



MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

LEGISLATIVE DAY 1 OF 40

WELCOME BACK TO THE DOME

INTRO & RECAP

Hello Partners! Welcome back to the *Night Owl* 🐣, your nightly recap of need-to-know information and intel on what's happening under the Gold Dome.

Today marked the opening day of the 2026 Legislative Session, and it opened with a clear message. ACLU and Indivisible's "Pack the Capitol" Day brought a strong showing of Georgians to the Gold Dome in support of protecting civil liberties. The turnout reinforced what we continue to hear across the state: Georgians expect their rights to be defended and their voices to matter.

As the session gets underway, several issues are already emerging as ones to watch. Early conversations point to potential changes to property taxes, renewed proposals to eliminate Georgia's state income tax by 2032, a possible expansion of last year's K-8 cellphone ban to include high school classrooms, and proposed adjustments to SNAP funding.

We hope you enjoy *The Night Owl*. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for additional content!

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DAY

[**HOUSE FLOOR SESSION LD 01**](#) [**SENATE FLOOR SESSION LD 01**](#)

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

- [Adjournment Resolution](#)
- [Senate Rules](#)
- [House Rules](#)
- Committee Chairs and Office Assignments will be updated once available!
- [PGA Legislative Resources](#)
- Please let us know about any 2026 lobby/advocacy days and events [here](#).

BILL KEY

	ISSUE		STATUS
	Education		Support



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❤️	Reproductive Rights	👎	Do not support
🌈	LGBTQIA+	🏃	Moving quickly
😷	COVID-19	⏰	Recent Activity
🏥	Healthcare	🛑	Not likely to move
🗳️	Voting Rights/Elections/Democracy	📢	Time to take action!
⚖️	Criminal Justice/Public Safety	😈	Bad bill
🏡	Housing	😊	Wonderful bill
💕	Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	🤝	Bipartisan Support
🌐	Environment	🦁	Zombie Bill
🙏	Religion		
🌿	Marijuana		
👷	Economy/Labor/Employment		
🗣️	First Amendment		

FAVORABILITY OR DISAPPROVAL ON THE LEGISLATION LISTED BELOW HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY OUR COALITION'S PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS FROM THEIR LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS AND PRIORITIES. IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL INSIGHT ON ANY LEGISLATION INCLUDED BELOW OR HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO [Nicole Henderson](#). IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL BILLS YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN OUR BILL MONITORING THAT AREN'T LISTED, PLEASE [FILL OUT THIS FORM](#).

BILL TRACKING

Bills highlighted in blue have been updated or recently added.

Bill	Key	What's the deal?	Tracking
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ECONOMY

HB 947	👷	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would prohibit the purchase of certain food and beverage items with SNAP benefits 	Filed
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CTAs

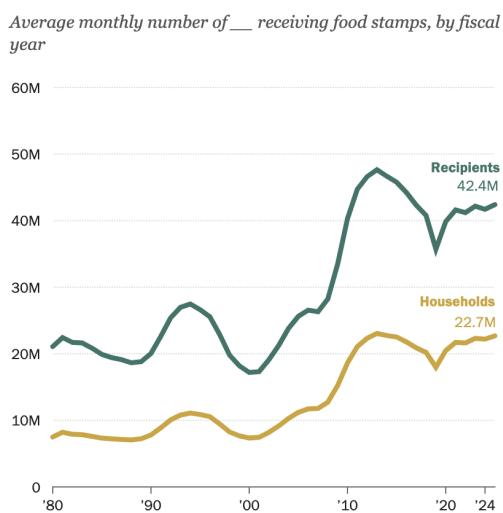
- [Asian American Advocacy Fund](#) - Please join us in demanding justice and accountability from our federal legislators for the murder of Renee Nicole Good. As the Jan 30th CR deadline looms, Congress must not approve more funding for DHS/ICE.
- Stay tuned for additional Calls to Action from the Georgia Progressive Coalition!

