

## Timeline of the Georgia General Assembly

### Pre-Session (November–December)

- Bill drafting and stakeholder meetings
- Leadership and committee priorities set
- Budget proposals begin taking shape

### Days 1–15 (January)

- Bills are introduced
- Committees begin meeting

### Days 16–28 (Late January–Mid February)

- Committees become very active
- Bills start moving out of committee
- Advocacy impact increases

### Crossover Day (Usually Late February / Early March – Day 28)

- **Critical deadline:** A bill must pass at least one chamber to stay alive
- Lobbying intensity peaks

### Days 29–34 (Early–Mid March)

- Surviving bills move to the opposite chamber
- Conference committees begin forming

### Days 35–39 (Mid–Late March)

- Final negotiations
- Budget finalized
- Long floor days and rapid changes

### Day 40 – Sine Die (Late March / Early April)

- Final legislative day
- Bills passed, amended, or fail
- Legislature adjourns for the year

### Post-Session

- Governor has **40 days** to sign or veto bills
- Agencies begin rulemaking and implementation