

AN UPDATE FROM THE GOLD DOME

THE AMENDED FY 2023 BUDGET PASSES IN THE SENATE

House Bill 18, the amended budget adds \$2 billion in revenue in state general funds, \$1 billion in homeowner tax relief grants, \$1 billion in property tax rebates, funding to end the practice of hoteling for foster kids and most importantly, increases to get money back into the hands of taxpayers. Upon its passage in the Senate, HB 18 will travel back to the House for consideration of the Senate's revisions to the bill. I intend to provide you with updates as the amended budget inches closer towards the Governor's desk to be signed into law.

GEORGIA CYBER COMMAND FAVORABLY REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE

SB 97, the "Georgia Cyber Command Act," creates an agency that oversees the strategic planning, facilitation and coordination of information security in this state. The agency will have the ability to establish policies and standards for state agencies to submit information security plans to the division. Public safety is a priority and ensuring that Georgia's information is secure is vital for our growth and our promise to keep Georgia the best state to live in.

SB 97 was favorably reported out of committee and now awaits selection on to the Rules calendar for consideration on the Senate floor.



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SENATE BILL 45 FAVORABLY REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE

Senate Bill 45 ensures there are standards for care of students being treated for epilepsy or a seizure disorder. When our children are in school, parents shouldn't have to worry whether or not their child dealing with epilepsy will get the necessary care in the event of an emergency. I am also pleased to announce SB 45 was favorably reported out of committee and now awaits selection by the Rules chairman.

ADDITIONAL BAIL BOND REFORM PASSES IN THE SENATE

Improving the safety and security of Georgia's citizens remains a common theme in the Senate as Senator Randy Robertson (R - Cataula), brought Senate Bill 63 to the Senate floor for a vote this week. SB 63 seeks to address certain provisions relating to bail bond reform. SB 63 aims to give rights back to the victims of crimes. Specifically, crimes related to domestic terrorism. I was honored to support this legislation as protecting Georgia's citizens and their safety and security is an utmost priority of the Georgia Senate.



SENATE TRUCK DRIVER SHORTAGES STUDY COMMITTEE INTRODUCED

Senate Resolution 155, legislation I have the pleasure of sponsoring, will establish the Senate Truck Driver Shortages Study Committee. It is no secret that the truck driving industry continues to be of concern amongst the Georgia General Assembly, therefore, it is my hope that with the creation of this study committee, the Senate will be able to conduct a thorough analysis of the root causes of this shortage and hopefully formulate beneficial solutions to this crisis in the form of potential legislation.

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