



2019 Legislative Update

The Georgia General Assembly completed legislative day 27 on Tuesday, March 5. The House and Senate will convene at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 7 for cross-over day. Cross-over day is the last day for a bill to pass the Chamber in which it originated in.

The House passed the FY 2020 budget last week with a vote of 155 – 13. It is now in the Senate where they will hold budget hearings starting the week of March 11.

[SB 131](#) by Senator Burt Jones would create the Georgia Major Airport Authority. The bill passed the Senate Transportation committee and will be voted on in the Senate on Thursday.

[SR 19](#) by Senator Brandon Beach and [HR 37](#) by Representative Kevin Tanner create the Georgia Commission on Freight and Logistics. Both bills have passed their respective chambers and await action in the Senate and House Transportation Committees.

[SB 66](#) sponsored by Senator Steve Gooch, pertaining to small cell and 5G, passed the Senate floor unanimously and awaits action in the House Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications Committee.

The Senate passed [SB 106](#) known as the “Patients First Act” that provides for Medicaid waivers. The bill awaits action in the House Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care.

[HB 302](#), by Rep. Vance Smith which prohibits local governments from adopting or enforcing ordinances or regulations related to building design for single family homes passed the House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee and awaits action in House Rules.

On Tuesday, [HB 447](#) by Representative LaRiccia passed the House. This bill extends the sunset on the sales tax on jet fuel for 20 years.

The Regional Business Coalition of Metropolitan Atlanta (RBC) is 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.