

Legislation of Interest to the Georgia State Retirees Association – February 12, 2014

The General Session for 2014 began with the bills that were introduced in 2013 and not passed and continued as possible bills that could be passed in the 2014 session. New bills introduced in the 2014 session begin with HB 695 and SB 281. However, this report continues to track the carry forward bills from 2013 even though most of the bills continue to be dormant. The column marked “Committee/Status” will indicate action by “red” type. Since this is the first posted report for Calendar 2014, all of the activity in 2014 is indicated in “red.”

Note: The General Assembly has adopted a resolution to complete the Session earlier because of the early “Primary” elections. At the current time, **March 3, 2014 is planned for the 30th legislative day** and known as “cross-over” day and **March 20, 2014 is planned for the 40th** and last day of the 2014 Session.

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| HB 61 | Kidd 145 th : The process of reporting expenditures that lobbyists spend on elected state officials and General Assembly members are modified to require the officials to report the receipts and verified with the lobbyists reports. | H. Rules 1/15/2003 |
| HB 148 | Alexander 66 th and Wilkerson 38 th : The Tax Accountability Act of 2012 states that bills proposing tax exemptions may be introduced only during the first term. Actuarial investigation is not required if the majority of the committee opposes the bill and the body may not pass the bill. The committee may consider the bill after the legislative session. | H. Ways and Means 1/30/2013 |
| HB 205 | Lindsey 54 th , Gardner 57 th , Willard 51 st , Neal 2 nd , Weldon 3 rd : The psychiatric advance directive act would provide for a competent adult to express his or her mental health care treatment preferences and desires directly through instructions written in advance and indirectly through appointing an agent to make mental health care decisions on behalf of that person. | H. Health and Human Services 2/6/13 |
| HB 243 | Glanton 75 th , Lindsey 54 th , Jones 62 nd , Willard 51 st , Kaiser 59 th : Superior court judges, district attorneys, or solicitors-general may request transfer of funds from the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System. | H. Retirement 2/8/13 |
| HB 246 | Golick 40 th , Smith 134 th , Neal 2 nd , Shaw 176 th : Under the Employee Benefit Plan Council powers the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority shall have the power to provide benefit programs to its officers, employees, and other agents, including a retirement plan and a group insurance plan; This bill allows the Authority to opt out of the flex benefit plan. There is a no abortion amendment & state will not pay for any abortion. | Passed House 2/19/13 Committee Substitute passed the Senate with a floor amendment 3/25/13 |
| HB 263 | Martin 49 th , Riley 50 th , Neal 2 nd , Harbin 122 nd , Battles 15 th : Any person who becomes eligible to participate in the school | H. Retirement 2/20/13 |

