

AN UPDATE FROM THE GOLD DOME

GOVERNOR KEMP'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

On Wednesday, Governor Brian Kemp gave his State of the State Address in the House Chamber. He reflected on his first term and credited the state's greatest achievements to both chambers working hand-in-hand with his office, resulting in economic growth. Gov. Kemp outlined education, public safety and healthcare as legislative priorities.



Gov. Kemp outlined some budget highlights as well, sighting the \$1.9 billion to be devoted to education and fully fund the QBE Formula. Additionally, Gov. Kemp announced 17,500 news jobs that is expected to bring in more than \$13 billion in investments to Georgia.

Gov. Kemp announced his intention to fulfill former-Governor Zell Miller's vision for the HOPE Scholarship, covering 100% of tuition for eligible students. By covering 100% of tuition, students will receive roughly \$1,000 in additional financial assistance in the coming school year and ended his address by outlining his plans to ensure Georgians have access to affordable healthcare through new implementations with The Georgia Pathways to Coverage program.

SENATE MAJORITY CAUCUS PRESS CONFERENCE

Following Governor Kemp's State of the State Address, The Majority Caucus held a press conference outlining their priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session. Senate Majority Leader Steve Gooch (R - Dahlonga) highlighted four areas the caucus intends to prioritize such as, bolstering opportunity and innovation in Georgia's economy, cultivating an educated workforce, and creating safer communities as well as supporting the health and well-being of families and at-risk youth.



NATIONAL GUARD DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

On Thursday, the Capitol honored the Georgia National Guard by inviting them to the Georgia Dome. The Georgia Department of Defense consists of 10,700 Army National Guard soldiers and is headquartered at the Clay National Guard Center in Marietta, Georgia.

The Georgia National Guard has deployed more than 30,000 soldiers and airmen throughout all geographic combatant commands since September 11, 2001 and have continuously supported disaster and emergency response missions within the state of Georgia.



CONGRESSMAN RICH MCCORMICK VISITS THE STATE CAPITOL

This week, United States Congressman, Rich McCormick (06) visited the Georgia State Capitol to address the Senate body. Congressman McCormick represents the 6th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. He was elected to the position in 2023.



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