Both chambers of the Georgia General Assembly attend a one-day orientation at the capitol in November after the general election.

They later attend the Biennial Institute at the University of Georgia. The offices of the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House co-sponsor the Biennial Institute with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government on the University of Georgia campus.

The agenda is centered on the appropriations process, rules of procedure, bill process and involves presentations made by the private sector, educators, and other affiliated individuals.
December 8, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

I am excited to announce that the Georgia Legislative Institute is expanding its offerings to include an online platform for legislative education and training.

The Institute provides a comprehensive curriculum designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of legislative staff, leaders, and policymakers. Our program is tailored to meet the needs of those involved in the legislative process and is delivered by experienced educators, practitioners, and subject matter experts.

The online platform will offer a wide range of courses, including topics such as budgeting, policy analysis, and legislative strategy. Access to the platform is available to all participants, regardless of their location.

I encourage you to register for the online courses and participate in the Institute's offerings. Whether you are a new staff member or have years of experience, our program can help you develop the skills you need to succeed in the legislative environment.

Please visit our website at InstituteGeorgia.org to learn more about our online offerings and to register for courses.

Best regards,

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Georgia Legislative Institute
GEORGIA LEGISLATORS

November 16, 2006
December 10–12, 2006
Board of the Georgia General Assembly Training Institute

Senator Tommie Williams, Cochair
Senator Ralph Hudgens
Senator Regina Thomas
Representative Jerry Keen, Cochair
Representative Burke Day
Representative Calvin Smyre
Director Steve Wrigley, Carl Vinson Institute of Government (ex officio)
NEW LEGISLATORS ONLY
8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

8:30-9:30 A.M. .............. REGISTRATION (conference registration desk)

9:30-9:45 A.M. .............. WELCOME
Steve Wrigley, Director,
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

9:45-11:45 A.M. .............. SERVING AS AN ETHICAL LEGISLATOR
(room L, 2nd floor)
Moderator: Sonny Dixon, news anchor;
WTOC-TV Savannah
Speakers: Rick Thompson, Executive Director;
State Ethics Commission
Dennis Dunn, Deputy Attorney General
Respondents: Sen. Renee Unterman,
Senate Ethics Committee Chair
Rep. Joe Wilkinson,
House Ethics Committee Chair

11:45 A.M.-1:00 P.M. .............. LUNCH (Magnolia Ballroom)

1:00-1:30 P.M. .............. GEORGIA'S BUDGET: "FOLLOW THE MONEY"
(room L, 2nd floor)
Wes Clarke, Carl Vinson Institute of Government
1:30–3:00 p.m. .......... House (room L) and Senate (room J)  
Budget Breakout Sessions  
Rep. Ben Harbin  
Charlie Walker, Director, House Budget Office  
Sen. Jack Hill  
Kevin Fillion, Director, Senate Budget and Evaluation Office

3:00–3:15 p.m. .......... Break (2nd floor concourse)

3:15–4:30 p.m. .......... Becoming an Effective Georgia Legislator  
(room L, 2nd floor)  
Rep. Glenn Richardson  
Sen. Eric Johnson  
Rep. Jerry Keen  
Sen. Tommie Williams  
Rep. DuBose Porter  
Sen. Robert Brown

ALL LEGISLATORS  
1:00–7:30 p.m.

1:00–5:00 p.m. .......... Registration (conference registration desk)

5:30–7:30 p.m. .......... Opening Plenary Session (Mabler Auditorium)  
Presiding: Steve Wrigley, Director, Carl Vinson Institute of Government  
Welcome: Art Dunning, Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, The University of Georgia

Introductions of New Members of the House and Senate:  
Hon. Casey Cagle, Lieutenant Governor-Elect  
Hon. Glenn Richardson, Speaker of the House

Reflections on 50 Years of the Biennial Institute for Georgia Legislators  
Keynote Speaker: Sen. Zell Miller  
Introduction: Michael Adams, President, The University of Georgia

Reception (Hill Atrium and Pecan Tree Galleria)
MONDAY

DECEMBER 11, 2006

7:00-8:30 A.M. .................................. REGISTRATION (conference registration desk)

7:15-8:15 A.M. .................................. BREAKFAST WITH LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATIONS
(ALEC, NCSL, SLC) (Magnolia Ballroom)

