



## **2020 Legislative Update Week 4 – February 7, 2020**

### **Legislative Days 10-12**

The 2020 Legislative Session came to an abrupt halt on Wednesday afternoon as budget reconciliation efforts reached a stalemate. The House and Senate adopted an Adjournment Resolution which cancelled Legislative Day 13 that had been scheduled for Thursday, February 6 and Legislative Day 14 which was scheduled for Monday, February 10. The new Adjournment Resolution, [SR 712](#), sets the calendar until the 28 Legislative Day, which is Crossover Day, scheduled for Thursday March 12. The Legislature will reconvene on Tuesday, February 18 for Legislative Day 13.

The leadership in the House has announced that the House Appropriations Committees are the only committees that will meet during this adjournment period. The Senate plans to have all standing committees continue to meet.

The RBC Board met at the Capitol on Tuesday for our annual RBC day at the Capitol. We heard from multiple state leaders on what items they were working on to continue to grow Georgia businesses.

### **Business & Industry:**

[HB 523](#) by Representative Kasey Carpenter (R-Dalton) reforms how local governments can regulate short term home rentals. The bill was favorably reported out of the House Regulated Industries Committee on Tuesday.

[HB 879](#) sponsored by Representative Brett Harrell (R-Snellville) allows for the home delivery of alcohol by a retailer. The bill was introduced this week and assigned to the House Regulated Industries Committee.

### **Economic Development:**

[HB 837](#) sponsored by Representative Chuck Martin (R-Alpharetta) requires development authorities of counties in which at least 95 percent of the land area is incorporated into one or more municipalities to obtain approval from the board of education or governing authority of any municipality before the purchase of property, undertaking of any projects or granting of any tax abatements. The bill was heard in the Tax Expenditure Subcommittee of House Ways and Means Committee.

### **Transportation:**

[HR 935](#) sponsored by Representative Kevin Tanner (R-Dawsonville) reauthorizes the

Freight and Logistics Commission for another year. This resolution continues a 2019 study on Georgia's future freight growth and its impacts on our economic future. The House of Representatives passed HR 935 on Wednesday by a vote of 169-0.

[HB 511](#) sponsored by Representative Kevin Tanner (R-Dawsonville) providing a state entity for the planning and implementation of mobility and transit services and creating the Department of Mobility and Innovation. The bill was heard in the Senate Transportation Committee but no action was taken.

*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.*