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2024 Legislative Priorities Update

The 2024 Legislative Session began on Monday, January 8, 2024. Lt. Governor Burt Jones continues to announce 2024 Legislative Priorities that will be introduced and voted on during the session. 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

• <u>Senate Bill 157</u> - Addresses Workforce Licensure Applications

Address Social Media and Cyberbullying

• <u>Senate Bill 351</u> - "Protecting Georgia's Children on Social Media Act of 2024"

Banning Rank-Choice Voting

• Senate Bill 355 - Ranked-choice voting ban

Property Tax Relief

• Senate Bill 349 - "Save our Homes Act."

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.

Expand Access to Healthcare

- Addressing Outdated Certificate of Need Laws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







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2024 Session Begins and Sine Die is Set

On January 8, the Georgia General Assembly convened for the 2024 Legislative Session. This week, the Joint Senate and House Appropriations heard presentations from the Administration and State Agencies on the Amended Fiscal Year 2024 and highlights for the Fiscal Year 2025 budget. The Senate and House will convene back under the Gold Dome for Legislative Day 6 on Monday, January 22. The full Adjournment Schedule, House Resolution 779, can be viewed at the link here. The Georgia General Assembly will adjourn Sine Die on March 28, 2024.











2024 Mobile Office Hours

Statewide Field Representatives with Georgia Senate Districts

Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Georgia

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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 <u>dedicated page</u> 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



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Capitol Events

- On January 11, Lt. Governor Burt Jones attended the Keeping Georgia Wild Reception at the Capitol. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources hosts this annual event at the Capitol to highlight Georgia's wildlife.
- Lt. Governor Burt Jones attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Ceremony at the Capitol along with Governor Brian Kemp, Speaker Jon Burns, members of the King Family, and legislative members on January 12.
- Lt. Governor Burt Jones joined House Speaker Jon Burns and members of the Georgia General Assembly for the annual State of the State Address delivered by Governor Brian Kemp. At the Address, Governor Kemp outlined his budget and legislative priorities for 2024.



Keeping Georgia Wild



MLK Tribute Ceremony



Governor Kemp SOS Address

Events Around the State

- On January 9, Lt. Governor Burt Jones joined business leaders at the Atlanta Forum Luncheon. The Lt. Governor met with key stakeholders to address current and future initiatives to grow small and large business across the state.
- Lt. Governor Burt Jones joined Governor Brian Kemp, House Speaker Jon Burns, and other elected officials at the Georgia Chamber Annual Eggs and Issues Breakfast on January 10. Lt. Governor Burt Jones shared an overview of the successes of the 2023 session and priorities for the 2024 session during a fireside chat with Ed Elkins, EVP and Chief Marketing Officer at Norfolk Southern.



2024 Georgia Chamber Eggs and Issues



Atlanta Forum Luncheon



Eggs and Issues Fireside Chat with Ed Elkins