Introductions: Hon. Glenn Richardson, Speaker of the House

8:30-9:30 A.M. .................................. SEVEN TRENDS SHAPING GEORGIA'S FUTURE
(Mahler Auditorium)

Presiding: Steve Wrigley, Director, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

1. The Changing Face of Georgia: Dynamic Demographics
2. Meeting Health Care Needs: Dollars, Outcomes, and Quality
3. Educating All of Georgia: General, Technical, and Higher Education
4. Georgia's Environment: Impact of Growth on Water and Land Use
5. Georgia on the Move: Transportation and Infrastructure in a Growing State
6. Georgia's Economy: Globalization and Prosperity in Georgia
7. Georgia's Revenue Base: Sustaining Balance and Growth

9:30-10:30 A.M. .............................. DISCUSSION GROUPS
(choose one; refreshments available in each room)

A. EDUCATION (room L, 2nd floor)

Facilitator: Sherri Lawless,
Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Discussants: Sen. Dan Moody
Rep. Brooks Coleman
Kathy Cox, State Superintendent of Schools
Erroll Davis, Chancellor,
University System of Georgia
Freida Hill, Assistant Commissioner,
Department of Technical Education
Ben Scafidi, Georgia College and State University
9:30-10:30 A.M. .................DISCUSSION GROUPS (continued)

B. TRANSPORTATION (room K, 2nd floor)
   Facilitator: Scot Wrighton,
               Carl Vinson Institute of Government
   Discussants: Sen. Jeff Mullis
                 Rep. Vance Smith
                 Mike Evans, Chair, State Transportation Board
                 Harold Linnenkohl, Commissioner,
                 Department of Transportation
                 Michael Meyer, Georgia Institute of Technology

C. ENVIRONMENT (room Y/Z, 2nd floor)
   Facilitator: Wes Wynens,
               Carl Vinson Institute of Government
   Discussants: Sen. Ross Tolleson
                 Rep. Lynn Smith
                 Carol Couch, Director, Environmental
                 Protection Division
                 Jim Kundell, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (room Q, 2nd floor)
   Facilitator: Randal Morris, Fanning Institute
   Discussants: Sen. Chip Pearson
                 Rep. Ron Stephens
                 Mike Beatty, Commissioner,
                 Department of Community Affairs
                 Chris Clark, Deputy Commissioner,
                 Georgia Department of Economic Development
                 Jackie Rohosky, Department of Technical
                 and Adult Education
                 Kenneth Heaghney, Georgia State University

E. REVENUE (room R, 2nd floor)
   Facilitator: Sabrina Cape,
               Carl Vinson Institute of Government
   Discussants: Sen. Mitch Seabaugh
                 Rep. Larry O'Neal
                 Bart Graham, Commissioner,
                 Department of Revenue
                 Dave Sjoquist, Georgia State University
                 Sally Wallace, Georgia State University
10:30-11:45 A.M. .............. Policy Sessions (choose one)

A. TRENDS IN STATE RESPONSES TO THE UNINSURED
(Masters Hall, 1st floor)

Moderator: Angela Fertig, Carl Vinson Institute
of Government
Speaker: Karen Minyard, Georgia State University
Panelists: Rep. Tom Knox
Sen. Ralph Hudgens

B. EDUCATION POLICY SESSION: AN UPDATE ON THE EDUCATION FINANCE TASK FORCE (Mabler Auditorium)

Moderator: John O'Looney, Carl Vinson Institute
of Government
Speaker: Dean Alford, Chair, Excellence in Education
Finance Task Force
Panelists: Rep. Brooks Coleman
Sen. Dan Moody
Kathy Cox, State Superintendent of Schools

12:00-1:45 P.M. .............. Lunch (Magnolia Ballroom)

Presiding: Hon. Glenn Richardson, Speaker of the House
Invocation: Robert H. Bohler Jr., Central Presbyterian Church
Speaker: Erroll Davis, Chancellor, University System
of Georgia

2:00-3:15 P.M. .............. Policy Sessions (choose one)

C. AN UPDATE ON PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS IN TRANSPORTATION: HOW THEY ARE HELPING TO MEET GEORGIA'S NEEDS (room L, 2nd floor)