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| | <p>personnel post-employment health benefit fund or state employees post-employment health benefit fund on or after July 1, 2013, shall pay a premium which reflects the entire cost of such coverage. This bill will affect all active and retired employees and teachers who become employed after 7/1/13. In 2/20 hearing only Rep. Martin stated he might offer a substitute as he did not intend for HB 263 to apply to active employees or teachers. There is a plan to later address break-in-services. His intent is to address an estimated \$19 billion in other post- employment liability which has not been and is not being funded.</p> | <p>Withdrawn by author</p> |
| HB 279 | <p>Rogers 10th, Ehrhart 36th, Setzler 35th, Willard 51st, Stephens 164th : The bill defines and provides for exemptions for physician owned ambulatory surgical centers and repeal definition of single specialty ambulatory surgical center.</p> | <p>H. Health and Human Services 2/11/13</p> |
| HB 285 | <p>Peake 141st, Lindsey 54th, Williamson 115th, Stephens 164th, Sheldon 104th : The bill establishes the “Invest Georgia Fund” with \$100 million dedicated for seed capital over the next five years to boost Georgia’s nascent technology center. The fund would be overseen by an independent investment board, which would recruit large venture capital firms to throw additional private money into the pot. The board would then choose technology startups for investment. <u>If all goes well</u>, based on each contract, the state would recoup its original investment plus 80 percent of profits — which would go back into the fund. The firms would get the remaining 20 percent.</p> | <p>H. Ways and Means 2/11/13</p> |
| HB 291 | <p>Knight 130th, Peake 141st, Mosby 83rd, Riley 50th, Carson 46th : The Public Accountancy Act of 2013 makes the State Board of Accountancy an independent state agency attached to the Secretary of State for Administrative purposes only. The act defines the membership, powers, leadership, responsibilities and duties of the Board.</p> | <p>H. Judiciary 2/12/13</p> |
| HB 292 | <p>Battles of the 15th: The bill creates a new schedule for fixing maximum benefits for members of the Magistrates Retirement Fund of Georgia.</p> | <p>H. Retirement 2/12/12</p> |
| HB 343 | <p>Willard 51st: This bill is about choice of retirement system for probation and intake officers, juvenile court judges and some other juvenile justice workers. The choice would be either the Department of Juvenile Justice or county retirement systems.</p> | <p>Recommitted House Retirement 3/28/2013</p> |
| HB 377 | <p>Mabra 63rd, Willard 51st, Ramsey 72nd, and Rogers 10th: Prohibits garnishment of benefits, such as benefit plans or pension programs, until the benefits are actually paid to the recipient, except alimony for child support and welfare payment controlled by an administrator or trustee.</p> | <p>Recommitted House Retirement 3/28/2013</p> |
| HB 385 | <p>Battles 15th: Amends Code 45 for the Employees Retirement System</p> | <p>H. Retirement</p> |

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| | to clarify definition of creditable service. | 2/20/13 |
| HB 386 | Battles 15 th : Amends Code Section 47-3-1, relating to definitions relative to the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia to clarify the definition of 'Annuity savings fund' in 47-3-41 Par. (5). | H. Retirement 2/20/13 |
| HB 398 | House Committee Substitute revises current law for personal care facilities and assisted living which would be designated licensed residential living level 1 and residential living level 2 care . | Recommitted Human Resources 3/28/13 |
| HB 413 | Harbin 122 nd , 164 th , Parrish 158 th , Harden 148 th , and Broadrick 4 th : Pharmacy benefits managers are required to disclose their basis and methodology for determining maximum allowable cost. | H. Health and Human Services 2/21/13 |
| HB 427 | Drenner 85 th , Willard 51 st , Jacobs 80 th , Abrams 89 th , Kidd 145 th : The bill promotes the protection personal dignity and freedom from humiliation through the elimination of discrimination against all individuals in public employment because of sexual orientation. | H. Industry and Labor 2/21/13 |
| HB 469 | Smith 134 th , Smyre 135 th , Hugley 136 th , Buckner 137 th , Pezold 133 rd : Retirement income received as retirement benefits from military service shall not be subject to state income tax. | H. Ways and Means 2/26/13 |
| HB 477 | Powell 171 st , Maxwell 17 th , Lindsey 54 th , Golick 40 th : Any member of ERS who was previously an active member of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System and who has not withdrawn his or her employee contributions from such retirement system may elect to have all contributions made by or on behalf of such member transferred from the Georgia Judicial Retirement System | Passed House 2/11/14 |
| HB 489 | Nix 69 th , Epps 132 nd : A member of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia who has selected an optional allowance for a spouse may revoke the choice upon remarriage and elect other options. | H. Retirement 2/27/13 |
| HB 490 | Barr 103 rd , Casas 107 th , Rogers 29 th , Ramsey 72 nd , Maxwell 17 th : The Board of Education may contract with local employers for the inclusion of certified librarians working 30 or more hours and other personnel working 30 or more hours employed by regional and county libraries within any established health insurance plan or plans. Local employers will deduct required payments from salary. | Recommitted H. Health Education 3/7/2013 |
| HB 511 | Dempsey 13 th , Watson 166 th , Cooper 43 rd , Sims 123 rd , Clark 101 st : Beginning January 1, 2014, the department shall conduct a two-year pilot program to provide coverage for bariatric surgical procedures for the treatment and management of obesity and related conditions under the health insurance plan for up to 75 state employees established. This Act shall become effective only if funds are specifically appropriated for the purposes of this Act. This code section shall stand repealed 42 months after the | Recommitted to S. Health and Human Services 1/13/14. Substitute Favorably Reported 2/6/2014 |

