



**FULTON
COUNTY**

**Fulton County Board of Commissioners
January 22, 2025**

**2025 Legislative
Session Update**

Legislative Session Overview

- January 13: The Georgia General Assembly convened the 2025 Legislative Session.
- January 13 - April 4: Legislative Days 1-40 scheduled in the Adjournment Resolution (**SR 6**).
- January 16: Governor Brian P. Kemp addressed a Joint Session of the Georgia General Assembly to provide his **2025 State of the State Address**.
- January 20-24: Joint House and Senate Budget Hearings on the Amended Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 budgets.

Governor Brian P. Kemp's Budget Highlights

(Details Forthcoming)

Primary Policy Priority: Judicial Resources – Superior Court

- Fulton County requests additional judgeships for Superior Court to more effectively manage the Circuit's high volume of cases and its unique level of complex cases.
 - Distribution and review of current caseload comparisons with other Circuits.
- Fulton County seeks approval of local legislation to authorize Superior Court judicial officers to handle non-serious felony and civil cases by assignment of the Chief Judge. Increasing the authority of judicial officers, who currently handle only family law cases, will create greater efficiency with the case management process.
 - Georgia Public Affairs is securing delegation sponsors.
 - County Attorney's office is on standby for legal notices.

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Fulton County seeks the allocation of two additional State Court judges, increasing the Court from 10 to 12 judges.

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Primary Policy Priority: Ongoing State Investment – Behavioral Health

Fulton County seeks ongoing state funding for Behavioral Health beds, as recommended in the 2023 Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) bed study. This includes:

- Additional funding for Behavioral Health Crisis Centers
 - Participate in budget hearings to advocate for Fulton County investments.
- Increased availability of mental health beds for justice-involved individuals.
 - Monitor proposed budget for Georgia DBHDD and Georgia Department of Corrections.

Legislative Calendar (SR 6) & Events at the State Capitol

- January 27: Legislative Day 6
- January 28: Legislative Day 7
- January 29: Legislative Day 8
- January 30: Legislative Day 9
- February 3-6: Legislative Days 10-13
- March 6: Legislative Day 28 (Crossover Day)
- April 4: Legislative Day 40 (Sine Die)

- Fulton Day at the State Capitol on **Thursday, February 20**
- ACCG Capital Connection Conference on **Monday, February 24-Tuesday, February 25**

