

NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of Georgia's
13th Lt. Governor Burt Jones



2024 Legislative Priorities Receiving Final Passage

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On March 28, 2024, the Georgia General Assembly adjourned *Sine Die*. At the beginning of the 2024 Legislative Session, Lt. Governor Burt Jones announced his legislative priorities. Of those announced, **26** of these received final passage and are awaiting action by Governor Brian P. Kemp. To learn more, please review the graphics below, visit the website (<https://ltgov.georgia.gov/2024>), or scan the QR code.



SINE DIE
Lt. Governor Burt Jones and the GA Senate

These are the Lt. Governor's 2024 Legislative Priorities that received final passage and are awaiting action by the Governor. The Governor has 40 days from *Sine Die* to sign, veto or take no action on legislation.

- EMPOWER BUSINESSES**
 - CREATE A STABLE WORKFORCE**
 - Legislation
 - Senate Bill 381: Georgia As Model Employer (GAME)
 - Senate Bill 399: Coordination of Credit Transfer Between TCSG and USG
 - Senate Bill 440: Accelerated Career Programs and Dual Enrollment
 - Senate Bill 472: Apprenticeship Programs in High Demand Fields and Public Administration
 - Senate Bill 426: Tort Reform
 - RED TAPE ROLLBACK**
 - Legislation
 - Senate Bill 430: Removes the need for Covid Signage
 - Senate Bill 341: "Repeal of Inactive State Boards and Commissions"
 - Senate Bill 354: Cosmetology and Barber Licensing Reform
 - Senate Bill 410: Licensing Requirements for Out-of-State Veterinarians
 - Senate Bill 449: Addressing Military Medical Personnel from Licensing Requirements
 - PUBLIC SAFETY**
 - SWATTING**
 - Legislation
 - Senate Bill 421: Anti-Swattling Legislation
 - FENTANYL DEATHS**
 - Legislation:
 - Senate Bill 465: "Austin's Law"
 - BAIL REFORM**
 - Legislation:
 - Senate Bill 63: Expanding and Requiring Cash Bail
 - SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT**
 - Legislation:
 - House Bill 935: "Black The Blue" Act
 - TAX REFORM AND TRANSPARENCY**
 - PROPERTY TAX**
 - Legislation
 - House Bill 581: "Save our Homes Act"
 - TAX REFORM**
 - Legislation
 - Senate Bill 366: "Tax Expenditures Transparency Act"

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- HEALTHCARE ACCESS**
 - CON REFORM**
 - Legislation
 - House Bill 1329: Reforms Georgia's antiquated Certificate of Need laws and expands access to healthcare.
 - PROTECTING GEORGIA'S YOUTH**
 - SOCIAL MEDIA AND CYBER BULLYING**
 - Legislation
 - Senate Bill 351: "Protecting Georgia's Children on Social Media Act of 2024"
 - VETERANS AND MILITARY**
 - DEVELOPMENT OF GEORGIA'S DEFENSE INDUSTRY**
 - Legislation
 - Senate Bill 298: Reform of Joint Defense Commission
 - MENTAL HEALTH**
 - Legislation
 - Senate Resolution 527: Senate Study Committee on Veterans Mental Health and Housing
 - Senate Bill 375: Adding Veterans Services Commissioner to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council
 - ELECTION REFORM**
 - BANNING QR CODES**
 - Legislation
 - Senate Bill 180: Prohibit Use of QR Codes on Printed Ballots
 - PUT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST**
 - FOSTER CARE**
 - Legislation
 - Senate Bill 376: Timely Placement - Address Substantial Progress Completion of Case Plan
 - Senate Bill 401: Juvenile Court and Foster Care Reporting
 - Senate Bill 483: Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC)
 - Senate Bill 487: State Identification Cards for Foster Children
 - CHILD WELFARE**
 - Legislation
 - Senate Resolution 474: Urging Resolution to highlight federal funding for Quality Legal Representation
 - Senate Bill 342: Reporting and Access - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
 - AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE**
 - Legislation
 - Senate Resolution 471: Creating the Senate Study Committee on Access to Affordable Child Care
 - SCHOOL CHOICE**
 - Legislation
 - Legislation: Senate Bill 233: The Georgia Promise Scholarship Act

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2024 Legislation Signing Begins

Once the Georgia General Assembly adjourns *Sine Die*, Governor Brian Kemp has 40 days to take action on legislation that received final passage. Governor Kemp can take one of three actions: sign the legislation, veto or take no action and the bill will become law. The Governor has already signed some legislation, like House Bill 30, Senate Bill 342, and the Amended Fiscal Year 2024 Budget (House Bill 915).

