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STATUS	ASSIGNED TO	BILL #	AUTHOR(S)	TITLE AND/OR SUMMARY	GACP COMMENTS
Senate	Senate Judiciary Non-Civil Committee 3/3/11 Modified Structured Rules	HB 87	Representatives Ramsey 72nd Golick 34th Dempsey 13th and others	<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. There are nine other bills dealing with immigration that are pending at the State Capitol. <i>(Cross reference SB 40 and others)</i> http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/112069.pdf	GACP is monitoring this Bill as well as all of the other immigration bills. It is believed that some sort of immigration legislation will pass this year.
Sent to Governor	Awaiting Senate Approval	HB 107	Speaker Ralston 7th Representatives Bearden 69th Parson 47th and others	<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. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/109823.pdf	Way overdue.
Senate Read Second Time	Senate Rules Committee	HB 123	Representatives Powell 171st Bearden 68th Willard 49th and others	<u>HB 123 Weapon removal from public official; adding weapons</u> To clarify when removal of a weapon from a law enforcement officer is illegal; includes stun guns and tasers. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/111899.pdf	Good law enforcement legislation. Adds stun guns and tasers. This corrects a glitch in the law.
Senate Read and Referred	Senate Finance Committee 3/16/11 Modified Structure Rule	HB 164	Representatives Ramsey 72nd Lindsey 54th Lucas 139th and others	<u>HB 164 Revenue & Taxation regarding Coin Operation Machines and Gift Payments</u> http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/113496.pdf	This bill attempts to curtail the growth of computer game parlors. This is a complex bill and if it passes, litigation will surely follow by people in the gaming industry. Generally a good law enforcement bill.



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Senate Read Second Time	Senate Rules Committee	HB 261	Representatives Atwood 179th Wilkinson 52nd Lindsey 54th and others	<u>HB 261 Relates to Non-Disclosure/Exemption from Public Records Disclosure</u> http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/113193.pdf	Great law enforcement safeguard. Eliminates disclosing government training records and security measures that would identify persons being trained for Homeland Security reasons.
Senate Read and Referred	Senate Judiciary Committee	HB 265	Representatives Neal 1st Ralston 7th Abrams 84th and others	<u>HB 265 Creating the 2011 Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform</u> http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/113528.pdf	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 we as the Governor, Lt. Governor and the Speaker.
	House Rules Committee	HB 299 Cross Reference SB 80	Representatives Neal 1st Pak 102nd Sheldon 105th and others	<u>HB 299 DNA Sampling from All Convicted Felons</u> This Bill would mandate that DNA samplings be taken from ALL convicted felons as opposed to a limited group of felons as currently specified in the Georgia Code. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/113536.pdf	GACP asked Representative Neal to author this bill on behalf of Law Enforcement. This bill has now become SB 80. The original SB 80 was replaced with the content of this bill.
Senate Read and Referred	Senate Appropriations Committee 3/8/2011 Modified Structure Rule	HB 414	Representatives Bearden 68th Meadows 5th England 108th and others	<u>HB 414 Georgia Aviation Authority Revised Duties</u> Would take the aviation services originally held by the DPS back to the Department of Public Safety. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/111498.pdf	Good bill for all of law enforcement whereas if you need an aircraft, you can call upon our own GSP to provide services.



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House Second Reader	House Rules Committee	SB 36	Senators Carter 1st Unterman 45th Goggans 7th and others	<u>SB 36 Establishing a Prescribing and Dispensing Monitoring System for Schedule II, III, IV and V Control Substances</u> 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. This piece of legislation will be modified, more than likely, in a conference committee. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/110937.pdf	Good bill. The author did an outstanding job letting the committee know about "Pill Mills." This bill will be altered to include concepts in HB 184 which did not leave the House Chamber by cross-over day.
House Second Reader	House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee	SB 80	Senators McKoon 29th Bethel 54th Cowser 46th and others	<u>SB 80 Evidence; provide for DNA analysis of persons arrested for felony offenses</u> HB 299 was incorporated into this bill and the substance of the original SB 80 was removed. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/113536.pdf	HB 299 author Neal was asked by GACP to write this bill on behalf of law enforcement.
House Second Reader	House Public Safety & Homeland Security Committees	SB 95	Senators Carter 1st Grant 25th Mullis 53rd and others	<u>SB 95 Law Enforcement Employment Bill</u> http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/111363.pdf	This is last year's SB 373, which Governor Perdue vetoed. GACP supports this Bill which would allow Law Enforcement officials more liberty when conducting background checks on persons applying for sworn law enforcement positions. Passed Senate 35-17.



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House Second Reader	House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee	SB 102	Senators Mullis 53rd Rogers 21st Sims 12th and others	<u>SB 102 Gun Bill</u> http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/113573.pdf	Basically, the bill will: -allow licensed gun owners to carry weapons into churches (weapons include firearms); -eliminate fingerprinting and background checks upon renewal of a holders's permit; -allow patrons in bars to carry rifles and shotguns, which do not require permits; -relinquish the authority of the probate court judge to remove gun-permit considerations to those "not of good moral character;" -etc.
House Second Reader	House Rules Committee	SB 231	Senators Tippins 37th Williams 19th	<u>SB 231 Probation; provide additional offenses for which first offender status shall not be granted</u> Prohibiting first offender treatment for certain crimes against law enforcement, i.e., aggravated assault, aggravated battery, obstruction of an officer, etc. http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20112012/113606.pdf	Good law enforcement bill by a new Senator.



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Below are some bills that GACP has been tracking that did not move from one chamber to the other by cross-over day. However, the below bills may be attached to a moving bill (vehicle) whereas the concept may be passed and ultimately become law.

HB 94	<u>HB 94 Commonly Called Racial Profiling or Bias Base Stops</u>
HB 161	<u>HB 161 Motorcycles: certain traffic regulations</u> Permitting motorcycles from deviating from certain traffic laws.
HB 184	<u>HB 184 Prescription Monitoring Program (Database)</u>
HB 231	<u>HB 231 Community Alternatives to Institutionalized Treatment of Mental Illnesses</u>
HB 342	<u>HB 342 Family Violence Order</u> Clarifies term "Family Violence" and makes it a misdemeanor if a person violates a "Family Violence Order."
SB 15	<u>SB 15 Private Detectives & Security, Elimination of Yearly Training if POST Certified</u> 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.
SB 45	<u>SB 45 Repeated Incidents of Violent Contact at Businesses Where Alcohol is Consumed</u>
SB 53	<u>SB 53 College and University Special District Act of 2011</u> Establishes special college & universty districts.
SB 83	<u>SB 83 Rachel's Law/Confidential Informants</u>