

2018 Legislative Update
Week 1 – January 12, 2018

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The 2018 session of the Georgia General Assembly began at 10 am on Monday, January 8. This is the second year of the two year term so any bills leftover at the end of the 2017 session are still eligible in 2018. Click on these links to access the [House](#) and [Senate](#) Committee assignments.

On Wednesday, the [Douglas County Chamber Chairmans Club](#) attended the Georgia Chamber of Commerce annual Eggs & Issues breakfast which was highlighted by talks from Governor Nathan Deal, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle and Speaker David Ralston. Governor Deal provided a look back on his administration's accomplishments the last seven years and shared items still left to accomplish on his agenda in 2018. Lt. Governor Casey Cagle shared his plans to continue to align education with industry needs through College and Career Academies. Speaker David Ralston expressed his continued desire to pass adoption legislation, and to focus on transit governance and rural Georgia.

On Thursday, 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 Thursday, January 18. The Senate and House will convene at 10 am on Thursday. Budget hearings will continue next week on January 16 and 17. The legislature passed a Resolution this week establishing the meeting days for the General Assembly through Monday, January 29 which is set as legislative day 11. You can access the full schedule [here](#).

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

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