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| | effective date. | |
| HB 516 | House Committee on Retirement: The Bill provides for members of the regents retirement plan to reverse an earlier election and elect to become members of the Teachers Retirement System by paying the necessary funds required for the service so that “NO” unfunded liability. | Substitute Favorably Reported 2/5/2014 Postponed 2/11/2014 |
| HB 540 | Sims 169 th , Carson 46 th : This bill repeals provisions as a matter of right to re-compute the pension amount paid to teachers and employees who retired prior to April 1, 1955, and who had been awarded a basic pension for 20 years of service. <i>(If someone started working when they were 18 and worked until they were 38 the person would now be 96 years old)</i> | Passed House 3/7/13, Recommitted S. State and Local Governmental Operations 1/13/13 |
| HB 579 | Weldon 3 rd , Maxwell 17 th , Battles 15 th : Amend the Georgia Judicial Retirement System to allow a retiring member to use prior part-time service for vesting and benefits and to set the conditions under which the part-time service will be added. | H. Retirement 3/13/13 |
| HB 580 | Weldon 3 rd , Maxwell 17 th , Battles 15 th : Provide for a spousal survivor’s benefit in the Superior Court Clerk's Retirement Fund. | Favorably Reported 2/5/2014 |
| HB 601 | Maxwell 17 th , Battles 15 th , Weldon 3 rd , Buckner 137 th , Brooks 55 th : This bill will repeal an automatic cost-of living increase for the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia. | H. Retirement 3/14/13 |
| HB 606 | Knight 130 th : Exclude Independent Contractors as Private Home Care Providers. | H. Health and Human Services 3/20/13 |
| HB 644 | Taylor 79 th , Brockway 102 nd : Provides for Disclosures of drug coverage modifications to Enrollees in Health Care Benefit Plans. | H. Insurance 3/22/13 |
| HB 646 | Fleming 121 st , Harbin 122 nd , Sims 123 rd , McCall 33 rd : Delete the requirement for “full-time” in the Magistrates Retirement Fund. | Passed House 2/10/14 S. Retirement 2/11/14 |
| HB 654 | Oliver 82 nd , Quick 117 th , Fleming 121 st , McCall 33 rd , Willard 51 st , Weldon 3 rd : Provides for a Testament Guardian for a minor. | Passed House 2/7/2014 S. Judiciary 2/10/14 |
| HB 658 | Park 108 th , Sheldon 104 th , Harrell 106 th , Hawkins 27 th , Taylor 79 th , Weldon 3 rd : Provides for the elimination on January 1, 2014 of estate taxes by the state and eliminates the requirement for filing estate tax returns. | H. Ways and Means 3/26/23 |
| HB 662 | Cheokas 138 th , Stephens 164 th , Marin 49 th , Dudgeon 25 th : The bill creates an alternative to medical malpractice litigation by establishing a board to provide judgment as to payments to injured persons. | H. Insurance 3/26/13 |
| HB 688 | Kirby 114 th , Lindsey 54 th , Sheldon 104 th , Williamson 115 th , Ballinger 23 rd : The bill changes Georgia’s tax system to a “consumption” tax usually referred to as “Fair Tax” system to replace the current income tax based system. | H. Ways and Means 3/28/13 |
| HB 695 | Carson 46 th , Bennett 94 th , Epps 144 th : The bill establishes a Council | Health and Human |

