

**DATE:** March 14, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Week Nine of the 2014 Legislative Session



The final days of the 2014 legislative session are upon us, as we concluded the week on day 38. We will be in adjournment on Monday and Wednesday of next week and are expecting Sine Die to take place on Thursday. Please look to the following tracking sheet to see where our bills currently are in the legislative process prior to Day 40.

**Legislative Tracking Sheet:**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Analysis</b>
<a href="#">HB809</a>	(1) <a href="#">Williamson, Bruce 115th</a> (2) <a href="#">Duncan, Geoff 26th</a> (3) <a href="#">Nix, Randy 69th</a> (4) <a href="#">Caldwell, Jr., Johnnie 131st</a> (5) <a href="#">Fludd, Virgil 64th</a> (6) <a href="#">Dickey, Robert 140th</a>	HB 809 address reforms for patent assertion entities and has been dubbed the Patent Troll Legislation. Georgia Bio and other team members were successfully able to get language adopted into this bill that would exempt bio sciences from these regulations. If this bill moves forward and passes this year, our industry will be protected. <b>It passed out of the House by committee substitute with a vote of 48-4 and the Senate by committee substitute. The House has agreed to the Senate's substitute</b>
<a href="#">HB885</a>	(1) <a href="#">Peake, Allen 141st</a> (2) <a href="#">Watson, Ben 166th</a> (3) <a href="#">Channell, Mickey 120th</a> (4) <a href="#">Kaiser, Margaret 59th</a> (5) <a href="#">Gravley, Micah 67th</a> (6) <a href="#">McCall, Tom 33rd</a>	Sponsored by Representative Peak (R - Macon), HB 885 is known as "Haliagh's Hope Act." It would allow the General Assembly to permit research on the therapeutic and treatment applications of cannabis with regards to such disorders as cancer, glaucoma and seizure disorder patients. The cannabis would be delivered in a nonsmoking form, such as a liquid, pill, vaporization, or injection. This bill does not encourage or sanction the recreational use of marijuana. <b>This bill passed out of the House by committee substitute with a vote of 171-4 on Crossover Day. It passed out of full committee in the Senate with an amendment to grant immunity from prosecution in Georgia for possession of CBD oil obtained legally in a state that permits the use of medical marijuana.</b>
<a href="#">SB167</a>	(1) <a href="#">Ligon, Jr., William 3rd</a> (2) <a href="#">Loudermilk, Barry 14th</a> (3) <a href="#">Albers, John 56th</a> (4) <a href="#">Hufstetler, Chuck 52nd</a> (5) <a href="#">Hill, Hunter 6th</a> (6) <a href="#">Williams, Tommie 19th</a>	Sponsored by Senator William Ligon (R - Brunswick), this legislation seeks to establish independence from federal guidelines on what schools should teach students. Among other things, the legislation would establish independence from Common Core State Standards. <b>It passed out of the Senate Floor with a vote of 34-16 a few days before Day 30 without much debate. It failed to pass out of the House Education Committee.</b>
<a href="#">SB370</a>	(1) <a href="#">Carter, Buddy 1st</a>	SB 370, sponsored by Buddy Carter, would change the current code relating to pharmacists and pharmacies to add the terms "biological product" and "interchangeable biological product." <b>It has been held in the 2014 session, which allows Georgia Bio to continue education legislators on bioscience principals.</b>

<a href="#">HR1038</a>	(1) <a href="#">Stephens, Ron 164th</a>	HR 1038, sponsored by Representative Stephens of the 164th, proposes to encourage the Georgia Deptment of Education, the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia, the Governor's Office of Workforce Development, the Department of Community Affairs, and the private sector to work together and collaborate to assist in the return of manufacturing to the United States. These groups are key in continuing to develop and train our current and future workforce to meet the challenges of an ever-changing manufacturing environment. Ultimately, this collaboration and continued innovation will increase the economic stability of our state and strengthen the global economy. <b>This bill passed out of the House with a vote of 165-1.</b>
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