



Fulton County Board of Commissioners January 18, 2023



**FULTON
COUNTY**

**2023 State
Legislative Update**

Funding for a Behavioral Health Crisis Center

Equitable Property Tax Appeals Process

Senior Homestead Exemption Simplification

Effective & Efficient Justice System

Equal Access to Judicial Personnel Benefits



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**2023
State Legislative
Agenda**

Overview

- January 9: The Georgia General Assembly convened the 2023-2024 Legislative Biennium.
- January 9-March 29: Legislative Days 1-40 scheduled in the Adjournment Resolution ([SR 6](#)).
- January 17-19: Joint House and Senate Budget Hearings on the Fiscal Year 2023 Amended and Fiscal Year 2024 budgets.
- January 25: Governor Brian P. Kemp will address a Joint Session of the Georgia General Assembly to provide his 2023 State of the State Address.

Primary Policy Priority: BHCC Funding

- The Fulton County Board of Commissioners requests operational funding, beginning with the State of Georgia FY24 budget, for a 24-bed, 16-chair behavioral health crisis center (BHCC).

Prefiled Legislation

Bill #/Author	Description	Status
<u>HB 4</u> Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of; create and maintain electronic inpatient psychiatric bed registry Rep. Sandra Scott (76 th)	This bill requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to create, operate, and maintain an electronic inpatient psychiatric bed registry. The registry shall be a web-based resource to identify available psychiatric beds in Georgia categorized by patient gender, acuity, age, and diagnosis. The registry shall be accessible through the department's website. An advisory committee will be established to provide guidance on the creation, operation, and maintenance of the registry.	Prefiled
<u>HB 9</u> Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of; create and maintain Georgia Crisis and Access Line; statutorily require Rep. Sandra Scott (76 th)	This bill statutorily requires the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to create, operate, and maintain the Georgia Crisis and Access Line which shall be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The access line will provide behavioral health care provider data to the public; support calls with sufficient access to behavioral health services and supports; and require any state-operated registry of available inpatient psychiatric beds, crisis residential beds, or substance use disorder beds to report data for purposes of the access line.	Prefiled
<u>HB 10</u> Elections and primaries; visually disabled to vote electronically Rep. Kim Schofield (63 rd)	This bill allows electors who are visually disabled to vote by absentee ballot using a secure electronic voting internet portal.	Prefiled

Legislative Calendar (SR 6) & Special Days at the State Capitol

- Monday, January 23: Legislative Day 5
- Tuesday, January 24: Legislative Day 6
- Wednesday, January 25: Legislative Day 7
- Thursday, January 26: Legislative Day 8
- Monday, January 30: Legislative Day 9
- Monday, March 6: Legislative Day 28 (Crossover Day)
- Wednesday, March 29: Legislative Day 40 (Sine Die)

- Thursday, February 16: [Fulton County Day at the Capitol](#)

