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13th Lt. Governor Burt Jones



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2025 Study Committee Appointments

On May 22, 2025, Lt. Governor Burt Jones announced legislative appointments to seven 2025 Senate Study Committees.

"I am happy to announce my appointments to this year's Senate study committees. Each Senator will bring their unique experience and knowledge to these study committees, and I look forward to their expertise contributing to the work of the Senate on critical issues facing constituents across Georgia. I also want to thank each of the members who sponsored the resolutions creating these study committees. I look forward to learning more from the committees' findings and addressing their recommendations during the 2026 Legislative Session."

Senate Study Committee on Additional Services and Resources for Transition Age Youth in Foster Care: Senators Kay Kirkpatrick, District 32, who shall serve as chair; Bo Hatchett, District 50; Derek Mallow, District 2; Elena Parent, District 44; and Chuck Payne, District 54.

Senate Study Committee on Combating Chronic Absenteeism in Schools: Senators John F. Kennedy, District 18, who shall serve as chair; Clint Dixon, District 45; Billy Hickman, District 4; RaShaun Kemp, District 38; Freddie Powell Sims, District 12; and Shawn Still, District 48.

Senate Study Committee on Making Georgia the No. 1 State for Tourism: Senators Drew Echols, District 49, who shall serve as chair; Frank Ginn, District 47; Russ Goodman, District 8; Sonya Halpern, District 39; and Emanuel Jones, District 10.

Senate Study Committee on Recovery Residences: Senators Randy Robertson, District 29, who shall serve as chair; Kim Jackson, District 41; Kay Kirkpatrick; Josh McLaurin, District 14; and Brian Strickland, District 42. Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Commissioner Kevin Tanner, or his designee, shall also serve as a member of the study committee.

Senate Impact of Social Media and Artificial Intelligence on Children and Platform Privacy Protection Study Committee: Senators Sally Harrell, District 40, shall serve as co-chair; Shawn Still, District 48, shall serve as co-chair; Marty Harbin, District 16; Ed Setzler, District 37; and Sheikh Rahman, District 5.

Senate Study Committee on Higher Education Affordability: Senators Nan Orrock, District 36, who shall serve as chair; Max Burns, District 23; Gail Davenport, District 17; Steve Gooch, District 51; and Rick Williams, District 25.

Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services: Senators Harold Jones, District 22, who shall serve as chair; Chuck Hufstetler, District 52; Larry Walker, District 20; Ben Watson, District 1; and Kenya Wicks, District 34.

Dates, locations and documents for meetings of each of the study committees can be found here:

<https://www.senate.ga.gov/committees/en-US/2025StudyCommittees.aspx>



2025 Legislation Signed and Vetoed

On **May 14, 2025**, the 40 day signing period for Governor Brian Kemp ended. Governor Kemp signed over 350 pieces of legislation into law, vetoed seven pieces of legislation, and issued nine disregards for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget - House Bill 68.

For information on bills signed into law, please follow this link: <https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/legislation/signed-legislation/2025>

For information on Governor Kemp's veto messages, please follow this link: <https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/legislation/vetoed-legislation/2025>

For information on Governor Kemp's disregard messages for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, please follow this link: <https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/legislation/vetoed-legislation/2025>



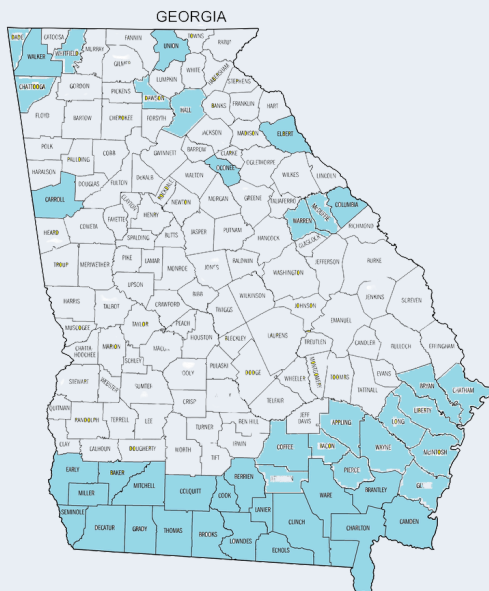
Amended Fiscal Year 2025 Budget



Senate Bills 68/69 Tort Reform



Fiscal Year 2026 Budget



Field Reps visited 45 counties as of May 23 with over 10 office hours planned for next month.

2025 Mobile Office Hours

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.

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T.J. Hudson with attendees at Brunswick MOH.

Events Around the State

- On **April 22, 2025**, Lt. Governor Burt Jones joined Governor Brian Kemp, Colonel William W. Hitchens III, local elected officials, and members of the Georgia State Patrol at the dedication ceremony of the new Georgia State Patrol Headquarters Aviation Hangar.



- Lt. Governor Burt Jones and staff members traveled around the state to meet with constituents, hear about their concerns, and also present proclamations to outstanding organizations and Georgia citizens who are making a difference from the north Georgia mountains to the coast.



Public Safety/K-9 Training Visit Newnan



GA Highway Contractors Assoc. Convention



T.J. Hudson with Augusta University President Russell T. Keen at a dedication ceremony in Augusta



Luke Hetland at Teach in the Peach Signing Event in Atlanta



Luke Hetland with Tra Battle at Boys and Girls Club of Winder-Barrow Futures Dinner