



2021 Legislative Update Week 9

The Georgia General Assembly was in session four days this week. Monday was legislative day 32, Tuesday was legislative day 33, Wednesday was legislative day 34, and Thursday was legislative day 35. They will convene next week on Monday for legislative day 36, Tuesday for legislative day 37, and Thursday for legislative day 38. There is less than two weeks until Sine Die on March 31. Click [here](#) for the remaining session schedule.

Bills under consideration are:

[Senate Resolution 84](#), by Senator Tyler Harper (R-Ocilla) creates a Joint Study Committee on Airport Infrastructure and Improvements. It passed through the House Transportation Committee on Wednesday and is waiting in Rules.

[Senate Resolution 102](#), by Senator Steve Gooch (R-Dahlonega) provides for the Georgia Commission on E-Commerce and Freight Infrastructure Funding. It passed through the House Transportation Committee on Wednesday and is waiting in Rules.

[Senate Resolution 154](#), by Senator Nan Orrock (D-Atlanta) creates a Joint Study Committee for Strengthening Georgia's Future Workforce. It passed through the House Higher Education Committee on Thursday and is waiting in Rules.

[Senate Bill 27](#), by Senator Bruce Thompson (R-White) extends the time a member of the military has to qualify for the issuance of a license to be an electrical contractor or plumber. It passed through the House Regulated Industries Committee on Tuesday and is waiting in Rules.

[Senate Bill 86](#), by Senator Larry Walker (R-Perry) provides for requirements for solicitations of services for corporate filings required by the Secretary of State. It passed the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday and is waiting in Rules.

[Senate Bill 95](#), by Senator Frank Ginn (R-Danielsville) provides for conditions for meetings and public hearings to be held by teleconference in emergency conditions. It passed through the House Governmental Affairs Committee on Wednesday and is waiting in Rules.

[Senate Bill 114](#), by Senator Randy Robertson (R-Cataula) revises the grounds for refusing to grant or revoking a license. It passed the House Regulated Industries Committee on Tuesday and is waiting in Rules.

[Senate Bill 148](#), by Senator Chuck Hufstetler (R-Rome) creates the 2021 Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians and the Special Joint Committee on Georgia Revenue Structure. It passed through the House on Thursday.

[Senate Bill 165](#), by Senator Steve Gooch (R-Dahlonega) exempts autonomous vehicles from certain vehicle equipment requirements. A substitute for the bill passed through the House Motor Vehicles Committee on Wednesday and is waiting in Rules.

[Senate Bill 168](#), by Senator Larry Walker (R-Perry) provides that a corporation may hold annual shareholders' meetings and special shareholders' meetings by means of remote communication. It passed through the House on Thursday.

[Senate Bill 169](#), by Senator Larry Walker (R-Perry) provides for acceptance of electronic signatures and electronic corporate seals on bonds. It passed through the House on Thursday.

[Senate Bill 200](#), by Senator Jason Anavitarte (R-Dallas) provides that certain business and religious institutions may continue to resume operations during certain states of emergency. It passed through the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday and is waiting in Rules.

[Senate Bill 201](#), by Senator Chuck Hufstetler (R-Rome) requires financial institutions to provide certain information related to delinquent taxpayers to the Department of Revenue under certain conditions. It passed through full Ways and Means Committee on Thursday and is waiting in Rules.

[House Bill 153](#), by Representative Marcus Wiedower (R-Watkinsville) provides for requirements for solicitations of services for corporate filings required by the Secretary of State. It passed the Senate on Thursday.

*[House Bill 356](#), by Representative Kim Schofield (D-Atlanta) changes the age of individuals protected from age discrimination in employment. It was heard on Wednesday in the House Industry and Labor Committee.

[House Bill 362](#), by Representative Trey Rhodes (R-Greensboro) revises the effective date for standards, rules, and regulations of the Environmental Protection Division. It passed the Senate on Thursday.

[House Bill 449](#), by Representative Vance Smith (R-Pine Mountain) revises the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act. It was heard on Thursday in the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities committee, no action taken yet.

[House Bill 486](#), by Representative Beth Moore (D-Peachtree Corners) provides that expenditures for certain purchases of licenses to use certain musical compositions shall be eligible for tax credit. It was heard on Wednesday in the House Creative Arts and Entertainment Music and Live Performances Subcommittee.

[House Bill 553](#), by Representative Stan Gunter (R-Blairsville) provides for participation in hearings by electronic communications. It passed through the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday and is waiting in Rules.

[House Bill 593](#), by Representative Shaw Blackmon (R-Bonaire) enacts the Tax Relief Act of 2021. It passed the Senate on Thursday.

[House Bill 611](#), by Representative Mike Cheokas (R-Americus) changes the definition of small business. It passed through the Senate Finance Committee on Wednesday and is waiting in Rules.

The Regional Business Coalition of Metropolitan Atlanta (RBC) is an organization of over a dozen of the largest and most active Chambers of Commerce throughout the metro Atlanta region. RBC member chambers represent over 15,000 member companies who employ millions of metro Atlanta residents. The RBC's primary goal is to represent the interests of RBC Chamber members on regional public policy issues impacting our transportation, water and air quality and to advocate for solutions that improve metro Atlanta's quality of life and economic vitality.