



2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Economic Development, Tourism, & Taxation

- Support efforts to improve economic opportunities and enhance the quality of life in rural Georgia
- Ensure Georgia is able to grow its economy and maintain its reputation as a leader for global commerce by opposing policies, or the use of symbols that promote discrimination or would have a discriminatory effect
- Further streamline government regulatory processes and promote incentives for companies investing in critical infrastructure throughout the state
- Promote policies that strengthen emerging and innovative industries and technologies that have potential to grow jobs and economic prosperity
- Support ongoing examination of the current tax base, tax rates, tax incentives, and compliance requirements to ensure a Georgia business environment that is fair and competitive — not only for the state's current businesses, but also for businesses considering relocating here

Education

- Ensure Georgia continues to foster an educational and vocational ecosystem focused on developing, retaining, and attracting a more globally competitive workforce

Employment

- Preserve Georgia's employment-at-will doctrine and strengthen the state's right-to-work status
- Preserve employers' ability to maintain a safe business environment for employees and consumers

Energy & Natural Resources

- Protect statewide access to sustainable, reliable, and affordable energy supplies
- Enhance access to high-quality, affordable water supplies and ensure future water supply security for communities and businesses across the state

Health & Wellness

- Support a state-led approach to ensure the viability of our health care system by improving access and affordability
- Promote cost containment with respect to employer-sponsored health insurance

Legal Reform

- Continue to support, preserve, and strengthen Georgia's legal climate
- Improve balance in the state's civil justice system by: creating a statewide business court to streamline complex civil litigation; modernizing rules of civil procedure for handling electronic discovery; limiting double recovery for non-existent medical expenses; and regulating the unsavory practice of third-party litigation financing

Transportation

- Support continued strategic investment of state funding into Georgia's transportation network to promote economic growth and greater quality of life
- Support efforts to expand Georgia's capacity to transport freight through Georgia, as well as to end-market users in the state
- Support strategic efforts to continue to develop Georgia's network of public transportation and transit systems statewide