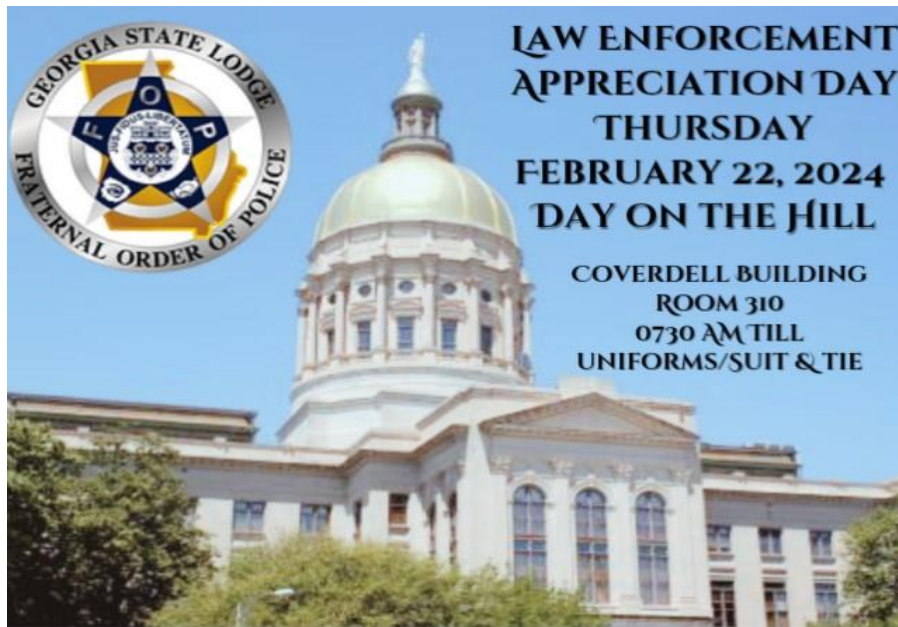


Legislative Update



The Legislative Committee is concentrating on the following bills/issues in the current Session of the Georgia General Assembly:

(1) Increase in P.O.A.B Benefits:

We have been working with Senator John Albers (District 56/Roswell), Senator Randy Robertson (District 29/Cataula), Homer Bryson, and others to find funding sources that will allow an increase in the P.O.A.B. That effort continues.

Talking Points for P.O.A.B.

- Total Membership: 24,083
- Eighty-three (83%) percent are City/County Officers
- Average Retirement Age: 67
- Average Vested Age: 50
- Average Active Age: 43
- Max payout for 30 years of service - \$ 900.00
- Average Current Payout: \$ 583.00
- One hundred-thirty (130) Agencies pay for Officer's P.O.A.B. dues (Which means POAB is probably the retirement for Officers).

(2) SB 328 Sponsored by Senator John Albers (District 56/Roswell)

- Defines Peace Officer with definition that aligns with POST
- Waiting period for buyback is removed
- Buyback up to 7 years (instead of 5 years)
- Buyback time counts toward vesting
- After reaching 55 or 30 years of service, member can draw benefits and remain employed.

(3) HB 451 (Sponsored by Representative Devon Seabaugh (District 34/Cobb))

This is the PTSD bill that Ashley Wilson has been working on. The bill is currently in the Insurance Committee. These are the Representatives on the Retirement committee:

<u>Eddie Lumsden</u>	12th	Chairman
<u>Noel Williams, Jr.</u>	148th	Vice Chairman
<u>Carolyn Hugley</u>	141st	Secretary
<u>Shaw Blackmon</u>	146th	Member
<u>Park Cannon</u>	58th	Member
<u>John Carson</u>	46th	Member
<u>Viola Davis</u>	87th	Member
<u>Buddy DeLoach</u>	167th	Member
<u>Demetrius Douglas</u>	78th	Member
<u>Chuck Efstoration</u>	104th	Member
<u>Chris Erwin</u>	32nd	Member
<u>Houston Gaines</u>	120th	Member
<u>Matthew Gambill</u>	15th	Member
<u>Carl Gilliard</u>	162nd	Member
<u>Joseph Gullett</u>	19th	Member
<u>Lee Hawkins</u>	27th	Member
<u>Karen Mathiak</u>	74th	Member
<u>David Sampson</u>	153rd	Member
<u>Sandra Scott</u>	76th	Member
<u>Tyler Paul Smith</u>	18th	Member
<u>Steve Tarvin</u>	2nd	Member
<u>Darlene Taylor</u>	173rd	Member
<u>Bruce Williamson</u>	112th	Member

(4) HB 130 Sponsored by Representative Matthew Gambill (District 15/Cartersville)

- Student Loan Repayment for Law Enforcement Officers

(5) HB 56 Sponsored by Representative Jesse Petrea (District 166/Savannah)

- Education Grants for dependents of First Responders killed in the line of duty.

Please contact your Representative/Senator and ask for their support to these Legislative efforts.

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