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HB635	**	Passed and Adopted 3/27/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Cooper (43) Benton (31) Jones (53) Broadrick (4) Reeves (34)	Elder Abuse Bill Act provides for at-risk adult protective investigative/coordinating teams in each judicial circuit. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20172018/HB/635	Establishes investigative and coordination teams for the abuse, neglect, exploitation of disable and elderly in each judicial circuit. Sent to Governor for His Consideration.
HB673	**	Passed and Adopted 3/1/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Carson (46) Lumsden (12) Golick (40) Trammell (132) Smith (134)	Distracted Driver Bill Prohibits drivers from using wireless phones in a manner that distract a driver. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20172018/HB/673	Prohibits drivers from holding or physically touching cellular devices with any part of their body. Also prohibits physically texting, reading texts, as well as recording/streaming videos. It does provide exceptions for public safety and utility service providers. <u>See Addendum for details regarding this bill.</u> Sent to Governor for His Consideration.
HB703	**	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Hitchens (161) Lott (122) Powell (32) Frazier (126) Welch (110)	Office of Public Safety Support Provides for an office within the Georgia Department of Public Safety to respond to and provide peer-support counseling services for public safety officers involved in incidents including death and other tragedies. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/703	This is an excellent program that has already provided invaluable services to local law enforcement agencies. Effective on Appropriation of Funds. Sent to Governor for His Consideration.

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HB751	**	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Powell (32) Rogers (10) Rhodes (120) Efstration (104) Jasperse (11)	Georgia Emergency Communications Authority (Commonly called 911 Bill) Establishes the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority, with its primary purpose being to administer, collect, audit, and remit 911 revenues as well as study, evaluate, recommend technology standards for 911 systems; identify changes to make 911 systems more effective and efficient, identify training needs, and recommend minimum standards for public safety answering points. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/751	This bill will help to provide better structure and consistency between 911 Centers across the State. Sent to Governor for His Consideration.
HB779	**	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Powell (32) Rogers (10) Rhodes (120) Jasperse (11)	Homeland Security Division within GEMA and Homeland Security Provides GEMA authority over imminent or current terrorist activity within State in regards to directing the Homeland Security Task Force and Emergency Operations Command Center. It does not usurp authority of operational authority of participating agencies, but is responsible for only <u>coordinating</u> public safety response. Bill also makes the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC) a division of the GBI. The officer in charge of GISAC reports to the GBI Director. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/779	Establishes more specific separation of the duties for GEMA and GBI. GEMA runs the coordination of agencies. Each law enforcement agency retains their operational authority. GISAC director reports to the GBI Director. GBI will swear-in the GEMA Security Division Officers. Sent to Governor for His Consideration.
HB867	**	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Hitchens (161) Lumsden (12) Williams (145) Petrea (166) Tanner (9)	Changes the quorum required to hold POST Council meetings from seven to eleven members. It also allows investigators to retain their weapons upon retirement; and eliminates requirement for persons who fail the academy entrance exam to wait 30 days before they retake the exam; Eliminates the code section relating to training and certification of police chaplains. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/867	This bill speeds agencies ability to qualify candidates for the academy and cleans up several other issues being experienced by POST. Sent to Governor for His Consideration.

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HB890	**	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Fleming (121) Burns (159) Coomer (14) Kelley (16) Reeves (34)	Makes it a misdemeanor for persons who have shoplifted to unlawfully use an emergency exit door. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/890	Sent to Governor for His Consideration.
HB898	**	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Powell 932 Ridley (6) Trammell (132) Hatchett (4)	Bill redefines fleets from 1000 to 100 vehicles, removes revalidation decal requirements, and allows transfer of tags between vehicles in same fleet. There were several significant amendments to the bill on the final day. Please see comments. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/898	Bill was amended to allow for volunteer firefighters to have tags on their personal vehicles. Also provides requirements of removal of same. Bill also amended to prohibit motor vehicle operators from wearing a helmet or headphone that may impair the person's ability to hear. Allows persons to use headphones for communications purposes (i.e. motorcycle riders). Sent to Governor for His Consideration.
HB956	*	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Pirkle (155) McCall (33) Jasperse (11)	Amends 4-1-7 to require law enforcement officers conducting an investigation of cruelty to animals under 16-12-4 involving food animals to consult with a Class II veterinarian employed by the state prior to filing charges. Food animals includes eggs, beef or dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, nonornamental fish. Class II veterinarians care for large animals. The purpose of the consulting is to confirm whether or not conduct being investigated is in accordance with customary and standard practice of animal husbandry. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/956	Language from this bill was initially in SB257 that did not pass out of the House Rules Committee. It was entered as an amendment on the final day to HB956. Sent to Governor for His Consideration.

