#### **Legislative Days 23 - 25**

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# Session Week 6 Legislative Report



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### Week 6, Legislative Days 23-25

The Georgia General Assembly met this week from Tuesday to Thursday, which were session days 23 through 25. The legislature did not meet on Monday due to the national holiday, President's day. This week, there were several committee meetings each day, each covering a wide range of topics. Notably this week, the Senate passed a bill creating Pre-K programs in school districts around Georgia, continuing efforts by the state to improve reading levels of our students. Additionally, discussions on the Fani Willis (Fulton County District Attorney) debate continued in the Senate, furthering tension on the subject at hand. Lastly, the new House Rules Chairman, Representative Butch Parrish, has taken charge of the Rules committee after the passing of former Chairman Richard Smith.

#### Legislative Day this Week

- Legislative Day 23: February 20th
- Legislative Day 24: February 21st
- Legislative Day 25: February 22nd



New General Bills of Interest for the Week

Bill	Description	Status
HB 1329 (Rep. Ron Stephens)		House Economic Development and Tourism Committee
	General Assembly; legalize and regulate the cultivation, transportation, and sale of marijuana and marijuana-infused products; authorize - CA	House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

### **Education Legislation**

#### House Education Subcommittee

In the House Education Subcommittee on February 20th, several bills were discussed. HB 846, presented by Representative Leverett, proposes changing the annual notice requirement for employees regarding social security benefits deductions to once every five years for new hires, and also includes notifying employees who leave the system. The bill passed to the full committee. Representative Scott Hilton's HB 1122 aims to ensure each grade level has a principal, clarify part-time employment status for charter school attendance, and prohibit certain district staff from serving on charter school boards. An amendment defining part-time as working 20 hours per week was made, and the bill moved to full committee. Lastly, HB 1221 by Representative Tyler Paul Smith permits out-of-district enrollment with QBE funding following the student, but only for state funding, not local. Public testimony included concerns about local control, funding implications, and support for the bill which passed out of the subcommittee onto the full committee.

In the House Education Subcommittee on February 22nd, HB 936, carried by Rep. Bonnor, was hotly debated. The bill would require K-12 students to use the bathroom that matches their sex, which the bill defines as the type of reproductive gametes produced by the body. The bill also stipulates that if a student does not identify with these options or is uncomfortable using their assigned bathroom, the school must make accommodations for them such as allowing the use of a staff bathroom or gender neutral bathroom. There were large amounts of opposition to the bill voiced during public testimony. LGBTQ+ advocates argued that the bill targets transgender students and threatens to put them in uncomfortable or unsafe positions. Many parents and school advocates also argued that the bill could invade student's privacy by allowing schools to check the student's sex if the student does not present as obviously male or female. Due to such strong opposition from multiple groups, the subcommittee decided to hold on a vote until the bill could be further vetted.

#### House Education Committee

During the House Education meeting February 22nd, several bills were discussed and passed. HB 1221, presented by Representative Brent Cox, passed out of the full committee with a substitute. HB 1186, sponsored by Representative Scott Hilton, established a single numerical score for school ratings to be readily available to parents, and the bill was passed with an amendment for additional information links to be shared that would take parents to the GOSA and GaDOE websites. HB 1122, also by Representative Hilton, passed the committee. Representative Leverett's HB 846 mandated notifications to employees regarding social security deductions and benefits, and this bill was able to pass committee. HB 822, introduced by Representative Kasey Carpenter, aimed to ensure medically accurate and age-appropriate sex education. This bill passed the committee as well. Lastly, HB 1027 by Representative Ballard made computer science a high school graduation requirement, with an amendment delaying implementation to the graduating class of 2030-2031. The amended version of the bill passed the committee.

