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Legislative Session at Halfway Point

Late proposals with little chance of passing:

- **HB1531** would weaken hard-fought protections for the residents of senior care facilities. Sponsored by Rep. John LaHood (R-175, Valdosta), president of Fellowship Senior Living, which operates senior care facilities in Georgia and Florida, the bill will be re-written following public pushback.
- **SB613** would single out private schools that have "inappropriately discussed gender identity with children who have not yet reached the age of discretion." The bill also takes a swipe at private schools about critical theory. Calling itself the Common Humanity in Private Education Act, the bill has been dubbed the Don't Say Gay bill.
- **SB535** would forbid the use of federal dollars to build homeless shelters and imposes financial penalties on municipalities with high rates of homelessness. Proponents say it will help reduce homelessness; opponents wonder how to do that with no resources. More pointedly, opponents say that it criminalizes poverty. Rep. Josh McLaurin (D-51, Sandy Springs) called the idea "despicable."