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**	HB 188	Representative Forster	Certification of roadways: This bill will delete the requirement that a road be certified by DOT before radar could be used.	House Public Safety Sub-Committee: Favorable report	The requested modification as indicated in Legislative Alert 2.10.04 was removed from the bill. Therefore, this bill appears to have favorable impact towards Law Enforcement. As a point of information, the complexion of this bill could change at any time and be devastating to Law Enforcement. (This bill is not engrossed)
	HB 869	Speaker Coleman	Repeal of certain fine and forfeiture monies: This bill would take all fine and forfeiture money (add-ons) and place it with a division of State government for collection. Government officials (Senators & Representatives) would then determine who gets the money.	House Special Judiciary Committee	Many believe if this bill passes, much of our training money would go to the Indigent Defense Fund.
	HB 1088	Representative Floyd	Uniform Statewide radio codes.	House Public Safety Committee	This bill would unify the 10 codes. However, many feel that radio users should communicate using "plain language."
	HB 1090	Representative Hill	County police agency referendums: This bill mandates that active county police departments (13 counties) hold a voter referendum asking the electors whether all law enforcement functions should be placed under the authority of the county Sheriff.	House Public Safety Sub-Committee	Extremely bad bill, GACP strongly opposes. The author of this bill informed GACP that he intends to take the concept in his bill and draft "local legislation". Therefore, only Clayton County would be affected. GACP continues to strongly oppose this bill or any bills that are conceptually the same, whether local legislation or not.

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	HB 1139	Representative Childers	False Alarm fees: This bill would require each person or company which services, owns or leases an alarm to pay to the county or city \$1.00 per month.	House Special Planning and Community Affairs Committees	Someone must offset the rising costs of dispatching personnel to answer false alarms.
	HB 1216	Representative Franklin	Retired Police Officer's Training: This would allow retired GA Peace Officers to receive free GA POST approved training, if space is available.	House Public Safety Committee - Favorable Report	No GACP opposition, GPSTC is okay with this one.
**	HB 1221	Representative Buck	Felony fleeing or eluding of a police officer: This bill would make it a felony to flee from the police while exceeding the posted speed limit by more that 20 miles per hour. Also, fleeing would be a high and aggravated misdemeanor if fleeing from the Police, but not exceeding 20 miles per hour; second offense under this subsection would be a felony.	House Public Safety Committee - Favorable Report - 2/13/04: Recommitted	This bill is met with mixed reviews by many Senators and Representatives.
**	HB 1268	Representative Snow	Traffic control devices prohibiting recorded images.	House Motor Vehicles Committee: 2/17/04- Favorable Report	Simply stated, no photos of drivers at intersections which are authorized for videos.(license plate only)
	HB 1287	Representative Snow	Curtailing the use of blue and red lights: If passed, it would be unlawful to operate a vehicle of equipped or containing a device that is capable of producing a red or blue light, whether flashing, blinking or revolving unless authorized.	House Public Safety Committee - Favorable Report	Good bill suggested by GACP, the FOP, and other law enforcement groups.
	HB 1292	Representative Holmes	Adding a member to POST Council: The requested person to be added is the President of the GA Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).	House Public Safety Committee (Sub-Committee)	GACP is concerned that if this bill passes other associations/organizations will want a seat on POST council.
**	HB 1327 Cross Ref SB 95	Representative Brooks	Racial profiling prohibited: Prohibits stopping vehicles based upon race, requires annual in-service training of police and, requires documentation of motorist and all passages.	House Judiciary Committee- 2/19/04 Favorable Report	Please pay special attention to this bill.

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	SB 27	Senator Hamrick	Equal strikes: Provides for both the defendant and the prosecution to have equal jury strikes.	House Judiciary Committee	This is a good bill which was introduced last year, however it is stuck in the House Judiciary committee. The committee chair is a defense attorney.
	SB 243	Senator P. Smith	Unified incident command system.	Awaiting full House action.	GACP endorsed bill. If this bill is not passed the State will lose millions of dollars in Homeland Security Funds.
	SB 400	Senator Lee	Exempting media broadcasters from civil liability: This deals directly with liability to "Levi's Call" or "Amber Alerts" that are broadcasted by the media.	House Judiciary Committee	Quick moving bill, good for all.
**	SB 426	Senator Tolleson	Law enforcement applicants, mandating fingerprint checks: Any person who is to be granted admission into any basic law enforcement training course must undergo a complete fingerprint check.	House Public Safety Committee- 2/17/04- Favorable Report	Good bill supported by GACP. Right now, pre-service candidates are not required to have a fingerprint check before entering the academy.
**	SB 427	Senator Hamrick	CJCC membership changes: The chairman of the discontinued GA Organized Crime Prevention Council would be removed as a CJCC member and the Director of Homeland Security added. Also, this bill gives insurance to law enforcement officers while they are temporarily assigned to law enforcement duties outside of their geographical area of employment.	House Public Safety Committee- 2/5/04- Favorable Report	Good, changes are needed.
**	SB 469	Senator Dean	Monitoring of convicted child molesters, etc.: The child molesters would be monitored with the assistance of GPS Systems.	Senate Public Safety Committee - 2/18/04- Favorable Report	Good concept.

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