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HB 292 Passed	**	Passed House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee on 3/03/17.  Passed Senate Judiciary Committee 3/28/17.	Jasperse - 11th Meadows - 5th Powell - 32nd Ballinger - 23rd Jones - 91st Clark - 147th	This is a very encompassing gun bill relating to weapons carry and weapons safety.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170162.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170162.pdf</a>	This bill needs to read carefully as it relates to many different issues. The most important appear to be FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System, state reciprocity, involuntary hospitalization information going to GCIC and civil immunity for firearms instructors.  This bill passed and was sent to the Governor on April 5, 2017.
HB 452 Passed	*	Passed House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee on 3/03/17.  Passed Senate Public Safety Committee 3/30/17.	Petrea - 166th Hitchens - 161st Powell - 32nd Reeves - 34th Dollar - 45th Clark - 147th	This bill relates to the functions of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.  <b>Part of Senate Bill 1, which did not pass was placed into House Bill 452.</b>  This bill shall be referred to as the "Protect Georgia Act" relating to domestic terrorism and training related to domestic terrorism.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170729.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170729.pdf</a>	This bill requires the GBI to place certain information in to a U.S. Department of Homeland Security database and takes away from the Georgia Sheriff's Association and gives to the GBI the responsibility of preparing and issuing guidelines relating to jails and compliance with Ga. Code 42-4-14.  This bill passed and was sent to the Governor on April 7, 2017.
HB 481 Passed	*	Passed House Transportation Committee on 3/03/17.  Passed Senate Transportation Committee on 03/28/17.	Tanner - 9th Golick - 40th Rynders - 152nd Epps - 144th	This bill is in reference to Aviation and Unmanned Aircraft Systems <b>(Drones).</b>  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170216.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170216.pdf</a>	This bill states that a County or Municipality can prohibit the launch or intentional landing of an unmanned aircraft system from or on its public property except for the operation of unmanned aircraft systems for commercial purposes.  This bill passed and was sent to the Governor on April 4, 2017.

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SB 15  Passed	**	Passed in Senate Judiciary Committee on 2/16/17.  Passed House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee 3/24/17.	Rhett - 33rd Mullis - 53rd Henson - 41st Harper - 7th Miller - 49th Jones II - 22nd	This bill adds to the category of former law enforcement officers who are entitled to be issued a weapons carry license without the payment of fees.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/169690.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/169690.pdf</a>	This bill has been modified since being introduced. The modifications made the bill stronger and more acceptable. It looks like a good bill now.  This bill passed and was sent to the Governor on April 3, 2017.
SB 16  Passed	**	Passed in Senate Health and Human Services Committee on 2/16/17.  Passed House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee 3/28/17.	Watson - 1st Unterman - 45th Hufstetler - 52nd Millar - 40th Kirk - 13th Orrock - 36th	Reduces the percentage of the THC oil in the "Low THC oil patient registry" from 5% to 3%. This bill would also allow autism patients 18 years old or older to be added to the registry as well as patients 18 years old or less with severe autism.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170462.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170462.pdf</a>	The GACP is evaluating this bill, but it seems reasonable. This bill passed and was sent to the Governor on April 3, 2017.  Additional infirmities were added as conditions for which Low THC Oil could be prescribed.
SB 104  Passed	*	Passed Senate State Institutions and Property Committee 3/1/17.  Passed House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee 3/28/17.	James - 35th Rhett - 33rd	This bill relates to Kidnapping, false imprisonment, posting human trafficking hotline numbers and notices in public buildings and a variety of other topics that were added to this bill.  <b>The upskirting legislation that was contained in HB 9 and SB 45, neither of which passed, was placed in Section 5 of this bill which did pass.</b>  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170710.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170710.pdf</a>	This is a lengthy bill that should be read for all of its contents.  This bill passes and was sent to the Governor on April 6, 2017.