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HB978	**	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Nimmer (178) Coomer (14) Carpenter (4) Corbett (174) Rhodes (120) Holcomb (81)	Changes the <u>civil penalty</u> punishment associated with video recording of persons improperly passing school buses. It also permits the installation of automated traffic speed detection devices that photographically record images of violations in school zones and outlines the administration of civil fines for vehicles traveling more than 12 mph above the posted limit. Fee is assessed to the registered owner. Images must be reviewed and approved by a law enforcement officer. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/978	This bill will allow law enforcement agencies implementing these systems to use technology as a force multiplier. Sent to Governor for His Consideration.

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SB327	**	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Albers (56) Harper (7)	Medical Examinations to be Performed Bill clarifies when a medical examiner's inquiry is required to be conducted. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/327	Sent to Governor for His Consideration.
SB336	**	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Unterman (45) Miller (49) Butler (55) McKoon (29)	Restriction on Notifying Subscribers of Subpoena for Electronic Records Bill provides for when GBI issues a subpoena for electronic communication service records from computer or electronic devices that have been used in offenses against minors, the provider shall not provide notice of the subpoena to the subscriber or customer of the service. Bill was also amended to include a number of changes regarding release of fingerprints to FBI. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/336	Sent to Governor for His Consideration.
SB368	**	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Kirk (13) Gooch (51) Hill (4) Wilkinson (50) Harper (7)	Authorizes Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to provide technical support and assistance to enhance agency's effectiveness. This includes, but is not limited to equipment, grant funding, operations, and training. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/368	Implementation of this bill is contingent on appropriations to achieve these tasks. Sent to Governor for His Consideration.

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SB369	**	Passed and Adopted 3/27/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Kirk (13) Gooch (51) Hill (4) Wilkinson (50) Anderson (43)	Provides for receipt of five dollars for each fee collected as part of a pre-trial diversion program. Monies are to be submitted to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/369	This bill is designed to resolve shortfall in the POAB fund after payments could not made for 'fees' for pre-trial diversion programs. Sent to Governor for His Consideration.
SB385	*	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Sent to Governor for His Consideration	Powell (32) Williams (145)	This bill was offered as a substitute. Authorizes the Chief medical examiner to inter the unidentified human remains after officers have exhausted all efforts to identify the remains. The bill also authorizes the medical examiner to disinter the remains when it is determined further information can be obtained or testing may result in the identification. Currently these remains are maintained in the Crime Lab until the remains are identified. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/385	This bill was previously entered as HB825. When the original bill was sent to the Senate, there were a number of amendments in the Senate and it failed. Subsequently, the house substituted the original language from HB825 into SB385 and returned it to the Senate. This bill was passed. Sent to Governor for His Consideration.

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SB407	**	Passed and Adopted 3/29/18 Awaiting Governor's Signature	Strickland (17) Walker (20) Stone (23) Miller (49) Martin (9)	<p>Criminal Case Data Exchange</p> <p>This bill will allow for electronic data exchanges to and from Superior Courts or any other State Court. Public access to the data shall remain the responsibility of the GCIC and no data shall be released by the Georgia Technology Authority.</p> <p>The bill allows judges to authorize release of defendants charged with minor offenses on their own recognizance. Persons arrested for criminal trespass, shoplifting, possession of marijuana, and refund fraud, must be fingerprinted prior to release. This will have a help cities and counties to potentially reduce the costs associated with housing these individuals.</p> <p>Provides for uniform citation for traffic, misdemeanor, and ordinance violations</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/407</p>	<p>Amendments to the bill on the final day expanded the jurisdictional authority for arrests by Technical College police officers to 500 feet from the property.</p> <p>Enabled technical college police departments to enter into mutual aid agreements with municipal law enforcement and sheriff's departments.</p> <p>Made it a felony for someone to purchase a gun from a firearms dealer for another person who was on probation for or convicted of a felony.</p> <p>Made it a felony for a person convicted of criminal use of a firearm with an altered identification mark</p> <p>When statutory fine for a felony offense is not set by law, the court cannot impose a fine in excess of \$100,000.00</p> <p>Sent to Governor for His Consideration.</p>
<h2>END OF BILLS PASSED BY HOUSE AND SENATE</h2>					