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| | on Care Management Organizations and Medicaid Oversight and revises therapy services under Medicaid. | Services 1/14/2014 |
| HB 707 | Spencer 180 th , Stover 71 st , Turner 21 st , Caldwell 20 th , Cooke 18 th : The bill referred to as the Georgia Health Care Freedom and ACA Noncompliance Act prohibits powers, assets, employees, agents, or contractors of the state or others from engaging in an activity that aids any agency in the enforcement of provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 ; to endow the Attorney General with authority to bring suit to enjoin violations of such prohibition. | H. Judiciary 1/14/2014 |
| HB 728 | Sims of the 169 th : This bill and HB 540 have the same provisions. The bill repeals the requirement to re-compute a pension paid to teachers and employees who retired prior to April 1, 1955. | H. Education 1/14/2014 |
| HB 743 | Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 | S. Committee Substitute Passed Senate 2/5/2014 |
| HB 744 | General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 | Substitute Favorably Reported 2/11/14 |
| HB 745 | Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 | H Appropriations 1/16/14 |
| HB 746 | Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 | H Appropriations 1/16/14 |
| HB 747 | General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 | H Appropriations 1/16/14 |
| HB 748 | General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 | H Appropriations 1/16/14 |
| HB 761 ERS bill | Riley 50th, Battles 15th, Wilkerson 38th, Greene 151st, 137th: HB 761 deletes current language about specific Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statements for public employee retirement plans and replaces the language for complying with accepted actuarial processes. | H. Retirement 1/17/2014 |
| HB 764 ERS bill | Maxwell 17 th , Battles 15 th , Greene 151 st , Buckner 137 th , Benton 31 st : HB 764 changes <u>the current automatic enrollment in the Georgia Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS)</u> from 1% to 5% of salary upon employment for new employees on and after July 1, 2014. State agencies match the first 1% at 100% and will match the members' 2% to 5% contribution at 50%. Therefore, matching state funds will be provided at 3% of compensation when the member contributes 5% of compensation. The member may change or discontinue the contribution by filing the request. Members may also contribute more than 5% of compensation, but within IRC guidelines and without an employer match percent. | Retirement 1/17/2014 |
| HB 793 | Turner 21 st , Caldwell 20 th , Stover 71 st , Kirby 114 th , Chapman 167 th : The fiscal responsibility act provides that no local or state entity | H. Governmental Affairs 1/13/2014 |

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| | shall accept federal funds in any form or for any purpose unless the acceptance of such federal funds has been approved by an Act of the General Assembly; | |
| HB 794 | Braddock 19 th , Welch 110 th , Lindsey 54 th , Clark 98 th , Hawkins 27 th : The Compact for a Balanced Budget will promote the proposal and ratification of a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution. | Favorably Reported 2/4/2014 |
| HB 837 | Hamilton 24 th , Powell 32nd , Golick 40th , Maxwell 17th , Powell 171st , Ballinger 23rd : HB 837 provides for the supervision of misdemeanor and county and city ordinance offenders by county and municipal probation officers and private probation services providers and to provide for the assessment and collection of costs of probation; to provide for related matters. | Substitute Favorably Reported 2/4/2014 Postponed 2/7/2014 |
| HB 839 | Spencer 180 th : The bill revises powers relative to local hospital authorities, how the authority is organized or dissolved and other purposes. | 1/24/2014 H. Health and Human Services |
| HB 840 | Golick 40 th , Smith 134 th , Maxwell 17 th , Shaw 176 th : Bill 840 clarifies that any person licensed by the Insurance Commissioner is subject to the disciplinary action in conformity with Title 33. | Passes House 2/11/14 |
| HB 843 | Riley 50 th , Battles 15 th , Greene 151 st , Maxwell 17 th , Buckner 137 th : HB 843 deletes outdated references in Title 47 (Retirement) to the federal Internal Revenue Code and inserts the correct IRC references regarding maximum contributions and benefits. IRS has announced the contribution limits for 2014 at \$17,500 to their 401(k), 403(b), and most 457 plans. | H. Retirement 1/24/2014 |
| HB 844 | Benton 31 st : Actions to defraud the Ga. Firefighters' Pension Fund shall be a felony | Retirement 1/27/2014 |
| HB 868 | Fludd 64 th , Bruce 61 st , Mosby 83 rd : The Board of Community Health shall contract with at least two vendors to provide health insurance benefits under the state employees' health insurance plan; | H. Retirement 1/27/2014 |
| HB 894 | Peake 141 st : HB 894 clarifies the definitions and provisions of “continuing care” in various settings for the purpose of insurance coverage and authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to identify the various care settings for insurance contracts. | H. Health and Human Services 2/4/2014 |
| HB 899 | Cooper 43 rd , Houston 170 th , Lindsey 54 th , Kelley 16 th , Rynders 152 nd : Owning or operating an unlicensed personal care home is a felony. | H. Health and Human Services 2/4/2014 |
| HB 910 | Kelley 16 th , Cooper 43 rd , Jasperse 11 th : HB 910 authorizes the Department of Community Health to approve medical-legal partnerships for the purpose of determining eligibility for grants. | H. Health and Human Services 2/5/2014 |
| HB 913 | Kelley 26 th , England 116 th , Powell 171 st , Gravley the 67 th , Caldwell 20 th : The bill expands the conflicts of interest for the Board of | H. Governmental Affairs 2/5/2014 |

