



April 2026 Newsletter

The Georgia General Assembly adjourned Sine Die on April 2nd to complete the 2026 general legislative session. It was a very productive year! Listed below are some of the many important bills which await Governor Kemp for signature into law. Our work continues all year long and I will be hosting committee meetings, serving on study committees, meeting with constituents, speaking at events, and preparing for 2027!

In the last weeks of session, the Senate shifted to reviewing House legislation while finalizing our major policy initiatives. Republicans have centered our focus on affordability, education, concerns about developing technology like AI, and fiscal responsibility to protect taxpayers. The session ended with powerful legislation aimed to support Georgia families, stronger communities, and ensuring stability of the economy. It continues to be the honor of my life and sincere privilege to serve you.

Important Legislation Passed

This was a very successful legislative session and we achieved numerous important priorities including:

- SB 33 - Property Tax Relief
- HB 463 - Income Tax Reduction to 3.99%

- HB 1000 - \$1 Billion Income Tax Rebate
- HB 1199 - 60 Day Suspension of the Gas Tax
- HB 1344 - Insurance Affordability Reform
- HB 1085 - Helping Georgia's Forestry Industry
- HB 1193 - Georgia Early Literacy Act of 2026
- HB 1009 - No Cell Phones in Classrooms
- HB 1123 - Expanding After School Care
- SB 452 - Strengthens Retirement for State Law Enforcement Officers
- SB 143 - Strengthens Retirement for Georgia Firefighters
- HB 1086 - Protecting Georgia Firefighters



Protecting Georgia's Hardworking Firefighters

This legislative session, a top priority of ours was to improve financial security and physical safety for those who serve on the ground in the Georgia Fire Service. Several pieces of legislation that improve the well-being of hardworking firefighters made it to the Governor's desk. Senate Bill 143 emphasizes updating and modernizing the Georgia Firefighters Pension Fund by allowing those who serve to retire as early as age 55 and giving them the choice to continue working while retaining their benefits. This bill enables Georgia to retain their most trained and experienced firefighters and keep communities safer, all while rewarding them for their long-term commitment and service.

To protect firefighters during emergency responses, House Bill 1086, the "Preston Fant and Brant Chesney Firefighter Safety Act", focuses on improving danger awareness. This bill requires buildings that were constructed with lightweight truss systems to post visible warnings and signage, so that firefighters will be better prepared for and informed about the buildings they enter. As I know from

my years of service as a firefighter, that knowledge can make all the difference between a good and bad call. House Bill 1086's low-cost solution can prevent injury and improve decision making in the high-pressure emergencies that our firefighters endure.

Senator Albers in the News

States Newsroom - [Senate Republicans sign off on cuts to Georgia's income tax rate while ending some corporate perks](#)

Cherokee Tribune - [Senator Albers & Representative Thomas protect Cherokee](#)

Marietta Daily Journal - [Georgia Criminal Alien Track & Report Act by Senator Albers saves lives](#)

The Center Square - [Bill would eliminate Data Center Tax Credit](#)

Lawmakers



[Watch Senator Albers on Lawmakers](#)

The Star-Spangled Banner



[Watch Senator Albers tell the story of our National Anthem](#)

Senator Albers at the Capitol

Kelly Loeffler



Senator Albers with the United States Administrator of the SBA.

Honoring Claire Bartlett



We were blessed to honor the life and memory of Claire Bartlett, alongside friends and family.

Scout Day at the Capitol



Boy Scout Troop 87 from Roswell visited the Capitol where both my sons became Eagle Scouts.

Student Art Contest



Young constituent displaying his artwork at the annual Art Show.

Cobb Chamber Gala



The annual Cobb Chamber of Commerce Gala celebrating our businesses.

Chef Laura



Chef Laura from the restaurant Osteria Mattone in Roswell, named top chef!

Our Capitol Team

I want to highlight my legislative staff, Will Spencer and Kiki Zeppos. Kiki joined us from GA Tech and was an outstanding intern. William continues his incredible work running our office and committees!





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