



2021

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FUNDING PRIORITIES

\$7.6 million for construction of the regional health professions simulation lab at Albany State University

\$8 million for the Diesel Equipment & Auto Collision Demonstration Center at Albany Technical College

\$964,000 for Georgia MathCorps

PRO-BUSINESS PRIORITIES & POSITIONS

[RURAL HEALTH CARE]

Support initiatives that expand the health professions pipeline, including appropriate licensure reform to grow Georgia's health care work force and increased investments in educational programs that support Georgia's health care industry

Support appropriate reimbursement rates for telemedicine services to increase access to care for all patients

Support efforts that address mental and behavioral health gaps in rural communities

Support initiatives and investments that expand access to care and strengthen our regional health care delivery system, such as through the expansion of telemedicine

Support efforts to enhance Georgia's trauma care network

[INTERNET & BROADBAND]

Expand broadband capacity in rural and underserved areas through public-private investment and incentives. Access to and reliable Internet impact education, health care, national defense and commerce.

[BUSINESS CLIMATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT]

Support programs and initiatives that remove barriers for small businesses and expand access to resources

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Maintain current tax incentives, which have proven to assist companies in investing and expanding their footprint in Georgia

Maintain the state film tax credit, which supports Georgia's \$9.5 billion film industry

Expand the Rural Quality Job Tax Credit to all Tier 1-lowest 40 communities

Support state partnerships for greenfield projects that promote regionalism and enhance quality of life, tourism, wellness, and economic development

Oppose policies that would have a discriminatory effect on Georgia's ability to grow the economy and maintain a reputation as a leader for global commerce

[EDUCATION, TALENT & WORK FORCE]

Maintain Albany State University as a component of the University System of Georgia

Support policies that improve college persistence and completion rates to provide an employable and adaptable workforce

Invest in methods that improve third-grade math and literacy outcomes

[ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION]

Support the investments and the development of programs and policies that facilitate the growth of entrepreneurship and innovation in rural communities

[TRANSPORTATION]

Support investments to expand and modernize transportation infrastructure

Support education and training programs that expand the transportation work force

Support partnerships and investments in infrastructure improvements

[MILITARY & DEFENSE]

Support policies, investments and partnerships that strengthen Georgia's military installations and their communities, as well as service members and their families

[NATURAL RESOURCES]

Preserve & enhance access to high-quality, affordable water supplies for businesses and communities in the Albany Area and Southwest Georgia

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