



## LEGISLATIVE ALERT #1

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| HB 1          | 3/7/13<br>House withdrawn and recommitted to the Rules Committee | House Judiciary                           | Reps. Willard of the 51st, Lindsey of the 54th, Abrams of the 89th and others    | <u>Georgia Uniform Civil Forfeiture Procedure Act; enact</u>  | The GACP Executive Board has grave concerns regarding this bill in its present form. This bill is very controversial because it changes the burden of proof, lowers the judicial sealing on non-judicial forfeitures, etc. Many GACP emails went out on this bill; however, this year, the bill will not go any further. |
| HB 24         | 12/11/2012 - House Prefiled                                      | Prefiled only                             | Rep. Waites of the 60th  | <u>Punishment; sentencing of defendants guilty of crimes involving bias or prejudice.</u>                               | Prefiled only - no movement  |
| HB 25         | 12/19/2012 - House Prefiled                                      | Prefiled only                             | Rep. Gregory of the 34th   | <u>Fully Informed Jury Act of 2013; enact</u>   | Prefiled only - no movement  |
| HB 26         | 2/4/2013 - House Second Readers                                  | House Judiciary                           | Reps. Gregory of the 34th, Spencer of the 180th, Caldwell of the 20th and others | <u>Georgia Constitutional Carry Act of 2013; enact</u>  |  |
| HB 35         | House Rules Committee. Did not make it out by crossover.         | House Public Safety and Homeland Security | Reps. Battles of the 15th, Epps of the 144th, Talton of the 147th and others     | <u>Firearms; carrying and possession of by an administrator within a school safety zone or school building; provide</u> | This bill would allow certain school administrators to carry concealed firearms in their school.   |
| HB 59         | 3/5/13   | Senate Rules Committee                    | Reps. Taylor of the 79th, Cooke of the 18th and Riley of the 50th                | <u>Alarm monitoring services; licensed persons and companies to utilize alarm verification; require</u>                 | This is a GACP sponsored bill that deals with alarms and two-caller verifications.<br><br>This bill is moving along well.  |
| HB 78         | 3/7/13   | Senate (committee not specified)          | Reps. Willard of the 51st, Jones of the 47th, Lindsey of the 54th and others     | <u>Crimes and offenses; protection of disabled adults and elder persons; change provisions</u>                          | This bill is designed to protect elderly or disabled adults from unwanted treatment. GACP is working on a white paper that strongly encourages this legislation.   |



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| HB 242        | 3/7/2013      | Senate (committee not specified) | Rep. Wendell Willard  | <u>Revising Juvenile Proceedings; revises, supersede and modernize provisions</u>  | very good bill and years over due. Supported by last year's Criminal Justice Reform Council as well as DJJ.   |
| HB 366        | 3/7/2013      | Senate (committee not specified) | Reps. Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Fleming of the 121st and Atwood of the 179th | <u>Peace officers; disciplining certified officers and requirements for certification; clarify application of provisions</u>   | This bill changes several sections of the GPOST Act that deals with discipline of certain personnel and allows for candidates to retake entry-level examinations more frequently.<br><br>GACP believes this to be a very good bill.   |
| HB 512        | 3/7/2013      | Senate (committee not specified) | Rep. Jasperse of the 11th, Meadows of the 5th, and others                                     | <u>Changing provisions relating to carrying weapons</u>  | This is an all-encompassing leadership gun bill. GACP strongly encourages its members to read this bill and if you have any concerns, please contact your state senator.  |
| SB 15         | 3/7/2013      | Senate Public Safety             | Sen. D. James of the 35th   | <u>Traffic Offenses; DUI; first time conviction; require ignition interlock device</u>   | No comment at this time. Title speaks for itself.   |
| SB 23         | 3/7/2013      | Awaiting House assignment        | Sens. Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, D. James of the 35th and others                | <u>"Stacey Nicole English Act"; aid in the location of missing persons; incapacitated due to medical conditions; establish</u> | This bill essentially adds to "Mattie's" call. This new section deals with medically endangered persons and eliminates law enforcement discretionary waiting period. It also provides for alternate family contact telephone numbers. |
| SB 57         | 2/28/2013     | <b>Signed by Governor</b>        | Sen. Buddy Carter and others  | <u>Providing additional authority to state boards of pharmacies</u>  | This bill places certain synthetic cannabinoids into the Schedule One drug area of OCGA 16-13-25 where as they can now be prosecuted as felonies.<br><br>This is a very helpful bill to law enforcement especially drug units.        |
| SB 86         | 3/7/2013      | House (committee not specified)  | Sen. Stone, of the 23rd   | <u>Family Violence Order; provide greater protection of victims of family violence</u>   | Very good bill to protect victims of family violence. It relates to stalking, etc. and defines "family violence order"  |



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| SB 144        | 3/7/2013      | House (committee not specified) | Sens. Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, State of the 18th and others | <u>Georgia Emergency 9-1-1 Support Authority; create</u> | Prepaid cellular telephone fees would be placed into state authority under the control of the GEMA director. The ideal behind this bill is to help pay for 911 services in counties with a low population rate. There is an "out" option available in the bill. |