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## 2023 Legislation

Issue	Subject	Bill	Sponsor	Description	House Comm	Senate	Status
HOUSI	HOUSE BILLS						
STATE BUDGET	FY2024 Budget	<u>HB 19</u>	Rep. Jon Burns (R- Newington)	FY2024 Appropriations Bill	Арр	Арр	1.13.2023: First Readers 3.8.2023: Comm Sub approved 3.9.2023: Approved by House 3.9.2023: S First readers 3.21.2023: Favorably Reported CS 3.23.2023: Passed Senate CS 3.23.2023: Conf Comm appointed
	Vaccinations	<u>HB 174</u>	Rep. Patty Bentley (D-Butler)	Would require the Department of Education to provide all parents of students entering the sixth grade with information on recommended adolescent vaccinations	Education	0	2.1.2023: First readers
VACCINES	Vaccines	<u>HB 213</u>	Rep. Katie Dempsey (R-Rome)	Proposed to revise provisions relating to required information to parents of students regarding meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their respective vaccines	Public Health	0	2.6.2023: First readers 2.15.2023: Comm Favorably reported 2.22.2023: Recommitted to Public Health Comm
	Vaccines	<u>HB 266</u>	Rep. Charlice Byrd (R-Woodstock)	Proposes to repeal the authority of the DPH to require persons to submit to vaccinations against or other measures to prevent contagious or infectious diseases; would prohibit state and local governments from requiring individuals to submit to vaccinations for services (i.e. school) or to impose a face mask rule; also prohibits entities or individuals from requiring patrons/customers to provide documentation of vaccination or to wear a mask	Public Health	0	2.8.2023: First Readers
	COVID Vaccines	<u>SB 1</u>	Sen. Greg Dolezal (R-	Proposed to removes the automatic sunset on legislation passed in 2022 that would prohibit state and local governments from requiring proof of COVID vaccination for government services unless compliance requires an agency to violate CMS regulations.	Public Health	ннѕ	1.11.2023: H. First Reader 2.2.2023: Comm Sub Approved 2.7.2023: Senate Approved 2.8.2023: House First Readers 3.13.2023: Comm approved 3.23.2023: House Approved - FINAL
SCOPE OF PRACTICE	APRN/PA Prescriptive Authority	<u>HB 214</u>	Rep. Alan Powell (R- Hartwell)	Would allow APRN and PA's to prescribe schedule II controlled substances in emergency situations. The order is limited to a single prescription not to exceed a 3-day supply and that the delegating/supervising physician must be notified of the order withing 72 hours.	Health	0	2.6.2023: First readers
	Nurse Anesthetists	<u>HB 445</u>	Griπin)	Allows for the administration of anesthesia by certified registered nurse anesthetists pursuant to an order rather than under the direction of a physician	Health	0	2.21.2023: First Readers 3.1.2023: Failed in Comm
	Pharmacy Practice Act	HB 546	lasper)	Proposes changes to the Georgia Pharmacy Practice Act to allow a pharmacist to adapt a prescription drug order to change the quantity of medication prescribed	Health	0	2.23.2023: First Readers 3.1.2023: Comm Sub approved

SCOPE OF PRACTICE	APRN/PA Prescriptive Authority	<u>HB 557</u>	Rep. Ron Stephens (R-Savannah)	provides that prescription drug orders are for individuals 18 years of age or older and removes House language that would allow for orders if the delegating physician is a pediatrician, FM, IM, or psychiatrist.		Industries	2.23.2023: First Readers 3.1.2023: Comm approved Sub 3.6.2023: Passed House 3.7.2023: S First readers 3.16.2023: Comm Sub approved
	Nurse Anesthetists	<u>SB 102</u>	Sen. Larry Walker (R- Perry)	Proposes to revise a provision relating to the administration of anesthesia by certified registered nurse anesthetists	0	ннѕ	2.7.2023: First readers 2.22.2023: Failed in Comm
	Transgender	<u>HB 653</u>	Rep. Bonner (R- Fayetteville)	minors relating to altering a person's appearance relating to gender	Public Health	0	3.2.2023: First Readers
