



# State & Federal Legislative Outlooks

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# 2026 Session of the Georgia General Assembly

- ▮ The General Assembly will convene for the 2026 Session on **Monday, January 12, 2026**.
- ▮ 40 legislative days
- ▮ Year two of a two-year Session
  - Legislation from last year can carry over
- ▮ Some members have resigned to run for higher office; others will stay through Session
- ▮ Changes in leadership positions and Committee assignments
  - Most notably Senate President Pro Tem John Kennedy (running for Lt. Gov)



# State Legislative Outlook

- ▮ Senate interest in eliminating state income tax (about half of state budget)
- ▮ House interest in eliminating or limiting property tax (main revenue source for counties, cities, and school systems)
  - Concerns on both counts about diversified forms of revenue (esp. from bond ratings agencies), sales tax levels, etc.
- ▮ Monitoring for any legislation directly impacting ARC
- ▮ Potential for changes to state workforce development program
- ▮ Data centers
- ▮ Freight & Logistics funding – watching Governor’s budget for indications
- ▮ HB 812 (revise process by which a local governing body may propose amendments to state minimum standard codes)

# Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services

- ▮ Chaired by Sen. Harold Jones (D-Augusta)
- ▮ ARC instrumental in study committee creation and contributed significantly to committee's work
- ▮ ARC subject-matter experts testified on October 16, 2025
  - Explained ARC's role
  - Shared information about effects of caregiving
  - Adapted recommendations from national report
- ▮ ARC's recommendations were included in final report

# Federal Legislative Outlook

## FY 26 Appropriations

- Most of federal government operating under continuing resolution until January 30
- Some conversations around a new 'minibus' that might include defense, transportation, health, education, and workforce

## Surface Transportation Reauthorization

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act expires on September 30
- House and Senate committee leaders are writing their bills
  - Plan to release text and hold committee markups in spring

## Older Americans Act reauthorization

## Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act reauthorization

## Water Resources Development Act

## FY 27 Appropriations



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