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HB 116	*	House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee	Reeves - 34th Powell - 32nd Trammell - 132nd Strickland - 111th Setzler - 35th Ehrhart - 36th	This bill would allow the superior court to have exclusive original jurisdiction for cases involving a juvenile (13-17) when charged with an aggravated assault.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163251.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163251.pdf</a>	This bill is supported by the GACP.
HB 146	*	Passed House Insurance Committee on 2/7/2017.  Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee	Gravley - 67th Strickland - 111th Meadows - 5th Coomer - 14th Powell - 171st Williamson - 115th	Called the Fireman's Cancer/Insurance Bill  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164403.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164403.pdf</a>	This is not linked with workers comp. It allows for insurance coverage for this select group. There must be a link between the cancer and the fire officials duties.
SB 15	*	Passed in Senate Judiciary Committee on 2/16/17.  House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee	Rhett - 33rd Mullis - 53rd Henson - 41st Harper - 7th Miller - 49th Jones II - 22nd	This bill adds to the category of former law enforcement officers who are entitled to be issued a weapons carry license without the payment of fees.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/165599.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/165599.pdf</a>	This bill has been modified since being introduced. The modifications made the bill stronger and more acceptable. It looks like a good bill now.  So far, this bill is on the fast track.

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SB 16	*	Passed in Senate Health and Human Services Committee on 2/16/17.  House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee	Watson - 1st Unterman - 45th Hufstetter - 52nd Millar - 40th Kirk - 13th Orrock - 36th	Reduces the percentage of the THC oil in the "Low THC oil patient registry" from 5% to 3%. This bill would also allow autism patients 18 years old or older to be added to the registry as well as patients 18 years old or less with severe autism.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/165616.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/165616.pdf</a>	The GACP is evaluating this bill, but it seems reasonable.
SB 42	*	Senate Public Safety Committee	Davenport - 44th James - 35th Butler - 55th Tate - 38th Fort - 39th Jones - 10th	Mandates a vehicle pursuit policy consistent with the specifications noted in this legislation. This would limit vehicle pursuits to select crimes.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163035.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163035.pdf</a>	This is too limited for many departments. Most agencies have pursuit policies that parallel the authors wishes.
SB 45	*	Passed in Senate Judiciary Committee on 2/15/17.  House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee	Walker III - 20th Stone - 23rd Parent - 42nd Kennedy - 18th Tillery - 19th Clark - 147th Cowsert - 46th	Prohibiting using a device to film under or through a person's clothing.  (Common Name - Up skirting)  Cross references with HB 9.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/165402.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/165402.pdf</a>	This is a very reasonable bill and is needed because of a current weakness in the law.  GACP supports this legislation.

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SB 84	*	Senate Public Safety Committee	Jackson - 2nd Harbison - 15th Davenport - 44th	This bill deals with the destruction or sale of weapons after a final judgement has been entered finding a defendant guilty of the commission or attempted commission of a crime against a person or involving the illegal possession or carrying of a weapon.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163729.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163729.pdf</a>	GACP is monitoring and evaluating this bill.
SB 90	*	Senate Public Safety Committee	Fort - 39th Jackson - 2nd Rhett - 33rd Jones - 10th Seay - 34th James - 35th	All law enforcement agencies will equip all officers who conduct traffic stops or respond to emergency dispatch calls with a body worn camera that will record audio and video. It also provides for open records and disclosure procedures.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163807.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163807.pdf</a>	It would be ideal if this could happen, but since no funding has been designated to assist in this process GACP will have to say no to this bill.
SB 105	*	Senate Judiciary Committee	Jones - 22nd Parent - 42nd Fort - 39th Rhett - 33rd Davenport - 44th James - 35th	This bill changes the quantity of marijuana needed to constitute misdemeanor possession to two ounces of marijuana. It also lowers the fines and penalties associated with smaller amounts of marijuana under two ounces.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164095.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164095.pdf</a>	The GACP has no comment at this time.

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SB 149	*	Senate Education and Youth Committee	Jones - 10th Henson - 41st Butler - 55th Davenport - 44th Parent - 42nd Anderson - 43rd	Provides for additional or special training requirements for School Resource Officers. At least 40 hours of POST approved training.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164882.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164882.pdf</a>	This bill would be palatable if it was a certification program. The Secondary School Chiefs Association (GASSLEE) is opposed to this bill.
SB 154	*	Senate Public Safety Committee	Kirk - 13th Harper - 7th Shafer - 48th Cowsert - 46th Sims - 12th Miller - 49th	This bill provided for the offenses of aggravated assault and aggravated battery against a public safety employee while the employee is engaged in the performance of their duties.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164949.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164949.pdf</a>	This is a long bill to address this point and at this time it is in a hearing only stage. This bill looks to be very supportive of law enforcement.
SB 155	*	Senate Public Safety Committee	Kirk - 13th Harper - 7th Shafer - 48th Cowsert - 46th Parent - 42nd Gooch - 51st	This bill would create a Local Law Enforcement Officer Compensation Commission that will provide for an ongoing review of local officer salaries and benefits.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164947.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164947.pdf</a>	This is a study commission and GACP will have a member on the committee if the bill passes.

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SR 182	*	Senate Public Safety Committee	James - 35th Rhett - 33rd Orrock - 36th Lucas - 26th Anderson - 43rd	This resolution encourages law enforcement to recognize a citizen's bill of rights for police accountability.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164500.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164500.pdf</a>	Almost all of the points in the resolution are acceptable except mandating that officers have two years of formal education. This could present a recruitment issue.

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