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**Session Week 1 Report  
Legislative Days 1-4**

## **Week 1 Session Reports**

Week 1 of the 2023 Georgia Legislative session has come to an end! This week covered legislative days 1 through 4 and included several exciting developments such as budget updates, calendar updates and the Georgia Gubernatorial Inauguration ceremony.

### **2023 Georgia Gubernatorial Inauguration**



The Georgia Gubernatorial Inauguration Ceremony took place this past Thursday, January 12th. Governor Kemp was sworn in for his second term in office along with Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones being sworn in for his first term in office. Check out the links below to see the inaugural speeches!

[Governor's Inaugural Speech](#)

[Lieutenant Governor's Inaugural Speech](#)

## **Budget Updates**

The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget released the amended FY23 budget along with the proposed FY24 budget on Friday, January 13th. Click the link below to access the budget report!

[Final Governor's Budget Report](#)

## 2023 Legislative Calendar

The Georgia General Assembly passed the entirety of the 2023 legislative calendar on Monday, the first day of session. This is the first time in Georgia history that the legislative calendar has been created and passed this early in the year! Having the calendar this early in advance will allow for better planning and foresight for all of us working on important legislation going into the 2023 session. Two important dates to note are Crossover (legislative day 28) on March 6th and SINE DIE (legislative day 40) on March 29th.

The Georgia 2023 Legislative Calendar is as follows:

- Week 1
  - Monday, January 9..... Legislative Day 1
  - Wednesday, January 11..... Legislative Day 2
  - Thursday, January 12..... Legislative Day 3
  - Friday, January 13..... Legislative Day 4
- Week 2
  - Monday, January 23..... Legislative Day 5
  - Tuesday, January 24..... Legislative Day 6
  - Wednesday, January 25..... Legislative Day 7
  - Thursday, January 26..... Legislative Day 8
- Week 3
  - Monday, January 30..... Legislative Day 9
  - Tuesday, January 31..... Legislative Day 10
  - Wednesday, February 1..... Legislative Day 11
  - Thursday, February 2..... Legislative Day 12
- Week 4
  - Monday, February 6..... Legislative Day 13
  - Tuesday, February 7..... Legislative Day 14
  - Wednesday, February 8..... Legislative Day 15
  - Thursday, February 9..... Legislative Day 16
- Week 5
  - Monday, February 13..... Legislative Day 17
  - Tuesday, February 14..... Legislative Day 18
  - Wednesday, February 15..... Legislative Day 19
  - Thursday, February 16..... Legislative Day 20
- Week 6
  - Tuesday, February 21..... Legislative Day 21
  - Wednesday, February 22..... Legislative Day 22
  - Thursday, February 23..... Legislative Day 23

- Week 7
  - Monday, February 27..... Legislative Day 24
  - Tuesday, February 28..... Legislative Day 25
  - Wednesday, March 1..... Legislative Day 26
  - Thursday, March 2..... Legislative Day 27
  - Friday, March 3..... Committee Work Day
- Week 8
  - Monday, March 6..... Legislative Day 28 (CROSSOVER)
  - Tuesday, March 7..... Legislative Day 29
  - Wednesday, March 8..... Legislative Day 30
  - Thursday, March 9..... Legislative Day 31
- Week 9
  - Monday, March 13..... Legislative Day 32
  - Tuesday, March 14..... Legislative Day 33
  - Wednesday, March 15..... Legislative Day 34
  - Thursday, March 16..... Legislative Day 35
- Week 10
  - Monday, March 20..... Legislative Day 36
  - Tuesday, March 21..... Legislative Day 37
  - Wednesday, March 22..... Committee Work Day
  - Thursday, March 23..... Legislative Day 38
- Week 11
  - Monday, March 27..... Legislative Day 39
  - Tuesday, March 28..... Committee Work Day
  - Wednesday, March 29..... Legislative Day 40 (SINE DIE)

## **Committee Assignments**

Senate Committee assignments were announced by the office of newly inaugurated Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones this Thursday, January 12. Here is a list of Standing Senate Committees and their Chairs for the 2023 Legislative Session:

- Sen. Russ Goodman (R-8) will serve as chair of the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.
- Sen. Blake Tillery (R-19) will serve as chair of the Appropriations Committee.
- Sen. Carden Summers (R-13) will serve as chair of the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee.
- Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (R-32) will serve as chair of the Children and Families Committee.
- Sen. Brandon Beach (R-21) will serve as chair of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee.

- Sen. Clint Dixon (R-45) will serve as chair of the Education and Youth Committee.
- Sen. Max Burns (R-23) will serve as chair of the Ethics Committee.
- Sen. Chuck Hufstetler (R-52) will serve as chair of the Finance Committee.
- Sen. Marty Harbin (R-16) will serve as chair of the Government Oversight Committee.
- Sen. Ben Watson (R-1) will serve as chair of the Health and Human Services Committee.
- Sen. Billy Hickman (R-4) will serve as chair of the Higher Education Committee.
- Sen. Larry Walker (R-20) will serve as chair of the Insurance and Labor Committee.
- Sen. Colton Moore (R-53) will serve as chair of the Interstate Cooperation Committee.
- Sen. Brian Strickland (R-17) will serve as chair of the Judiciary Committee.
- Sen. Lee Anderson (R-31) will serve as chair of the Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.
- Sen. John Albers (R-56) will serve as chair of the Public Safety Committee.
- Sen. Shelly Echols (R-49) will serve as chair of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee.
- Sen. Bill Cowser (R-46) will serve as chair of the Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.
- Sen. Rick Williams (R-25) will serve as chair of the Retirement Committee.
- Sen. Matt Brass (R-28) will serve as chair of the Rules Committee.
- Sen. Chuck Payne (R-54) will serve as chair of the Science and Technology Committee.
- Sen. Ed Harbison (D-15) will serve as chair of the State Institutions and Property Committee.
- Sen. Frank Ginn (R-47) will serve as chair of the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.
- Sen. Greg Dolezal (R-27) will serve as chair of the Transportation Committee.
- Sen. Donzella James (D-35) will serve as chair of the Urban Affairs Committee.
- Sen. Mike Dugan (R-30) will serve as chair of the Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Committee.

## **Eggs and Issues**

The Georgia Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Eggs and Issues breakfast on Wednesday, January 11th, of this week at Fox Theatre. The 6:30am breakfast and coffee was followed by a four hour legislative preview and discussion of pertinent issues for the 2023 legislative session. Check out the link below to see Mayor Andre Dickens' speech about his bipartisan efforts for the Georgia tech sector, cyber security growth, and economic growth.

[Mayor Dickens' Eggs and Issues Speech](#)