

## **GEORGIA BIO 2022 LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SHEET**

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### **BILLS**

#### **HB 3 - Conservation and natural resources; certain conditions for permits for facilities that emit ethylene oxide; provide**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Erick E. Allen (D - Smyrna)

**Bill Status:** House Natural Resources & Environment

**Summary:** HB 3 relates to certain conditions required for permitting of facilities that emit ethylene oxide

#### **HB 49; Mental Health Parity Act**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Shelly Hutchinson (D - Snellville)

**Bill Status:** House Insurance Committee

**Summary:** HB 49 would require that insurer treatment of mental health and substance use disorder claims be treated in parity with other health insurance claims.

#### **HB 72; New Mothers Medicaid Expansion Act**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Carolyn Hugley (D - Columbus)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services Committee

**Summary:** HB 49 would require the Department of Community Health to allow mothers giving birth to newborns to retain Medicaid eligibility for one year following birth.

#### **HB 73 – Insurance; reduce out-of-pocket costs for consumers requiring insulin**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Carolyn Hugley (D - Columbus)

**Bill Status:** House Insurance Committee

**Summary:** HB 73 would implement a \$50 out-of-pocket cap on insulin prescriptions for Medicaid and PeachCare recipients. It also outlines annual reporting requirements to the Department of Insurance.

**[HB 115; prohibit certain insurers from using information derived from genetic testing for any nontherapeutic purpose in the absence of a diagnosis of a condition related to such information](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Mike Wilensky (D - Dunwoody)

**Bill Status:** House Insurance Committee

**Summary:** HB 115 would put restrictions on how insurers can use results from genetic testing without a diagnosis in determining coverage in addition to updated definitions and qualifications of insurers.

**[HB 117; Low THC Oil Patient Registry](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Mike Wilensky (D - Dunwoody)

**Bill Status:** Senate Rules

**Summary:** HB 117 would add ulcerative colitis to the list of approved conditions on the Low THC Oil Patient Registry for treatment with Low THC oil.

**[HB 164; Prescription Drug Consumer Financial Protection Act](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Demetrius Douglas (D - Stockbridge)

**Bill Status:** House Rules

**Summary:** HB 164 would require all health insurers to pass along no less than 80 percent of all third-party prescription drug rebates to enrollees.

**[HB 209; Establish Medicaid Expansion Program](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Donna McLeod (D - Lawrenceville)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services

**Summary:** HB 164 would require all health insurers to pass along no less than 80 percent of all third party prescription drug rebates to enrollees.

**[HB 413; Prohibit local governments from requiring individuals to submit to vaccinations unless they meet certain criteria](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Beth Camp (R - Concord)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services Committee

**Summary:** HB 413 would prohibit local governments from requiring individuals to submit to vaccinations unless they meet certain criteria, including full FDA authorization (not just emergency use authorization) and long-term safety evaluations.

**[HB 450; Revise Low THC Oil Patient Registry](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Mark Newton (R - Augusta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Health & Human Services Committee

**Summary:** HB 450 would authorize the Department of Public Health to release deidentified data from the Low THC Oil Patient Registry to government entities for research.

**[HB 637; Require continued mask/facial protection for 12 months following conclusion of a public health emergency](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Spencer Frye (D - Athens)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services Committee

**Summary:** HB 637 would authorize persons to wear masks, hoods, or other devices to prevent the spread of a contagious or infectious disease during and for 12 months following the conclusion of a public health emergency.

**[HB 823; Prescription Drug Rebate Financial Protection Act](#)**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Mark Newton (R - Augusta)

**Bill Status:** House Special Committee on Access to Quality Healthcare

**Summary:** HB 823 would require all health insurers to pass along no less than 80 percent of all third-party prescription drug rebates to enrollees.

### **HB 867; Truth in Prescription Pricing for Patients Act**

**Bill Author:** Rep. Mark Newton (R - Augusta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Insurance & Labor

**Summary:** HB 867 would require increased transparency in pricing and cost sharing options from pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs).

### **HB 869; Prohibit state and local governments requiring vaccinations as a condition to certain actions**

**Bill Author:** Charlice Byrd (R - Woodstock)

**Bill Status:** N/A

**Summary:** HB 869 would prohibit state or local governments from requiring vaccines, issuing vaccine passports, or requiring masks as a condition to certain actions.

