

2024 GHCC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Legislative Calendar

This week the Georgia General Assembly convened for legislative day 19 on Monday, February 12th and worked through Friday, February 16th. The general assembly will reconvene on Tuesday, February 20th for legislative day 23 and work through Friday, February 16th.

To view House Resolution 779, the current adjournment resolution dictating the legislative calendar, [Click here](#).

Key Legislative Action

Economic Development & Taxation

Senate Bill 429: The Small Business Protection Act of 2024

Sponsor: **Greg Dolezal** (R-Cumming)

Senate Bill 429 gives the General Assembly tool to evaluate pending legislation and rules that may impact small businesses and creates a more direct path for reviewing agency regulation if its questionable. This also requires each agency to work to engage in zero-base rulemaking to a top to bottom review of all rules periodically. SB 429 passed out of the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities committee on Thursday, February 15th.

Workforce Development

House Bill 127: State Board of Education; establish rules and regulations for local school system outreach efforts regarding ESOL program

Sponsor: **Mesha Mainor** (R-Atlanta)

House Bill 127 provides for parents to receive the information they need in a language they understand using a variety of methods, so parents can be active and engaged partners in their children's educational journey and eventually it encourages workforce participation. HB 127 passed out of House Education committee unanimously on Friday, February 16th.

House Bill 982: High-Demand Career List

Sponsor: **Matthew Gambill** (R-Cartersville)

House Bill 982 requires the State Workforce Development Board to develop, approve, and annually publish a High-demand Career List identifying those careers most critical to the state's current and future workforce needs. HB 982 passed out of the full House of Representatives this past Thursday, February 8th by a vote of 161-1 and now awaits a hearing in the Senate Higher Education committee.

2023 Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Legislative Agenda

The Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce takes legislative positions through a member-driven process through the GHCC Government Affairs Committee, these positions are guided by the GHCC legislative Agenda which are updated annually. To view the GHCC's 2024 Legislative Agenda, [Click here](#).

For questions on any of the above legislation or to learn more about Governmental Affairs at the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, please email us at advocacy@ghcc.com.

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