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| | Community Health to include any member of the board who has any ownership interest in or to be employed by any entity or program that is licensed or regulated by the department of community health or any entity that provides medical staffing services to an entity that is licensed or regulated by the department. | |
| HB 920 | Teasley 37 th , Golick 40 th , Smith 134 th , Carson 46 th , Brockway 102 nd : The Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefit Act spells out insurers duties to find and pay beneficiaries before paying unclaimed life insurance benefits to the state treasury as unclaimed property. | H. Insurance 2/5/2014 |
| HB 929 | Barr 103 rd , Brockway 102 nd , Clark 98 th , Cooke 18 th , Ramsey 72 nd : Petitions for constitutional convention to amend the US constitution and the selection of delegates. | H. Judiciary 2/6/2014 |
| HB 930 | Barr 103 rd , Brockway 102 nd , Clark 98 th , Cooke 18 th , Ramsey 72 nd : The bill specifies the requirements and selection of delegates for amending the US constitution. | H. Judiciary 2/6/2014 |
| HB 935 | Benton 31 st : The bill includes retirement, pensions or emeritus system covering an employee or employees of a county, municipality, local board of education or other political subdivision subject to the definition of records exempt from disclosure. The bill also changes the required actuarial report changed from 3 to 2 years. | H. Retirement 2/7/2014 |
| HB 937 | Benton 31 st : The bill provides a process for returning member's contribution at death by the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund when the member may not have continued contributions. | H. Retirement 2/7/2013 |
| HB 941 | Wilkerson 38 th , McClain 100 th , Hugley 136 th , Prince 127 th , Dickerson 113 th : The purchasing code is modified to require an analysis of private service contracts' cost as compared to the use of public employees and prohibits the use of private service contracts unless the private service is at least 10% more cost efficient; however, the cost components as identified in the bill must also be considered. | H. State Property 2/7/2014 |
| HB 974 | Maxwell 17 th , Coleman 97 th , Battles 15 th , Brooks 55 th , Wilkerson 38 th : Peace Officers may obtain service credit by paying dues for up to five years prior service as determined by the actuary for the fund so as not to create any actuarial accrued unfunded liability as to the fund. | Ways and Means 2/10/2014 |
| HR 603 | Dempsey 13 th , Cooper 43 rd , Watson 166 th : To further examine the benefits that can be realized, both medically and financially, by providing coverage for bariatric surgical procedures under the state employees' health plan. Certain data should be supplied to the Chairpersons of the House Committee on Health and Human | Passed House 3/7/13 Favorably Reported 3/20/13 Recommitted to S. Health and Human |

