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ACTIVE BILL #	*/**	STATUS-	AUTHORS	TITLE AND/OR SUMMARY	GACP COMMENTS
HB 54	**	Passed House on 3/24/2016. Senate passed on 3/16/2016. Sent to Governor for his signature.	Waites - 60th Powell - 32nd Scott - 76th Jones - 53rd Fludd - 64th	Tuition grants for children of officers killed in the line of duty. "Shawn Smiley Act." http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/162325.pdf	Will provide undergraduate tuition to children of officers killed in the line of duty by allowing for donations when filing yearly taxes or when renewing driver's licenses or Identification cards. This bill has gone to the Governor to be passed into law or vetoed.
HB 93	**	Passed House on 2/23/2016. Passed Senate on 3/22/2016. Sent to Governor for his signature.	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. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/159948.pdf	License plate reader data, with certain exceptions will be destroyed within one (1) year . This data is not subject to disclosure and can be shared with other law enforcement agencies.
HB 205	**	Passed House on 3/24/2016. Passed Senate on 3/25/2016. Sent to Governor for his signature.	Rice - 95th Petrea - 166th	Has to do with placing ignition interlock devices on vehicles. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/162407.pdf	The concern with this bill is that drivers may decide to skip DUI blood alcohol testing and just have an ignition interlock device placed on their vehicle while maintaining their driver's license. This bill has gone to the Governor to be passed into law or vetoed.

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HB588	*	Passed House on 2/16/2016. Passed Senate on 3/15/2016. Sent to Governor for his signature.	Clark - 101st Cooper - 43rd Broadrick - 4th Kidd - 145th Rynders - 152nd Sims - 123rd	This bill is in reference to the possession of substances containing ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine and restrictions on the sale of products containing pseudoephedrine. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/157575.pdf	This bill will create the Georgia Meth Watch Program designed to keep the sales of products containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine in a database accessible by pharmacies and law enforcement that can stop the sale of excessive amounts of these drugs. This bill has gone to the Governor to be passed into law or vetoed.
HB 727	**	Passed House on 3/24/2016. Passed Senate on 3/25/2016. Sent to Governor for his signature.	Battles - 15th Turner - 21st Parsons - 44th LaRiccia - 169th Kaiser - 59th	Fireworks; certain further regulations by counties and municipal corporations http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/162428.pdf	This relates to the regulation of fireworks by local governments and city and municipal corporations. It also provides for local excise taxation of consumer fireworks and the collection of such excise tax. This bill has gone to the Governor to be passed into law or vetoed.
HB 779	**	Passed House on 3/22/2016. Passed Senate on 3/24/2016. Sent to Governor for his signature.	Tanner - 9th Lumsden - 12th Watson - 172nd Prince - 127th Broadrick - 4th	Regulates the use of unmanned aircraft systems and images . http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/162387.pdf	This bill will regulate the use of unmanned aircraft systems (drones) and images captured by such systems. This bill will also regulate the use of unmanned aircraft systems in connection to hunting and fishing. This bill also created the Georgia Unmanned Vehicle Systems Commission. This bill has gone to the Governor to be passed into law or vetoed.

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HB 941	**	Passed House on 3/24/2016. Passed Senate on 3/22/2016. Sent to Governor for his signature.	Golick - 40th Atwood - 179th Pak - 108th Abrams - 89th	Review of incidents involving a peace officer's use of deadly force that results in death or serious bodily injury http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/162240.pdf	Relates to grand jury testimony of officers. The testimony, which now must be sworn, will now be recorded by a court reporter and the officer is subject to cross examination of their testimony. The transcripts may be available as an open record. GACP embraces the concepts associated with this bill. This bill has gone to the Governor to be passed into law or vetoed.
HB 976	**	Passed House on 3/24/2016. Passed Senate on 3/22/2016. Sent to Governor for his signature.	Hitchens - 161st Willard - 51st Powell - 32nd Caldwell - 131st Tanner - 9th Lumsden - 12th	Body Worn Camera Bill Minimum retention periods for video recordings from law enforcement devices , either worn or inside a vehicle http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/162151.pdf	This bill provides for a retention schedule for body worn camera recordings and for a fee of \$10.00 to be collected for providing digital recordings. The retention schedule for recordings will be 180 days. Unless there is an arrest, vehicle accident or it is part of a criminal investigation. The retention period is then 30 months. <u>*Must read full bill.</u>

