



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026**

**LEGISLATIVE DAY 7 OF 40**

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.

As we enter the second year of Georgia's biennial legislative session, several bills are being recommitted—and as always, the devil is in the details.

But state politics aren't the only thing commanding attention right now. All eyes are on what ICE is doing across the country, and Georgia's senators are taking a stand. U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock traveled to Minneapolis this morning to meet with faith leaders and offer spiritual guidance to a community reeling from the shooting deaths of two people by federal immigration agents, making him one of the first Democrats to visit the site. He also paid respects at a memorial for Alex Petti, the 37-year-old Veterans Affairs nurse who died on Saturday.

Meanwhile, back in Washington, both Warnock and Sen. Jon Ossoff have pledged to vote against a package of six appropriations bills needed by Friday to avoid a partial government shutdown—unless funding for ICE is removed or civil liberties protections are added. So far, Republicans haven't budged, and with the 60-vote threshold needed to break a filibuster, they'll need Democratic support to pass the bills. Not a single Democrat has broken ranks yet, though the approaching deadline could change the calculus.

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

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## **BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DAY**

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## **LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES**

- [Budget Week Schedule](#)
- [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](#).

## **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 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](#).

## **CTAs**

- Stand With Minnesota Press Conference - Join Rep. Romman, Rep. Lim, AAAJ, MESE, Dialogue Collaborative, and GLAHR for a press conference in solidarity on Thursday, January 29th at 10:15 AM at the Capitol.
- [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.

## **MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- The Georgia Immigrant Rights Alliance will host [Immigrant Rights Thursdays](#) on **January 29th at 8:30 AM**.
- Environmental Justice Day will be held on **Thursday, January 29**. [Click here](#) for more information.
- GEEARS: Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students will be hosting their 9th Annual Strolling Thunder event for parents and children on **Thursday, January 29th, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM** (PLEASE NOTE: There are two virtual training sessions beforehand). Here is the [sign-up link](#).
- Georgia Alliance for Progress is hosting the Legislative Priority Breakfast this **Friday, January 30, 10 AM - 12 PM** at the IBEW Building. This event is open to all partners and grantees. Please RSVP [here](#).
- GCV will host its 100% Day advocacy day on **February 3rd**. Here is the [sign-up link](#), and for more information, please contact Connie Di Cicco (connie@gcvoters.org).
- Latino Day at the Capitol, hosted by GALEO and LCF Georgia, will be held on **February 5th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Please contact Darrick Alvarez ([dalvarez@galeoimpactfund.org](mailto:dalvarez@galeoimpactfund.org)), Jerry Gonzalez ([jerry@galeo.org](mailto:jerry@galeo.org)), or Jean-Luc Rivera ([jean-luc@lcfgeorgia.org](mailto:jean-luc@lcfgeorgia.org)) for more information. [Sign up here](#).
- Georgia Equality will host the AIDS Watch 2026 under the Gold Dome on **February 5th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Here is the [link](#) to sign up!
- CSRA will be hosting a New American Celebration event at the Capitol on **February 12th**. Here is the sign-up [link](#).
- The Georgia NAACP State Conference will host their day at the Capitol on **February 12th**. More details to come soon!
- The Georgia Muslim Voter Project and American-Islamic Relations Georgia will be co-hosting Muslim Advocacy Day at the Georgia Capitol on **February 12th**. You can sign up using this [link](#)!
- GYJC will have a Youth at the Capitol day [every Thursday](#) during session. For more information, please contact Melody Oliphant ([melody@georgiayouthjustice.org](mailto:melody@georgiayouthjustice.org))
- Black Voters Matter will host a Black Voters Matter Day at the Capitol on **February 24th** (new date!). Please contact Dr. Melinee Calhoun ([melinee@blackvotersmatterfund.org](mailto:melinee@blackvotersmatterfund.org)) for more information.
- Amplify Georgia will be hosting Repro Justice Accountability Day at the Capitol on **February 26th, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**. A link to sign up will be coming soon, so stay on the lookout!
- The Georgia Water Coalition will be hosting their Capitol Conservation Day on **February 26th, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**, and you can [sign up here](#)!
- Fair Fight Action will be hosting their Fair Fight Action 2026 Lobby Day on **February 26th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. For more information, please contact Kelsey Hanna Beck ([kelsey@fairfightaction.com](mailto:kelsey@fairfightaction.com))
- Asian American Advocacy Day, hosted by Asian American Advocacy Fund, will be on **March 5th, 2026!** Here is the [link](#) to sign up!
- Black Male Initiative will host Black Men & Boys Day at the Capitol on **March 9th, starting at 8:30 AM**. For more info, please contact D'ante Fair ([dfair@bmigeorgia.org](mailto:dfair@bmigeorgia.org)).
- Infant Emergency Preparedness Advocacy Day will be held on **March 9th**, by Khari's Calls.
- Pride to the Capitol, hosted by the Human Rights Campaign, will be on **March 10th from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**. [Sign up here](#) and contact Bentley Hudgins ([bentley.hudgins@hrc.org](mailto:bentley.hudgins@hrc.org)) for more info.