#### Senate Education Committee

The Senate Education Committee convened on February 20th and discussed several significant bills aimed at enhancing various aspects of education in Georgia. The committee passed three bills during this session: SB 147, SB 459, and SB 365. SB 147, known as the "Quality Basic Education Act," was a focal point of discussion. This bill seeks to streamline the process of student transfers between local school systems without

necessitating contracts between the student's resident school system and the system they seek to enroll in. It mandates the State Board of Education to establish procedures for such transfers and imposes caps on tuition charges by local units of administration exclusively providing virtual instruction. The bill also addresses related matters, provides for a short title, and repeals conflicting laws. Another bill, SB 459, addresses civics education in elementary and secondary schools. It mandates the State Board of Education to develop a comprehensive civics education program for students from kindergarten through grade 12. Additionally, the Department of Education, in consultation with the Georgia Commission on Civics Education, is tasked with curating oral history resources under the name "Portraits in Patriotism" and organizing civics education workshops for public school personnel. SB 365, focusing on education, centers on parental notification regarding school library materials. It requires public school systems to notify parents and legal guardians of students about their right to receive email notifications whenever their child accesses school library materials. The bill also identifies materials subject to the complaint resolution policy for materials deemed "harmful to minors."

During the Senate Education meeting on February 21st, two bills were discussed and passed by the committee. The first, SB 154 presented by Senator Dolezal, pertains to the sale or distribution of harmful materials to minors, extending the provisions to libraries operated by schools. The committee motioned for a due pass, and the bill successfully passed. The second bill, SB 394 introduced by Senator Dixon, is titled the "Restricting Explicit and Adult-designated Educational Resources (READER) Act," and the bill also received a due pass motion and was approved by the committee.

#### New Education Bills of Interest for the Week

Bill	Description	Status
HB 1296 (Rep. Scott Hilton)	Online internet safety; provide for social media age verification; provide for definitions; provide for parental permission	House Judiciary Committee
HB 1297 (Rep. Brad Thomas)	State government; agencies buy American when procuring flags of the United States or state flags; provide	House Special Rules Committee
HB 1300 (Rep. Brian Prince)	Ad valorem tax; intent to increase property tax; revise advertisement	House Ways and Means Committee
HB 1306 (Rep. Jasmine Clark)	Health; provide patients with information regarding risks of physical and psychological dependence from opioids; require prescribers	House Education Committee
HB 1325 (Rep. Shaw Blackmon)	Ad valorem tax; certain senior citizens who volunteer with local governments; provide homestead exemption	House Ways and Means Committee
HB 1328 (Rep. Lydia Glaize)	Quality Basic Education Act; table of instructional programs; add program for students living in poverty	House Education Committee

HB 1333 (Rep. Becky Evans)	Law enforcement officers and agencies; county and municipal agencies to employ civilian personnel to investigate traffic accidents involving property damage; authorize	House Public Safety and Homeland Security
HB 1344 (Rep. Katie Dempsey)	Behavioral Health Coordinating Council; allow for certain officials on to be represented by a delegate or agent	House Public Health
HB 1350 (Rep. Teddy Tremaine Reese)	Education; students shall not be counted absent from school due to performing in certain productions; provisions	House Hopper
HB 1351 (Rep. Lydia Glaize)	Quality Basic Education Act; support for students living in poverty; provisions	House Hopper
HR 1165 (Rep. Tyler Paul Smith)	General Assembly; local school superintendents be elected by voters; provide - CA	House Education Committee
SB 530 (Sen. Jason Anavitarte)	"Quality Basic Education Act"; the placement of certificated professional personnel on the state minimum salary schedule; provide	Senate Education and Youth Committee
SB 532 (Sen. Clint Dixon)	Education; sex education for public school students in this state before fifth grade; prohibit	Senate Education and Youth Committee
SB 537 (Sen. Nikki Merritt)	Taxes on Tobacco and Vaping Products; rate of the tax on consumable vapor products; increase	Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee
SB 539 (Sen. Nikki Merritt)	Taxes on Tobacco and Vaping Products; the rate of the tax on each pack of cigarettes; increase	Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee

### Healthcare Legislation

#### House Regulated Industries Committee

Two bills were heard in the House Committee on Regulated Industries on Monday, February 19th. HB 1175, presented by Representative Cannon, gives physical therapists unlimited access to patients without patients having to see a medical doctor. The Georgia Orthopedic Society and the Medical Association of Georgia both were prepared to provide testimony in opposition of the bill but were unable to speak. Medical doctors see this as a patient safety issue and oppose continued PT treatment without seeing a medical doctor for imaging and diagnosis. This bill was passed and now goes to the Rules Committee.

