

A photograph of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners building, a large classical structure with a prominent golden dome. In the foreground, five flagpoles with gold finials hold various flags: a blue flag with a crest, a white flag with a crest, a blue flag with a crest, a white flag with a crest, and the Maryland state flag. The scene is set against a clear blue sky with green trees in the lower foreground.

2022 Legislative Agenda Update

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

January 19, 2022

Ensure Local Home Rule: Redistricting

**Strengthen Behavioral Health Model & Funding
For Substance Abuse Treatment & Prevention**

**Create A More Efficient & Effective
Justice System - Compensation for Officials**

**Create A More Efficient & Effective Justice System
– Diversion & Reentry Programs**

**Create A More Efficient & Effective Justice System
– Codify Judicial Practices**

Support Certain Evictions Record Sealing

**Support Homeowner Protections With Greater
HOA Transparency**



**FULTON
COUNTY**

**2022
State Legislative
Agenda**

Legislative Overview

- The Georgia General Assembly reconvened the 2021-22 Legislative Biennium on Monday, January 10.
- Governor Brian Kemp addressed a joint session of the Georgia General Assembly, on Thursday, January 13, offering his 2022 State of the State Address.
- [HR 0570](#) - House Adjournment Resolution was passed providing that Legislative Day 1 – 7 will occur from January 10 – 26.

Fulton County Key Priority – Redistricting Status

- Fulton County Board of Commissioners have reviewed population shifts within the county's geographical boundaries and provided input on potential map revisions based on 2020 Census data to comply with redistricting laws.
- The proposed map of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners will be transmitted to the Fulton County Delegation.
- The Chairman of the Fulton County Legislative Delegation will submit the proposed map to the General Assembly's Office of Legislative & Congressional Reapportionment for technical review and certification, which is required for General Assembly approval.

Annexation & Cityhood

Bill Caption/Author	Bill Description	Status
<p>HB 0836 - Atlanta, City of; change corporate limits; Rep. Roger Bruce (61st; Atlanta)</p>	<p>Bill would incorporate currently unincorporated property in the Fulton Industrial District that lies north of U.S. Interstate 20.</p>	<p>House Passed</p>
<p>HB 0854 -Buckhead City, City of; incorporate; Rep. Todd Jones (25th; Johns Creek)</p>	<p>This bill would establish the City of Buckhead City.</p>	<p>On Second Read; Governmental Affairs</p>
<p>SB 324 - Buckhead City, City of; incorporate; Sen. Brandon Beach (21st; Alpharetta)</p>	<p>This bill would establish the City of Buckhead City.</p>	<p>Senate Read & Referred to Urban Affairs Cmte</p>

Elections

Bill Caption/Author	Bill Description	Status
SB 0325 - Elections and Primaries; Sen. Butch Miller (49th, Gainesville)	Bill eliminates the use of absentee ballot drop boxes and related legal provisions in the Official Code of Georgia.	Senate Prefiled
SR 0363 - United States Citizens; right to register and vote; Sen. Butch Miller (49th, Gainesville)	This proposed Constitutional Amendment would clarify that only citizens of the United States shall have a right to vote in elections in this state.	Senate Hopper

Health & Human Services

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<p><u>HB 0856</u> – Establishment of Commission on the Disparate Impact of COVID-19; Rep. Schofield (60th, Atlanta)</p>	<p>A 20-member Commission comprised of professionals in the fields of public health, infectious diseases, education, housing, small businesses, and aging services. Appointees are to be made by House and Senate majority and minority leadership. Commission would convene no later than January 1, 2023, and sunset June 30, 2024.</p>	<p>House Prefiled</p>
<p><u>HB 855</u> - Workers' compensation, expanded coverage for first responders; Rep. Gregg Kennard (102nd, Lawrenceville)</p>	<p>A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to workers' compensation, so as to provide workers' compensation coverage for first responders for post-traumatic stress disorder arising in the course and scope of employment; to provide for definitions; to provide for a rebuttable presumption.</p>	<p>On First Read in Industry & Labor Cmte</p>

Public Safety, Courts And Justice

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SB 319 – "Georgia Constitutional Carry Act of 2021"; Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st, Dallas)	Bill would eliminate gun permit requirement in order to carry a gun in public if the individual is a lawful weapons carrier. Lawful weapons carrier means any person who is not prohibited by law from possessing a weapon or long gun, any person who is licensed pursuant to Code Section 16-11-129, or any person licensed to carry a weapon in any other state whose laws recognize and give effect to a license issued pursuant to this part. Weapon means a knife or handgun.	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

Economic Development & Taxation

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<p>SB 0323 – Revenue and Taxation; state income tax; Sen. Butch Miller (49th, Gainesville)</p>	<p>Bill would eliminate the State income tax.</p>	<p>Senate Prefiled</p>
<p>SB 0331 - "Protecting Georgia Businesses and Workers Act"; Sen. John Albers (56th, Roswell)</p>	<p>Bill prohibits local governments from regulating the hours or scheduling that an employer is required to provide employees or otherwise regulate employee output during work hours, with the exception of regulating business operating hours.</p>	<p>Referred to Industry and Labor Cmte</p>
<p>SB 0332 - "Inform Consumers Act"; John Albers (56th, Roswell)</p>	<p>Bill regulates third-party, high-volume sellers operating on online platforms requiring certain business or tax identification, financial and related registration information within 10 days of beginning operations. Failure to comply will cause suspension on online marketplace platform. Marketplace must provide for electronic or telephonic consumer reporting of suspected suspicious activity.</p>	<p>Senate Judiciary; Proposed effective date of January 2023.</p>

Legislative Calendar

- Monday, January 24 - Legislative Day 5
- Tuesday, January 25 - Legislative Day 6
- Wednesday, January 26 - Legislative Day 7