## BILL KEY

	ISSUE		STATUS
📚	Education	👍	Support
❤️	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		
🌍	Immigration		

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## **BILL TRACKING**

Bills highlighted in blue have been updated or recently added.

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Key</b>	<b>What's the deal?</b>	<b>Tracking</b>
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## **ENVIRONMENT**

<a href="#"><u>HB 1012</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes a temporary moratorium on new data center construction in Georgia.</li> </ul>	House Hopper
<a href="#"><u>SB 94</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill looks to reestablish a consumer utility counsel to represent consumers in matters before the Public Service Commission or other agencies concerning public utilities; to create the Office of the Consumers' Utility Counsel; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	Senate Recommitted
<a href="#"><u>SB 34</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to amend Georgia's Public Service Commission statutes to address how electric utilities can recover costs associated with serving large commercial data centers.</li> </ul>	Senate Recommitted

## **EDUCATION**

<a href="#"><u>SB 412</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill amends Part 4 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sick, personal, and maternity leave for teachers and other school personnel, to increase from three to five the number of accumulated sick leave days teachers and other school personnel may take each school year for personal or professional reasons; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	Senate Ed 1/27
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<a href="#"><u>HB 1009</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill expands Georgia's personal electronic device ban from K-8 to include high school students (grades 9-12)</li> </ul>	House Hopper
HB 1051		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill changes how law enforcement officers are used in Georgia public schools, aiming to limit police involvement in routine student discipline and increase oversight and accountability.</li> </ul>	

## **HOUSING**

<a href="#"><u>SB 413</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to expand tenant protections in Georgia by allowing early termination of residential leases in cases of firearm violence, in addition to existing protections for family violence and stalking.</li> </ul>	Senate Hopper
<a href="#"><u>SB 414</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to amend Georgia's "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975" to regulate rent pricing transparency for residential properties.</li> </ul>	Senate Hopper
<a href="#"><u>HB 1007</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows residential tenants with the right to complete repairs required by the landlord and offset rental installments by the reasonable cost of such repairs under certain circumstances</li> </ul>	House Hopper

## **HEALTHCARE**

<a href="#"><u>HB 965</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bill proposes to amend Georgia's health records statute to **grant parents and legal guardians enhanced access to their unemancipated minor children's medical records**</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
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### CRIMINAL JUSTICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

<a href="#"><u>SB 390</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restricts the deployment of <b>armed military forces from other states</b> into Georgia unless the <b>Governor of Georgia gives explicit permission</b>.</li> <li>• The bill reinforces <b>state sovereignty and civilian control</b>, ensuring that Georgia's governor retains authority over when and how armed forces from other states can operate within Georgia's borders.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#"><u>SB 398</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates new criminal offenses related to "<b>virtual peeping</b>", specifically targeting the <b>nonconsensual use of generative artificial intelligence</b> to create realistic images of real people.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#"><u>HB 994</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes to significantly increase penalties for the offense of riot in Georgia.</li> </ul>	House First Readers
<a href="#"><u>SB 383</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill modifies the review to be conducted by local child fatality review committees.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred

