

CAPITOL UPDATE

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SR68 Passes Through Legislature

One of the most exciting and promising pieces of legislation to come out of the session is Senate Resolution 68, a resolution to create a Science and Technology Joint study Commission. This legislation will create a joint study commission to review the assets and determine the objectives of technology job creation in Georgia.

This commission will be comprised of public and private sector leaders that represent Georgia's technology interest and would produce findings for the development of strategic plan for Georgia.

SR 68 will now go to the Governor's desk to be signed and we believe that the commission will begin holding meetings sometime this summer.

Sine Die

Thursday April 14th, after working late into the night, the Georgia General Assembly adjourned for the final time this session. This Spring brought debate on issues like immigration, Sunday alcohol sales, and tax reform. Here at TAG we followed legislation pertinent to you and to the science and technology industries. Here is an update on some of the notable bills and resolutions that did and did not pass:

HB 16 - [Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act; repeal](#)

HB16 would have repealed provisions of law adopted by the "Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act," approved April 21, 2009 due to the federal government's announcement to assume an increased role in the financing of nuclear energy facilities, thereby eliminating the need for Georgia's current rate payers to prepay for future use.

Did Not Pass

HB 86 - [Sales and use tax; energy for manufacturing; provide exemption](#)

HB86 would have provided sales and use tax exemption for energy used in manufacturing tangible goods.

Did Not Pass

HB175 - [Online Clearinghouse Act; enact](#)

House Bill 175 would have created the Online Clearinghouse Act, allowing schools to provide computer-based courses to students in other local area school systems.

Did Not Pass

HB 388 - [Revenue and taxation; revenue structure; comprehensive revision](#)

The Tax Reform Bill, HB 388, contained the Georgia Communications Services Tax Act, changes to personal and corporate income taxes, the creation of the Economic Development Trust Fund, and allowed for taxation of many services including digital goods.

Did Not Pass

SB 63 - [Georgia Medical Assistance Fraud Prevention Program; enact](#)

This bill from the senate would have enacted the Georgia Medical Assistance Fraud Prevention Program and provided for its implementation by the Department of Community Health .

Did Not Pass

After the Session

As we end this legislative session, we appreciate your support. We look forward to working with you as we prepare for the next session in 2012. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact us. Thank you.