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Crossover Day

On Wednesday, March 16, the Georgia General Assembly held Crossover Day, which is the 30th day of a 40 day legislative session. It is on this day that all bills in the Senate or House must be voted out of that chamber and sent to the opposite chamber or they are considered dead. This is generally the busiest day of the year other than day 40.

An important measure that TAG has been working on this year, is SR 68 - A Strategic Plan for Science and Technology. SR 68, by a vote of 50-0 was passed out of the Senate and will be sent to the House for legislative hearings. We are excited about the advancement of legislation that will help to make Georgia a key state for technology growth and job creation, and look forward to working with House members to see its passage and eventual signature from the Governor.

Some other bills that TAG has been following and will continue to follow throughout the legislative process:

HB 175 - Online Clearinghouse Act; enact A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to enact the "Online Clearinghouse Act"; to create a clearinghouse through which local school systems may offer their computer-based courses to students of other local school systems; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedures and requirements for offering a course through

HB 186 - High school students; expand career pathway options; provisions - relating to the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide and expand career pathway options for high school students to ensure their career and college readiness; relating to the Georgia Workforce Investment Board, so as to provide for the establishment of soft skills certification by the Governor's

HB 256 - 9-1-1 system; regulation of charges on pre-paid wireless services; provisions A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the emergency telephone number 9-1-1 system, so as to provide for the comprehensive regulation of 9-1-1 charges on prepaid wireless services; to provide for imposition, collection, and distribution of such charges; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of counties, municipalities, and the state

HB 280 - Emergency Telephone System Fund; additional uses for moneys; provide A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Emergency Telephone Number 9-1-1 Service Act of 1977," so as to correct a cross-reference; to provide additional uses for Emergency Telephone System Fund moneys; to provide for the enhancement of dispatch and response activities and equipment of public safety personnel; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

HB 385 - Revenue and taxation; revenue structure; comprehensive revision relating respectively, to revenue and taxation, agriculture, the General Assembly, insurance, local government, public utilities, and state government, so as to provide for comprehensive revision of the revenue structure of the State of Georgia; to implement the recommendations of the 2010 Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness for Georgians as provided for and required by Chapter 12 of the Title 28

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