

Moving Forward

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On Monday of this week, the House Human Relations and Aging Committee met and heard testimony about HB 290, the Family Care Act. This committee is scheduled to vote on this bill on Monday, February 3 at 1:30 PM. Now is the time to **contact members of this committee to let them know how you want them to vote on HB 290.**

In this issue, we will focus on the Governor's proposed budget for the Department of Community Health and the Department of Human Services. Please see details below. You can view the budget yourself at <http://opb.georgia.gov>. On Tuesday, January 27, HB 743, the Amended FY2014 budget, was read in the Senate and referred to the Appropriations Committee.

Also on Tuesday, a winter weather front moved into Georgia that impacted business at the Capitol and elsewhere. By Wednesday, Governor Deal declared a state of emergency and state government was shut down Wednesday and Thursday. The General Assembly reconvened on Friday morning, January 31.

Get involved: (1) If you are not already a member of the GCDD advocacy network, we invite you to join and receive information as we work together to create a better place for Georgians with disabilities. Go to www.gcdd.org and click on **Join our Advocacy Network** and follow the instructions. (2) **Register for the February 20th Disability Day** at the Capitol: <http://bit.ly/1eT5C5s> (3) **Join our weekly legislative update calls on Monday morning at 9:15 AM.** Dial 1-888-355-1249 and enter passcode 232357 at the prompt.

House and Senate News:

House Leadership — Speaker of the House: David Ralston, 7th; **Speaker Pro Tempore:** Jan Jones, 47th. **Majority Leader:** Larry O'Neal, 146th; **Minority Leader:** Stacey Abrams, 89th.

Senate Leadership—Presiding: **Lt. Gov.** Casey Cagle; **President Pro Tempore:** David Shafer, 48th. **Majority Leader:** Ronnie Chance, 16th; **Minority Leader:** Steve Henson, 41st.

Contact information for the Governor—The Honorable Nathan Deal, Mailing address: 206 Washington Street, Suite 203, State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334; 404-656-1776, <http://gov.georgia.gov>

To identify your legislators, go to www.gcdd.org, click on **Join our Advocacy Network**, and follow the instructions. Once you are logged into Capitol Impact, click on "Officials" and then "GA District Lookup". Enter your address and Capitol Impact will identify your legislators.

Budget Information:

The 2014 Session tackles the 2014 supplemental budget, referred to here as FY 2014A, (ending June 30, 2014) and the 2015 FY budget (beginning July 1, 2014).

Below are the FY 2015 budget summaries for the Department of Community Health and the Department of Human Services. To see details on how the budget breaks down for each program in DCH and DHS, please see the full budget documents available at <http://opb.georgia.gov>.

Department of Community Health Budget Revenue Summary - FY 15

| | FY14 current | FY15 recom. |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| State General Funds | \$2,346,430,805 | \$2,526,631,013 |
| ⇒ \$180,200,208 recommended increase | | |
| Tobacco Settlement Funds | \$ 166,193,257 | \$ 110,193,257 |
| ⇒ \$56,000,000 recommended decrease | | |
| Nursing Home Provider Fees | \$ 167,756,401 | \$ 167,756,401 |
| Hospital Provider Payment | \$ 241,674,441 | \$ 264,217,234 |
| ⇒ \$22,542,793 recommended increase | | |
| TOTAL STATE FUNDS | \$2,922,054,904 | \$3,068,797,905 |
| ⇒ \$146,743,001 recommended increase | | |
| Medical Assistance Program | \$ 5,878,603,415 | \$ 6,291,117,701 |
| ⇒ \$412,514,286 recommended increase | | |
| State Children's Insurance Prog. | \$ 284,170,350 | \$ 330,637,064 |
| ⇒ \$46,466,714 recommended increase | | |
| Federal Funds Not Itemized | \$ 26,178,153 | \$ 26,178,153 |
| TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS | \$6,188,951,918 | \$6,647,932,918 |
| ⇒ \$458,981,000 recommended increase | | |