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HB149		State Senate 3/29/18	Powell (32) Lumsden (12) Collins (68) Jasperse (11) Gravley (67)	Trauma Scene Clean-up Services This bill was designed to provide for comprehensive regulation, as well as licensing, registration and qualifications of providers; rules and regulations; and penalties for providers. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/149	Did not pass
HB825		Senate Rules Committee 3/8/18	Williams (145) Collins (68) Gravley (67) Bentley (139) Hitchens (161)	Authorized the Chief medical examiner to inter unidentified human remains after officers have exhausted all efforts to identify the remains. The bill also authorized the medical examiner to disinter the remains when it is determined further information can be obtained or testing may result in the identification. Currently these remains are maintained in the Crime Lab until they are identified. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/825	Bill did not Pass. Amendments were made to the original bill and it did not pass. <u>Later, the House substituted the language from this bill into SB385 which did pass. See SB 385 on page 6.</u>
HB826		Senate Public Safety 2/23/18	Caulbe (11) Welch (110) Rutledge (109)	Bill would have allowed alarm companies to immediately dispatch law enforcement to a location without making first or second verification phone calls for banking institutions, wholesalers or retailers of pharmaceuticals or firearms dealers. Customer would have been required to enter an agreement to have no alarm verification be made and would still be accountable for false alarms under local government's ordinances. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/826	Bill did not pass.

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HB999		Senate Tabled 3/27/18	Coomer (14) Cox (108) Golick (40) Burns (159) Caldwell (5)	Bill proposed changes to requirement for GCIC to pull information on involuntary hospitalization of mental health consumers back from the federal database for license permits after five years. This bill changes the restriction on providing gun dealers with more accurate background information on the persons purchasing a firearm. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/999	Bill did not pass.
SB99		House Judiciary Non-Civil	Parent (42) Harper (7) Jones (22) Jones (10) Rhett (33)	Bill would have changed the provisions relating to retention of person's involuntary hospitalization records in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Currently, Georgia purges those records after five years. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/99	This bill did not pass. It was reissued under HB999, but that did not pass either.
SB257		House Rules March 21, 2018	Heath (31)	Initially, this Bill would have required officers to consult with veterinarian employed or approved by Dept. of Agriculture prior to filing criminal charges for cruelty to animal involving cattle, swine, goats and sheep. Bill was changed in House to 'food animal' as defined in the bill. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/257	Bill did not Pass. However, it was entered as an amendment to HB956, the Veterinary Practices Act (Line 37). See HB956 on page 3.

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SB319	**	House Insurance Committee 2/23/18	Albers (56) Mullis (53) Gooch (51) Miller (49)	<p>Consolidation of Fire Safety Services in Georgia Act establishes the Department of Fire Safety.</p> <p>Bill was designed to unify all fire related services of the State under the newly established position of Commissioner of Fire Safety, and Fire Safety Board; transfers duties of Commissioner of Insurance as the Safety Fire Commissioner with the intent of providing a central source to provide greater coordination for fire personnel.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/319</p>	<p>Bill did not Pass.</p> <p>Attempted to attach to another bill on final day, but the bill failed to receive sufficient number of votes.</p>
SB348	**	House Rules 2/21/18	Harper (7) Albers (56) Dugan (30) Anderson (43)	<p>Jurisdictional Boundaries for Technical College Police Departments</p> <p>Bill was originally designed to define jurisdictional boundaries for Technical College police departments to mirror University System Departments of 500 yards.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/348</p>	<p>This bill did not pass to the House floor. However, officers from technical colleges were given the authority to arrest 500 feet from the college's property line as part of an amendment to SB 407. Please refer to the review of SB407 on page 7.</p>
SB366	**	House Appropriations Committee 2/20/18	Gooch (51) Kirk (13) Harper (7) Anderson (43) Wilkinson (50)	<p>Required cities and counties to perform compensation studies for law enforcement agencies, established guidelines for pay scales and reporting requirements to the State. Established grant funding for agencies in Tier 1 counties to supplement salaries and benefits.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/366</p>	<p>Bill did not Pass</p>

