

2022 Georgia General Assembly Legislative Session Preview



Legislative Session Starts January 10th!

The General Assembly is gearing up to start year two of this biennium on Monday January 10th, 2022. This legislative session is rumored to be a quick, fast moving 40 days. Due to this being an election year, it is expected that this legislative session will see some very political legislation as well as votes based on the same principles.

Any legislation that was not passed in 2021 will be reassigned to the committee that was left in during the 2021 session. Legislation that was introduced during the Special Session in November 2021 that was not passed would need to be re-filed in 2022 to remain an active piece of legislation.

It is our understanding that the General Assembly will convene Monday, January 10th at 8:30am, be off on Tuesday, and reconvene on Wednesday due to the National Championship game.

Study Committee Final Reports

As 2021 came to a close, study committees worked hard to publish their final reports with the public. Many have been able to publish those reports and those links are shared here.

For the study committees that have not yet published their reports, Peachtree Government Relations will share those once they are published.

- Study Committee on Airport Infrastructure and Improvement- Report (not available yet)
- Study Committee on E-Commerce and Freight Infrastructure Funding- Report (not available yet)
- Study Committee on Age of Mandatory Education- [Report](#)
- Study Committee on Outdoor Learning- [Report](#)
- Study Committee on Violence against Healthcare Workers- [Report](#)
- Study Committee on Improving Access to Healthy Food and Ending Food Deserts- [Report](#)
- Study Committee on Non-Partisan School Board Elections- Report (not available yet)
- Study Committee on Annexation- [Report](#)
- Working Group on Rising Costs of Construction Materials- Report (not available yet)

Prefiled Legislation

Legislators can file legislation before the session begins and this [link](#) will list out those pieces of legislation that have already been filed.

Here are a few major prefiled legislation to note.

- HB 867 (Rep. Mark Newton) Truth in Prescription Pricing for Patients Act; enact
- HB 869 (Rep. Charlice Byrd) Health; state or local governments requiring vaccinations as a condition to certain actions; prohibit
- SB 323 (Sen. Butch Miller) Revenue and Taxation; state income tax; repeal in its entirety
- SB 324 (Sen. Brandon Beach) City of Buckhead, Incorporate
- SB 325 (Sen. Butch Miller) Elections and Primaries; relating to absentee ballot drop boxes and the requirements; remove provisions
- SB 327 (Sen. Butch Miller) Ad Valorem Tax: homestead exemption; educational purposes in an amount equal to \$100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents; provide
- SR 360 (Sen. Butch Miller) Ad Valorem Tax; resident of a school district shall be entitled to claim; amount prescribed by general law if the State Board of Education adopts a resolution; provide -CA

Potential Upcoming Issues

Peachtree Government Relations would like to note some potential upcoming issues for this legislative session that we know for certain the General Assembly will face but we would also like to share some issues we expect to come up even though specific legislation has not been introduced yet.

A few items to note that could come up this session include

- Constitutional Carry
- Tort Reform
- Funding for Mental Health and a Comprehensive overhaul
- Fully funding Governor Kemp's Teacher Pay Raises
- Potential income tax cut

If you have any questions or concerns about anything coming forward this legislative session, please do not hesitate to reach out. Below is the contact information for our team.

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