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<u>STATUS</u>	<u>ASSIGNED TO</u>	<u>BILL #</u>	<u>AUTHOR(S)</u>	<u>TITLE AND/OR SUMMARY</u>	<u>GACP COMMENTS</u>
House Second Reader	House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee	HB 87	Representatives Ramsey 72nd Golick 34th Dempsey 13th and others	<p><u>HB 87 Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011</u> Mandates verification of immigration status to obtain public benefits; provides for criminal violations and provides private cause action for enforcement; requires private employers to use e-verification system; provides civil penalties; modifies OCGA related to searches and seizures; provides immigration training for Law Enforcement, etc. (<i>Cross reference SB 40</i>)</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/108553.pdf</p>	There are many Law Enforcement and government problems associated with this 1st draft of the bill. The author has shown his willingness to work with Law Enforcement in attempting to hone the bill. A substitute bill should be sent out soon.
House Second Reader	House Judiciary Committee	HB 94	Representatives Brooks 63rd Martin 96th Mitchell 88th and others	<p><u>HB 94 Commonly Called Racial Profiling or Bias Base Stops</u> When a traffic stop is made, all in vehicle may be asked personal and intrusive information. The officer would have to justify all of his traffic stops and record of all encounters, including arrests, searches, warnings, etc., records would have to be kept for at least 7 years.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/108650.pdf</p>	GACP has always agreed that stops based upon race, etc., should not occur; however, to mandate labor-intensive record keeping is incorrect and is costly with respect to personnel time. Therefore, we oppose this bill.
Senate Rules Committee	Senate Passed and Adopted	HB 107	Speaker Ralston 7th Representatives Bearden 69th Parson 47th and others	<p><u>HB 107 Right of Continuation of Health Insurance</u> Would allow spouse or dependent of a deceased public employee (Public Safety or Department of Transportation) killed in the line of duty to continue their health insurance through the state.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/109823.pdf</p>	Way overdue.



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House Second Reader	House Judiciary Non-Civil	HB 184	Representatives Weldon 3rd Harden 147th and others	HB 184 Prescription Monitoring Program (Database) <i>Please see notes for SB 36 by Senator Carter.</i> http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/109196.pdf	Good Law Enforcement bill.
House Second Reader	Health & Human Services Committee	HB 231	Representatives Willard 49th Cooper 41st McKillip 115th and others	HB 231 Community Alternatives to Institutionalized <u>Treatment of Mental Illnesses</u> http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/109734.pdf	This is the first step in helping our states's mentally ill receive pro-active treatment. This is not a cure-all bill but it is a start. Many progressive steps in this bill should help law enforcement cut down on transporting the mentally ill.



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House First Reader	Pending	HB 265	Representatives Neal 1st Ralston 7th Abrams 84th and others	<p><u>HB 265 Creating the 2011 Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform</u></p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/110214.pdf</p>	Designed to take a complete look at the Criminal Justice System in Georgia. This bill, so far, has the complete endorsement of both political parties as well as the Governor, Lt. Governor and the Speaker.
Senate Read & Referred	Senate Judiciary Committee	SB 15	Senators Hamrick 30th Butterworth 69th Mullis 53rd and others	<p><u>SB 15 Private Detectives & Security, Elimination of Yearly Training if POST Certified</u></p> <p>If a person is employed in the private security field and is also POST certified, they would not have to obtain annual private security training.</p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/108435.pdf</p>	Good overall bill.
Senate Read & Referred	Senate Rules Committee as of 2/16/2011	SB 36	Senators Carter 1st Unterman 45th Goggans 7th and others	<p><u>SB 36 Establishing a Prescribing and Dispensing Monitoring System for Schedule II, III, IV and V Control Substances</u></p> <p>This bill is earmarked to stop "Pill Mills." Loosely speaking, a pill mill is where a physician would open up a pain clinic and with little or no physical examination, distribute pharmaceuticals on a "cash-only basis." Often the drugs would be resold on the street for a great deal more money than originally purchased.</p> <p><i>(Cross reference HB 184)</i></p> <p>http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/108769.pdf</p>	Good bill. The author did an outstanding job letting the committee know about "Pill Mills."



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Senate Read & Referred	Senate Public Safety Committee	SB 53	Senators Tate 38th Hamrick 30th Crosby 13th and others	<u>SB 53 College and University Special District Act of 2011</u> Establishes special college & universty districts. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/109188.pdf	Pending Complete evaluation; however, the bill appears to be poorly thought-out. GACP has many concerns.
Senate Read & Referred	Senate Public Safety Committee	SB 60	Senators Loudermilk 52nd Murphy 27th	<u>SB 60 Traffic-Control Signal Devices , Notarized Form</u> <u>Required to be Sent to Violator</u> http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/109336.pdf	This is another attempt to stop or halt the use of red light cameras.