

NEWSLETTER

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Lt. Governor Burt Jones



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2024 Legislative Priorities Update

Over the past several months, Lt. Governor Burt Jones announced 2024 Legislative Priorities that will be introduced and voted on during the upcoming 2024 session. In January, additional priorities will be announced. To learn more, please review the list below, visit the website or scan the QR code:

<https://ltgov.georgia.gov/2024>

Create a Stable Workforce

- Cut burdensome regulations so that Georgia's businesses can grow and hire willing and able employees.

Red Tape Rollback

- Fewer Rules and Reduced Paperwork
- Streamlined Reporting
- More Opportunities to Expand

Increase School Safety

- Build on the reforms the General Assembly has made in recent years around safety training for teachers, school safety plans, and the ability of local school systems to determine for themselves the best ways to increase school safety.

Address Social Media and Cyberbullying

- Requiring Age Verification
- Adding Parental Consent
- Monitoring Cyberbullying

Expand Access to Healthcare

- Addressing Outdated Certificate of Need Laws
- Advancing health care access for new and expectant mothers and infants



Reducing Georgia's Income Tax

On December 4, Lt. Governor Burt Jones joined Governor Brian Kemp, Speaker Jon Burns and members of the Georgia General Assembly to announce the introduction of legislation during the 2024 session that will accelerate reductions in the state income tax rate. According to data and analysis provided by the Office of Planning and Budget, Georgia taxpayers will save approximately \$1.1 billion in calendar year 2024. These savings will be a result of the announced tax cut acceleration and the 26 basis-points reduction.

"Today's announcement is a great step toward ultimately eliminating Georgia's income tax, a top priority of mine," said **Lt. Governor Burt Jones**. "I commend Governor Kemp and members of the legislature for strategically putting our state in the position to give more money back to every Georgian. Along with the announcement today and the work of the Joint Tax Review Panel, I am confident we will identify additional ways to improve our tax structure and keep Georgia the best place to live and work."



2023 Study Committee Final Reports

Senate Study Committees and two Joint Study Committees created during the 2023 Legislative Session have finalized their committee reports and recommendations. Meetings were held during the interim, and final reports and recommendations were finalized in December.

Please follow this link for all information related to the study committees including **final reports (including recommendations)**, appointees, presentations and documents:

<https://www.senate.ga.gov/committees/en-US/2023StudyCommittees.aspx>



2023 SENATE STUDY COMMITTEES

SR 85: SENATE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING STUDY COMMITTEE

SR 371: SENATE STUDY COMMITTEE ON RURAL MEDICAL PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT

SR 147: SENATE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX STUDY COMMITTEE

SR 282: SENATE STUDY COMMITTEE ON FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION

SR 155: SENATE TRUCK DRIVER SHORTAGES STUDY COMMITTEE

SR 279: SENATE STUDY COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATE OF NEED REFORM

SR 275: SENATE STUDY COMMITTEE ON EXPANDING GEORGIA'S WORKFORCE



Capitol Events

- On November 14, Lt. Governor Burt Jones met with British Consul General Rachel Galloway to discuss current and future partnerships between Great Britain and Georgia.
- On November 29, the Georgia General Assembly convened for the 2024 Special Session to address redistricting. The Senate denounced the October 7th Hamas attack on Israel and passed Senate Resolution 4EX in support of the state of Israel and the Jewish people.
- On December 5, Lt. Governor Burt Jones and staff met with Senator Sonya Halpern (D - Atlanta), Paine College President Dr. Cheryl Evans Jones and her staff to discuss education programs and workforce initiatives at Paine College.



Events Around the State

- On November 12, Denese Sampson, Director for Constituent Services, attended the Staff Academy for Governmental Excellence (SAGE) Class of 2023 Leadership Program with CSG South.
- Lt. Governor Burt Jones and Luke Hetland, Georgia Field Director/Region 1 attended a roundtable discussion with the Atlanta Produce Dealers Association on November 14. They discussed how distribution companies, retailers, and wholesalers of produce all work together.
- On November 16, Ines Owens, Policy and Communications Director, attended the ExcelinEd's National Summit on Education and a roundtable discussion with former Florida Governor John Ellis "Jeb" Bush, Senate and House leadership and key stakeholders to discuss school choice and other education policy priorities for the 2024 session.



**SAGE Class of 2023
Leadership Program**



**Atlanta Produce
Dealers Association**



**ExcelinEd Roundtable Discussion
on Education Policy**