

# Legislative Watch

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## Georgia Bio Legislative Report February 7, 2020

*Days 10-12 of 40 Day Session*

### GENERAL UPDATE:

Georgia lawmakers plan to take a week and a half off starting Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> of this week so House members can continue to work out the details of meeting Governor Kemp's request to trim the state's budget. Speaker of the House David Ralston made an announcement for his colleagues in the House to suspend all committee meetings that are not related to the budget.

The legislature has set the legislative calendar up to day 28, please see Senate Resolution 271 below for more details.

[Meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly](#)

### GEORGIA LIFE SCIENCES DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL:

Join Georgia Bio February 25, 2020 in room 230 of the state Capitol at 8:30am to celebrate the accomplishments and discoveries of the pharma, biotech and medtech industries in our state. This is an excellent opportunity for members to showcase their innovative products, services, and discoveries at the Georgia State Capitol.

To commend Georgia Bio and recognize February 25<sup>th</sup> as Georgia Life Sciences Day at the Capitol, Rep. Robert Dickey and Senator John Wilkinson sponsored resolutions in each chamber.

[HR 1056 - Georgia Life Sciences Day at the state capitol; February 25, 2020; Georgia Bio; recognize](#)

[SR 674 - Georgia Life Sciences Day; recognize February 25, 2020](#)

### GEORGIA BIO LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SHEET

Georgia Bio will provide updates on specific legislation of interest to the Georgia Bio membership. If you have bills that you would like included in the weekly bill update, please email [jsantoro@gabio.org](mailto:jsantoro@gabio.org).

[Legislative Tracking Sheet](#)

### GEORGIA BIO POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETINGS/CALL SCHEDULE FOR 2019 GEORGIA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

~~Wed. January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am~~

~~Mon. February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am~~

Mon. February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am

Mon. March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am

Mon. March 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am

Mon. March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11am

If you would like to participate on a Georgia Bio Policy Committee call, please contact Joseph Santoro at [jsantoro@gabio.org](mailto:jsantoro@gabio.org).

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**[HB 888 - Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act; enact](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Lee Hawkins (R - Gainesville)

**Bill Status:** House First Readers on January 30, 2020

**Summary:** HB 888 provides for certain consumer protections against surprise billing, mechanisms to resolve payment disputes between insurers and out-of-network providers, maintenance of an all-payer health claims data base, and for in-network cost-sharing amounts in healthcare plan contracts.

**[SB 359 - 'Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act'; certain consumer protections against surprise billing; provide](#)**

**Bill Author:** Senator Sally Harrell (D - Atlanta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Read and Referred February 5, 2020

**Summary:** SB 359 provides certain consumer protections against surprise billing, mechanisms to resolve payment disputes between insurers and out-of-network providers regarding the provision of healthcare services, maintenance of an all-payer health claims data base, and in-network cost-sharing amounts in healthcare plan contracts.

**[Click here to view our 2020 Legislative Tracker](#)**