

# NEWSLETTER

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



## 2025 Legislative Priorities Update

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On **Thursday, March 6th**, the Georgia General Assembly marked a key deadline in the 2025 Legislative Session – Crossover Day. This was the last day for a bill originating in one chamber to pass that chamber and be eligible for consideration in the other chamber.

All 11 of the legislative priorities announced by Lt. Governor Burt Jones passed the originating chamber and made the deadline. The bills have now been assigned to committees and will be heard in preparation for *Sine Die* on Friday, April 4th.

Please review the graphics below for a complete list of Lt. Governor Jones' priorities that made the Crossover Day deadline. Additional information can be found here: <https://ltgov.georgia.gov/priorities> or by scanning the QR code.

**CROSSOVER DAY 2025 REPORT**  
Lt. Governor Burt Jones and the GA Senate

**PROTECT WOMEN'S SPORTS**  
Legislation: Senate Bill 1 - "Fair and Safe Athletic Opportunities Act" - which would ban biological males from participating in women's sports across Georgia.

**GEORGIA DOES DOGE - RED TAPE ROLLBACK**  
Legislation: Senate Bill 28 - "Red Tape Rollback Act of 2025" - builds on the work done during the 2024 session to cut government regulation, boost small businesses, and expand economic opportunities throughout Georgia.

**EXPANDING SCHOOL CHOICE TO FOSTER CARE FAMILIES**  
Legislation: Senate Bill 152 - expands eligibility for the Georgia Promise Scholarship to biological and adoptive children of foster care parents.

**REDUCING STATE INCOME TAX**  
Legislation: House Bill 111 - accelerates the reduction in the state income tax rate contemplated by current law. For tax year 2025, the income tax rate will be 3.19% (rather than 5.29%, as provided in current law).

Legislation: House Bill 112 - provides a tax rebate to qualified taxpayers, individual taxpayers who filed an income tax return for both 2023 and 2024.

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**INCREASING SCHOOL SAFETY ACROSS GEORGIA**  
Support Governor Brian Kemp's allocation of \$50 million in the amended fiscal year 2025 budget for one-time additions to school safety grants.

Legislation: Senate Bill 17 - "Ricky and Alyssa's Law" - would require all Georgia schools to install mobile panic alarm systems directly linked to emergency responders and state and local law enforcement.

Legislation: Senate Bill 01 - would strengthen Georgia's law so that attempted homicides and terroristic threats and acts directed toward schools will be offenses for which juveniles will be tried as adults.

Legislation: Senate Bill 179 - would require a transferring student's academic and disciplinary records to be transferred to the new school administration within 10 days and requires the parent or guardian to be notified of the transfer within five days.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
Legislation: Senate Bill 79 - "Fentanyl Eradication and Removal Act" - would establish stiffer criminal penalties for fentanyl offenses.

**CHILD TAX CREDIT AND CHILDCARE TAX PROGRAMS**  
Legislation: Senate Bill 89 - would create a child tax credit and expand existing childcare tax programs.

**IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**  
Legislation: Senate Bill 21 - would waive sovereign immunity for local governments that adopt and implement "sanctuary" policies.

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# Events Under the Gold Dome



**Catoosa and Walker Counties Day at the Capitol**



**Meeting with Georgia Electric Membership Corp. (EMCs)**



**SPIA 2025 Legislative Outlook Update with Professor Bullock, III**



**Magistrate Judges Day at the Capitol**



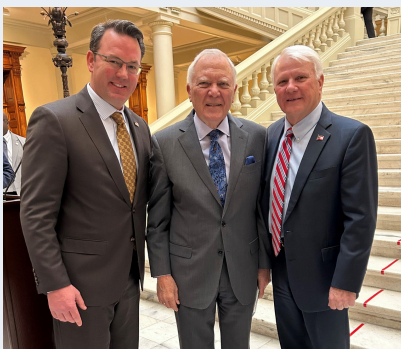
**Probate Judges Day at the Capitol**



**Georgia Military College Day at the Capitol**



**Chiefs of Police Day at the Capitol**



**Honoring Former Governor Nathan Deal's book launch with Speaker Jon Burns**



**Celebrating Georgia Pre-K Week**



**Nolan Smith visit with Senate Pages and Senator Sonya Halpern and Senator Derek Mallow**