TRANSGENDER	Transgender	SB 88	Sen. Carden Summers (R-Cordele)	Creates the "Parents and Children Protection Act of 2023" would prohibit teachers and others overseeing children under 16 from providing sex education without parental consent, a major shift for schools that must by law offer sex ed. Consent would also be required before discussions about sexual orientation or gender identity other than the child's biological sex. The bill would apply equally to public and private schools and in many cases to other places that oversee children, such as camps.	0		2.6.2023: First readers 3.1.2023: Lost in Comm (Sub)
	Transgender	SB 140	Sen. Carden Summers (R-Cordele)	Would prohibit surgical procedures for altering sexual characteristics on minors for treatment of gender dysphoria; the Substitute bill approved by the HHS committee would also prohibit hormone replacement therapies. House Committee amended bill to include a provision that creates a cause of action that makes physicians civilly and criminally liable for care provided to transgender minors according to the standards of care that physicians are obligated to practice.	Public Health	ннѕ	2.13.2023: First readers 2.23.2023: Comm approved Sub 3.6.2023: Passed Senate 3.7.2023: H. First Readers 3.15.2023: CS favorably Reported 3.16.2023: Passed House 3.21.2023: Senate Agree to House Sub - FINAL 3.22.2023: Sent to Governor 3.23.2023: Signed by Governor
	Transgender	<u>SB 141</u>	Sen. Clint Dixon (R- Buford)	Would prohibit health care providers from engaging in practices on a minor for the purpose of attempting to alter the appearance of or affirm the minor's perception of his or her gender or sex if that appearance or perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex, including prescribing medications to suppress or delay normal puberty, performing surgeries, removing body parts, etc. Additionally, it prohibits a health care provider from "conduct that aids or abets the practices" prohibited in the bill	0		2.13.2023: First readers 2.22.2023: Comm hearing
MENTAL	Mental Health	HB 520	Rep. Todd Jones (R- Cumming)	The Omnibus Mental Health Bill	Public Health		2.21.2023: First Readers 3.1.2023: Favorably Reported Sub 3.2.2023: Passed House 3.6.2023: Senate First Readers

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 	Aquatic Safety	HB 402	Rep. Scott Hilton (R- Peachtree Corners)	Would require public schools to provide water safety education information to parents and guardians of students under 18 years of age	Education	Education & Youth	2.23.2023: Comm approved Sub 3.1.2023: Passes House 3.2.2023: S First Readers 3.8.2023: Sen. Favorably Reported 3.14.2023: Passed Senate - FINAL
AQUATIC SAFETY	Aquatic Safety	<u>SB 50</u>	Sen. Max Burns (R- Sylvania)	Proposes to allow local schools to offer instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety	Education	Ed & Youth	1.31.2023: First reader 2.15.2023: Favorably Reported 2.23.2023: Passed Senate 2.27.2023: H. First readers
AQ	Aquatic Safety	SB 107	Sen. Max Burns (R- Sylvania)	Would provide that the DPH shall develop and make available for download from its internet website a model aquatic safety plan based on national standards for private swim instructors;	Public Health	Children & Families	2.8.2023: First Readers 2.21.2022: Favorably reported 3.1.2023: Passed Senate 3.2.2023: H First Readers 3.15.2023: H Comm Fav approved
	Gun Safety	HB 44	Rep. Michelle Au (D- Johns Creek)	Would require universal background checks in all manner of firearm transfers and purchases	Public Safety	0	1.24.2023: First Readers
	Gun Safety	HB 45	Rep. Michelle Au (D- Johns Creek)	Would require a three-day waiting period for the purchase or transfer of certain firearms	Public Safety	0	1.24.2023: First Readers
	Gun Safety	<u>HB 135</u>	Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver (D-Decatur)	Establishes an offense of failure to adequately secure a firearm	Public Safety	0	1.31.2023: First readers
	Gun Safety	<u>HB 161</u>	Rep. Michelle Au (D- Johns Creek)	Establishes an offense of making a firearm accessible to a child	Public Safety	0	2.1.2023: First readers