### IMMIGRATION

<a href="#"><u>SB 389</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires certain <b>immigration enforcement officers</b> operating in Georgia to be <b>clearly identifiable to the public</b> while performing immigration enforcement duties.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#"><u>SB 391</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restricts immigration enforcement activities in certain locations unless law enforcement has a <b>judicial warrant</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ areas include schools, hospitals, places of worship, libraries, and family violence shelters to protect due process, child safety, and community stability</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#"><u>SB 397</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a civil cause of action against federal officials who violate constitutional rights</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#"><u>SB 116</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill relates to DNA sampling, collection, and analysis, so as to require the collection of DNA samples from any individual in a detention facility</li> </ul>	Senate Recommitted

		<p>charged with a misdemeanor or felony who is subject to an immigration detainer notice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The bill expands mandatory DNA collection to include individuals who:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Are charged (not convicted) with misdemeanors or felonies</li> <li>■ Are subject to immigration detainer notices</li> <li>■ Are held in detention facilities (including newly-added county jails and municipal facilities)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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### **VOTING RIGHTS/ELECTIONS/ DEMOCRACY**

<a href="#"><u>SR 563</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Urges the <b>Georgia Secretary of State</b> to immediately and fully comply with a request from the <b>U.S. Department of Justice</b> to securely produce Georgia's voter registration list.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#"><u>SB 392</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Changes Georgia's budgeting process by requiring the state to use <b>zero-based budgeting</b> when developing the budget.</li> <li>● Instead of starting each year's budget by adjusting last year's spending, agencies must <b>justify their funding from scratch</b></li> <li>● May also be known as "Waste Reduction Act of 2026."</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#"><u>SB 214</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Allows voters to cast a <b>physical (paper) absentee ballot on request</b> as an alternative to other authorized methods of in-person voting.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#"><u>HR 1033</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This bill proposes a constitutional amendment to restrict when Georgia's legislative and congressional district maps can be redrawn.</li> </ul>	House Hopper
<a href="#"><u>HB 903</u></a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This bill proposes to significantly expand the scope of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act by changing which state agencies must comply with it.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers

## ECONOMY

<a href="#">HB 947</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would prohibit the purchase of certain food and beverage items with SNAP benefits</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HR 1032</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Raising the Minimum Wage in Georgia</li> </ul>	House Hopper
<a href="#">HB 140</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill prevents municipalities from over-relying on fines and forfeitures as a revenue stream (capping it at 10% of budget), with the stated goal of discouraging "taxation by citation" practices. Any excess revenue goes to the state rather than to the local government. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">GBPI Report</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Governmental Affairs Committee Mtg 1/28

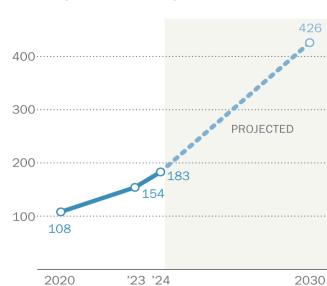
## NEWS AND UPDATES

- [ICE's \\$50K signing bonus has lured away some State Patrol employees](#)
- [Federal appeals court tosses challenge to Georgia's election law](#)
- [Here are the highest-paid public employees in Georgia](#)
- [Will Georgia lawmakers revive any bills left unfinished in 2025?](#)
- ['Affordability' is the political buzzword of 2026](#)
- [Democrat heads to runoff in Republican-heavy Macon area Georgia Senate seat](#)
- [Georgia GOP Senate hopefuls trust Trump on Greenland even as message shifts](#)
- [1 person in critical condition after shooting involving Border Patrol agent in Arizona](#)

## RESEARCH AND POLLING

**Electricity consumption at U.S. data centers is expected to more than double by 2030**

Total electricity consumption by U.S. data centers (terawatt-hours)



Note: 2030 projection is based on IEA's "base case" scenario, which assumes current industry forecasts and regulatory conditions persist.

Source: International Energy Agency, "Energy and AI," April 2025.

