

PRHS PTSA Legislative Report September 2020



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How Does the Georgia General Assembly Work?

The General Assembly meets in regular session for 40 days starting in January of each year. The GGA uses a two-year legislative session cycle. Bills introduced in January 2020 that were not passed but still alive by the end of 2020 legislative session would still be up for consideration when the Georgia General Assembly reconvenes in January 2021.

Georgia Legislative Session 2020

The Georgia General Assembly was scheduled to convene the legislative session 01/13/20 and adjourn 04/03/20. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic the legislative session was suspended 3/14/20 - 6/15/20 and adjourned sine die (indefinitely) 6/26/20.

The GGA took up 1790 bills with the House passing 725 bills and Senate passing 713 bills. 588 bills were passed by both houses and sent to Governor Kemp for signature or veto.

Dual Enrollment - House Bill 444 was passed and signed into legislation in April 2020. In a cost cutting measure, the Bill limits high school dual enrollment students to 30 hours of state paid college credit.

Standardized Testing - 2020 spring standardized testing was suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic. Senate Bill 367 was passed and signed into legislation in June 2020. The bill cut 5 standardized tests (4 high school tests and 1 middle school test), down from 24 to 19. Georgia is seeking another federal waiver for the 2020-2021 school year.

Teacher Pay Raises - HB 793 failed to give teacher pay raises up to \$2000 due to state budget constraints amidst the coronavirus pandemic.

Georgia PTA Legislative Priorities 2020-2021

1. To be determined

Highlights of New & Pending Education Related Georgia Legislation

1. To be determined

Georgia PTA Day at the State Capitol 2021

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