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SB367	**	Senate Disagreed to House Amendment	Kirk (13) Gooch (51) Hill (4) Wilkinson (50) Harper (7)	Allowed for payment of indemnification for death or disability to the officer's estate. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/367	Did not Pass.
SB373		House Rules 3/8/18	Willard (51)	Hate Crime Bill (Substitute) This bill was a substitute, that included portions of other hate crime bills. It did not require training or reporting to GCIC. Essentially, it classified specific offenses as a hate crime if they were done because of the persons actual or perceived, religion, race, national origin, homeless status, gender or sexual orientation. The offenses covered by this bill were: simple assault, simple battery, battery, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, criminal damage to property in 1st or 2nd degree. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/373	Three other hate crime bills were submitted early in the legislative session, HB660, HB663, and SB316. None of these crossed-over. This bill was entered as a substitute bill, but did not make it out of House Rules Committee for a review by the full House. Bill did not Pass.
SB 435		Senate Rules Committee 2/21/18	Beach (21) Jones (25) Watson (1) Miller (49) Jordan (6)	Changed punishments for civil penalties associated with video recording of persons improperly passing school busses. It also permitted the installation of automated traffic speed detection devices that photographically record images of violations in school zones and outlines the administration of civil fines for vehicles travelling more than 12 mph above the posted limit. Fee would have been assessed to the registered owner. Images must be reviewed and approved by a law enforcement officer. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/435	This bill did not pass. A similar bill, HB978, was adopted and passed and is awaiting the Governor to sign.

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SB446		House Motor Vehicles 2/28	Harper (7) Mullis (53)	<p>Bill would have revised the definitions for abandoned motor vehicles, notice requirements, and processes for foreclosure and selling of vehicles with lien assessments.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/446</p>	Bill Did not Pass
SB452	**	House Postponed on 3/27/18 Until 3/29/18	Stone (23) Anderson (24) Mullis (53) Albers (56) Heath (31) McKoon (29)	<p>Bill would have required Peace Officers, Courts, Jails, Prisons, Parole, and Community Services to make notification to the United States Immigrations and Customs Enforcement prior to release of illegal immigrants from custody or supervision.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/452</p>	Bill did not pass.

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HB505		House Judiciary 3/1/17	Turner (21) Caldwell (20) Cantrell (22) Tarvin (2) Pezold (133)	Bill would have amended civil forfeiture procedures to require criminal procedures be completed prior to civil forfeiture proceedings being held. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/505	This bill would have required seized assets to be held until the criminal charges resulted a in guilty plea, conviction, or acquittal. If the defendant had been acquitted or charges were dismissed, the seized property would have to be returned. Proponents for this bill alleged persons found innocent of criminal charges are having their property and money seized and forfeited to law enforcement.
HB660		House Judiciary Non-Civil 1/23/18	Hanson (80) Smyre (135) Willard (51) Drumer (85)	Hate Crime Bill Provided for additional punishment and additional torts for persons convicted of committing a crime that targeted victims for their race, color religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or physical disability. http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20172018/HB/660	This was one of three hate crime bills. GACP supported this bill because it designated punishment for any crime committed based on victim's protected status, required training for officers as well as reporting to and by GCIC
HB737		House Rules Committee 2/5/18	Cox (108) Hitchens (161) Petrea (166) Powell (32)	Provided for court ordered blood tests of 'source individuals' when law enforcement officers have significant exposure to HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/737	

