



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
SHEILA JONES

YOU ARE INVITED
TO A
TOWN HALL MEETING
WITH
REPRESENTATIVE
SHEILA JONES

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2013
11:00am - 2:00pm

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- Juvenile Justice
- Transportation

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- Vice Chair, Atlanta Delegation
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HB 142 ETHICS

Gifts from registered lobbyists are capped at \$75. Lobbyist registration would only be required of those who are compensated for their work, or generate reimbursed expenses of \$250 or more. **PASSED**

HB 512 GUN BILL

Allows firearms to be carried on college campuses, on public school grounds and in churches. **DID NOT PASS**

SB 101 GUN BILL

Allows guns on public college campuses, allows churches to permit weapons, allows school districts to arm school administrators, and add mental health restrictions on concealed weapons permits. **DID NOT PASS**

HB 487 VIDEO POKER

Continues to ban the machines from dispensing cash but could reward players with store merchandise or lottery tickets. Some proceeds are to be directed to the HOPE scholarship program. **PASSED**



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
2013

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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DISTRICT 53



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District 53 Friends & Neighbors,

It is my honor to serve as the State Representative for District 53. From Adamsville to Collier Heights, Smyrna to Vinings and Buckhead – we are a vibrant, civic-oriented community dedicated to improving the lives of all of our citizens.

This newsletter is your legislative update on some of the bills that passed during the 2013 legislative session. I have also included a special invitation for you to attend a Town Hall meeting at 11:00am on Saturday, April 13th.

I am always thankful to you for giving me the opportunity to serve and to represent you in the General Assembly. Do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you, your family or community.

Yours in service,

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE **2013** STATE REPRESENTATIVE **SHEILA JONES** ON THE ISSUES...



HB 188 MILITARY CERTIFICATIONS

Allows newly discharged veterans who have received specialized skilled trades training to be issued an initial license if the training received is determined by the agency to be sufficient for a license issuance. This initial license would only apply to the first application and the licensee would still be subject to future requirements. **PASSED**

HB 156 ELECTRONIC PORNOGRAPHY

Any person having custody or control of a child who is solicited online for the sexual exploitation of that child will be held criminally liable. **PASSED**

HB 372 HOPE GRANT

Reinstates the 2.0 grade point average for technical college students to be eligible for the HOPE Grant. **PASSED**

HB 242 COURTS

Provides community-based alternatives to locking up juvenile offenders and require fewer to be incarcerated. **PASSED**

HB 350 CHILD CARE

Requires both operators and employees of Georgia's child care facilities to undergo a federal fingerprint check. **PASSED**



HB 106 APPROPRIATIONS (THE BUDGET)

State Fiscal Year 2014. The Fiscal Year 2014 budget totals \$19.8 billion in state funds, and will direct spending for all state agencies, departments, and programs from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

Education includes an increase in funds for K-12 education and for Pre-Kindergarten, part of which will allow Georgia Pre-K to add ten more days to its school year. Training and experience pay raises for teachers.

Health and Human Services (the second largest increase in state funding) will go to Georgia's agencies, including Alzheimer's and Respite Services and foster care service providers.

Other state agencies (will receive the remaining state funding) for road project funding and Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

The Bond package includes funding to public safety agencies for renovations and improvements at Georgia National Guard armories, state prisons and juvenile facilities statewide. *(This is not the full version, just a brief highlight of the budget).*

BILLS AFFECTING FULTON COUNTY

HB 171 COMMISSION DISTRICTS

Changes the current commission district lines for Fulton Commissioners. Increases the number of district commission seats and eliminates the second at-large seat that currently exists. Establishes staggered terms for Fulton County Commissioners. **PASSED**

HB 347 ELECTIONS BOARD

Changes the makeup of the Board by giving the local legislative delegation the authority to appoint the chairman, instead of the County Commission. **PASSED**

HB 443 CHIEF JUDGE APPOINTMENT

Authorizes the Governor to appoint the first Chief Judge successor for Fulton County's Magistrate Court and future successors to be elected in non-partisan elections. **PASSED**

HB 541 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (formerly HB 170)

Increases the exemption amount to \$60,000.00 **DID NOT PASS**

HB 346 TAX COMMISSIONER

Shall be nominated by the chairperson of the Board subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners. **DID NOT PASS**



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IS A SPONSOR OF HB 141

HB 141 HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Requires certain businesses (bars, primary airports, bus stations, truck stops, etc) to post a national human trafficking hotline number. If an establishment fails to comply, law enforcement may notify them and allow 30 days for compliance, or the establishment is fined. **PASSED**

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HB 315 NURSES

Provides for continuing competency requirements as a requirement for license renewal for registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses. **PASSED**