NEWS AND UPDATES

- [Atlanta demonstrators join ICE protests breaking out across the nation](#)
- [7 predictions for Georgia's 2026 legislative session](#)
- [Georgia lawmakers return to Atlanta for 2026 legislative session](#)
- [Newly-elected Gwinnett Democrat Akbar Ali promises progress in Georgia legislature](#)
- [Activists press Georgia lawmakers to defend civil liberties](#)
- [Brian Kemp's legislative agenda remains a mystery as session looms](#)
- [Georgia bill tracker: See the state's new laws](#)

RESEARCH AND POLLING

Food stamp use jumped during COVID-19 pandemic and has remained high



Note: Figures for fiscal year 2025 represent the eight-month average from October 2024 to May 2025.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of data from the Food and Nutrition Service within the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

- [What the national data says about food stamps in the U.S.](#)
 - Even before large pieces of the federal government shut down in October 2025, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP – sometimes called the food stamp program – was in for some big changes.

SOCIAL LISTENING & MIS- AND DISINFORMATION TRACKING

- Highlights:
 - [Former Atlanta City Council candidate Steven Dingle shared information about Georgia's legislative session, when it starts, and Speaker Jon Burns' legislative agenda. -@dingleforatlanta](#)
 - As of 1/12 @ 5 PM
 - Views: 5,155
 - Likes: 545
 - Comments: 33
 - Saves: 39
 - [On Twitter/X, the popular account Everything Georgia shared the Georgia GOP's plan to phase out the state income tax.](#)
 - As of 1/12 @ 5 PM
 - Replies: 49
 - Reposts: 205
 - Likes: 1,100
 - Bookmarks: 104

GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON TWITTER

- [Georgia House of Representatives](#)
- [Georgia House Democrats](#)
- [House Budget & Research Office](#)
- [Georgia State Senate](#)
- [Georgia Senate Democrats](#)
- [Georgia Senate Republicans](#)

IMPORTANT LINKS, RESOURCES, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Need access to one of our resources or want to share an event you're hosting? Get access or share any events using [this link](#). Our resources include:
 - The Night Owl Newsletter
 - 2026 Legislative Calendar
 - This calendar includes legislative information and advocacy days,
 - The "GA Rapid Response" Signal chat
 - Press Clips (Tuesday & Thursday)
 - Bill Tracking
 - If you want bills to be included in The Night Owl or our coalition-wide tracker, [please submit them by clicking here!](#)
 - Bill Analysis Sign-up: We need volunteers to help analyze bills throughout the legislative session. Many of our partners are on the ground at the Capitol lobbying for the issues we



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all care deeply about, and they need your help! If you love reading legislation, putting together summaries, and highlighting important points about what bills say, this project is for you! Some of you may already be doing this anyway. Please share your knowledge with us so we can assist our partners in being the strongest advocates they can be.

- Join Photo Circle and share any legislative session photos [here](#).
- Open to uplifting rapid-response posts and calls to action on your personal social media accounts? [Share your personal social media handles here](#).

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Kemp's Final State of the State will take place on [Thursday, January 15](#) and can be viewed on the [GPB YouTube channel](#).
- The Georgia Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Eggs and Issues event [Tuesday, January 14](#), from 6:30 to 11:00 AM at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium. The event is [SOLD OUT](#).
- Environmental Justice Day will be held on [Thursday, January 29](#). [Click here](#) for more information.

KEY DATES TO WATCH

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				01 New Year's Day	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12 LD 1	13 LD 2	14 LD 3	15 LD 4	16 LD 5	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 BUDGET WEEK	21 BUDGET WEEK	22 BUDGET WEEK	23	24
25	26 LD 6	27 LD 7	28 LD 8	29 LD 9	30	31

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
01	02 LD 10	03 LD 11	04 LD 12	05 LD 13	06 LD 14	07
08	09 LD 15	10 LD 16	11 LD 17	12 LD 18	13	14



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15	16 Presidents' Day	17 LD 19	18 LD 20	19 LD 21	20 LD 22	21
22	23 Committee Work Day	24 LD 23	25 LD 24	26 LD 25	27	28

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
01	02 Committee Work Day	03 LD 26	04 LD 27	05 Committee Work Day	06 Crossover Day (LD 28)	07
08	09 LD 29	10 LD 30	11 Committee Work Day	12 LD 31	13	14
15	16 LD 32	17 Committee Work Day	18 LD 33	19 LD 34	20 LD 35	21
22	23 LD 36	24 Committee Work Day	25 LD 37	26 Committee Work Day	27 LD 38	28
29	30	31 LD 39				

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			01	02 Sine Die! 🎉 (LD 40)	03	04
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