

The Georgia General Assembly completed day 32 of its 40 day session on Friday, March 9. The legislature will reconvene on Monday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. and will be in session for three days next week on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday for legislative days 33-35. Tuesday is a committee work day. Three weeks of the session are left before Sine Die on March 29. If you would like to review the full legislative calendar for the remainder of the 2018 session you may do so [here](#).

Bills & Committees of Interest:

Transportation:

[HB 930](#) by Representative Kevin Tanner (Dawsonville) and [SB 386](#) by Senator Brandon Beach (Alpharetta) both attempt to expand and coordinate transit in the Metro region. HB 930 was heard by the Senate Transportation Committee on Wednesday, March 7 and is awaiting further action from the committee. SB 386 passed the House Transportation Committee with the addition of HB 930 as a substitute on Tuesday, March 6 and is now in the House Rules Committee.

Economic Development:

[HB 696](#) by Representative Trey Kelley (Cedartown) creates a tax exemption for certain high technology computer equipment used in data centers. The bill is awaiting action in the Senate Finance Committee.

[HB 793](#) by Representative Dominic Lariccia (Douglas) allows certain aquarium construction to be exempt from state sales and use tax. The bill passed the Senate Finance Income Tax Subcommittee on Tuesday, March 6.

Judiciary:

[HR 993](#) by Representative Chuck Efstoration (Dacula) proposes an amendment to the Constitution to create a business court with statewide jurisdiction. The bill is expected to be heard next week in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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

The Douglas County Chamber is a member of the Regional Business Coalition of Metropolitan Atlanta (RBC), an organization of over a dozen of the largest and most active Chambers of 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.