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	HB 101	Representative Tyrone Brooks	Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; would allow those employed in the law enforcement community prior to July 1976, to buy back POAB time.	Senate Retirement Committee	GACP endorsed bill introduced last year.
*	HB 294	Representative Phyllis Miller	Speed monitoring devices; photographic systems; provisions.	Awaiting Senate Committee assignment	Permitting photographic speed measuring devices to be used. Maximum fine \$100.
	HB 513	Representative Austin Scott	Local law enforcement; obtaining potential or current local employees driving and criminal history checks.	Awaiting Senate Committee assignment	This is a GACP bill dropped-in last year. It is now moving forward. It would allow local law enforcement to do all of their own checks on city or county employees.
**	HB 953	Representative Jill Chambers	Changing definition of Law Enforcement officers.	House Appropriations Committee	Good bill. Would allow police from "agencies" to be considered for indemnification fund. Problem – appropriations study needed. Will more than likely get stuck in the appropriation committee.
	HB 973	Representative Wendell Willard	Speed detection devices; law enforcement officers; change provisions.	Senate Public Safety Committee	Quick moving bill.
	HB 1001	Representative Burke Day	Concealed weapon; transportation of; offense; change provisions.	House Public Safety Committee	Very controversial bill. If released from the committee, it may have a hard time passing.

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*	HB 1019	Representative Burke Day	"Taser Certification Act"; create.	Passed House – referred to Senate Public Safety Committee	Mandates taser training by person authorized by their departments to carry such a weapon. State must have money for development of training before bill takes effect. The amount of \$\$\$ seems to be the issue which is now preventing the bill from moving forward.
	HB 1059	Representative Jerry Keen	Sexual offenders; punishment; registration requirements; change provisions.	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee	Hefty minimum prison sentence; some offenders to wear monitoring devices for life. Controversial because of prison space, etc.
	HB 1093	Representative Melvin Everson	Arresting officers; non-traffic misdemeanor citation; provisions.	House Judiciary Committee	Cross Reference SB 421. Would allow for a citation in lieu of a physical arrest on minor crimes. Extensive conversation on this bill has occurred and will continue.
*	HB 1193	Representative David Knight	Prohibiting false or secret compartments in vehicles.	House Judiciary Committee	Designed to eliminate compartments where drugs and weapons may be hidden.
*	HB 1209	Representative Jill Chambers	Department of Public Safety; motorcycle enforcement program; provisions for payment.	House Judiciary Committee – Non-criminal	Would permit direct ticket funding to go to the Department of Public Safety's motorcycle unit. For many reasons this is a poor bill, but it will move.

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	HB 1222	Representative Mark Hatfield	Motor Vehicles; operating while under the influence; comprehensive revision; modernization; reform laws of state.	House Judiciary Committee	Cross Reference SB 502 Very important bill which overhauls the implied consent statutes.
**	SB 64	Senator John Douglas	Permitting blue lights inside police vehicles (slick-top-cars).	Because of a Senate rule, this bill was held up. (Recommitted) However, it will more than likely proceed.	Several modifications include - must have an agency identifier in light bar - only sold to law enforcement - lights must conform with State Patrol specifications - driver may stop at a safe location
**	SB 381	Senator Seth Harp	State Flags; qualifying public safety officers killed in the line of duty; honor service.	Senate Rules Committee	Deceased public safety officer must have at least 10 years of service. Family would be entitled to a State Flag. Note the original bill had 10 years – now it is 5 years.
	SB 396	Senator Greg Goggans	Crimes; person who is attacked has no duty to retreat; provide immunity from prosecution.	Recommitted to the Senate	House version is a little better, but neither allow for the D.A. to bring issue before the Grand Jury or to be prosecuted.
**	SB 400	Senator Ross Tolleson	Motor Vehicles; law enforcement agencies; use of properly equipped all-terrain vehicles.	House Motor Vehicle Committee	Reasonable; bill may go all the way

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	SB 421	Senator Renee Unterman	Criminal Procedure; non-traffic misdemeanor citation; provide conditions for issuance.	Senate Judiciary Committee	Cross Reference HB 1093. (See comments for HB 1093)
	SB 428	Senator Nancy Schaefer	Controlled Substances; distribution in, on, or within real property on which a church is located; prohibited; penalties	Senate Special Judiciary Committee	Bill speaks for itself.
**	SB 502	Senator William Hamrick	Motor Vehicles; operating while under the influence; comprehensive revision; modernization; reform laws of state.	Passed the Senate on its way to the House.	Cross Reference HB 1222. Very important bill which overhauls the implied consent statutes.
*	SB 529	Senator Chip Rogers	Georgia Security/Immigration Compliance Act; persons who are not lawfully present in U.S.; comprehensive regulation.	Senate Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee	"Very" controversial bill. Could make local law enforcement INS officials without jail space. Influential Republican, therefore some movement is expected.

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