Both House Bill 30 and Senate Bill 342 are 2024 legislative priorities for Lt. Governor Burt Jones. For updates on bills signed or vetoed by Governor Brian Kemp, please follow these link:

<https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/legislation/signed-legislation/2024> - Signed Legislation

<https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/legislation/vetoed-legislation/2024> - Vetoed Legislation

Children and Families

- **Legislation: [Senate Bill 342](#)** - Reporting and Access - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (Signed by Governor Brian P. Kemp 4/8/2024)

Public Safety

- **Legislation: [House Bill 30](#)** - Affirm support for the Jewish Community (Signed by Governor Brian P. Kemp 1/31/2024)

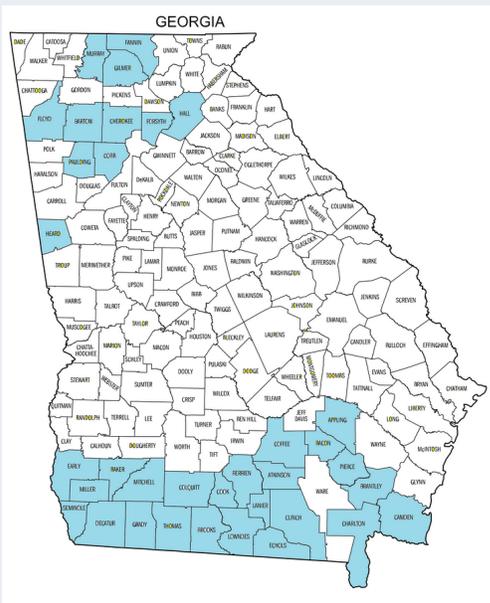


HB 30 Bill Signing



AFY24 Budget Signing

2024 Mobile Office Hours



Field Reps visited 35 counties as of April 12, with over 10 office hours planned for next month.

Each Field Representative will hold weekly mobile office hours throughout their assigned regions and will respond to constituent requests and questions. Community members will be able to contact their designated representative for event and meeting attendance.

Please visit this [dedicated page](#) for contact information for each representative, Georgia's map detailing each region, and a constituent contact form. This page will be updated with future meetings, town halls, and other events held in each region throughout the year.



**TJ Hudson, Field Representative
C&H Precision
Groundbreaking Ceremony**



**City of Madison Mayor Fred Perriman
Luke Hetland, Field Representative**

Thank You - We've Adjourned Sine Die

A message from the Lt. Governor:

“As we enter the interim and reflect on the 2024 Legislative Session, I would be remiss if I didn’t formally thank everyone who made this session a success. To all Senate members, the Senate President Pro Tempore’s Office, Majority Leader’s Office and Minority Leader’s Office, I want to share my gratitude for all of your hard work, long hours and commitment to serving the citizens of this great state. While the hours were long, and sometimes issues divisive, we all worked together and passed legislation that will positively impact Georgians now and into the future. I am proud of you and you should be proud of your work!

And to all of the staff and Senate Offices (Administrative Assistants, Budget & Evaluation Office, Press Office, Office of Policy and Legislative Analysis and Office of Secretary of the Senate) - **THANK YOU!** None of this would be possible without your work, dedication and support. I am grateful for all that you do and want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.” - Lt. Governor Burt Jones



Senate Sponsors for Children & Families Priorities - Tillery, Hatchett, Kirkpatrick, Watson and Albers



Crossover Day 2024 - 3/6/2024



LG Annual Women’s Event Mrs. Jan Jones and Minority Leader Butler



Senate WINS Annual Senate vs. House Kickball Game



AG Commissioner Harper and Senator Nan Orrock on Crossover Day



LG Office Staff and 2024 Legislative Session Interns



Sine Die 2024 - 3/28/24



Senate Members in Chamber