

AGC Georgia Legislative Report

Week 2 of the 2016 Session of the Georgia General Assembly

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Week 2 of the 2016 Session started with Joint House and Senate state budget hearings and concluded early this morning in anticipation of wintery weather. This year's session is somewhat of an anomaly in that floor debate calendars have not been created for either the House or Senate. This is rare for being two weeks into the second year of a two-year session. The pace is expected to speed up next week.

Below are two bills impacting construction receiving discussion this week.

HB 779 Drone Legislation by Rep. Kevin Tanner

<http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/154750.pdf>

HB 779 is the work product of the House Study Committee hearings on Drones. Committee leadership asked AGC Georgia to provide testimony during their meetings this past fall on drone use and application in the construction industry. We are working with the sponsors of this legislation as it moves through the legislative process to ensure we are able to continue using this new technology in the construction industry.

HR 1017 Development Impact Fees for Public Educational Facilities by Rep. Dudgeon

<http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/154596.pdf>

HR 1017 is a RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may by general law authorize local boards of education to impose, levy, and collect development impact fees and use the proceeds to pay for a share of the cost of additional educational facilities; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

As drafted, this resolution would only apply to a very small number of school districts. AGC Georgia is working through our AGC Legislative Education Taskforce to address this issue.

AGC Georgia's positions on legislative proposals are developed under the direction of the legislative committee and the AGC Georgia Board of Directors. Please contact me at woodall@agcga.org or by phone at 678.298.4116 on any items included in this report or on any legislation that is introduced during the 2016 Session.