	Gun Safety	<u>HB 195</u>	Rep. Pedro Martin (D- Duluth)	Would provide for a firearms safety training course for certain persons making application for a weapons carry license or renewal license	Public Safety	0	2.2.2023: First readers
10	Firearm Expansion	HB 293	Rep. Charlice Byrd (R-Woodstock)	Would prohibit Georgia state or local law enforcement officers from enforcing certain federal gun laws and gun control measures passed by Congress or by presidential executive order.	Judy NC	0	2.9.2023: First Readers
FIREARMS	Gun Safety	HB 553	Rep. Sandra Scott (D-Rex)	Allows for the issuance of temporary restricting the possession of firearms, ammo, and weapons for individuals where a reasonable cause exists that the individual poses a significant risk of causing personal injury to themselves or others	Public Safety	0	2.23.2023: First Readers
	Gun Safety	HB 554	Rep. Sandra Scott (D-Rex)	Would prohibit the furnishing of semiautomatic weapons to a person under the age of 21	Public Safety	0	2.23.2023: First Readers
	Gun Safety	HB 555	Rep. Sandra Scott (D-Rex)	Would prohibit the possession of devices which attach to firearms to produce rapid fire	Public Safety	0	2.23.2023: First Readers
	Gun Safety	<u>SB 75</u>	Sen. Elena Parent (R- Decatur)	Proposes to establish the offense of making a firearm accessible to a child	0	Judiciary	2.2.2022: First Reader
	Gun Safety	SB 119	Sen. Elena Parent (R- Decatur)	Proposes to prohibit persons convicted of misdemeanor crimes of family violence from receiving, possessing, or transporting a firearm and to prohibit persons subject to family violence protective orders from receiving, possessing, or transporting a firearm	0	Interstate Cooperation	2.9.2023: First readers
	Firearms Expansion	HB 560	Rep. Karen Mathiak (R- Griffin)	Would allow for the carrying of firearms in a place of worship, allow probate court judges to implement online application processes for weapons carry licenses and renewals, and other changes to carrying and possession of firearms.	Public Safety	0	2.23.2023: First Readers

FIREARMS	Firearm Expansion	SB 67		Proposes to enact the Second Amendment Preservation Act that would make any firearm in Georgia exempt from any federal law, federal taxastion, or federal regulation, including registration	0	Judy	2.2.2022: First Reader 2.21.2023: Withdrawn from IC and committed to Judy
	Firearm Storage Study	SR 203	Sen. Emmauel Jones	Creating the Senate Firearm Storage Study Committee	0	Rules	2.27.2023: First Readers
TOBACCO	Cigarette Tax	<u>HB 191</u>		(from 37¢/pack)	W&M	0	2.2.2023: First readers
	Vaping Tax	<u>HB 192</u>		Proposes to increase the state sales tax on consumable vapor products to 15 percent of the wholesale cost price	W&M	0	2.2.2023: First readers
	Vaping	SB 47	Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (R-Rome)	Would prohibit vaping in smoke-free areas.	Public Health	HHS	1.31.2023: First Reader 2.7.2023: Comm Sub approved 2.15.2023: Senate Passed 2.16.2023: H. First readers 3.15.2023: Comm approved 3.21.2023: Passed House - FINAL
	Rural Health Care Worker Tax Credit	HB 82		Proposes to create a new tax credit for rural physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants;	W&M	Finance	1.30.2023: First reader 3.2.2023: Comm Sub approved 3.6.2023: Passed House 3.7.2023: S First reader 3.16.2023: Comm Sub approved
	Preceptor Tax Credit	<u>HB 308</u>	Rep. Mark Newton (R-	Proposes to extend the sunset on the tax credit for medical preceptor rotations to 2028 and increases the value of the tax credit to \$1,000 for all preceptorship rotations (instead of \$500 for first through third preceptors and \$1,000 for fourth through tenth). It also adds dentistry. This has a \$2.2 million tax impact.	W&M	Finance	2.9.2023: First readers 2.27.2023: Comm approved 3.1.2023: Passed House 3.2.2023: S First Readers 3.16.2023: S Comm sub approved