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| | Services, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Appropriations Committee. | Services 1/13/2014 |
| Senate Bills & Resolutions | | |
| SB 48 | Henson 41 st , Tate 38 th , Fort 39 th , Orrock 36 th , Thompson 5 th : No lobbyist shall make gifts to a public officer where the aggregate value of such gifts exceeds \$100.00 in any calendar year. | Ethics 1/15/13 |
| SB 49 | Carter 42 nd , Fort 39 th , Tate 38 th , Seay 34 th , Thompson 5 th : This bill reinstates the name of the former Georgia Ethics Commission | Ethics 1/15/13 |
| SB 65 | Unterman 45 th : The bill expands to Licensed Professional Counselors the authority to examine a person and find the person in need of emergency involuntary treatment. This act shall stand repealed 3/15/15. | Recommitted to H. Health and Human Services 3/28/13 |
| SB 141 | Beach 21 st , Gooch 51 st , Albers 56 th , Miller 49 th : The " Patient Injury Act " relating to torts creates an alternative to medical malpractice litigation whereby patients are compensated for medical injuries. | S. Health and Human Services 2/12/13 |
| SB 163 | <u>Ligon, 3rd, Albers 6th, Millar 40th, Loudermilk 14th, McKoon 29th, Crane 28th.</u> The House Committee Substitute for SB 163 restricts the type of commercial entity where the electronic benefit transfer cards can be used. | Recommitted to H. Health and Human Services 3/28/13 |
| SB 164 | Crane 28 th , McKoon 29 th , Albers 56 th , Ligon 3 rd , Loudermilk 14 th : The bill excludes coverage for drugs or surgery for purpose of abortion in the health insurance plan created in 45-18-2. | S. Insurance and Labor 2/14/13 |
| SB 173 | McKoon 29 th : The bill known as ' Accuracy and Transparency in Physician/Provider Profiling Act. ' establishes a profiling program which compares, rates, ranks, measures, tiers, or classifies a physician's or physician group's performance, quality, or cost of care against objective or subjective standards or the practice of other physicians, including without limitation quality improvement programs, pay-for-performance programs, public reporting on physician performance or ratings, and the use of tiered or narrowed networks. | S. Insurance and Labor 2/19/13 |
| SB 180 | Bethel 54 th , Golden 8 th , Carter 1 st , and Stone 23 rd : The Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System and any association of like political subdivisions which contracts with its members for the pooling of assets may invest up to 10 percent of the total assets of its fund in real estate. In the event the fund's assets decrease in value, the association shall be entitled to retain all real estate investments if owned prior to the reduction in value of assets; provided, further, that any such association shall be entitled to retain all real estate assets it owned on July 1, 1999, without regard to the limitation imposed by this subsection. | S. Retirement 2/20/13 Bill withdrawn by author |