Department of Community Health (continued)

| | FY2014 current | FY2015 recom. |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Other Funds | \$ 3,750,596,921 | \$ 3,650,544,971 |
| ⇒ \$100,051,950 recommended decrease | | |
| TOTAL OTHER FUNDS | \$3,750,596,921 | \$3,650,544,971 |
| ⇒ \$100,051,950 recommended decrease | | |
| Total Funds | \$12,861,603,743 | \$13,367,275,794 |
| ⇒ \$505,672,051 recommended increase | | |

Department of Human Services Budget Revenue Summary - FY15

| | FY2014 current | FY2015 recom. |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| State General Funds | \$485,582,984 | \$516,111,815 |
| ⇒ \$30,528,831 recommended increase | | |
| Tobacco Settlement Funds | \$ 6,191,806 | \$ 6,191,806 |
| TOTAL STATE FUNDS | \$491,774,790 | \$522,303,621 |
| ⇒ \$30,528,831 recommended increase | | |
| CCDF Mandatory and Matching Funds | \$ 613,493 | \$ 613,493 |
| Child Care and Development Block Grant | \$ 209,161 | \$ 209,161 |
| Community Service Block Grant | \$18,302,803 | \$ 18,302,803 |
| Foster Care Title IV-E | \$72,633,885 | \$ 74,251,057 |
| ⇒ \$1,617,172 recommended increase | | |
| Low-Income Home Energy Assistance | \$55,906,108 | \$ 55,906,108 |
| Medical Assistance Program | \$61,322,042 | \$ 61,484,542 |
| ⇒ \$162,500 recommended increase | | |
| Social Services Block Grant | \$ 52,316,281 | \$ 52,316,281 |
| TANF Block Grant - Unobligated Balance | \$ 9,551,600 | \$ 9,551,600 |
| Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant | \$ 321,290,139 | \$324,112,809 |
| ⇒ \$2,822,670 recommended increase | | |
| Federal Funds Not Itemized | \$414,671,291 | \$423,322,185 |
| ⇒ \$8,650,894 recommended increase | | |
| TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS | \$1,006,816,803 | \$1,020,070,039 |
| ⇒ \$13,253,236 recommended increase | | |
| Other Funds | \$69,183,092 | \$69,183,092 |
| TOTAL OTHER FUNDS | \$69,183,092 | \$69,183,092 |
| Total Funds | \$1,567,774,685 | \$1,611,556,752 |
| ⇒ \$43,782,067 recommended increase | | |

The Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities collaborates with Georgia citizens, public and private advocacy organizations, and policymakers to positively influence public policies that enhance the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

House Bills 2014

HB 0018 Waites, Keisha 60th; Blind Persons' Braille Literacy Rights and Education Act; enact 2/26/2013; House - House Second Readers

HB 0067 Kidd, E. Culver "Rusty" 145th; Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund; penalty assessments for additional violations; authorize 1/28/2013; House - House Second Readers

HB 0166 Bruce, Roger 61st; Parent Protection Act; enact 2/1/2013; House - House Second Readers

HB 0290 Dempsey, Katie 13th; Family Care Act - to allow employees to use sick leave for the care of immediate family members 3/28/2013; House - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

HB 0309 Harbin, Ben 122nd; Ava's Law; enact 2/13/2013; House - House Second Readers

HB 0398 Maxwell, Howard 17th; Consumer transactions; licensed personal care homes and community living arrangements to use certain terms; authorize 3/28/2013; House - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

HB 0546 Beverly, James 143rd; Public Health, Department of; pilot program to assess need for and effectiveness of using protocol technicians in areas which do not have access to a hospital; establish 3/11/2013; House - House Second Readers

HB 0606 Knight, David 130th; Private home care providers; revise definition to exclude contractual arrangements with independent contractors 3/20/2013; House - House Second Readers

HB 0608 Houston, Penny 170th; Community Health, Department of; criminal background check requirements for applicants for employment by certain licensed facilities; expand 3/21/2013; House - House Second Readers

