

Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)

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Legislation has been introduced revising provisions relating to harming a law enforcement animals, relating to searches with warrants, providing for additional requirements for the issuance and execution of search warrants and no-knock warrants for law enforcement, and more. They are mentioned below.

The Governor has proposed a \$2,000 per year pay increase for all state law enforcement employees and all state employees. We are actively attempting to get that to a higher amount as much as possible. Stay tuned!

FOP Lobby Day on the morning of February 8 in the South Wing of the State Capitol on the second floor was a huge success. Hundreds of law enforcement personnel and FOP members came, and we heard from Georgia's political leadership and made our voice heard on pay raises for state law enforcement. Thank you to all who came!

Please reach out to your local State Representative and State Senator about ensuring law enforcement gets a bigger raise.

Two Resolutions were introduced in the House and Senate by Randy Robertson and Houston Gaines recognizing February 8 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

The General Assembly convened Tuesday through Thursday this past week for Legislative Days 21 through 23. We are now past the halfway point in the 40-day session. This week once again saw an even bigger uptick in the number of bills introduced and considered by committees. As of Thursday (February 23), 1,283 bills and resolutions had been introduced in the House and Senate. This doesn't count the other 1,000 plus pieces of legislative language that have been drafted for legislators that have not been introduced yet or won't be introduced.

Members now have just five legislative days to get their bills passed out of their assigned committees and over to the opposite chamber for continued consideration this session. This upcoming week will see legislative days 24 through 27. Crossover Day, Day 28, is set for Monday, March 6.

Keep in mind that legislators have the ability to attach language from bills that didn't make it over by Crossover Day to other bills that are "alive" for passage due to them passing their original Chamber on or before Crossover Day.

Thrash-Haliburton is diligently watching and working to stop any detrimental legislation to our industry and push the legislation we support. Our governmental affairs team continues every day to work on, look out for and answer requests, needs and interests, as we act at the direction of the group's leadership. Please find legislation affecting our industry below:

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We are monitoring the following legislation, and watchful for any bills that may impact our industry.

Bill	Summary	House Comm	Sen Comm	House Sponsor	Sen Sponsor
HB 56	grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards killed in the line of duty	Higher Ed		Petrea	
HR 108	A RESOLUTION recognizing February 8, 2023, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol and commending law enforcement officers in Georgia	House		Gaines	
SR 72	A RESOLUTION recognizing February 8, 2023, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol and commending law enforcement officers in Georgi		Robertson		Senate
SB 110	So as to establish the Back the Blue Fund that distributes voluntary contributions made through motor vehicle insurance policies for the purpose of increasing the pay to or enhancing the benefits of law enforcement officers in this state		Passed		Walker
SB 128	The "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to raise the limit for the total percentage of funds that the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund may invest in alternative investments		Rules		Albers
SB 155	To revise provisions relating to harming a law enforcement animal; to provide for the offenses of interfering with or harming a public safety animal or search and rescue anima		Rules		Kirpatrick
HB 423	Relating to general provisions relative to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to revise provisions relating to harming a law enforcement animal; to provide for the offense of interfering with a public safety animal	Judiciary Non-Civil		Vance	
SB 175	Relating to searches with warrants, so as to provide for additional requirements for the issuance and execution of search warrants and no-knock warrants		Public Safety		Halpern