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| SB 192 | Albers 56 th , Gooch 51 st , Mullis 53 rd : The bill changes the definition of firefighter and creditable service . | S. Retirement 2/23/13 |
| SB 202 | Unterman 45 th , Mullis 53 rd , Chance 16 th : SB 202 is a bill of rights for residents of long-term care facilities; it defines nursing home malpractice claims and defines an arbitration agreement. | S. Health and Human Services 2/25/13 Tabled per AJC 3-5-13 |
| SB 224 | Golden 8 th , Shafer 48 th , Chance 16 th : The bill creates the Invest Georgia Fund as a distinct component of the Seed-Capital Fund for venture capital . The fund shall consist of all moneys authorized by law for deposit in the fund, including, but not limited to, gifts, grants, private donations, and funds by government entities authorized to provide funding for the purposes authorized for use of the fund and any payments or returns on investments made by the center. | Passed Senate 3/5/13 Recommitted to H. Ways and Means 3/28/13 |
| SB 235 | Albers 56 th , Mullis 53 rd , Gooch 51 st : This bill changes the definition of firefighter and provides for creditable service in the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund. | S. Retirement 3/1/13 |
| SB 281 | Hill 32 nd : SB 281 requires the Department of Community Health to expand options under the State Health Benefit Plan so that participants can be offered a High Deductible option with access to a Health Savings Account. Although the SHBP included a High Deductible plan in 2013, none of the options in 2014 are designated as High Deductible. In 2013, a HD plan must have a Minimum of \$1,250 (individual) or \$6,250 (Family) deductible and an out-of-pocket maximum of \$2,500/\$12,500. | S. I&L 1/15/2004 |
| SB 291 | Unterman 45 th , Wilkinson 50 th , Hill 32 nd , Dugan 30 th , Hill 4 th : The Georgia Adult and Aging Services Agency would be created under the Georgia Adult and Aging Services Board with funding from the Department of Human Services to replace the Division of Aging Services and would be the department designated state agency for federal programs for aging and development and coordination of state, local, and interstate programs. | Passed Senate 2/3/2014, H. Human Resources 2/4/2014 |
| SB 292 | Unterman 45 th , Wilkinson 50 th , Hill 32 nd , Dugan 30 th , Hill 4 th : The bill provides a Alzheimer's Disease Registry to be established within the Department of Public Health. The registry shall assist in the development of policy and planning. | Passed Senate 2/3/2014, H. Human Resources 2/4/2014 |
| SB 304 | Stone 23 rd , Jackson 24 th : A provider with a certificate of authority and written approval may offer, as a part of the continuing care agreement , continuing care at home and continuing care in which the resident purchases a resident owned living unit. | S. Insurance and Labor 1/23/2014 |
| SB 308 | Fort 39 th , Jones 10 th , Tate 38 th , Henson 41 st , Seay 34 th : The bill | S. Appropriations |

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| | authorizes appropriations for the purposes of obtaining federal financial participation for medical assistance payments to providers of Medicaid expansion under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. | 1/24/2014 |
| SB 310 | Tate 38 th , Henson 41 st , Thompson 5 th , Sims 12 th , Fort 39 th : The bill requires State contract recipients to disclose campaign contributions . | S. Ethics 1/24/2014 |
| SB 328 | Fort 39 th , Henson 41 st , Tate 38 th , Davenport 44 th , Sims 12 th : The Board of Community Health shall contract with at least two vendors to provide health insurance benefits under the state employees' health insurance plan; | S. Insurance and Labor 1/27/2014 |
| SB 334 | Carter 1 st : The Georgia Health Care Freedom and ACA Noncompliance Act prohibits powers, assets, employees, agents, or contractors of the state or local government from engaging in an activity that aids enforcement of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. The bill authorizes Attorney General enforce such violations. | S. Insurance and Labor 1/31/2014 |
| SB 339 | Stone 23 rd . Hufstetler 52 nd : The Department of Juvenile Justice county probation and intake employees/Officers who become employees of the department as a result of the county probation and intake services' being transferred to the department shall have retirement system options. | S. Retirement 2/3/201 |
| SB 342 | Burke 11 th , Unterman 45 th , Balfour 9 th , Hufstetler 52 nd : AIDS confidential information can be released to certain licensed health care providers whom the person has consulted for medical treatment or advice. | Favorably Reported 2/11/14 |
| SB 346 | McKoon 29 th : At least one member of the Board of Community Health, shall be an active participant of the state health benefit plan. | Substitute Favorably Reported 2/11/14 |
| SB 349 | Bethel 54 th , Sims 12 th , Jackson 24 th , Miller 49 th : This bill would allow the Department of Behavioral Health to alter Community Service Boards and contracts. | S. Health and Human Services 2/4/2014 |
| SB 350 | Unterman 45 th , Millar 40 th , Beach 21 st , Shafer 48 th , Sims 12 th : Child welfare services may be bid out state wide through contracts with community based providers. The bill allows a faith based agency to be a lead agency. | Favorably Reported 2/11/14 |
| SB 371 | McKoon 29 th : The Psychiatric Advance Directive Act would provide for a competent adult to express his or her mental health care treatment preferences and desires directly through instructions written in advance and indirectly through appointing an agent to make mental health care decisions on behalf of that person. | Health and Human Services 2/11/2014 |

