

## 2024 Georgia Legislative Session Highlights

### Artificial Intelligence (AI)

**Senate Resolution 476** creates the Senate Study Committee on Artificial Intelligence to gather information for potential AI policy initiatives starting in 2025. Legislation introduced on this topic was heavily debated and includes bills such as:



- **House Bill 986** to establish criminal offenses for the use of deep fakes within 90 days of an election with the intent to influence a candidate's chance of being elected, create confusion about election administration or influence election results. The bill also includes disclosure requirements for campaign advertisements.
- **House Bill 988** tasks the Georgia Technology Authority with developing and providing an annual inventory of AI usage by state agencies.
- **House Bill 1361** prohibits the distribution of computer generated obscene material depicting children.

### Advancing education

Several significant appropriations were passed to support technical education including:



- \$13 million in funds from **House Bill 915 (FY 2024 Amended Budget)** to the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) for renovation and startup equipment costs for specialized technical programs to support growing workforce needs in the electric mobility industry across the state and an additional \$3 million for TCSG to establish one new college and career academy.
- over \$108 million in new money from **House Bill 916 (FY 2025 Budget)** to TCSG and \$6 million for literacy coaches and initiatives throughout the state. This budget also provided a \$2,500 pay raise for teachers.



## **Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers**

**A proposed House Study Committee on STEM careers and education opportunities ([House Resolution 1083](#)) was not selected, but the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education is working to plan an informational meeting focused on STEM education funding to be held in Atlanta on the campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology this summer.**