#### Senate Health and Human Services Committee

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee convened on February 21st to review several important healthcare-related bills. The most notable bill discussed was SB 419, introduced by Sen. Larry Walker, which aimed to revise provisions regarding the administration of anesthesia by certified registered nurse anesthetists. The bill would remove oversight regulations for CRNAs, allowing them to administer anesthesia without direct oversight of a physician. Despite support from the Georgia Hospital Association and Georgia Nursing Association, SB 419 ultimately failed by a tiebreaker vote from Chairman Watson. The bill faced opposition from groups such as the Georgia Anesthesiologist Association and the Medical Association of Georgia. A subsequent motion to reconsider also failed by a tiebreaker vote.

During the meeting, SB 456, SB 460, SB 480, SB 481, SB 495, SB 515, and SB 524 were addressed and voted upon. SB 456, introduced by Sen. Brian Strickland, focused on adding disabled persons to the central caregiver registry, and it passed. SB 460, introduced by Sen. Clint Dixon, aimed to revise provisions regarding the supervision of advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants, and it passed as well. SB 480 and SB 481, introduced by Sen. Mike Hodges, addressed issues related to mental health and substance use professionals and the establishment of the Georgia Health Care Professionals Data System, respectively. Both bills passed. Additionally, SB 495, introduced by Sen. Sam Watson, focused on the term of validity of Low THC Oil Patient Registry cards, and it passed with an amendment. SB 515, introduced by Sen. Bo Hatchett, proposed a pilot program to provide additional ambulances to certain areas of the state, and it passed. Finally, SB 524, introduced by Sen. Jason Anavitarte, addressed the certification of community health workers and passed as well.

Toward the end of the meeting, a surprise motion was made to reconsider SB 419 when several legislators who were against the bill had left, but the meeting was swiftly adjourned due to not meeting the quorum requirement.

#### New Healthcare Bills of Interest for the Week

Bill	Description	Status
	Medical assistance; mandatory maternal mental health screening for perinatal mood and anxiety	
Bennett)	disorders for Medicaid recipients; provide	House Health Committee

HB 1322 (Rep. Chas Cannon)	Georgia Hemp Farming Act; regulate consumable hemp products	House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee
HB 1326 (Rep. Ron Stephens)	Crimes and offenses; Schedule I, Schedule III, and Schedule IV controlled substances; provide certain provisions	House Health Committee
HB 1332 (Rep. Mesha Mainor)	No Patient Left Alone Act; enact	House Health Committee
HB 1336 (Rep. Tyler Paul Smith)	Insurance; plan sponsor of health benefit plan to consent on behalf of a covered person to the electronic transmittal or electronic posting of such plan; allow	House Insurance Committee
HB 1343 (Rep. Marvin Lim)	Public assistance; provide Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation treatments	House Public Health Committee
HB 1352 (Rep. Lydia Glaize)	Pharmacists; prescribers provide certain information to patients or their representatives on Schedule II controlled substances or opioids	House Hopper
SB 529 (Sen. Kim Jackson)	Physicians; certain licensure for qualifying foreign medical graduates; provide	Senate Regulated Industries and Utilties Committee

### **Local Legislation**

#### House Regulated Industries Committee

The House Committee on Regulated Industries met on Monday, February 19th. Representative Washburn presented HB 1096, and it is a technology driven bill that allows for continuing education credits to be reported to the Secretary of State electronically. It also simplifies the auditing process. There were a number of speakers against the bill that were concerned about changes within how their licensing board handles CE, and the bill passed and moved onto the Rules committee.

#### House Ways and Means Committee

The House Ways and Means met on February 20th, discussing several important bills. HB 1116, presented by Representative Buckner, aims to renew historic tax credits, adjust qualifications for historic homes, and provide incentives during housing shortages, passing unanimously. HB 1167, by Representative Townsend, proposes raising the donation limit for the Georgia Foundation for Public Education and passed unanimously.