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| SR 7 | McKoon 29 th : This resolution would provide a fixed sum for funding the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission | S. Ethics 1/16/13 |
| SR 13 | Jones 10 th , Henson 41 st , Tate 38 th , Carter 42 nd , Fort 39 th : This resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide a fixed sum for funding the Georgia Ethics Commission. | S. Ethics 1/16/13 |
| SR 348 | Hill 32 nd , Mullis 53 rd , Golden 8 th , Chance 16 th , Albers 56 th : The Georgia Program Integrity Joint Study Committee look at way to address widespread fraud. | Passed Senate 3/7/13 H. Governmental Affairs 3/28/13 |
| SR 412 | Shafer 48 th , Chance 16 th , Staton 18 th , Miller 49 th , Hill 32 nd : SR 412 is one of two proposed Constitutional Amendments that would limit the state's ability to adequately meet the needs of its people in the future. The Amendment under SR 412 would permanently cap Georgia's sales tax rate, but allows cities and counties to raise local sales tax or lawmakers to raise the sales tax only when reducing the income tax. | S Finance 2/28/2014 |
| SR 415 | Shafer 48 th , Chance 16 th , Staton 18 th , Miller 49 th , Hill 32 nd : SR 415 is the one of two proposed Constitutional Amendments that would limit the state's ability to adequately meet the needs of its people in the future. The amendments under SR 415 would permanently cap the state's top marginal income tax rate at its current level of 6 percent. | S Finance 2/28/2014 |
| SR 738 | McKoon 29 th , Senate rules would require Public notice of the place and time of all meetings of Committees of Conference shall be given prior to such meetings, and a video record shall be made of each such meeting. | Unfavorably Reported 1/15/2014 |
| SR 750 | Carter 42 nd , Sims 12 th , Seay 34 th , Fort 39 th , Henson 41 st : A constitutional amendment that prohibits the General Assembly passing a general appropriations Act until the Governor has approved an education appropriations Act. | S. Appropriations 1/17/2014 |
| SR 782 | Hill 6 th , Millar 40 th , Shafer 48 th , 25 th , Bethel 54 th : The resolution established a Joint Study Committee on the Design of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia to evaluate whether the state should continue to offer the existing retirement plan to new employees entering the teaching profession or whether the state should offer a new retirement plan. | S Retirement 1/23/2014 |
| SR 828 | Unterman 45 th : The Resolution establishes The Joint Study Committee on Emergency Relocation of Abused Adults to study needed efforts in relocating adult residents from personal care homes or other residential facilities when such homes or | S. Health and Human Services 2/3/2014 |

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| | facilities are closed due to substandard and abusive situations. | |
| SR 876 | McKoon 29 th , Crane 28 th , Dugan 30 th , Henson 41 st , Carter 42 nd : The Resolution require Senate rules to require that all Committee of Conference reports shall be printed and distributed to the Senators on the legislative day prior to consideration of the same. | Unfavorably Reported 2/7/2014 |
| SR 881 | Seay 34 th , Beach 21 st , Carter 42 nd , Thompson 14 th , Butler 55 th : The Resolution would establish a Senate Senior Technology Gap Study Committee to undertake a study of the conditions, needs, issues, like access to the internet and recommend any action. | S. Science and Technology 2/7/2014 |
| SR 897 | Fort 39 th , Lucas 26 th , Ramsey 43 rd , Henson 41 st , Tate 38 th : The Senate State Health Benefit Plan Study Committee would study current policies and procedures in the selection and negotiation process for procuring health care vendors | S. Insurance and Labor 2/11/2014 |