areas; to provide for certain powers and duties of the Public Service Commission so as to fund contributions and distributions; to provide for limitations and sunset provisions; to provide for administration of the fund; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/02/2021</p>
<p><u>SB 80 “Ensuring Transparency in Prior Authorization Act”; enact</u></p> <p>Senator Kay Kirkpatrick 32nd District • Republican • Marietta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for standards for utilization review; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for applicability; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Insurance and Labor Committee; Senate Read Second Time 02/26/2021</p>
<p><u>SB82 Emergency Medical Services; prudent layperson standard is not affected by the final diagnosis given; clarify</u></p> <p>Senator Michelle Au 48th District • Democrat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency medical services, so as to clarify that the prudent layperson standard is not affected by the final diagnosis given; to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to also clarify that the prudent layperson standard is not affected by the final diagnosis given; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Insurance and Labor Committee; Senate Read Second Time 02/18/2021</p>
<p><u>SB 83 Public Assistance; Medicaid public option program to provide healthcare coverage to individuals not eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, or the PeachCare for Kids Program; provide</u></p> <p>Senator Sally Harrell 40th District • Democrat • Atlanta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, so as to provide for a Medicaid public option program to provide healthcare coverage to individuals not eligible for Medicare, Medicaid, or the PeachCare for Kids Program; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of the PeachCare Public Option Program; to provide requirements for the design of the program; to provide requirements for the administration and implementation of the program; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a design and actuarial study; to provide for contingent effectiveness and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Appropriations Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/04/2021</p>
<p><u>SB 92 Controlled Substances; sale to and by minors of drug products containing dextromethorphan; prohibit</u></p> <p>Senator Randy Robertson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to schedules, offenses, and penalties regarding the regulation of controlled substances, so as to prohibit the sale to and by minors of drug products containing dextromethorphan; to provide for definitions; to provide for proper identification; to provide for a list of finished drug products; to provide for penalties; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for state regulation; to provide for limited liability; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

<p><u>29th District</u> • Republican • Cataula</p>	<p>Status Assigned to Judiciary Committee; Senate Committee Favorably Reported by Substitute 02/26/2021</p>
<p><u>SB 101 Criminal Records; a judicial procedure for purging a person's involuntary hospitalization information received by the center for the purpose of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System under certain circumstances; provide</u></p> <p>Senator Elena Parent <u>42nd District</u> • Democrat • Atlanta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-3-34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of the Georgia Crime Information Center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, so as to provide for a judicial procedure for purging a person's involuntary hospitalization information received by the center for the purpose of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System under certain circumstances; to change provisions relating to the retention of a person's involuntary hospitalization information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Judiciary Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/08/2021</p>
<p><u>SB 106 Education; multi-tiered system of supports; include wraparound services to be provided prior to expelling or assigning a student in preschool through third grade to out-of-school suspension for more than five consecutive or cumulative days</u></p> <p>Senator Gail Davenport <u>44th District</u> • Democrat • Jonesboro</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to postsecondary education grants for foster children and adopted children, so as to provide for the waiver of tuition and all fees, including mandatory rooming and board fees, for qualifying foster and adopted students by units of the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia, subject to certain exceptions; to provide for such exceptions; to provide for student qualifications; to provide for the involvement and duties of the Division of Family and Children Services; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Education and Youth Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/09/2021</p>
<p><u>SB 107 Postsecondary Education Grants; waiver of tuition and all fees, for qualifying foster and adopted students by units of the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia; provide</u></p> <p>Senator Brian Strickland <u>17th District</u> • Republican • McDonough</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-742 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to multi-tiered system of supports prior to suspension or expulsion for certain students, so as to include wraparound services in the multi-tiered system of supports to be provided prior to expelling or assigning a student in preschool through third grade to out-of-school suspension for more than five consecutive or cumulative days during a school year; to provide a definition of wraparound services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Higher Education Committee; Senate Read Second Time 02/25/2021</p>
<p><u>SB 172 Medical Assistance; authorization of</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide

<p><u>appropriations for the purposes of obtaining federal financial participation for medical assistance payments to providers of Medicaid expansion; provide</u></p> <p>55th District • Democrat • Stone Mountain Democratic Caucus Chairman</p>	<p>for the authorization of appropriations for the purposes of obtaining federal financial participation for medical assistance payments to providers of Medicaid expansion under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; to provide for certain restrictions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p> <p>Status Assigned to Appropriations Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/16/2021</p>
<p><u>SB 173 Medicaid Coverage for Lactation and Postpartum Care; Department of Community Health to allow mothers giving birth to retain Medicaid eligibility for one year; require</u></p> <p>Senator Gail Davenport 44th District • Democrat • Jonesboro</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 49-4-159 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Medicaid coverage for lactation and postpartum care, so as to require the Department of Community Health to allow mothers giving birth to retain Medicaid eligibility for one year following such birth; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Appropriations Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/16/2021</p>
<p><u>SB 187 HOPE Scholarship; procedure for students with disability as defined by the American with Disabilities Act to apply for a waiver; establish</u></p> <p>Senator Lindsey Tippins 37th District • Republican • Marietta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-3-519.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility requirements for a HOPE scholarship, so as to establish a procedure for students with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act to apply for a waiver from certain HOPE scholarship and grant eligibility requirements; to provide for responsibilities of the Georgia Student Finance Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Higher Education Committee; Senate Read Second Time 02/25/2021</p>
<p><u>SB 190 Torts; recovery and admissibility of special damages for medical and health care expenses; provide</u></p> <p>Senator Bill Cowser 46th District • Republican • Athens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to torts, so as to provide for the recovery and admissibility of special damages for medical and health care expenses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Judiciary Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/17/2021</p>