HB 0695 Carson, John 46th; Public assistance; provide reimbursement for Medicaid providers; provisions 1/14/2014; House Second Readers

HB 0700 Keisha Waites; Public facilities; State Capitol and CLOB; persons with disabilities; provide increased accessibility 1/15/2014; House Second Readers

HB 0707 Spencer, Jason 180th; The Georgia Health Care Freedom and ACA Noncompliance Act; enact 1/15/2014; House Second Readers

HB 0743 Ralston, David; Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 1/27/2014; Senate Read and Referred

HB 0744 Ralston, David; General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 1/17/2014; House Second Readers

HB 0745 Ralston, David; Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 1/17/2014; House Second Readers

HB 0746 Ralston, David; Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 1/17/2014; House Second Readers

HB 0747 Ralston, David; General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 1/17/2014; House Second Readers

HB 0748 Ralston, David; General appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 1/17/2014; House Second Readers

HB 0754 Waites, Keisha; Blind Persons' Braille Literacy Rights and Education Act; enact 1/17/2014; House Second Readers

Dates to Remember:

Be There 4 Seniors Rally at the Capitol: POSTPONED - New Date TBD

February is Self-Advocates Month at the Capitol

Alzheimer's Awareness Day at the Capitol: February 13

Mental Health Day at the Capitol: February 19

Disability Day at the Capitol: February 20

HB 0760 Welch, Andrew; General Assembly; committees have ability to subpoena department and division heads to testify and produce documents for examination; provide 1/21/2014; House Second Readers

HB 0766 Lumsden, Eddie; Work Based Learning Act; enact 1/21/2014; House Second Readers

HB 0853 Stover, David ; Mental health facilities; certificate of need; revise exemption 1/28/2014; House - House First Readers

HB 0868 Fludd, Virgil; Community Health, Board of; contract with at least two vendors to provide health insurance benefits for retiring and retired state employees; require 1/28/2014; House - House First Readers

HB 0870 Tanner, Kevin; Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund; imposition of additional fine for reckless driving; provide 1/28/2014; House Hopper

HR 1039 Waites, Keisha 60th; State Capitol and CLOB; accessibility by the blind and visually impaired; 11/25/2013; House - House Prefiled

Senate Bills

SB 0141 Beach, Brandon 21st; 'Patient Injury Act'; create an alternative medical malpractice litigation 2/11/2013; Senate - Senate Read and Referred

SB 0163 Ligon, Jr., William 3rd; Community Health Dept.; required to study and identify options for Medicaid reform; 3/28/2013; House - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

SB 0186 Ligon, Jr., William 3rd; Mental Health; provide for authorization of ambulance personnel to transport certain mentally ill patients 2/21/2013; Senate - Senate Read and Referred

SB 0191 Albers, John 56th; "Ava's Law"; provide definitions; certain insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders 2/22/2013; Senate - Senate Read and Referred

SB 0202 Unterman, Renee 45th; Litigation code changes 2/25/2013; Senate - Senate Read and Referred

SB 0207 Albers, John 56th; Probation of First Offenders; person disqualified from employment when discharged as felony offender; add private home care providers to list 3/28/2013; House - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

SB 0220 Hill, Judson 32nd; Public Assistance; provide for a pilot program; smart cards for Medicaid program recipients 2/27/2013; Senate - Senate Read and Referred

SB 0291 Unterman, Renee; Georgia Adult and Aging Services Agency; create 1/27/2014; Senate Read Second Time

SB 0292 Unterman, Renee; Alzheimer's Disease Registry; establish within the Department of Public Health 1/27/2014; Senate Read Second Time

SB 0298 Murphy, Jack; License Plates; submission of a doctor's prescription; application for a special parking decal for persons with disabilities in lieu of an affidavit; notary public not available 1/28/2014; Senate Passed/Adopted As Amended

SB 0329 Wilkinson, John; "Work Based Learning Act" 1/27/2014; Senate Read and Referred

SR 0746 Unterman, Renee; State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias; express support 1/27/2014; Senate Read Second Time

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