Moderator: Rich Clark, Carl Vinson Institute of Government
Speakers: Harold Linnenkohl, Commissioner, Department of Transportation
Mike Evans, Chair, Department of Transportation Board
Panelists: Rep. Vance Smith
Sen. Jeff Mullis
D. An Update on Medicaid Managed Care in Georgia
(room K, 2nd floor)
Moderator: Angela Fertig, Carl Vinson Institute
of Government
Speakers: State Strategy: Kathy Driggers, Department
of Community Health
Status of Implementation: Craig Bass, Amerigroup
David McNichols, Peach State Health Plan
Mike Cotton, WellCare of Georgia
Panelists: Rep. Sharon Cooper
Sen. Don Thomas

E. The Status of Children in Georgia: Using Data to
Determine Investments for Georgia's Children
(KIDS COUNT) (room R, 2nd floor)
Moderator: Karen Baynes, Carl Vinson Institute
of Government
Speakers: Gaye Smith, Executive Director, Georgia Family
Connection Partnership
Taifa Butler, Director, Public Affairs and Policy,
Georgia Family Connection Partnership
Panelists: Rep. Judy Manning
Sen. Dan Moody

3:15-3:45 p.m. ..........Break (2nd floor concourse)
3:45-5:00 p.m. ..........Policy Sessions (choose one)

F. Are Georgia's Trauma Centers and Health
Departments Ready to Respond to a Pandemic Flu
Outbreak or a State Emergency? (room L, 2nd floor)
Moderator: Gordon Maner, Carl Vinson Institute
of Government
Speaker: J. Patrick O'Neal, Medical Director,
Office of Emergency Medical Services
Panelists: Rep. Larry O'Neal
Rep. Clay Cox
Sen. Cecil Staton
G. AN OVERVIEW OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS IN
GEORGIA: ISSUES FACING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(room K, 2nd floor)
Moderator: Paula Yeary, Carl Vinson Institute of Government
Speakers: Harry Hayes, Carl Vinson Institute of Government
Sam Olens, Commissioner, Cobb County
Jay Powell, Mayor, Camilla
Panelists: Rep. Austin Scott
Sen. John Wiles

H. THE STATE’S ROLE IN RESPONDING TO THE ENERGY CRISIS:
A REPORT FROM THE STATE ENERGY STRATEGY COUNCIL
(room R, 2nd floor)
Moderator: Jim Kundell, Carl Vinson Institute of Government
Speaker: Elizabeth Robertson, Director, Energy Resources Division, Georgia Environment Facilities Authority
Panelists: Rep. Harry Geisinger
Sen. Joe Carter

5:15–6:30 P.M. ...............RECEPTION SPONSORED BY ATHENS–CLARKE COUNTY
(Pecan Tree Galleria)

— TUESDAY —
DECEMBER 12, 2006

7:15–8:15 A.M. ...............BREAKFAST (Magnolia Ballroom)
Introduction: Rebecca White, Dean, the University of Georgia School of Law
Speaker: Chief Justice Leah Sears, Georgia Supreme Court

8:30–11:50 A.M. ...............AN OVERVIEW OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE
IN GEORGIA
Moderator: Jim Ledbetter, Carl Vinson Institute of Government
8:30–9:20 A.M. ..........A Primer for Legislators, Health 101 (Masters Hall)
    Speakers: Rep. Mickey Channell
               Sen. Greg Goggans

9:20–10:10 A.M. ..........Trends in Consumer-Directed Health Care (Masters Hall)
    Speaker:  Ron Bachman, Center for Health Visions

10:10–10:30 A.M. ..........Break (Pecan Tree Galleria)

    Speaker:  Dan Rahn, M.D., Chair, Commission on the Efficacy of the Certificate of Need Program
    Panelists: Sen. Don Balfour
               Rep. Austin Scott

11:15–11:50 A.M. ..........Putting the Pieces Together: Strategies for State Action (Masters Hall)
    Legislative Panel:  Sen. Don Thomas
                        Rep. Sharon Cooper
                        Sen. Ralph Hudgens
                        Rep. Tom Knox
                        Sen. Greg Goggans
                        Rep. Mickey Channell

12:00–2:00 P.M. ..........Lunch (Magnolia Ballroom)
    Presiding:  Hon. Casey Cagle, Lieutenant Governor-Elect
    Invocation: Robert Salamone, Emmanuel Episcopal Church
    Speaker:    Gov. Sonny Perdue
— Tuesday —
January 9, 2007

12:00-2:00 p.m.

New Legislator and Spouse Luncheon
Sponsored by AGL Resources
(Carl Sanders Fireplace Room, Capitol Education Center)

Speakers: Larry and Janice Walker