MISCELANIOUS	Biomarkers	HB 85	Marietta)	Would require health benefit policy coverage for biomarker testing if supported by medical and scientific evidence.	Insurance	HHS	1.30.2023: First reader 2.9.2023: Comm Sub approved 2.15.2023: Passed House 2.16.2023: S. First readers 3.8.2023: S Comm approved 3.14.23: Passed Senate - FINAL
CELA	PANS/PANDA	<u>HB 140</u>	Gainesville)	Provides for a 3-year pilot program within the SHBP to cover for the diagnosis and treatment of PANS and PANDA	Health	0	1.31.2023: First readers
MISC	Suicide Screenings	<u>HB 141</u>		Would require local school systems to conduct suicide screenings on all students age 8-18.	Education	0	1.31.2023: First readers
	Housing	<u>HB 404</u>	Rep. Kasey Carpenter (R- Dalton)	Would require that Georgia landlords provide rental homes fit for human habitation	Judiciary	Judy	2.15.2023: First readers 3.1.2023: Favorably Reported Sub 3.2.2023: Passed House 3.6.2023: S First readers 3.21.2023: S Comm Fav Reported
	Continuous Medicaid Eligibility for Kids	HB 428	Columbus)		Public Health		2.16.2023: First readers
	Provider Wellness	<u>HB 455</u>		Provide confidentiality protections to participants in a wellness program for health care workers that would be hosted by MAG	Health	Reg Industries	2.21.2023: First Readers 3.1.2023: Favorably Reported 3.6.2023: Passed House 3.7.2023: S First readers 3.15.2023: Favorably Reported

MISCELANIOUS	Healthcare Workers	<u>HB 487</u>	Rep. Mark Newton (R- Augusta)	Proposes to expand enhanced punishment for aggravated assault and aggravated battery committed upon emergency health workers to all healthcare workers in a hospital or healthcare facility	Judy NC	0	2.21.2023: First Readers 3.6.2023: Favorably Reported
	CANDOR	<u>HB 470</u>	Rep. Sharon Cooper (R-Marietta)	Provide confidentiality protections to participants in a wellness program for health care workers that would be hosted by MAG	Judiciary	Judy	2.21.2023: First Readers 3.1.2023: Comm approved 3.2.2023: Passed House 3.6.2023: Senate First Readers 3.21.2023: S Comm Fav rpt SUB
	Opioid Drugs	<u>HB 578</u>	Rep. David Wilkerson (D- Powder Springs)	Requires the Department of Education to develop an educational fact sheet that provides information concerning the use and misuse of opioid drugs in the event that a student athlete is prescribed an opioid for a sports related injury.	Education	0	2.27.2023: First Readers
	Healthy Food	<u>HB 570</u>	Rep. Mike Cameron	retailers	Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	0	2.27.2023: First Readers
	Youth Safety	<u>HB 665</u>	Rep. Lydia Glaize (D- Fairburn)	Would require local governments or authorities operating parks and recreation facilities used by youth athletic organizations to ensure such parks and facilities are equipped with certain vessels for heat related injuries;	Govt Affairs	0	3.6.2023: First Readers
	Food Insecurity	<u>SB 177</u>	Sen. Harold Jones (D- Augusta)	Enacts the Food Insecurity Eradication Act and creates the Georgia Food Security Advisory Council to advise the General Assembly on the best practices to alleviate food insecurity	Ag	Ag	2.15.2023: First readers 2.22.2023: Comm approved 3.6.2023: Passed Senate 3.7.2023: H First readers 3.21.2023: H Comm Fav Rpt SUB
	Medical Transparency	SB 197	Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (R-Rome)	Would prohibit deceptive or misleading terms, or false representations by health care practitioners in advertisements and representations and would prohibit the misappropriation of medical or medical specialty titles by health care practitioners in advertisements and representations	Health	HHS	2.16.2023: First readers 2.28.2023: Comm approved 3.6.2023: Passed Senate 3.7.2023: H First readers 3.13.2023: Comm Sub approved 3.23.2023: House Approves CS 3.23.2023: Senate Agrees to House CS - FINAL
	Healthcare Workforce Data Base	<u>SB 238</u>	Sen. Mike Hodges (R-Bru	Direct the Georgia Board for Healthcare Workforce to establish the Georgia Health Care Professionals data system to provide for the collection and dissemination of nonidentifying descriptive data on licensed health care professionals in Georgia	0	ннѕ	2.23.2023: First readers