

# Legislative Update

For the Week of: January 11 - 15, 2016  
Legislative Days: 1 - 5

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## 2016 Legislative Session Convenes

The House and Senate officially convened on Monday, January 11th for the first day of the 2016 Legislative Session.

The week following the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday is usually reserved for budget hearings. However, legislators plan to hold budget hearings on Tuesday, and will be in session for the rest of the week. Lawmakers hope to complete session and adjourn by March 24th this year.

## Legislative Adjournment Schedule Announced through February 1st

January 11	Legislative Day 1
January 12	Legislative Day 2
January 13	Legislative Day 3
January 14	Legislative Day 4
January 15	Legislative Day 5
January 16-19	Recess*
January 20	Legislative Day 6
January 21	Legislative Day 7
January 22	Legislative Day 8
January 23-24	Recess*
January 25	Legislative Day 9
January 26	Legislative Day 10
January 27	Legislative Day 11
January 28	Legislative Day 12
January 29-31	Recess*
February 1	Legislative Day 13

\* Recess is when the General Assembly is not in Session.

## Governor Nathan Deal Gives State of the State

Governor Nathan Deal gave his State of the State Address as members of the House and Senate convened for a joint session on Wednesday, January 13th, at 11AM. Governor Deal welcomed members to the 2016 Legislative Session and highlighted his budget proposal for the upcoming year.

To view the full text of the Governor's State of the State Address, click [here](#).

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### *Legislative Log*

#### **Monday, January 11, 2016**

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No action was taken on retirement bills today.

#### **Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

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No action was taken on retirement bills today.

#### **Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

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**HB 605 – Georgia Judicial Retirement System; member who was serving in a full-time position on his or her retirement may use prior part-time service for vesting; provide**

This bill changes the vesting requirements for judges moving from part-time to full-time service and allows for an actuarial calculation of benefits upon transfer to full-time service and subsequent retirement.

**HB 605 received a DO PASS by Committee Substitute from the House Retirement Committee.**

#### **Thursday, January 14, 2016**

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No action was taken on retirement bills today.

#### **Friday, January 15, 2016**

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No action was taken on retirement bills today.