

2018 Legislative Preview

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2018 – An Election Year

- All statewide offices up for election
- No incumbents running for Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Insurance Commissioner
- 10 Legislators Running for Statewide Office
- New Leadership to be Elected in Senate (President Pro Tem, Majority Leader) as Lt. Governor runs for Governor
- Backdrop of surprising Democratic gains in November special elections

Session Expectations

- Starts January 8, 2018
- Likely to be short – probably ending in March before spring break
- Unlike conventional wisdom, likely to be substantive with “meaty” focus on issues
- Many issues driven by outside influences
 - Amazon HQ2/Econ. Development – transit emphasis
 - Affordable Care Act/Medicaid/Opioid discussions – rural health care
 - National Rural technology gap – broadband access

Busy Study Committees Meeting in Offseason

- House Commission on Transit Governance and Funding **IN PROGRESS**
 - 6 meetings so far; ARC hosted October meeting
 - Significant progress made in dialogue about ATL regional transit
- House Rural Development Council (and Senate counterpart) **IN PROGRESS**
- Senate Study Committee on Homelessness (Becky Kurtz w/ARC) **DONE**
- Joint committees on Stream Buffers & Storm Water Fees **IN PROGRESS**
- 8 other House & and 7 other Senate study committees **IN PROGRESS**

Expected Hot Issues in 2018 Session

- Transit Funding and Governance
- Broadband Access
- Health Care – Rural Access, Medicaid Expansion
- Opioid Crisis
- Tax Reform
- Economic Development

ARC Issues of Interest for 2018

2nd of 2-year session

- Transit Funding and Governance
- Modifications to T-SPLOST Law
- Metro Water District Annual Funding
- Storm Water Fees
- Outdoor Stewardship Act
- CO-AGE Aging Priorities: Home & Community-Based Services and ADRC Funding

ARC 2018 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST



Challenges Ahead

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