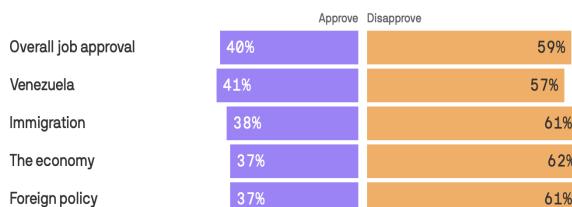
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### [What we know about energy use at U.S. data centers amid the AI boom](#)

U.S. data centers consumed 183 terawatt-hours (TWh) of electricity in 2024, according to IEA estimates. That works out to more than 4% of the country's total electricity consumption last year – and is roughly equivalent to the annual electricity demand of the entire nation of Pakistan. By 2030, this figure is projected to grow by 133% to 426 TWh.

Share who say they approve or disapprove of Trump's job in select areas

Survey of 1,203 U.S. adults conducted Jan. 8-11, 2026

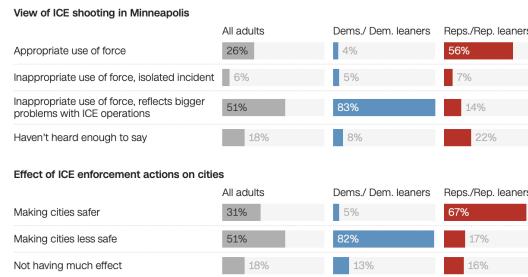


Data: [AP-NORC](#); Chart: Axios Visuals

[Trump underwater on issues that got him elected, polling shows](#)

The other side: Only 37% of Americans approve of Trump's handling of the economy overall, while 62% disapprove, the AP-NORC poll shows. More than half, 53%, of Americans believe the economy and country are somewhat or much worse off since Trump took office in 2025.

Most Americans call shooting by ICE agent in Minneapolis an inappropriate use of force



Note: The CNN poll was conducted by SSRS from January 9-12 among a random national sample of 1,209 US adults drawn from a probability-based panel. Surveys were either conducted online or by telephone with a live interviewer. Results shown in this chart have a margin of sampling error of up to ±4.9 percentage points. Some results may not add to 100% due to rounding.

[Most Americans call shooting by ICE agent in Minneapolis an inappropriate use of force](#)

Most Americans see an immigration officer's fatal shooting of Minneapolis resident Renee Good as an inappropriate use of force, a new CNN poll conducted by SSRS finds. Roughly half view it as a sign of broader issues with the way US Immigration and Customs Enforcement is operating, with less than one-third saying that ICE operations have made cities safer.

## SOCIAL LISTENING & MIS- AND DISINFORMATION TRACKING

- Highlights:
  - REDDIT: [List of ICE protests in Atlanta thread.](#)
    - As of 1/27 @ 4:00 PM
      - Upvotes: 226
      - Comments: 83
      - Saves: N/A
  - INSTAGRAM: [Buddy Carter likes ice.](#)
    - As of 1/27 @ 4:00 PM
      - Views: 7,853
      - Likes: 125
      - Comments: 231
      - Reshares: n/a
  - BLUESKY: [Jon Ossoff responds to ICE shooting.](#)
    - As of 1/27 @ 4:00 PM
      - Views: n/a
      - Likes: 151
      - Comments: 16
      - Reshares: 33

## **GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON TWITTER**

[Georgia House of Representatives](#)

[Georgia House Democrats](#)

[House Budget & Research Offices](#)

[Georgia State Senate](#)

[Georgia Senate Democrats](#)

[Georgia Senate Republicans](#)

## **KEY DATES TO WATCH**

### **JANUARY**

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

### **FEBRUARY**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>01</b>	<b>02 LD 10</b>	<b>03 LD 11</b>	<b>04 LD 12</b>	<b>05 LD 13</b>	<b>06 LD 14</b>	<b>07</b>
<b>08</b>	<b>09 LD 15</b>	<b>10 LD 16</b>	<b>11 LD 17</b>	<b>12 LD 18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 🌸</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16 Presidents' Day</b>	<b>17 LD 19</b>	<b>18 LD 20</b>	<b>19 LD 21</b>	<b>20 LD 22</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23 Committee Work Day</b>	<b>24 LD 23</b>	<b>25 LD 24</b>	<b>26 LD 25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>



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## 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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