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SB 149  Passed	**	Passed Senate Education and Youth Committee on 3/03/17.  Passed House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee 3/24/17.	Jones - 10th Henson - 41st Butler - 55th Davenport - 44th Parent - 42nd Anderson - 43rd	Provides for additional or special training requirements for School Resource Officers. At least 40 hours of POST approved training.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170725.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170725.pdf</a>	The bill was altered substantially and now GASSLEE is no longer opposed to the bill as it now stands. Author Emanuel Jones was very corporative and understanding to the needs of the school police.  <b><u>This bill passed and was sent to the Governor on April 6, 2017.</u></b>
SB 160  Passed	**	Passed Senate Public Safety Committee 2/24/17.  Passed House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee 3/24/17.	Harper - 7th Shafer - 48th Mullis - 53rd Kirk - 13th Cowsert - 46th Gooch - 51st	"Back the Badge Act of 2017"  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170731.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/170731.pdf</a>	This bill would add to the superior court's exclusive original jurisdiction the trial of any child 13 to 17 years of age who is alleged to have committed the offense of aggravated assault upon a public safety officer involving the use of a firearm and aggravated battery upon a public safety officer.  <b><u>This bill passed and was sent to the Governor on April 10, 2017.</u></b>
				<b><u>**It should be noted that this is the first year of a two year legislative cycle and that any House or Senate bills that did not pass in 2017 can be brought back in front of the legislature for consideration in the 2018 session.</u></b>	

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HB 116	**	House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee  Senate Public Safety Committee	Reeves - 34th Powell - 32nd Trammell - 132nd Strickland - 111th Setzler - 35th Ehrhart - 36th	This bill would allow the superior court to have exclusive original jurisdiction for cases involving a juvenile (13-17) when charged with an aggravated assault.  <b>Cross Reference SB 160—Passed</b> <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/169059.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/169059.pdf</a>	This bill is supported by the GACP.  This bill was withdrawn from the Senate Judiciary Committee and committed to the Senate Public Safety Committee.
HB161	**	House Health and Human Services Committee	Price - 48th Broadrick - 4th Newton - 123rd Silcox - 52nd Cooper - 43rd Clark - 98th	This bill provides that employees or agents of harm reduction agencies are not subject to certain offenses relating to hypodermic needles.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/166147.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/166147.pdf</a>	This bill did not pass out of the House before crossover day.
SB 1	*	Passed in Senate Public Safety Committee on 3/01/17.  House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.	Cowsert - 46th Shafer - 48th Gooch - 51st Harper - 7th Dugan - 30th Hill - 6th	"The Protect Act- Protecting Georgians Against Terrorism"  This cross references to HB 452.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/169265.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/169265.pdf</a>	This bill related to the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC) that is currently located at the GBI. It also approves more training in identifying, reporting and combating domestic terrorism to be determined through the POST Council and the GPSTC.  This bill did not pass through the House.

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SB 42	**	Senate Public Safety Committee	Davenport - 44th James - 35th Butler - 55th Tate - 38th Fort - 39th Jones - 10th	Mandates a vehicle pursuit policy consistent with the specifications noted in this legislation. This would limit vehicle pursuits to select crimes.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163035.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163035.pdf</a>	This is too limited for many departments. Most agencies have pursuit policies that parallel the authors wishes.  This bill did not make it out of the Senate and appears to be dead for this session.
SB 45	**	Passed in Senate Judiciary Committee on 2/15/17.  House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee	Walker III - 20th Stone - 23rd Parent - 42nd Kennedy - 18th Tillery - 19th Clark - 147th Cowsert - 46th	Prohibiting using a device to film under or through a person's clothing. (Common Name - Up skirting)  Cross references with HB 9.  <b>The Upskirting legislation passed in Section 5 of SB 104.</b>  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/169077.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/169077.pdf</a>	This is a very reasonable bill and is needed because of a current weakness in the law.  GACP supports this legislation.  <b><u>The house withdrew this bill on March 24, 2017.</u></b>
SB 84	**	Senate Public Safety Committee	Jackson - 2nd Harbison - 15th Davenport - 44th	This bill deals with the destruction or sale of weapons after a final judgement has been entered finding a defendant guilty of the commission or attempted commission of a crime against a person or involving the illegal possession or carrying of a weapon.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163729.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163729.pdf</a>	GACP is monitoring and evaluating this bill.  This bill did not make it out of the Senate and appears to be dead for this session.

