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# 2024 Legislative Outlook

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# 2024 Session of the Georgia General Assembly

- ‡ The General Assembly will convene for the 2024 Session on **Monday, January 8, 2024.**
- ‡ 40 legislative days
- ‡ No major changes in leadership or composition at present
  - Republicans still hold majorities in both Chambers



# Aging & Independence Services

Working with our partners like the Georgia Council on Aging (COAGE), we will focus on:

- Continuing to lay groundwork for future funding needs
- Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) legislation
  - ▶ Giving older Americans options for choosing how they die to prevent unnecessary discomfort and financial burdens in terminal diagnosis situations
- Strengthening multidisciplinary teams for elder abuse response

Emergency services transportation

- **SB 16** – local control over emergency services transportation contracts; this bill was assigned to committee last year but did not advance beyond the assignment step; it remains alive for this upcoming Session



# Housing

- Two major housing related bills remain alive from last session that would address the following:
  - Moratoriums – HB 514:** This bill made it to the Senate last year where it was subsequently tabled. The legislation limited moratoriums on zoning decisions to 180 days and not only included single-family homes, but also developments of 2500 sq ft or less. Despite making it all the way to the Senate, the bill had a lot of opposition, so its future this year is unclear.
  - Zoning Regulations – HB 517:** This bill rolled back the authority of local jurisdictions to dictate zoning regulations on structures themselves (e.g., permissible materials, etc.). This bill received stiff resistance from ACCG, GMA and others in the one hearing it received in the House Committee to which it was assigned. Its future this year is also unclear.



# Transportation

## Freight & Logistics

- Strategy still TBD, unlikely to see a revenue bill this year

## MARTA

- We expect to see legislation pertaining to security monitoring for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lanes proposed for GA-400 and elsewhere as MARTA gets closer to implementing various BRT plans around the region

## Electric Vehicle Industry Commission

- Leftover from last year and sitting in an unrelated bill (SB 26) that also contains language important to the agency pertaining to workforce development board teleconference options
- Governor's priority from last year's Session



# Workforce Development

## ▮ Teleconferencing Options for Workforce Development Boards

- Two bills were tabled in the Senate and remain alive for next Session:
  - ▶ **HB 269** – stand-alone bill simply authorizing WFDBs (and some other entities) to conduct official meetings via teleconference
  - ▶ **SB 26** – similar to HB 269 *but also included* language pertaining to the Governor’s intent to create an “Electric Vehicle Industry Commission”



# Other State Legislative Items of Interest

## 📄 Budget

- We continue to work with our counterpart Regional Commissions in Georgia to get funding restored to 2010 levels for coordinated planning functions
- Safeguarding and growing funding important to aging services and older Americans

## 📄 Any legislation targeting Regional Commissions

## 📄 Natural Resources

## 📄 Economic Development

## 📄 Community Development

## 📄 Monitoring legislation resulting from off-season Study Committees:

- Certificate of Need (CON)
- Senate Study Committee on Expanding Georgia's Workforce
- Joint Tax Credit Review Panel



# Federal Outlook for Early 2024

- New Speaker – Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA-04)
- Continuing resolution (CR) passed in mid-November and is “laddered”:
  - There are checkpoints along the way with the first one coming on **1/19**.
  - This portion of the CD funds programming for Agriculture, Transportation, Housing & Urban Development, and Veterans Affairs at FY 23 levels.
  - Defense and **all other departments** are funded through **2/2**.







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