



2022

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FUNDING PRIORITIES

\$1.3 million for furniture, fixtures and equipment for the regional health professions simulation lab at Albany State University

\$8.5 million for construction of the Diesel Equipment & Auto Collision Demonstration Center at Albany Technical College

\$892,000 to expand Pre-K program in Dougherty County by 221 students

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 programs that support Georgia's high-demand 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. Accessible and reliable internet impacts education, health care, national defense and commerce.

[BUSINESS CLIMATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT]

Support initiatives that target crime and enhance public safety, which is critical for economic development

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

Maintain Georgia as a right-to-work state

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

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

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

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 investments, programs and policies that facilitate entrepreneurial growth and innovation in rural communities

[TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE]

Support investments to expand and modernize transportation infrastructure, including freight

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

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