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SB 270	**	Senate passed on 3/24/2016. House passed on 3/24/2016. Sent to Governor for his signature.	Martin IV - 9th Hill - 32nd Harper - 7th Unterman - 45th Mullis - 53rd Millar - 40th	Authorizes qualified retired law enforcement officers to carry their handgun anywhere within this state. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/162359.pdf	Authorizes retired and off duty officers to carry a gun anywhere in the state. The purpose of this bill is that it would make retired officers from other states able to carry weapons in the same locations as retired Georgia law enforcement officers. This bill has gone to the Governor to be passed into law or vetoed.
SB 304	*	Senate passed on 3/24/2016. House passed on 3/24/2016. Sent to Governor for his signature.	Parent - 42nd Jones - 22ns	"Pursuing Justice for Rape Victims Act." <u>*Please note that there was a major bill substitution in reference to HB 304. The title of the bill still has to do with criminal records, involuntary hospitalization and GCIC. The current bill is the Pursuing Justice for Rape Victims Act.*</u> http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/162518.pdf	This bill provides requirements for submitting certain evidence collected from a forensic medical exam to the GBI. Law enforcement must take possession of evidence within 96 hours of being notified. Evidence must be submitted to the GBI within 30 days of being collected. This bill has gone to the Governor to be passed into law or vetoed.
SB 416	**	Passed Senate on 3/24/2016. Passed House on 3/24/2016. Sent to Governor for his signature.	Cowser - 46th Harbison - 15th Harper - 7th Thompson - 14th Dugan - 30th	This bill established the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center at the GBI. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/162462.pdf	Formally codifies the GISAC Center at GBI with the purpose of sharing and analyzing homeland security related information. This bill would codify GISAC as it has existed under a Governor's Executive Order since shortly after 9/11. This bill has gone to the Governor to be passed into law or vetoed.

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SR 932	**	Adopted by the Senate on 2/09/2016.	Harper - 7th Watson - 1st Williams - 27th Dugan - 30th	Recognizing the State Law Enforcement Certification Program Cross reference with HR 1369. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/156815.pdf	This is a program managed by GACP. This resolution encourages all law enforcement agencies to become state certified and thanks GACP for their proactive leadership.

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HB 591	**	Tabled by the House Retirement Committee	Hitchens - 161st Lumsden - 12th	Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/150763.pdf	This bill would increase monthly dues from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per month and impose a tax on vehicle insurance to provide more money for the POAB Retirement Fund. This bill did not move out of the House this year, therefore it is not going to become law.
HB 722	**	Passed House on 2/29/2016. Senate Health and Human Services Committee	Peake - 141st Gravley - 67th Powell - 32nd Ramsey - 72nd Meadows - 5th England - 116th Dawkins-Haigler - 91st	"Haleigh's Hope Act" Part II - Concerns the regulated use of cannabis oil to treat certain medical conditions. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/159150.pdf	Added additional illnesses to be covered, added additional penalties and added additional protections for health care providers and institutions. The approved version removed manufacture and distribution of low THC oil out of the bill. This bill did not move out of the Senate this year, therefore it is not going to become law.
HB 805	*	Ways & Means	Powell - 32nd Rice - 95th Stephens - 164th Harrell - 106th Maxwell - 17th Kelley - 16th	This bill relates to the regulation of transportation for hire. It provides for the regulation of taxis. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/155236.pdf	Does away with sales and use tax for taxis, limos and services such as Uber. This bill did not move out of the House this year, therefore it is not going to become law.

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HB 827	**	Passed House on 2/23/2016. Senate Health and Human Services 2/24/2016.	Holcomb - 81st Bennett - 80th Pak - 108th Quick - 117th Abrams - 89th Cooper - 43rd	"Pursuing Justice for Rape Victims Act" <u>*Please note that even though this bill did not pass that this legislation did move forward in SB 304.*</u> http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/158485.pdf	This bill provides requirements for submitting certain evidence collected from a forensic medical examination to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The person collecting the evidence must notify law enforcement and LE must collect within 96 hours and submit the evidence to GBI DOFS within 30 days of collection. This is a good bill for law enforcement professionalization and for the victims. The DNA results will be sent to CODIS.
HB 832	*	House Judiciary	Turner - 21st Pezold - 133rd Spencer - 180th Clark - 147th Caldwell - 20th Allison - 8th	Conclusion of criminal proceedings prior to civil forfeiture proceedings. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/155461.pdf	This bill would have stayed all civil proceedings during the pendency of criminal proceedings. This bill did not move out of the House, therefore it is not going to become law.
SB 6	*	Passed Senate on 2/29/2016. House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee	McKoon - 29th Crane - 28th Gooch - 51st Heath - 31st Ginn - 47th Ligon - 3rd	"Georgia Road Safety and Driver's License Integrity Act" http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/159270.pdf	Any person that has a deferred deportation shall obtain a Georgia Driving Safety card. The card can only be used for driving and not as a valid identification. A person pending asylum or in refugee status will be issued a temporary license or special ID card. This bill did not move out of the House this year, therefore it is not going to become law.

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