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HB 1	3/7/13 House withdrawn and recommitted to the Rules Committee	Reassigned	Reps. Willard of the 51st, Lindsey of the 54th, Abrams of the 89th and others	<u>Georgia Uniform Civil Forfeiture Procedure Act; enact</u> Click Here to View House Bill 1	The GACP Executive Board has grave concerns regarding this bill in its present form. This bill is very controversial because it changes the burden of proof, lowers the judicial sealing on non-judicial forfeitures, etc. <i>The author has indicated his intent to re-visit this topic next year.</i>
HB 35	See Comments	House Rules Committee	Reps. Battles of the 15th, Epps of the 144th, Talton of the 147th and others	<u>Firearms; carrying and possession of by an administrator within a school safety zone or school building</u> <i>*Concept combined into SB 101</i> Click Here to View House Bill 35	This bill would allow certain school administrators to carry concealed firearms in their school. <i>Cross reference SB 101. (See notes in SB 101)</i>
HB 57	<i>Passed</i>	<i>2/26/13</i> <i>Signed by Governor</i>	Reps. Matt Ramsey and others	<u>Providing additional authority to state boards of pharmacies</u> Click Here to View House Bill 57	This bill places certain synthetic cannabinoids into the Schedule One drug area of OCGA 16-13-25 where as they can now be prosecuted as felonies. This is a very helpful bill to law enforcement especially drug units. <i>Signed by Governor.</i>
HB 59**	<i>Passed</i>	Governor	Reps. Taylor of the 79th, Cooke of the 18th and Riley of the 50th	<u>Alarm monitoring services; licensed persons and companies to utilize alarm verification; require</u> Click Here to View House Bill 59	This is a GACP sponsored bill that deals with alarms and two-caller verifications. <i>Sent to Governor for action.</i>
HB 78	<i>Passed</i>	Governor	Reps. Willard of the 51st, Jones of the 47th, Lindsey of the 54th and others	<u>Crimes and offenses; protection of disabled adults and elder persons; change provisions</u> Click Here to View House Bill 78	This bill is designed to protect elderly or disabled adults from unwanted treatment. GACP is working on a white paper that strongly encourages this legislation. <i>Sent to Governor for action.</i>
HB 146	<i>Passed</i>	Governor	Reps. Wendell Willard and others	<u>Arrest and search warrant to be issued via video conferencing as well as certain bond issues</u> Click Here to View House Bill 146	Summary of this bill speaks for itself. It will save a lot of time. <i>Sent to Governor for action.</i>



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HB 242	Passed	Governor	Rep. Wendell Willard	<p><u>Revising Juvenile Proceedings; revises, supersede and modernize provisions</u></p> <p>Click Here to View House Bill 242</p>	<p>Very good bill and years overdue. Supported by last year's Criminal Justice Reform Council as well as DJJ.</p> <p>Sent to Governor for action.</p>
HB 366	Passed	Governor	Reps. Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 32nd, Fleming of the 121st and Atwood of the 179th	<p><u>Peace officers; disciplining certified officers and requirements for certification; clarify application of provisions</u></p> <p>Click Here to View House Bill 366</p>	<p>This bill changes several sections of the GPOST Act that deals with discipline of certain personnel and allows for candidates to retake entry-level examinations more frequently.</p> <p>Sent to Governor for action.</p>
HB 487	Passed	Governor	Reps. Matt Ramsey and others	<p><u>Video Poker control measures</u></p> <p>Click Here to View House Bill 487</p>	<p>Transfer oversight and enforcement of video poker machines to the Georgia Lottery Corporation and directs a portion of the fees to be remitted for the Hope Scholarship.</p> <p>Sent to Governor for action.</p>
HB 512	3/7/2013	See Comments	Rep. Jasperse of the 11th, Meadows of the 5th, and others	<p><u>Changing provisions relating to carrying weapons</u></p> <p>Click Here to View House Bill 512</p>	<p>This is an all-encompassing leadership gun bill.</p> <p>This bill was combined into SB 101. SB 101 failed to pass this year; however, many of the concepts in the bill will be revisited next year.</p>
SB 86	Passed	Governor	Sen. Stone, of the 23rd	<p><u>Family Violence Order; provide greater protection of victims of family violence</u></p> <p>Click Here to View Senate Bill 86</p>	<p>Very good bill to protect victims of family violence. It relates to stalking, etc. and defines "family violence order" .</p> <p>Sent to Governor for action.</p>
SB 101	3/28/2013	Study Committee	Sens. Ginn and others	<p><u>Comprehensive Firearms legislation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>guns in schools</u> - <u>guns on campus</u> - <u>guns in churches</u> - <u>school board to permit administrators to carry firearms</u> - <u>military veterans under 21 years old to carry firearms</u> <p>Click Here to View Senate Bill 101</p>	<p>This bill was a combined leadership bill. After much debate, House and Senate could not reach an accord; therefore, the bill did not pass this year. Some of the concepts in the bill will be revisited next year.</p>



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SB 144	See Comments	House (committee not specified)	Sens. Mullis of the 53rd, Miller of the 49th, State of the 18th and others	<u>Georgia Emergency 9-1-1 Support Authority; create</u>	<p>Prepaid cellular telephone fees would be placed into state authority under the control of the GEMA director. The ideal behind this bill is to help pay for 911 services in counties with a low population rate. There is an "out" option available in the bill.</p> <p>Failed to pass this year. However, via a governor executive order, a committee will be formed to review possible funding for E911 systems.</p>
				Click Here to View Senate Bill 144	