



2021 Legislative Session

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Legislation Directly Impacting ARC

- **Budget** – Coordinated planning funded at FY21 levels
- H.B. 98 – Expanded Teleconference Guidelines – **PASSED**
 - Ties language closer to “states of emergencies”
 - Defines emergency conditions for teleconference meeting options as Federal, State, or Local states of emergencies
- H.B. 762 – Fulton Tech & Energy Enhancement Auth. - **PASSED**
 - First “Authority” created in Fulton County since MARTA (1965)
 - Address access imbalances within Fulton County
 - 7-member Board (ARC has one appointment – finance or investment specialist)
- H.R. 130 – Forsyth County move to ARC - **PASSED**
 - Effective July 1, 2021



Aging Services

- **Budget** – bumps in funding for both HCBS and Behavioral Health Coaching
 - Medicaid HCBS: 10% increase to providers
 - BHC: Funding made available to expand program
 - No direct funding increases to ARC*, but these are both welcome developments and we as an agency always support funding increases for important programs
- HB 112 – COVID Liability protection extensions - **PASSED**
- HB 363 – Revises the elder protections passed last year - **PASSED**
- HB 752 – Psychiatric Advance Directive – **ALIVE FOR 2022**
 - Patient-directed mental health care treatment preferences through instructions written in advance

Transportation

- H.B. 317 – Marketplace Facilitator Fees - **PASSED**
- H.B. 511 – Establishment of Trust Funds - **PASSED**
 - Transportation Trust Fund (Hotel/Motel Fees) (not more than 10% annually)
 - Georgia Transit Trust Fund (Ride Share Fees)
- H.B. 588 – Georgia Freight Railroad Program - **PASSED**
 - Expands financing options available to state for freight/logistics projects
- S.R. 102 – Commission on E-Commerce & Freight - **PASSED**

Workforce Development

- H.B. 107 – WFDB Teleconference Options – **ALIVE FOR 2022**
 - Provides local workforce development board the teleconferencing options
 - State would conform to federal code
 - Off-Season work/plan under way

Cityhood

- H.B. 826 – Lost Mountain (Cobb)
- H.B. 839 – Mableton (Cobb)
- H.B. 840 – Vinings (Cobb)
- H.B. 841 – East Cobb (Cobb)
- H.B. 854 – Buckhead (City of Atlanta)

Other Legislation of Interest that Passed

- S.B. 6 – Tax-related omnibus – **PASSED**
 - Temporarily restores sales tax exemptions for arts-related interests through December 31, 2022

Questions?

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