

**2018 Legislative Update**  
**Week 7– February 23, 2018**

**Legislative Days 23 - 26**

The Georgia General Assembly completed day 26 of its 40 day session on Friday, February 23. The Legislature will reconvene on Monday, February 26 at 10:00 am and “cross-over” day is on Wednesday, February 28. The Legislature will be in session for three days next week on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday for legislative days 27 - 29. You can review the full legislative calendar for the remainder of the 2018 session [here](#).

**Bills of Interest:**

*Transportation:*

[HB 930](#) by Representative Kevin Tanner and [SB 386](#) by Senator Brandon Beach both attempt to expand and coordinate transit in the metro region. HB 930 and SB 386 both passed their respective committees on Thursday, February 22 and are awaiting action in the House and Senate Rules Committees.

*Finance:*

A joint press conference including Governor Nathan Deal, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle and Speaker David Ralston was held this week regarding [HB 918](#) by Representative Chuck Efstrotation. HB 918 reduces Georgia’s income tax rate and provides for the elimination of the sales tax on aviation jet fuel. The bill passed the full House on Thursday, February 22 and the Senate Finance Committee on Friday, February 23. The bill now awaits action in the Senate Rules Committee.

[HB 696](#) by Representative Trey Kelley provides an exemption for certain computer equipment used in high-tech data centers. HB 696 passed the Ways and Means Committee on Thursday, February 22. This bill is awaiting action in House Rules Committee.

*Judiciary:*

[HR 993](#) by Representative Chuck Efstrotation proposes an amendment to the Constitution to establish a business court with statewide jurisdiction. HR 993 passed the House Judiciary Committee on Thursday, February 22 and is awaiting action in House Rules Committee.

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

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*Commerce throughout the metro Atlanta region. RBC member chambers represent over 15,000 member companies who employ millions of metro Atlanta residents. The RBC's primary goal is to represent the interests of RBC Chamber members on regional public policy issues impacting our transportation, water and air quality and to advocate for solutions that improve metro Atlanta's quality of life and economic vitality.*