#### House Ways and Means Subcommittee

The House Ways and Means Subcommittee on February 21st covered several legislative proposals. Representative Kendrick introduced HB 1195, aiming to provide tax credits for workforce-ready graduates in rural counties. Proposed amendments included a \$2 million annual cap and a sunset provision by 2030. The motion to pass the amendment and the bill to the main committee both passed unanimously. Representative Knight's HB 98, concerning changes to ad valorem tax definitions, was discussed, with questions raised about tax assessors' responsibilities. No action was taken on this bill in this meeting. HR 1041, a constitutional amendment enabling alternative property assessment methods, faced inquiries about appraisal requests. No action was taken on Representative Washburn's bill. Next, Representative Blackmon's HR 1115, addressing low-income building projects' tax classification, was discussed, and no action was taken on the bill. Representative Carson's HB 1192, on sales tax exemptions for data center equipment, also underwent discussions, with the bill receiving unanimous approval to advance to the full Ways and Means committee.

#### House Motor Vehicles Committee

During the House Motor Vehicles meeting on February 20th, two significant bills were discussed: HB 1126 and HB 1284. HB 1126, which deals with speed detection devices, aims to repeal all laws related to the enforcement of speeding in school zones through the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices. It also prohibits local governing bodies or law enforcement agencies from entering into or renewing contracts that allow for such enforcement. The bill includes conforming changes and effective dates. HB 1284, on the other hand, focuses on school bus safety and penalties for violations. The bill proposes standards for establishing school bus routes, enhances penalties for meeting or overtaking a school bus, and introduces civil monetary penalties for violations captured by school bus cameras. Additionally, it mandates notification to insurance carriers upon issuance of a second or subsequent civil monetary penalty for such violations. The bill includes provisions for short title, related matters, repealing conflicting laws, and other purposes. During the meeting, HB 1126 was voted on and passed, while a hearing only was held on HB 1284.

#### House Governmental Affairs Subcommittee

The House Governmental Affairs Subcommittee convened on February 20th to address several bills related to public works bidding, local government policies, audits, and regional commissions. One of the key bills discussed was HB 1228 which was taken up as a hearing only, which pertains to general provisions for public works bidding and aims to establish procedures for the acquisition of certain professional services by local governments. Representatives from the architects association and contractors association voiced their support for the bill, emphasizing its potential to streamline processes and enhance efficiency in public works projects. However, the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) expressed opposition to the bill, citing concerns about its implications for local government operations. The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) took a neutral stance on HB 1228. Another bill, HB 1266, proposes a system whereby certain local governments could seek certifications from the Department of Community Affairs upon enacting specific policies, allowing them to receive priority in grant and loan applications submitted to state agencies. HB 1266 was passed onto full committee. Additionally, two other bills, HB 1149 and HB 1253, were heard during the meeting, without votes. HB 1149 aimed to require local constitutional officers to annually report audits of discretionary funds to the General Assembly. HB 1253 sought to revise the composition of the governing council for regional commissions, provide training for members, establish terms of office, address vacancies, and define procedures for appointing successors.

#### Senate Public Safety Committee

During the Senate Public Safety meeting on February 21st, several bills were discussed and passed by the committee. Senator Gooch presented SB 507, proposing a "America First" specialty license plate with funding directed to the general fund, which passed by vote. HB 167, presented by Representative Momtahan, addressed making vehicular homicide under the influence of a drug a felony, passed unanimously. Next, SB 508, introduced by Senator Dixon, restricts personal access to certain information about judges and elected officials. This bill passed the committee unanimously. Additionally, HB 348, presented by Representative Collins, focused on speed cameras in school zones, with amendments regarding existing fines and adjusted timing parameters, ultimately passing unanimously.

#### Senate Ethics Committee

The Senate Ethics meeting on February 22nd discussed SB 221, introduced by Senator Burns, and the bill focused on Primaries and Elections. It emphasized the necessity of specific language on absentee ballot applications, shifting from opt-out to opt-in for voters. Additionally, provisions were outlined regarding the circumstances under which hand-marked ballots could be utilized. The bill passed through the subcommittee for further consideration and action.

#### Senate State and Local Government Operations Committee

On February 21st, the Senate Public Safety committee met to discuss one bill. During the meeting, Senator Ginn introduced SB 499, which focuses on Coordinated and Comprehensive Planning and Service Delivery by Counties and Municipalities. The committee motioned for a due pass, and the bill successfully passed, advancing from the committee for further consideration.

