

# NEWSLETTER

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Lt. Governor Burt Jones



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## Legislative Proposals on Georgia's Tax Incentives

On February 7, Lt. Governor Burt Jones and Speaker of the House Jon Burns held a press conference on legislative initiatives addressing proposed reforms of several tax incentive programs.

"Georgians deserve to have transparency and a clear picture of how their taxpayer dollars are being spent, while knowing which industries receive tax breaks and in what amounts," said **Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones**. "I want to thank Speaker Burns, Chairmen Hufstetler and Blackmon, and all of the members of the subcommittee who reviewed our tax incentive programs in 2023. As a result of their work, the Georgia General Assembly will have the opportunity to consider a tax reform package that lowers taxes for Georgia families and businesses, provides more transparency, and tightens requirements for several major incentive programs."

Lt. Governor Burt Jones' priorities for Tax Reform are Senate Bill 349 and Senate Bill 366.

- **Legislation: Senate Bill 349** - "Save our Homes Act" - Limits year-to-year increases in home values for local property taxes to 3 percent, regardless of assessed value.
- **Legislation: Senate Bill 366** - "Tax Expenditures Transparency Act" - Addresses legislative recommendations proposed by the Joint Subcommittee reviewing Georgia's current state tax credits, deductions, and exemptions.



# 2024 Legislative Priorities Update

Lt. Governor Burt Jones continues to announce 2024 Legislative Priorities that will be voted on during the session. To learn more, please review the list below, visit the website (<https://ltgov.georgia.gov/2024>), or scan the QR code.

### Put Children and Families First

- **Legislation: [Senate Bill 233](#)** - School Choice/"The Georgia Promise Scholarship Act"
- **Legislation: [Senate Bill 342](#)** - Reporting and Access - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- **Legislation: [Senate Bill 376](#)** - Timely Placement - Address Substantial Progress Completion of Case Plan
- **Legislation: [Senate Bill 387](#)** - Providing State Identification Cards for Foster Children
- **Legislation: [Senate Bill 401](#)** - Juvenile Court and Foster Care Reporting
- **Legislation: [Senate Resolution 471](#)** - Creating the Senate Study Committee on Access to Affordable Child Care
- **Legislation: [Senate Resolution 474](#)** - Urging Resolution to highlight federal funding for Quality Legal Representation



### Public Safety

- **Legislation: [Senate Bill 465](#)** - "Austin's Law" - Addresses the sale and distribution of fentanyl
- **Legislation: [Senate Bill 421](#)** - Anti-Swatting initiative

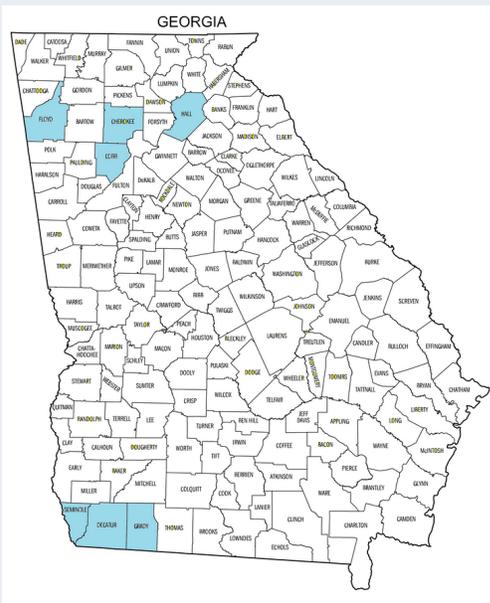
### Support Georgia's Veteran Community

- **Legislation: [Senate Bill 375](#)** - Adding Veterans Services Commissioner to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council
- **Legislation: [Senate Bill 398](#)** - Reform of Joint Defense Commission
- **Legislation: [Senate Bill 385](#)** - Expanded Degree Options for Georgia Military College
- **Legislation: [Senate Resolution 527](#)** - Senate Study Committee on Veterans Mental Health and Housing

## 2024 Mobile Office Hours

The Lt. Governor's Field Representative Program will continue in 2024. 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](https://ltgov.georgia.gov/constituent-services/statewide-field-representatives) 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: <https://ltgov.georgia.gov/constituent-services/statewide-field-representatives>



**Senator Chuck Payne (R - Dalton)**  
**Luke Hetland, Field Representative**

**Field Reps visited seven counties as of February 16, with over 10 offices hours planned for next month.**

# Capitol Visitors and Events



**Jackson County Youth Leadership**



**Georgia AG Business Council**



**State of the Judiciary by Chief Justice Boggs**



**American Cancer Society**



**Children's Healthcare of Atlanta**



**GA Association of Chiefs of Police**



**Magistrate and Probate Judges**



**Georgia Forestry Association**



**Georgia Municipal Association**



**Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**