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13th Lt. Governor Burt Jones



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Update: Senate Special Committee on Eliminating Georgia's Income Tax

On **October 22, 2025**, Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones provided remarks at the third meeting of the Georgia Senate Special Committee on Eliminating Georgia's Income Tax and met with local business leaders and constituents in Gainesville, Georgia.

"To every Georgian working paycheck to paycheck, we hear you. When we take money out of your paychecks through the state income tax, it makes it harder for you to get ahead. Georgia is strong because of the people who work hard every day, not because of the government taking more of your paycheck. Eliminating the state income tax is about giving families breathing room and letting Georgians keep more of the money they work hard to earn. Eliminating the income tax would mean that you keep more of what you earn. You earned it. You should keep it."

The livestream for the meeting can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/9603707?video=1127606569>

For additional information on the Georgia Senate Special Committee on Eliminating Georgia's Income Tax, please follow these links:

<https://ltgov.georgia.gov/press-releases/2025-07-17/lt-governor-jones-announces-new-georgia-special-senate-committee>

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/other-committees/senate/2025/eliminating-ga-income-tax>



Mobile Office Hours Hosted In All 159 Counties

On **October 9, 2025**, Lt. Governor Burt Jones announced that, for the third year in a row, field representatives Luke Hetland and TJ Hudson have hosted mobile office hours in all 159 counties across Georgia. The Statewide Field Representative Program was created and announced shortly after Lt. Governor Jones took office in 2023. The program and mobile office hours, including extended hours in partnership with state agencies and community groups, will continue in 2025 and 2026. Each representative has held weekly mobile office hours in 2025 throughout their assigned regions to meet constituents and respond to their requests and questions.

"I am excited to announce that for a third year in a row, our team has met the people of Georgia where they live, in all 159 counties. Meeting Georgians across the state is a priority because our team recognizes that constituent needs exist outside of the Gold Dome. While visiting all 159 counties again this year, my field representatives met with constituents, local businesses, elected officials and other stakeholders to answer legislative questions and address their unique constituent needs. Additional mobile office hours will be planned throughout the remainder of 2025 and into 2026, as we continue to prioritize constituent services and outreach to ensure we serve all of Georgia's citizens."

Mobile office hours, regional meetings and other events will be planned and announced for the remainder of the year. Please visit this [dedicated page](#) for information, 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 and in 2026.



**T.J. Hudson, Field Rep.,
with attendees at Brunswick MOH.**



**Luke Hetland, Field Rep.,
with attendees at Barrow MOH.**

Update: 2025 Senate Study Committees

2025 Study Committees are continuing to hold meetings and others have been scheduled for the next several months. Please review the information below for each study committee.

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**

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 delivered the keynote address at the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference Luncheon



Lt. Governor Burt Jones delivered the keynote address at the 2025 Georgia Sheriff's Salute



Swearing in ceremony for Senator Jason Dickerson - representing Senate District 21



Brad Vaughan, Chief of Staff and Counsel, attended the 2025 50 State Afterschool Network Fall Meeting



Ines Owens, Legislative and Communications Director, met with stakeholders and attended the FIFA World Cup 2026 Briefing



Ines Owens attended Governor Brian Kemp's 2025 Governor's Workforce Summit