#### House Judiciary Committee

The House Judiciary Committee met on February 22nd to deliberate on several important bills related to homeowners' protection, criminal trespass, legal judgments, and motor vehicle safety. HB 1153, known as the "Homeowners Protection Act," was presented by Rep. Jones. This bill aimed to provide for a rental intention affidavit regarding dispossessory proceedings. After discussion, HB 1153 passed the committee. Another bill, HB 1017, introduced by Rep. Seabaugh, addressed criminal trespass. It sought to include entering land or premises for the purpose of residing as a form of criminal trespass. However, concerns about conflicting codes led to the bill being held for further review. HR 302, introduced by Rep. Camp, focused on the appropriation of funds received from certain legal judgments or settlements by the General Assembly. The bill passed the committee after deliberation. HB 1295, brought forward by Rep. Pirkle, aimed to address motor vehicle safety by providing for the failure to wear safety belts or safety restraints for children as admissible evidence in civil actions. However, this bill did not pass the committee.

#### Senate Economic Development Committee

The Senate Economic Development Committee convened on February 22nd to discuss two significant proposals related to property taxation and sports betting. The first bill, SB 496, presented by Sen. Burns, focused on the ad valorem taxation of property. Specifically, the bill aimed to extend preferential assessment periods for certain historic properties. After deliberation, SB 496 passed the committee, indicating support for the extension of preferential assessment periods. The second proposal, SR 538, introduced by Sen. Summers, addressed sports betting and casino gambling in Georgia. The resolution sought to authorize and require the Georgia General Assembly to provide by law for sports betting and casino gambling in the state by July 2, 2025. After unanimous approval, SR 538 passed as amended, signaling the committee's support for further exploration of sports betting and casino gambling legislation in Georgia.

#### New Local Bills of Interest for the Week

Bill	Description	Status
HB 1294 (Rep. Clay Pirkle)	Georgia Environmental Finance Authority; finance and perform certain duties for projects relating to natural gas facilities; authorize	House Natural Resources and Environment Committee
HB 1297 (Rep. Brad Thomas)	State government; agencies buy American when procuring flags of the United States or state flags; provide	House Special Rules Committee
HB 1300 (Rep. Brian Prince)	Ad valorem tax; intent to increase property tax; revise advertisement	House Ways and Means Committee
HB 1304 (Rep. Jasmine Clark)	Elections; advance voting on certain Saturdays in run-off elections; revise provisions	House Governmental Affairs Committee
HB 1305 (Rep. Jasmine Clark)	Elections; advance voting; revise provisions	House Governmental Affairs Committee
HB 1307 (Rep. Holly	Penal institutions; fair market wages for inmate	House Public Safety and

El-Mahdi)	labor; provide	Homeland Security
HB 1314 (Rep. Ruwa Romman)	Health; designate emergency medical services, including ambulance service, as an essential service	House Health Committee
HB 1325 (Rep. Shaw Blackmon)	Ad valorem tax; certain senior citizens who volunteer with local governments; provide homestead exemption	House Ways and Means Committee
HB 1332 (Rep. Mesha Mainor)	No Patient Left Alone Act; enact	House Health Committee
HB 1333 (Rep. Becky Evans)	Law enforcement officers and agencies; county and municipal agencies to employ civilian personnel to investigate traffic accidents involving property damage; authorize	House Public Safety and Homeland Security
HB 1353 (Rep. Eric Bell)	Landlord and tenant; repeal prohibition on local governments regulating amount of rent; provisions	House Hopper
HB 1357 (Rep. Rick Jasperse)	Strategic Industrial Development Enhancement (SIDE) Tax Credit Act; enact	House Hopper
HB 1358 (Rep. Victor Anderson)	Atlanta-Region Transit Link "ATL" Authority and Georgia Regional Transportation Authority; abolish and transfer all assets to State Road and Tollway Authority	House Hopper
HB 1359 (Rep. Houston Gaines)	Ad valorem tax; refund for loss of property value or expenses due to failure of local governments to enforce certain laws; provisions	House Hopper
HB 1370 (Rep. Buddy DeLoach)	Elections; superintendents determine number of voting booths; provisions	House Hopper
SB 535 (Sen. Harold Jones II)	Electors; convictions for offenses involving the purchase, possession, or control of certain controlled substances shall not prevent persons from registering, remaining registered, or voting; provide	Senate Ethics Committee
SB 538 (Sen. Nikki Merritt)	Elections; interfering with poll workers shall be punished as a misdemeanor; provide	Senate Ethics Committee