<p><u>SB 263 Retail Marijuana; regulation; provide; 'Georgia Retail Marijuana Code'</u></p> <p>Senator Sheikh Rahman 5th District • Democrat • Lawrenceville</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for the regulation of retail marijuana; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for the regulatory authority of the Department of Revenue; to provide for licensing requirements and restrictions; to provide for regulation of cultivation, manufacturing, testing, and retail sale of marijuana; to prohibit certain acts; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date; to provide for automatic repeal under certain conditions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/25/2021</p>
<p><u>SB 264 Health; Low THC Oil Patient Registry; repeal; 'Controlled Substances Therapeutic Act'</u></p> <p>Senator Sheikh Rahman 5th District • Democrat • Lawrenceville</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health, so as to repeal the Low THC Oil Patient Registry; to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to physicians, acupuncture, physician assistants, cancer and glaucoma treatment, respiratory care, clinical percussionists, and orthotics and prosthetics practice, so as to repeal provisions relating to use of marijuana for treatment of cancer and glaucoma and replace with provisions to provide for medical use of marijuana; to provide for the automatic registration of individuals registered under former Code Section 31-2A-18; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee; Senate Read and Referred 02/25/2021</p>

House Resolutions

<p><u>HR13: Congress; enact legislation removing cannabis from the Controlled Substances Act; urge</u></p> <p>Representative Dar'shun Kendrick 93rd District • Democrat • Lithonia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to enact legislation removing cannabis from the federal Controlled Substances Act, exempting certain activities related to marijuana, facilitating the full spectrum of private banking services for cannabis related business, and encouraging scientific research as related to cannabis products; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Judiciary Non-Civil; House Second Readers 1/26/2021</p>
<p><u>HR 146 House Study Committee on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to Improve the Health of Women and Children; create</u></p> <p>Representative Sam Park 101st District • Democrat • Lawrenceville</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to Improve the Health of Women and Children; and for other purposes. <p>Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/17/2021</p>

<u>HR 186 Joint Medicaid Sustainability Study Committee; create</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Medicaid Sustainability Study Committee; and for other purposes.
<p>Representative Debbie Buckner 137th District • Democrat • Junction City</p>	<p>Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/23/2021</p>
<u>HR 187 Medicaid; expansion; urge</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A RESOLUTION urging for the expansion of Medicaid; and for other purposes.
<p>Representative James Beverly 143rd District • Democrat • Macon</p>	<p>Status Assigned to Health and Human Services Committee; House Second Readers 02/23/2021</p>
<u>HR 201 Local law enforcement agencies; incorporate Mental Health Operatives; encourage</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A RESOLUTION promoting and encouraging local law enforcement agencies to incorporate Mental Health Operatives into their agencies; and for other purposes.
<p>Representative Yasmin Neal 74th District • Democrat • Jonesboro</p>	<p>Status Assigned to Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee; House Second Readers 02/23/2021</p>

Senate Resolutions

<u>SR42 Family Medical Leave Fund; create</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to create the Family Medical Leave Fund; to authorize the dedication of certain revenues to be deposited into such fund; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.
<p>Senator Gloria Butler 55th District • Democrat • Stone Mountain</p>	<p>Status Assigned to Insurance and Labor; Senate Read and Referred 02/01/2021</p>
<u>SR50 Together Georgia; recognize</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A RESOLUTION recognizing Together Georgia; and for other purposes.
<p>Senator Larry Walker, III • 20th District • Republican</p>	<p>Status Senate Read and Adopted 02/01/2021</p>
<u>SR 105: Public Education; free public education prior to college or postsecondary level; support by taxation -CA</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia so as to provide that a primary obligation of the State of Georgia is the provision of a quality public education for its citizens; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.
<p>Senator Jennifer Jordan 6th District • Democrat</p>	<p>Status Assigned to Education and Youth; Senate Read and Referred 02/16/2021</p>

**SR 165 Marijuana;
General Assembly to
provide by law for the
legalization and
regulation; authorize -
CA**

Senator Sheikh Rahman
5th District • Democrat •
Lawrenceville

- A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the legalization and regulation of marijuana; to permit persons 21 years of age or older to purchase marijuana for personal use; to provide that fees and tax proceeds from the sale of such marijuana be dedicated equally between education and transportation infrastructure purposes; to provide a procedure to vacate previous misdemeanor marijuana convictions; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Status Assigned to Regulated Industries and Utilities; Senate Read and Referred 02/26/2021