

CAPITOL BUZZ



Georgia Tech Updates from the State Capitol
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Yellow Jacket Football Honored at Capitol



Georgia Tech Football Coach Paul Johnson and former star quarterback, Joe Hamilton (HTS '07), were both recognized in the State Senate and House of Representatives last week. Coach Johnson was recognized as the ACC Coach of the Year, and Joe Hamilton was recognized for his recent induction into the College Football Hall of Fame.

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@GaSenatePress: House Resolution 103 recognizes December 10 as Georgia's Day of Coding #gapol #gsente

RT @GeorgeSRay: Start printing the bumper stickers, @capitoljackets. MT @GeorgiaTech: "GT is one of the best bargains around." - @BarackObama #POTUSatGT

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The full Senate passed its version of the FY16 general budget last Friday, legislative day 33. Conference committee members will soon begin working through the House and Senate versions of the bill before passing the final budget.

Please take a moment to thank your Senate member for increasing bond funding to \$5 million for Georgia Tech's request for the Holland physical plant project.



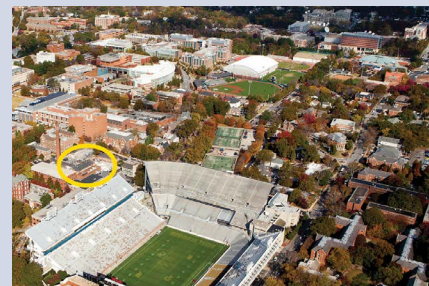
Priorities:

Senate approves budget including Georgia Tech priorities

Last week the State Senate passed its version of the FY16 general budget, supporting several key items for Georgia Tech and the University System of Georgia. Updates on these priorities are listed below.

Thank you to the Capitol Jackets who shared the importance of Georgia Tech's priorities with their Senate members: David Jackson, Per Holtze, Tom Gurley, Glenn Durence, and Bird Blitch.

- Added \$865,000 in bonds



to the House recommendation of \$4.135 million for a total of \$5 million for the Holland Plant modernization and expansion

- Returned ATDC expansion funding back to the Governor's original recommendation of \$415,900
- Maintained new formula funding for the University System and \$60 million in bonds for major repair and rehabilitation funds

Intern Spotlight



Matthew Segars is a junior Industrial Systems Engineering student from Atlanta, GA. This session he is working for Senator Tyler Harper, Chairman of the Senate Public Safety Committee.



Jared Moro is a junior Public Policy student from Johns Creek, GA. This session he is working for Representative Jan Jones, House Speaker Pro Tempore and parent of a current Georgia Tech student.



■ *The General Assembly will be in session every day this week through Friday, legislative day 38.*

■ *Next Tuesday is legislative day 39 and the General Assembly will convene on Thursday, April 2, for Sine Die.*

Legislative Roundup

The following bills will not move forward this session following Crossover day: SB 37, SB 113, HB 5, HB 44, HB 93, HB 107, HB 157, HB 186, HB 287, HB 544, HR 473

Updated Bills and Resolutions from our Watchlist

HB 3 Passed House; Assigned to Senate Higher Education Committee
Provides sanctions for persons that enter into or solicit transactions with student-athletes that result in sanctions to the student.

HB 18 Passed House; Passed Senate Regulated Industries committee
Exempts defense, aviation, space, and aerospace companies from regulations relating to professional engineers and land surveyors.

HB 57 Passed House; Passed Senate Regulated Industries Committee
Provides financing for and allows the use of solar technology in the generation of electric energy.

HB 76 Awaiting Conference Committee Appointees
General appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2016.

HB 237 Passed House; Assigned to Senate Finance Committee
Extends the angel investor tax credit for three years.

HB 255 Passed House; Assigned to Senate Agriculture Committee
Requires equal credits be given to certain forestry certification systems when using green building standards in state construction projects.

HB 259 Passed House; Assigned to Senate Government Oversight Committee
Creates the "Georgia Business Act" providing for an exemption for certain state purchasing from competitive bidding procedures.

The following bills have no movement to report since recent issues of Capitol Buzz: SB 2, SB 58, HB 320

Study Committees on our watchlist:

HR 71 *Creates the House Study Committee on the HOPE Scholarship Program Award Amount for Critical Fields of Study.*

HR 642 *Creates the Joint Study Committee on Postsecondary Education and Employment Options for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.*

SR 114 *Creates the Joint Entrepreneur in Residence Study Committee.*

SR 360 *Creates the Senate Data Security and Privacy Study Committee.*

SR 467 *Creates the Senate Higher Education Access and Success for Homeless and Foster Youth Study Committee.*

SR 479 *Creates the Senate Ending Campus Sexual Assaults Study Committee.*