### **HB 902; Reduce out-of-pocket costs for consumers requiring insulin**

**Bill Author:** Kim Schofield (D - Atlanta)

**Bill Status:** House Insurance

**Summary:** HB 902 would limit out-of-pocket costs for consumers requiring insulin to \$100 per 30-day supply.

### **HB 910; Supplemental Appropriations Act FY2022**

**Bill Author:** David Ralston (R – Blue Ridge)

**Bill Status:** Senate Appropriations

**Summary:** HB 910 addresses adjustments in revenue and subsequent spending for the remainder of the FY2022 budget year.

### **HB 911; General Appropriations Act FY2023**

**Bill Author:** David Ralston (R – Blue Ridge)

**Bill Status:** House Appropriations

**Summary:** HB 911 outlines budget items and funding for the State's FY2023 budget, including funds within the Department of Education to support the Rural Teacher Training Initiative (RTTI).

#### **HB 918; Establish the Georgia Rare Disease Advisory Council**

**Bill Author:** Mike Cheokas (R – Americus)

**Bill Status:** House Rules

**Summary:** HB 918 would establish a Rare Disease Advisory Council (RDAC) in Georgia to advise on policy and provide insight for legislators on the rare disease community and its more than 7,000 rare diseases.

#### **HB 963; Change certain provisions of Schedule I and IV controlled substances**

**Bill Author:** Butch Parrish (R – Swainsboro)

**Bill Status:** Senate Public Safety

**Summary:** HB 963 is the annual update for Schedule I and Schedule IV controlled substances.

#### **HB 1013; Mental Health Parity Act**

**Bill Author:** David Ralston (R – Blue Ridge)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services

**Summary:** HB 1013 is the omnibus mental health bill reflecting the recommendations of the Georgia Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission.

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

**Bill Author:** Katie Dempsey (R – Rome)

**Bill Status:** House Rules

**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:** House Agriculture Committee

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

### **HB 1304; Georgia Caregivers Act**

**Bill Author:** Lee Hawkins (R – Gainesville)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services

**Summary:** HB 1304 would allow for the identification of lay caregivers to assist with a patient's care post-discharge but who would not be considered primary caregivers.

### **HB 1324; clarify the prudent layperson standard for emergency services**

**Bill Author:** Beth Camp (R – Concord)

**Bill Status:** House Rules

**Summary:** HB 1324 would clarify that the prudent layperson standard is not affected by the diagnoses given as it relates to emergency services and insurance.

### **HB 1351; pharmacy benefits management program for Medicaid**

**Bill Author:** David Knight (R – Griffin)

**Bill Status:** House Special Committee on Access to Quality Healthcare

**Summary:** HB 1351 would establish a pharmacy benefits management program for Medicaid under the Georgia Department of Community Health.

### **HB 1371; Establish Rural Health Advancement Commission**

**Bill Author:** Rick Jasperse (R – Jasper)

**Bill Status:** House Special Committee on Access to Quality Healthcare

**Summary:** HB 1371 would establish the Rural Health Advancement Commission to develop private-sector solutions to address short-term and long-term health care and long-term care workforce shortages, with an emphasis on rural areas.

#### **HB 1394: Repeal authority of Dept. of Public Health to require proof of vaccinations**

**Bill Author:** Charlice Byrd (R – Woodstock)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services

**Summary:** HB 1394 would repeal the authority of the Department of Public Health and all county boards of health to require persons to submit to vaccinations against or other measures to prevent contagious or infectious diseases.

#### **HB 1400: Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission**

**Bill Author:** Alan Powell (R – Hartwell)

**Bill Status:** House Regulated Industries

**Summary:** HB 1400 would provide that the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission is subject to state procurement laws, revise the number of Class 1 and Class 2 production licenses that can be issued by the commission, revise dates for the retrospective study of minority participation, and provide that the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission is subject to open records laws, among other items.

#### **HB 1425: Governor to issue initial Class 1 and Class 2 Medical Cannabis production licenses**

**Bill Author:** Bill Werkheiser (R – Glennville)

**Bill Status:** N/A

**Summary:** HB 1425 would authorize the Governor to issue initial Class 1 and Class 2 Medical Cannabis production licenses for a limited time period with an automatic repeal in place.

#### **HB 1453: access to medical cannabis; revise provisions**

**Bill Author:** Sharon Cooper (R – Marietta)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services

**Summary:** HB 1453 would revise provisions of access to medical cannabis relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to transfer the operation and maintenance of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry to the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

**[HB 1484; pilot program to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS and PANS under Medicaid](#)**

**Bill Author:** Lee Hawkins (R – Gainesville)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services

**Summary:** HB 1484 would provide for a three-year pilot program to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infection (PANDAS) and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS) under the Medicaid program.

