

## **2017 Weekly Legislative Update Week 1 – January 13, 2017**

### **Legislative Days 1-4**

The 2017 Session of the Georgia General Assembly began at 10am on Monday, January 9. This is the first year of the two year term so this week was full of ceremonial activities such as the swearing in of legislators, as well as legislators receiving their office and committee assignments. Click on these links to access the [House](#) and [Senate](#) Committee assignments and the [Governor's Floor Leaders](#).

On Tuesday, the Douglas County Chamber Chairmans Club attended the annual Eggs & Issues breakfast which was highlighted by talks from Senator David Purdue providing a federal update, Governor Nathan Deal giving highlights of transportation funding projects and announcing a new cyber security academy, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle addressing the need for quality education and access to healthcare and Speaker David Ralston announcing the Georgia Commission on Transit Governance and Funding.

On Wednesday, the Governor delivered his State of the State address; it can be viewed [here](#). The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget released the [budget](#) this week. Highlights from the Governor's budget can be found [here](#).

The legislature is in recess until January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Senate will convene at 10 A.M. that day and the House at 11 A.M. Budget hearings will continue next week on January 17 and 18. The legislature passed a Resolution this week establishing the meeting days for the General Assembly through Thursday, February 2 which they set as legislative day 12. You can access the full schedule [here](#).

For detailed information on specific legislation visit the General Assembly's website [here](#).

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