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HB746		House Judiciary Non-Civil 1/29/18	Holcomb (81) Nguyen (89) Paris (142) Oliver (82) Gardner (57)	This bill would have required all law enforcement agencies to provide policies for sexual assault victims; one officer to be trained in trauma & victim response; If agency could provide for these, they must request GBI to investigate. Bill also provided victims with right to consult with sexual assault victim advocate prior to forensic exam or law enforcement interview; right to request the kit not be tested until a later time; and agencies would be required to certify they are in compliance once a year. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/746	GACP staff worked with author to address needs with model policy.
HB813		House Judicial Non-Civil 2/6/18	Coomer (14) Caldwell (131) Turner (21) Boddie (62) Powell (171)	Provided that evidence from similar conviction for DUI to be admissible. This would have changed statute from commission of the charge to conviction. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/813	
HB 837		House Judicial Non-Civil 2/7/18	Oliver (82) Cooper (43) Brenner (85) Dempsey (13) Holcomb (81)	This bill would have required all law enforcement agencies to provide policies for sexual assault victims; one officer to be trained in trauma & victim response; If agency cannot provide this, they must request GBI to investigate. Bill also provided victims with right to consult with sexual assault victim advocate prior to forensic exam or law enforcement interview; right to request the kit not be tested until a later time; and agencies would be required to certify they are in compliance once a year. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/837	Language is almost identical to HB 746

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HB860		House Judicial Non-Civil Failed to pass in committee 2/27/18	Dunahoo (30) Dubnick (29) Hawkins (27) Bar (103) Chandler (105)	This bill provided for criminal responsibility of social hosts when alcohol is served to persons under 21 years of age. It did provide protections when individual took reasonable actions to prevent the violations or took immediate and effective actions to stop the violations as soon as it was discovered. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/860	
HB865		House Judicial Non-Civil 2/12/18	Paris (142) Trammell (132) Thomas (39) Mitchell (88) Jackson 964)	This proposed bill provided that possession of marijuana up to two ounces be a misdemeanor. Limited punishment for possession of one-half ounce and less to \$350 fine and one-half ounce to two ounces would have been 12 months incarceration and \$1,000 fine or 12 months community service. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/865	
HB889		House Rules Committee 2/15/18	Gravelly (67) Hitchens (161) Powell (32) Lumsden (12) Ridley (6)	Georgia State Indemnification Fund; Bill provided for public safety personnel to indemnification payment in some instances of heart attack, stroke or vascular rupture resulting in certain disabilities and death. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/889	Allows for indemnification for job related instances. Good bill for our personnel.

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HB910		House Judicial Non-Civil 2/14/18	Rakestraw (19) Powell (32) Efstration (104) Reeves (34) Teasley (37)	Created a new Code section prohibiting "Sexual Extortion" http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/910	
HB969		Postponed 2/26/18	Turner (21) Willard (51) Caldwell (20) Cantrell (22) Tarvin (2)	Bill Proposed changing burden of proof in civil asset forfeitures from preponderance of evidence to clear and convincing evidence. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/HB/969	GACP is opposed to legislation to establish higher standard of proof than current law. Georgia currently uses the same standard as required for federal asset forfeitures. Bill did not pass, but the topic may come up in future.

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SB228		Senate Rules Committee 2/22/18	McKoon (29)	This bill would have made it a criminal offense and minimum fines for improper operation of an authorized emergency or law enforcement vehicle. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/228	GACP staff had spoken with the Bill's author regarding the language to better resolve his original concerns. It was held up in Rules Committee
SB316		Senate Public Safety	Jackson (2nd) Jones (10th) Anderson (43rd) James (35th) Rhett (33)	Hate Crime Bill Provided for additional punishment of persons convicted of committing a crime because of the individual's race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, or ethnicity. See (HB 663) http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20172018/SB/316	Bill designated punishment for six specific crimes committed against a victim because of protected status. This bill mirrored HB663 and lacked training for officers, reporting requirements to GCIC and was only applicable to specific criminal offenses.
SB343		Senate Public Safety 1/24/18	Harbison (15) Rhett (33) Davenport (44), James (35), Williams (39)	Bill prohibited POST Council from issuing and renewing drug recognition expert certifications. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/343	Did not move out of committee.

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SB408		Senate Public Safety 2/12/18	Jackson (2)	<p>Required that law enforcement or correctional officer to make a good faith effort to have a mental or behavioral health professional present prior to interviewing an individual with autism or an autism spectrum disorder;</p> <p>Bill also required all agencies to provide a policy and violations of this bill are grounds for suppressing the statement or evidence. Violation, however, could not be a cause of action against the officer or agency.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/408</p>	It is difficult to identify autism spectrum disorders in some individuals. Authority of this decision should be placed with the courts.

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