### **Solar Legislation**

House Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications Committee

The House Energy Utilities and Telecommunications Committee convened on February 19th to discuss HB 1152, also known as "The Georgia Homegrown Solar Act of 2024." This bill aimed to enact provisions allowing customers of an electric utility to aggregate demand from multiple locations and subscribe to certain off-site solar facilities. It also included measures to ensure nondiscriminatory interconnection of such facilities and provide consumer protections for customers. Additionally, the bill sought to grant customers access to their own meter usage data and authorize them to provide such data to third parties. The hearing on HB 1152 was marked by heated debate, with representatives from the solar energy sector advocating strongly in favor of the bill. They emphasized the potential benefits of expanding access to solar energy for consumers, promoting renewable energy adoption, and fostering innovation in the state's energy sector. On the other side of the debate, Georgia Power emerged as the primary voice of opposition against the bill. The utility company expressed concerns about the potential impact of the proposed legislation on its operations and the existing regulatory framework governing energy distribution in the state. Ultimately, while no decision was reached during the meeting, the hearing on HB 1152 underscored the complex and contentious nature of energy policy in Georgia. The bill's provisions aimed at promoting solar energy access and consumer choice elicited strong reactions from stakeholders, setting the stage for further deliberations and potential amendments as the legislative process unfolds.

On the February 20th meeting of the House Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications Committee, HB 1220, presented by Representative Rhodes, proposes subjecting certain companies providing water service to regulation by the Public Service Commission (PSC), aiming to regulate private water systems, making Georgia one of the few states not currently regulating them. Questions were raised about including sewers and the PSC's budget for implementation, with assurances from the PSC but concerns over funding.

#### Senate Regulated Industries Committee

The Senate Regulated Industries Committee convened on February 20th to address SB 210, which focuses on the generation and distribution of electricity, particularly regarding solar energy. The bill, titled "The Georgia Homegrown Solar Act of 2023," aims to enact measures to promote the adoption of solar energy in the state. During the meeting, the committee completed public testimony and a hearing on SB 210. The bill proposes to require net metering to be offered by electric utilities that meet a certain renewable energy penetration threshold. Net metering allows consumers who generate their own electricity, particularly through solar panels, to receive credit for the excess electricity they feed back into the grid. Throughout the hearing, stakeholders presented their perspectives on SB 210, highlighting its potential impact on renewable energy adoption, consumer choice, and the overall energy landscape in Georgia.

## **AIA Legislation**

Bill	Description	Status
HB 575 (Rep. Joseph Gullett)	Professions and businesses; licensee may request review of an occupational regulation; provide	House withdrawn
HB 1096 (Rep. Dale Washburn)	Professional licensing boards; continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements; establish	House Regulated Industries Committee favorably reported by substitute
HB 1116 (Rep. Debbie Buckner)	Income tax credit; rehabilitation of historic structures; home portion; extend sunset date	House Ways and Means Committee favorably reported by substitute
HB 1134 (Rep. Ron Stephens)	Income tax credit; rehabilitation of historic structures; extend sunset date	House Ways and Means Committee
HB 1152 (Rep. Beth Camp)	The Georgia Homegrown Solar Act of 2024; enact	House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee
HB 1182 (Rep. Clint Crowe)	Income tax; low-income housing tax credits; revise	House Ways and Means Committee favorably reported by substitute
HB 1190 (Rep. J. Collins)	Secretary of State; division director to issue licenses in certain instances; authorize	House Regulated Industries Committee
HB 1197 (Rep. Penny Houston)	Income tax; expand revitalization zone tax credits to include rehabilitation of historic residential structures	House Ways and Means Committee favorably reported
HB 1199 (Rep. Clay Pirkle)	State government; auditor produce certain monthly and annual reports; replace requirement	House passed
SB 471 (Sen. Rick Williams)	Professions and Businesses; certain licenses and certificates issued by certain professional licensing boards; change the expiration and renewal dates	Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities favorably reported