



## ETHICS REFORM

**HB142**, another major legislative accomplishment from this session, would strengthen Georgia's ethics laws by placing a \$75 limit on each expenditure made by an individual lobbyist on an elected official. Food and beverages exceeding the \$75 limit may be provided to legislators only at group events where all members of the General Assembly, all members of the state House or Senate, all members of a standing committee of either body, or all members of a longstanding caucus recognized by the House or Senate ethics committees are invited.

The bill also bans gifts of tickets to athletic, sporting, recreational, musical concerts and other entertainment events from lobbyists to state officials, which is currently allowed. The only exception would be for events where all members of the General Assembly are invited.

HB142 also restores power to the Georgia Government and Campaign Finance Commission by giving it rule making authority. Further, the bill limits reimbursements to elected officials to actual and reasonable transportation, lodging, registration, food and beverage expenses that are related to conferences and meetings within the United States.

Finally, HB142 clarifies and broadens the definition of who must register as a lobbyist so that it applies to anyone who is compensated for or has their expenses reimbursed in an amount greater than \$250 if attempting to influence legislation. It also removed all lobbyist registration fees. The commission is now empowered to set reasonable fees for the cost of the ID card.

**HB143** would further strengthen Georgia's ethics laws by making common sense changes to the state's campaign contribution disclosure requirements. This bill will require greater transparency in campaign finance by requiring disclosure of all contributions of more than \$100 received during the month of January. This will ensure that all campaign contributions made just before the start of the annual legislative session are made public before that legislative session ends.



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## About Representative England...

Representative Terry England was born in Barrow County, where he graduated from Winder-Barrow High School in 1984.

He went on to attend the University of Georgia, majoring in Agricultural Engineering. In 1994, he graduated from the Georgia Agri-Leaders Forum, a statewide leadership program for the agricultural industry.

In 2004, Terry England was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives. Today, he represents the 116th District which includes Auburn, Winder, Carl, Braselton, Bethlehem, Statham and covers most of Barrow County.

As a member of the Georgia House of Representatives, Representative England chairs the House Appropriations committee. He also serves on the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs committee where he served as vice chair previously, and also serves on the Industry & Labor, Education, Natural Resources and Environment, and Ways and Means committees.



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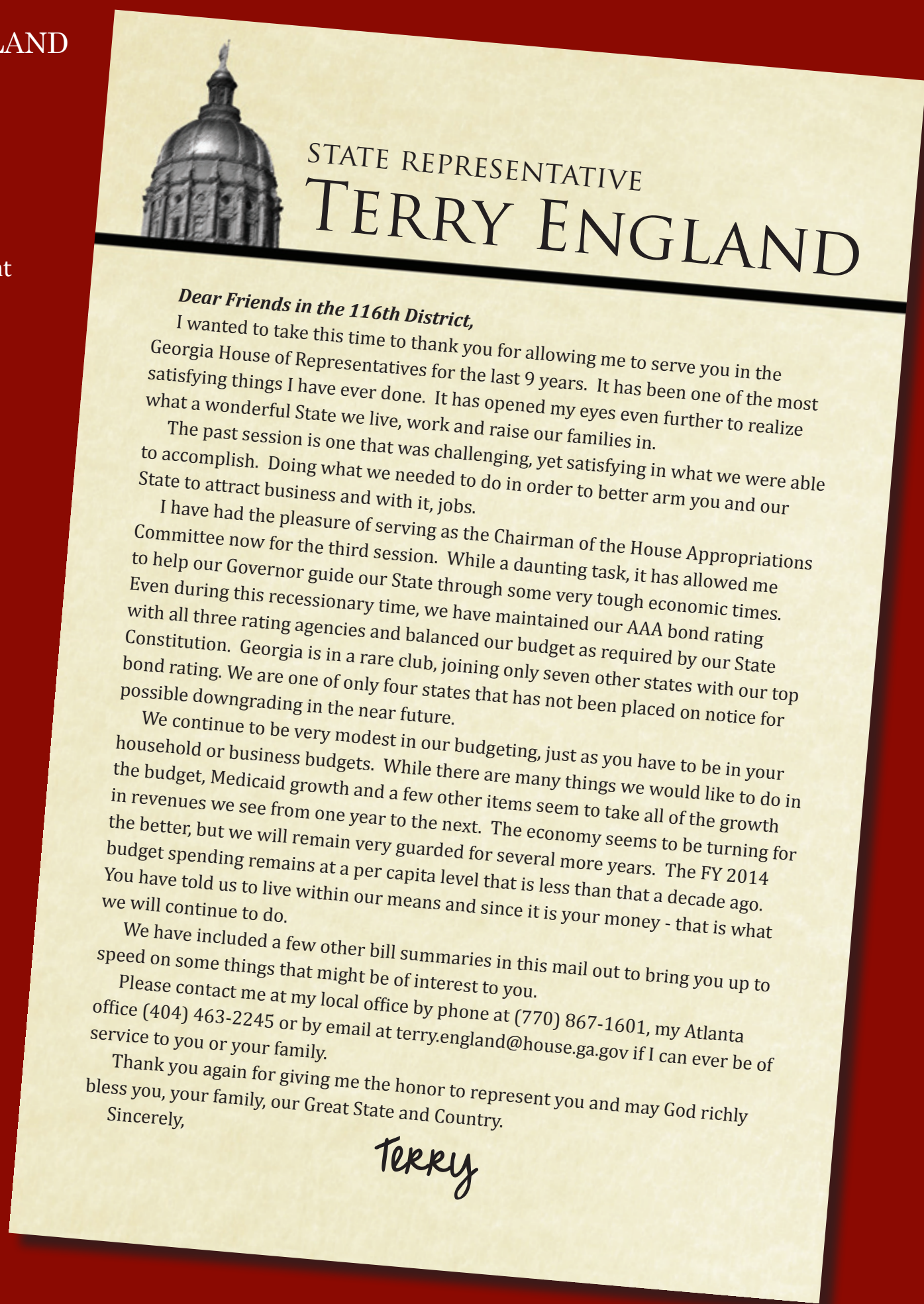
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### HB 106: Budget

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.

Spending in Fiscal Year 2014 is still \$1.7 billion less than it was in was in the 2009 budget with over 500,000 additional citizens to serve.

#### EDUCATION:

- Adds \$146.5 million to fully fund QBE growth
- Increases Pre-Kindergarten funding to fund 10 additional days, restoring to 180 days
- Provides 3% increase to Hope Scholarships and Grants

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Provides money to tear down 400 toll booth
- Restored funds for Forestry Commission for purpose of fire detection

#### BONDS:

- \$850 million total state bonds
- \$646 million for K-12 education, equipment and school buses
- \$398.6 million for college and university construction
- \$2.5 million for equipment for our new Lanier Tech campus in Barrow Co.
- \$3.995 million for new library projects
- \$75 million for public safety agencies

While politicians in D.C. add to our deficit, in Georgia, we are leading by only spending what we take in. In fact, since 2008, we have consistently cut government waste to maintain a balanced budget. Our FY2012 budget is still \$1.7 billion less than the FY2009 budget.