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| HB 116 | ** | House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee Senate Public Safety 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. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/166816.pdf | This bill is supported by the GACP. This bill was withdrawn from the Senate Judiciary Committee and committed to the Senate Public Safety Committee. |
| HB 146 | ** | Passed House Insurance Committee on 2/7/2017. Passed 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 http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/167813.pdf | 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. This passed in the Senate on 3/09/17 and is moving to the Governor for his signature. |
| HB161 | * | House Health and Human Services Committee | Price - 48th Broadrick - 4th Newton - 123rd Silcox - 52nd Cooper - 43rd Clark - 98th | This bill provides that employees or agents of harm reduction agencies are not subject to certain offenses relating to hypodermic needles. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/166147.pdf | This bill did not pass out of the House before crossover day. |

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| HB 280 | * | Passed House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee on 3/03/17. Senate Judiciary Committee | Ballinger - 23rd Powell - 32nd Meadows - 5th Jasperse - 11th Jones - 91st Coomer - 14th | This bill would authorize the carrying and possession of handguns by weapons carry license holders in certain buildings and on real property owned by institutions of postsecondary education. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/167462.pdf | The carry of concealed weapons would not be allowed at athletic events, in dorms, in fraternity or sorority houses and at preschool space. The media has indicated that the Governor expresses some concern about this bill and has asked that other events and locations be added to prohibited areas. |
| HB 292 | * | Passed House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee on 3/03/17. Senate Judiciary Committee | Jasperse - 11th Meadows - 5th Powell - 32nd Ballinger - 23rd Jones - 91st Clark - 147th | This is a very encompassing gun bill relating to weapons carry and weapons safety. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/167431.pdf | This bill needs to read carefully as it relates to many different issues. The most important appear to be FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System, state reciprocity, involuntary hospitalization information going to GCIC and civil immunity for firearms instructors. |
| 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. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/165599.pdf | 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. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/165616.pdf | 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. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163035.pdf | This is too limited for many departments. Most agencies have pursuit policies that parallel the authors wishes. This bill did not make it out of the Senate and appears to be dead for this session. |
| 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. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/165402.pdf | 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 | <p>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.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163729.pdf</p> | <p>GACP is monitoring and evaluating this bill.</p> <p>This bill did not make it out of the Senate and appears to be dead for this session.</p> |
| SB 90 | ** | Senate Public Safety Committee | Fort - 39th Jackson - 2nd Rhett - 33rd Jones - 10th Seay - 34th James - 35th | <p>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.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163807.pdf</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>This bill did not make it out of the Senate and appears to be dead for this session.</p> |
| SB 105 | ** | Senate Judiciary Committee | Jones - 22nd Parent - 42nd Fort - 39th Rhett - 33rd Davenport - 44th James - 35th | <p>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.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164095.pdf</p> | <p>The GACP has no comment at this time.</p> <p>This bill did not make it out of the Senate and appears to be dead for this session.</p> |

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| SB 149 | ** | Passed Senate Education and Youth Committee on 3/03/17. House Public Safety and Homeland Security 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. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/167629.pdf | The bill was altered substantially and now GASSLEE is no longer opposed to the bill as it now stands. Author Emanuel Jones was very corporative and understanding to the needs of the school police. |
| SB 154 | ** | Passed Senate Public Safety Committee on 2/24/17. House Judiciary Non-Civil 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. Additionally, it allows for torts of parents and guardians if a person under their control commits the above noted crimes. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/166680.pdf | The bill is very supportive of law enforcement. Major modification were made from the original version making it more acceptable. |
| SB 155 | ** | Passed Senate Public Safety Committee on 2/24/17. House Governmental Affairs 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. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/166668.pdf | This is a study commission and GACP will have a member on the committee if the bill passes. During the Senate hearing, several committee members accented that cities and counties determine salaries of their employees however, a committee was needed to show what we all know; law enforcement in many areas of the state are underpaid. |

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| SB 160 | * | Passed Senate Public Safety Committee 2/24/17. House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee | Harper - 7th Shafer - 48th Mullis - 53rd Kirk - 13th Cowsert - 46th Gooch - 51st | "Back the Badge Act of 2017" http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/166658.pdf | This bill would add to the superior court's exclusive original jurisdiction the trial of any child 13 to 17 years of age who is alleged to have committed the offense of aggravated assault upon a public safety officer involving the use of a firearm and aggravated battery upon a public safety officer. |
| SB 254 | * | Senate Public Safety Committee | Williams - 27th Kirk - 13th Mc Koon - 29th | This bill deals with the establishment of a minimum annual salary for each deputy appointed by each sheriff, to provide for cost-of-living and general performance based increases for each deputy appointed by each sheriff and to create the Local Law Enforcement Officer Compensation Commission. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/166440.pdf | This bill did not make it out of the Senate and appears to be dead for this session. |
| 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. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164500.pdf | 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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| SR 377 | * | Senate Finance Committee | Williams - 27th Shafer - 48th Ligon - 3rd McKoon - 29th Harbin - 16th Brass - 28th | <p>This resolution is proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may prescribe by general law for a <u>refundable income tax credit</u> for income received by law enforcement officers.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/167627.pdf</p> | Please see Attachment 1 for comments from Michael Caldwell in reference to this Senate Resolution. |
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