



**Georgia Bio Legislative Watch
February 7, 2022
Legislative Days 9 - 11**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Committee meetings ramped up this week under the Gold Dome with several Georgia Bio bills in committee. [House Bill 918](#), sponsored by Chairman Mike Cheokas, would establish a Rare Disease Advisory Council (RDAC) in Georgia. The bill was presented to the House Health & Human Services Committee on Tuesday, but after a few language clarifications were raised by the Department of Public Health, no action was taken. Chairman Sharon Cooper said the bill would move, and we expect to see a revised version in committee for a vote tomorrow.

The substitute to House Bill 867, the Truth in Prescription Pricing for Patients Act, was heard on the House Floor on Thursday, passing by a vote of **161-1**. The bill now goes to the Senate where we expect it will be assigned to the Health & Human Services Committee and where we will follow its progress. You can find the full bill text [HERE](#).

2022 Life Sciences Virtual Day at the Capitol:



Join Georgia Bio on Wednesday, February 23rd for a VIRTUAL Day at the Capitol! While we cannot gather in-person, connecting with legislators is still vital to the growth of our industry. Join us from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for a virtual event featuring a keynote address from Speaker David Ralston, who will give us an update on the 2022 legislative session as well as his Mental Health Parity Act (House Bill 1013). Attendees will also receive an update from Georgia Bio on our legislative priorities as well as some exciting news on our development front!

Agenda:

10:00 a.m. – Welcome and CGHI Development Updates, Maria Thacker-Goethe
10:15 a.m. – Rare Disease Advisory Council (RDAC) – HB 918 Update, Chairman Mike Cheokas & Dorothy Leone-Glasser
10:30 a.m. – Legislative Updates, Ashley Haltom & Sally Kilpatrick
10:45 a.m. – BIO Industry Report Presentation, Pete Pellerito
11:00 a.m. – Keynote Address: Speaker David Ralston
11:15 a.m. – Questions and Final Thoughts
11:30 a.m. – Adjourn

Registration is free but is required for event access and can be found [HERE](#).

GEORGIA BIO LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SHEET

Georgia Bio will provide updates on specific legislation of interest to the Georgia Bio membership. Please see below for legislation that has been added to our legislative tracker this week. You can also view our 2022 Policy Priorities [HERE](#). If you have bills that you would like included in the weekly bill update, please email ahaltom@gabio.org.

HB 1086; lower age to 50 for influenza vaccinations for discharged patients

Bill Author: Katie Dempsey (R – Rome)

Bill Status: House Health & Human Services

Summary: HB 1086 would lower the age that health care workers can offer discharged patients influenza vaccines from 65 to 50.

HB 1176; Right to Repair Act

Bill Author: Clay Pirkle (R – Ashburn)

Bill Status: N/A

Summary: HB 1176 require a manufacturer to provide certain items necessary for diagnostic, maintenance, or repair services on digital products.

Click here to view the full 2022 Tracking Document

GABIO POLICY & ADVOCACY COMM. MEETINGS/CALL SCHEDULE FOR 2022 GA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Tue. February 8
Tue. February 22
Tue. March 8
Tue. March 22
Tue. April 5

All calls will be conducted via Zoom and will begin at 10 a.m. EST. If you or someone from your team would like to participate on a call, please contact ahaltom@gabio.org for access information.

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

Below you will find a list of helpful links for viewing House and Senate floor sessions, committee meetings, calendars, and legislation search.

[House & Senate Schedules \(Including Livestreams\)](#)

[Legislation Search](#)

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR VISITING THE STATE CAPITOL:

To ensure the safety of those working and visiting the State Capitol, the following safety protocols have been implemented:

- Thermal temperature checks at public entrances
- Sanitizing stations throughout building
- Directional guides to minimize crowd flow
- Masks strongly encouraged

Capitol staff has also requested that you only come to the building for specific business and do not linger to keep crowding in the halls to a minimum.