

2013 Legislative Session: Day 40 Update

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How the Big Bills Fared: DHS-Related Legislation

- **Aging-Related Legislation**
 - **SB 14 (Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan Task Force; create):** Passed both chambers as amended; signed by Governor Deal.
 - **HB 78 (Crimes and offenses; protection of disabled adults and elder persons; change provisions):** Passed both Chambers as amended; signed by Governor Deal.
- **Child Support-Related Legislation**
 - **SB 193 (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; update):** Passed both Chambers as amended; signed by Governor Deal.
 - **HB 236 (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; update):** Bill remains in House Rules.

How the Big Bills Fared: DHS-Related Legislation

- **Division of Family & Children Services-Related Legislation**
 - **Juvenile Code Re-Write**
 - **HB 242 (Courts; juvenile proceedings, substantially revise provisions):** Passed both Chambers as amended. Signed by Governor Deal.
 - **Public Assistance**
 - **HB 138 (Temporary Assistance; use of electronic benefit transfer cards in certain retail establishments):** Bill remains in House Governmental Affairs Committee.
 - **HB 181 (Financial Institutions; use of EBT cards in automated teller machines to obtain cash; prohibit):** Bill remains in House Banks & Banking.
 - **SB 163 (Community Health Dept; required to study and identify options for Medicaid reform):** Passed House Health & Human Services. Remains in House Rules.

DHS-Related Legislation – Passed By Day 40

- **HB 21 (Adoption; postadoption contact agreements; provide):** Passed both chambers as amended; signed by Governor Deal.
- **HB 354 (Early Care and Learning, Department of; provide certain information to owners of early care and education programs; require):** Passed by both chambers as amended; signed by Governor Deal.
- **HB 446 (Guardian and ward; proposed ward who resided in another state prior to submission of guardianship or conservatorship petition for such proposed ward; provide certain additional notice requirements):** Passed both chambers; signed by Governor Deal.

DHS-Related Legislation – Did *Not* Pass By Day 40

- **HB 428 (Foster Children’s Psychotropic Medication Monitoring)**
 - **Bill Summary:** Legislation would have required DHS/DFCS to establish reporting and tracking requirements related to the provision of mental health services and the administration of psychotropic medication. Remains in House Health & Human Services.
- **HB 46 (Day-care centers; satisfactory child protective services reports for employees and directors; require)**
 - **Bill Summary:** This legislation would require DFCS to report to DECAL information from the Child Abuse Registry. Remains in House Judiciary Non-Civil.

Next Steps

- **Conduct a legal and programmatic analysis to determine the full impact of the legislation**
- **Develop and rollout any policy and practice changes to meet new requirements**