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Legislation To Follow

During the session, there are several Bills and Resolutions within both houses that TAG is following. The following pieces of legislation are among those that affect the science and technology industries in Georgia. Click on the bill name for a link to the document, or for a full list of TAG's tracked legislation [click here](#), and remember that TAG welcomes your input on how these or other pieces of legislation may affect your business.

[SR68 - Science and Technology Strategic Initiative Joint Study Commission; create](#)

- SR68 is a resolution to create a joint study commission to review the assets and determine the objectives of technology job creation in Georgia. Comprised of public and private sector leaders that represent Georgia's technology interest, this commission would produce findings for the development of strategic plan for Georgia.

[SB5 - Driver Services; provision of RFID tags with drivers' licenses or ID cards](#)

- SB5 will authorize the Department of Driver Services to provide the *option* of RFID tags embedded within licenses or IDs that would allow access to, "a privately maintained medical records database," if the individual so chooses.

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

- HB175 would create the Online Clearinghouse Act, allowing schools to provide computer-based courses to students in other local area school systems.

[HB186 - High School Students; expand career pathway options](#)

- HB 186 would create and expand the pathway for which students can access career and college readiness options while in high school.

SR68: A Strategic Plan for Science and Technology Development

SR68 was recently approved by the Science and Technology committee in the Senate. It is now awaiting a hearing in the Senate Rules Committee. Pending approval the resolution will move to the Senate floor to be voted on.

High Tech Day at The Capitol

This February 19th, TAG celebrated its 3rd Annual High Tech Day at the Capitol. Breakfast at the Sloppy-Floyd Building kicked off the day's events, followed by a lunch and CIO roundtable at the Coverdell Legislative Office Building featuring several private and public sector CIOs and moderator Senator John Albers.

Forty state legislators attended the dinner reception at the Georgia Freight Depot which featured exhibits by technology firms in Georgia as well as three youth robotics teams from the Metro area. A resounding success, High Tech Day was recognized by state lawmakers in a resolution in both the House and Senate.