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13th Lt. Governor Burt Jones



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On **May 22, 2025**, Lt. Governor Burt Jones announced legislative appointments to seven 2025 Senate Study Committees. Since the appointments were made, the seven study committees have held several meetings with more planned for the next several months. A link to information on each study committee, along with meeting archives, can be found below:

Senate Study Committee on Additional Services and Resources for Transition Age Youth in Foster Care: <https://www.legis.ga.gov/other-committees/senate/2025/services-resources-foster-care>

Senate Study Committee on Combating Chronic Absenteeism in Schools: <https://www.legis.ga.gov/other-committees/senate/2025/chronic-absenteeism>

Senate Study Committee on Making Georgia the No. 1 State for Tourism: <https://www.legis.ga.gov/other-committees/senate/2025/tourism>

Senate Study Committee on Recovery Residences: <https://www.legis.ga.gov/other-committees/senate/2025/recovery-residences>

Senate Impact of Social Media and Artificial Intelligence on Children and Platform Privacy Protection Study Committee: <https://www.legis.ga.gov/other-committees/senate/2025/social-media-platform-privacy>

Senate Study Committee on Higher Education Affordability: <https://www.legis.ga.gov/other-committees/senate/2025/higher-education-affordability>

Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services: <https://www.legis.ga.gov/other-committees/senate/2025/family-caregiver-services>



2025 Senate Study Committee Schedule



Luke Hetland, Field Rep., with members of the Study Comm. on Making GA the No. 1 State for Tourism



Georgia Promise Scholarship Update

The Georgia Promise Scholarship student application window for the 2025/2026 academic year is open through September 30, 2025. The next application period will be from December 1 through December 31, 2025. Senate Bill 233 was signed into law in 2024, creating the Georgia Promise Scholarship Program. Senate Bill 233 was a priority for Lt. Governor Burt Jones during the 2024 session. Lt. Governor Jones issued the following statement in support of this legislation being signed into law:

“As a longtime proponent of school choice, I am proud of the General Assembly for passing the most substantive initiative in decades. I want to thank Governor Kemp for his support for school choice and education freedom within our state. Today’s signing of SB 233 is a great step in the right direction; however, there is still more work to be done to give parents the choice and resources that can meet their child’s unique educational needs. I look forward to working with Governor Kemp and my colleagues in the General Assembly to ensure educational freedom in Georgia.”

The Georgia Promise Scholarship empowers families to pursue educational programs that best fit their child’s educational needs. The Georgia Promise Scholarship allows Georgia families to use **\$6,500 per eligible student** for private school tuition, tutoring from a Professional Standards Commission certified educator, services from a physician or licensed therapist for occupational, behavioral, physical, or speech-language therapies, textbooks, and supplemental materials such as workbooks and STEM kits. The full list of eligible expenses can be found here: <https://mygeorgiapromise.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/5.8.25-Eligible-Expense-List.pdf>

As of September 23, 2025, over 17,000 families applied for the Georgia Promise Scholarship.

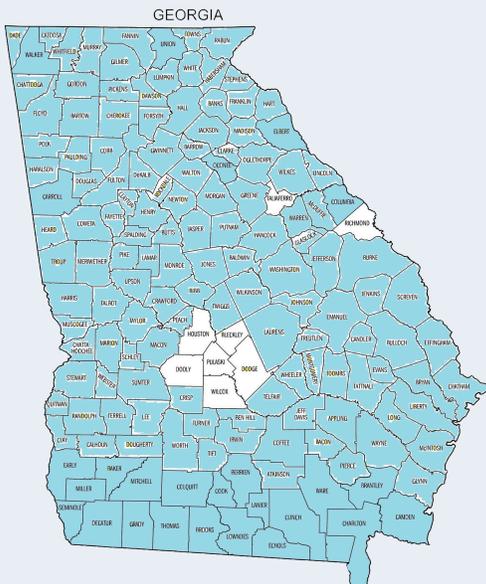
How to Apply:

- Families may apply for the Georgia Promise Scholarship at mygeorgiapromise.org.
- The December student application windows will be from December 1-31, 2025 for the Spring 2026 semester.
- Parents should be prepared to provide a state-issued ID, proof of residency, the most recent federal 1040 tax form, and (unless a rising kindergarten student) proof of public-school enrollment for the 2024 - 2025 academic year (e.g., report card, transcript, enrollment/attendance report).

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY IF...

- Enrolled in a Georgia public school for the 2024 - 2025 year
OR
 Entering kindergarten for the 2025 - 2026 year
- The student resides in the attendance zone of a public school included on the Governor’s Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) published list of lower performing schools
- Parent has resided in Georgia for 1+ year, exception for active-duty military
- Students cannot be recipients of the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship or Georgia Student Scholarship Organization Scholarship



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.

Field Reps visited 151 counties as of September 26 with 8 office hours planned for next month.



T.J. Hudson, Field Representative, at Lee County Mobile Office Hours



T.J. Hudson at Decatur County Mobile Office Hours

Events Around the State

- 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.



Lt. Governor Burt Jones delivering the keynote address at the Jackson Co. Hometown Hero Appreciation Luncheon



Lt. Governor Burt Jones met and spoke with 700 youth entrepreneurs at the CTAE event in Forsyth County



Lt. Governor Burt Jones served as the keynote speaker at the FOBANA Convention 2025



Lt. Governor Burt Jones attended the Built to Honor Home Dedication Ceremony for U.S. Army Veteran - Sergeant Aisha Hardemon



Ines Owens, Policy and Communications Director, meeting and tour with staff and employees at Chris 180



Denese Sampson, Director of Constituent Services, attending Georgia Reads Day with Malcolm Mitchell