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SB 90	**	Senate Public Safety Committee	Fort - 39th Jackson - 2nd Rhett - 33rd Jones - 10th Seay - 34th James - 35th	All law enforcement agencies will equip all officers who conduct traffic stops or respond to emergency dispatch calls with a body worn camera that will record audio and video. It also provides for open records and disclosure procedures.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163807.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/163807.pdf</a>	It would be ideal if this could happen, but since no funding has been designated to assist in this process GACP will have to say no to this bill.  This bill did not make it out of the Senate and appears to be dead for this session.
SB 105	**	Senate Judiciary Committee	Jones - 22nd Parent - 42nd Fort - 39th Rhett - 33rd Davenport - 44th James - 35th	This bill changes the quantity of marijuana needed to constitute misdemeanor possession to two ounces of marijuana. It also lowers the fines and penalties associated with smaller amounts of marijuana under two ounces.	The GACP has no comment at this time.  This bill did not make it out of the Senate and appears to be dead for this session.
SB 154	**	Passed Senate Public Safety Committee on 2/24/17.  House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee	Kirk - 13th Harper - 7th Shafer - 48th Cowser - 46th Sims - 12th Miller - 49th	This bill provided for the offenses of aggravated assault and aggravated battery against a public safety employee while the employee is engaged in the performance of their duties. Additionally, it allows for torts of parents and guardians if a person under their control commits the above noted crimes.  <b>Parts of this Bill was integrated into SB 160.</b>  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/169031.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/169031.pdf</a>	The bill is very supportive of law enforcement. Major modification were made from the original version making it more acceptable.  <b><u>The house withdrew this bill on March 30, 2017.</u></b>

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SB 155	**	Passed Senate Public Safety Committee on 2/24/17.  House Governmental Affairs Committee	Kirk - 13th Harper – 7th Shafer - 48th Cowsert - 46th Parent - 42nd Gooch - 51st	This bill would create a Local Law Enforcement Officer Compensation Commission that will provide for an ongoing review of local officer salaries and benefits.	This is a study commission and GACP will have a member on the committee if the bill passes. During the Senate hearing, several committee members accented that cities and counties determine salaries of their employees however, a committee was needed to show what we all know; law enforcement in many areas of the state are underpaid. <b><u>This bill did not make it out of the House.</u></b>
SB 254	**	Senate Public Safety Committee	Williams - 27th Kirk - 13th Mc Koon - 29th	This bill deals with the establishment of a minimum annual salary for each deputy appointed by each sheriff, to provide for cost-of-living and general performance based increases for each deputy appointed by each sheriff and to create the Local Law Enforcement Officer Compensation Commission.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/166440.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/166440.pdf</a>	This bill did not make it out of the Senate and appears to be dead for this session.
SR 182	**	Senate Public Safety Committee	James - 35th Rhett - 33rd Orrock - 36th Lucas - 26th Anderson - 43rd	This resolution encourages law enforcement to recognize a citizen's bill of rights for police accountability.  <a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164500.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/164500.pdf</a>	Almost all of the points in the resolution are acceptable except mandating that officers have two years of formal education. This could present a recruitment issue.  <b><u>This resolution did not make it out of the Senate.</u></b>

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SR 377	**	Senate Finance Committee	Williams - 27th Shafer - 48th Ligon - 3rd McKoon - 29th Harbin - 16th Brass - 28th	<p>This resolution is proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may prescribe by general law for a <u>refundable income tax credit</u> for income received by law enforcement officers.</p> <p><b>Read Attachment</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/167627.pdf">http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20172018/167627.pdf</a></p>	<p>Please see <b>Attachment 1</b> for comments from Michael Caldwell in reference to this Senate Resolution.</p> <p><b><u>This resolution did not make it out of the Senate.</u></b></p>

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