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BILL #	*/**	STATUS - ASSIGNED TO	AUTHOR(S)	TITLE AND/OR SUMMARY	GACP COMMENTS
HB1		Judiciary Non-Civil	Peake - 141st Gravley - 67th Kaiser - 59th Ramsey - 72nd McCall - 33rd Golick - 40th	"Haleigh's Hope" - Concerns the regulated use of cannabis oil to treat certain medical conditions. Cross Reference: SB7 http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/1	If the bill had remained within the parameters of cannabis oil for children under 18, GACP may have maintained a neutral stance; however, it did not. Please read the letter GACP sent to our governing officials. (See Addendum 1) Note: The language being considered is not yet available on the state's website.
HB5		Judiciary Non-Civil	Geisinger - 48th Kidd - 145th McCall - 33rd Rice - 95th Bentley - 139th	Regulates the lawful use/possession of drones and the images obtained through their usage. Cross Reference: HB44 http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/5	GACP evaluating
HB10		Motor Vehicles	Mayo - 84th Kaiser - 59th Drenner - 85th Williams - 87th Waites - 60th	Drivers of motor vehicles can only conduct hands-free telephone calls. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/10	Not likely to move forward - has law enforcement exception

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HB32		Public Safety & Homeland Security	Mitchell - 88th Scott - 76th	Requires law enforcement officers to be equipped with body cameras and provides regulations. Cross Reference: SB46 http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/32	As with several body camera bills, there is no source of funding for the cameras or the electronic storage.
HB33		Judiciary Non-Civil	Taylor - 79th Jacobs - 80th Hitchens - 16st Tanner - 9th Lumsden - 12th Marin - 96th	Provides for the criminal offenses of resisting, obstructing, hindering, or opposing a code enforcement officer. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/33	This appears to be a good bill, but is being resisted by some members of the relator's industry.
HB44		Public Safety & Homeland Security	Smith - 125th	Prohibits the operation of drones in certain areas - relating to interference with property rights. Cross Reference: HB5 http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/44	GACP evaluating

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HB56		Judiciary Non-Civil	Tanner - 9th Golick - 40th Hugley - 136th Efstration - 104th Others	Provides regulations and provisions for the issuance, use and execution of No-Knock Search Warrants. Cross Reference: SB45 http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/56	This is the best No-Knock Bill that law enforcement can expect. It mandates training and supervision before the execution of a No-Knock Warrant and has accountability associated with the courts.
HB71		Judiciary Non-Civil	Tanner - 9th Golick - 40th Caldwell - 131st Atwood - 179th Oliver - 82nd Fleming - 121st	Affects the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights and includes communication and information sharing between pardons and paroles and allows input from victims before a pardon is granted or a death sentence is commuted to a life sentence. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/71	This is a very controversial bill; however, the authors are very astute and willing to listen to the Parole Board's concerns about releasing certain kinds of information.
HB93		Public Safety & Homeland Security	Pezold - 133rd Ramsey - 72nd Allison - 8th Atwood - 179th Powell - 32nd Caldwell - 20th	Provides provisions for the identification and regulation of motor vehicles and prohibits law enforcement from retaining license plate data obtained from automated license plate recognition systems for certain periods. The limit stated in the bill is 30 days. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/93	At 30 days, this is not a good law enforcement bill. The stored information is often used for follow-up investigations. GACP is in negotiation with the committee to expand the 30 day period.



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HB233		Judiciary	Atwood - 179th Dudgeon - 25th Geisinger - 48th Dunahoo - 30th Jasperse - 11th	Relates to state asset forfeitures http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/233	This is basically the same as last year's end version of HB1 dealing with state asset forfeitures. This is a good and very acceptable bill. If you would like more information, please call the GACP office. The bill is 111 pages, but most of it is designed to reorganize and to consolidate all of the sections of the O.C.G.A. dealing with forfeitures into one area of the code.
SB6		Public Safety	McKoon - 29th Crane - 28th Gooch - 51st Heath - 31st Ginn - 47th Ligon - 3rd	Specifies that only a non-citizen with a lawful alien status may obtain a license, permit, or card; and requires the Department of Driver Services to participate in the Records and Information from DMVs for E-Verify Initiative of the United States Department of Homeland Security. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/6	GACP evaluating
SB7		Judiciary Non-Civil	Thompson -5th	Proposes the use of marijuana to treat certain medical illnesses without provisions. Cross Reference: HB1 http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/7	This is not the Medical Marijuana Bill to track. HB1 needs to be followed. This bill is not expected to move.

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SB37		Higher Education	Ramsey - 43rd Davenport - 44th Unterman - 45th Tate - 38th Butler - 55th Seay - 34th	Requires law enforcement officers with arrest powers to report allegations of rape to a local law enforcement agency with concurrent jurisdiction and to cooperate fully. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/37	Part of this bill is good for law enforcement and part may be redundant as per the "Clery Act".
SB45		Judiciary Non-Civil	Fort - 39th Henson - 41st Davenport - 44th Tate - 38th Seay - 34th Butler - 55th	Allows the use of No-Knock search warrants and provides provisions and regulations for the issuance and use of force in the execution of the warrants. Cross Reference: HB56 http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/45	This is a more restrictive bill for law enforcement; therefore, if any No-Knock Bill passes, it will more than likely be HB56.
SB46		Public Safety	Fort - 39th Jones - 10th Davenport - 44th Henson - 41st Tate - 38th Seay - 34th	Requires certain peace officers to wear body cameras and recording devices while on duty. Cross Reference: HB32 http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/46	As with several body camera bills, there is no source of funding for the cameras or the electronic storage.

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SB48		Judiciary Non-Civil	Fort - 39th Jones - 22nd Rhett - 33rd Parent - 42nd Orrock - 36th Lucas - 26th	Prohibits restoration of gun rights to persons who have been convicted of a forcible felony. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/48	Any bill dealing with firearms will be carefully vetted; therefore, the probability of this piece of legislation moving forward is not likely.
SB49		Judiciary Non-Civil	Fort - 39th Jones - 10th Henson - 41st Davenport - 44th Tate - 38th Seay - 34th	Repeals the statute relating to the defense of self or others as an absolute defense. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/49	This addressed the "no duty to retreat prior to the use of force". Even if your personal beliefs fall in line with this bill, there is little chance the bill will move.
SB50		Judiciary Non-Civil	Fort - 39th Henson - 41st Davenport - 44th Butler - 55th Tate - 38th Seay - 34th	Relates to the appointment of a prosecuting attorney when a law enforcement officer is accused of a felony or an act of family violence. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/50	Sit back on this bill for now and don't get upset. Too many people are over-reacting to this bill. GACP will continue to track this piece of legislation.

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BILL #	*/**	STATUS - ASSIGNED TO	AUTHOR(S)	TITLE AND/OR SUMMARY	GACP COMMENTS
SB94		Judiciary Non-Civil	Bethel - 54th Cowsert - 46th	Relates to criminal procedure and witness identification accuracy. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/94	GACP evaluating Note: The language being considered is not yet available on the state's website.