**[SB 1 - Georgia All-Payer Claims Database; entities that receive certain tax credits; self-funded, employer sponsored health insurance plans are submitting entities; provide](#)**

**Bill Author:** Sen. Dean Burke (R - Bainbridge)

**Bill Status:** Senate Finance Committee

**Summary:** SB 1 provides that entities who provide self-funded or employer-sponsored health insurance plans and receive certain tax credits be considered “submitting entities” with the Georgia All-Payer Claims Database.

**[SB 57 – Economic analyses of certain tax benefits by independent auditor](#)**

**Bill Author:** Sen. Jen Jordan (D - Atlanta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Finance Committee

**Summary:** SB 57 would allow the chairs of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee to request an economic analyses for certain tax benefits by an independent auditor.

**[SB 180; Ethylene Oxide permit conditions](#)**

**Bill Author:** Sen. Jen Jordan (D - Atlanta)



**Bill Status:** Senate Natural Resources & Environment Committee

**Summary:** SB 180 relates to certain conditions required for permitting of facilities that emit ethylene oxide. This is a companion bill to Rep. Allen's House Bill 3.

**[SB 181; Reduce out-of-pocket insulin costs](#)**

**Bill Author:** Sen. Jen Jordan (D - Atlanta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Health & Human Services

**Summary:** SB 181 relates to insurance provisions to reduce out-of-pocket cost of consumers requiring insulin. This is a companion bill to House Bill 73.

**[SB 317; Authorize physicians to delegate authority to dispense prepackaged medications](#)**

**Bill Author:** Chuck Hufstetler (R – Rome)

**Bill Status:** Senate Health & Human Services

**Summary:** SB 317 would authorize physicians to delegate to advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants the authority to dispense prepackaged medications other than controlled substances as an agent or employee of a clinic.

**[SB 338 – Extend postpartum Medicaid coverage from six months to one year](#)**

**Bill Author:** Sen. Dean Burke (R - Bainbridge)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services

**Summary:** SB 338 would increase postpartum coverage under Medicaid from six months to one year following birth.

**[SB 341; Revise prior-authorization of prescribed medication for chronic conditions requiring ongoing medication therapy](#)**

**Bill Author:** Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services

**Summary:** SB 341 would provide guidelines for the prior authorization of a prescribed medication for chronic conditions requiring ongoing medication therapy under certain circumstances.

### **SB 342; Provide annual reporting regarding mental health parity in healthcare plans**

**Bill Author:** Kay Kirkpatrick (R – Marietta)

**Bill Status:** House Health & Human Services

**Summary:** SB 342 would provide for annual reporting regarding mental health parity in healthcare plans.

### **SB 345; Prohibit vaccine passports**

**Bill Author:** Jeff Mullis (R – Chicamauga)

**Bill Status:** Senate Health & Human Services

**Summary:** SB 345 would prohibit state and local government from requiring vaccine passports.

### **SB 372; provide that certain requirements relating to vaccination status or possession of immunity passport are unlawful discriminatory practices**

**Bill Author:** Brandon Beach (R – Alpharetta)

**Bill Status:** Senate Judiciary

**Summary:** SB 372 would designate the requirement of vaccine status or vaccine passport in certain circumstances as an unlawful, discriminatory practice. Specific examples identified in bill text.

### **SB 379; establish a program to promote the creation and expansion of registered apprenticeship programs**

**Bill Author:** Brian Strickland (R – McDonough)

**Bill Status:** Senate Economic Development and Tourism

**Summary:** SB 379 provide for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish a program to promote the creation and expansion of registered apprenticeship programs in the state related to careers in the High Demand Career Initiatives list.

### **SB 487; Insurance coverage of diagnostic breast exams**

**Bill Author:** Sheila McNeill (R – Brunswick)

**Bill Status:** Senate Insurance & Labor

**Summary:** SB 487 would require that insurance companies cover diagnostic breast cancer screenings as part of preventative care.

#### **SB 514; Unmask Georgia Students Act**

**Bill Author:** Clint Dixon (R – Gwinnett)

**Bill Status:** Senate Education & Youth

**Summary:** SB 514 provides provide that no local board of education, local school superintendent, or school administrator, teacher, or other school personnel shall make or enforce any rule that requires a student to wear a face mask or face covering while present on school property unless such rule provides that a parent or guardian of such student may elect for his or her child to be exempt from such rule.

#### **SB 518; Prescription Drug Rebate Financial Protection Act**

**Bill Author:** Chuck Hufstetler (R – Rome)

**Bill Status:** Senate Insurance & Labor

**Summary:** SB 518 would require all health insurers to pass along no less than 80 percent of all third-party prescription drug rebates to enrollees.