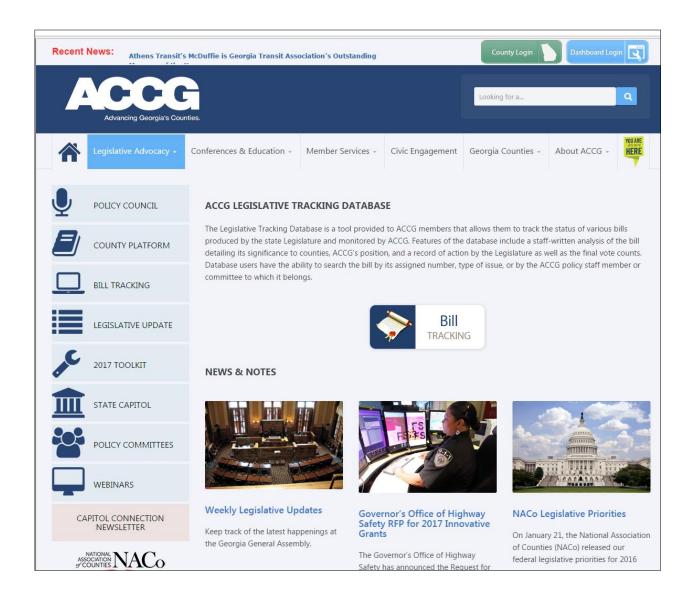
Using the ACCG Legislative Tracking Database

The 2017 Legislative Session will begin on Monday, January 9, 2017. During that 40 legislative day period, hundreds of bills that impact county government will be introduced and tracked by our policy staff. To keep our members updated on these issues, ACCG created an online legislative tracking database which provides bills summaries and tracking levels for all general legislation impacting county government and a listing of all local legislation introduced.

How to Access the Legislative Tracking Database

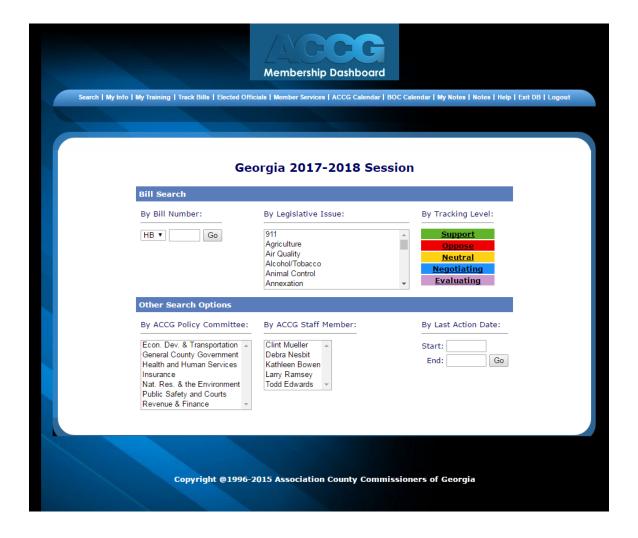
The legislative tracking database can be publicly accessed through the <u>Legislative Advocacy</u> webpage on the ACCG website or through the ACCG App, which can be downloaded through certain App stores. ACCG members can also access the database through the ACCG Dashboard and by logging into the ACCG website.



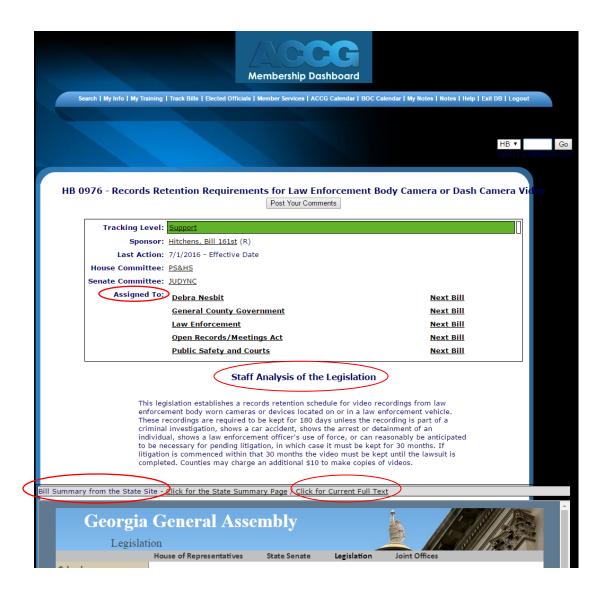
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The database allows the user to track legislation by bill or resolution number, topic/issue area, tracking level, ACCG policy committee, last action date, or by the policy staff member who is tracking the legislation. These features allow the user to find the legislation of interest in a variety of ways-from looking up a specific bill to being able to search for a specific bill or range of bills related to a specific issue, without having to know the actual bill number(s).

There are five tracking levels that are used by ACCG that reflect the association's stance on a particular bill which are support, oppose, neutral, negotiating, or evaluating. While support and oppose are self explanatory, neutral is used for all bills for which the association is not taking a stance (this includes all local legislation), negotiating is used when the policy staff is actively working with legislators and other stakeholders to resolve issues within a bill, and evaluating is used when the policy staff is still learning about or reviewing how a bill may impact county government.



All general legislation includes an ACCG staff analysis which should be updated as the legislation moves through the process. Once a particular bill or resolution is accessed through the legislative tracking system, the user will be able to view the staff analysis and can choose to view the full text of the current legislation, who authored the legislation, the status history, and can view previous versions of the legislation.



While ACCG does not track local legislation, it is included in the legislative tracking database for the use of our members. A top priority of the policy interns is to track local legislation and send notifications via email to the clerk, attorney, and legislative coordinator of each impacted county to ensure that your county is aware of the introduction of that legislation. For general information about local legislation, ACCG provides an overview of the local legislation process and notice requirements on the <u>Legal</u> webpage.

In addition to the legislative tracking database, ACCG also provides a weekly overview of pending legislation through the <u>Legislative Update</u>. This publication includes up-to-date bill descriptions and summaries, highlights areas of concern, and often requests feedback from counties on certain issues. All major bills that the association is following will be included.

Any questions you may have regarding pending legislation may be directed to the policy staff assigned to the legislation or policy administrative assistant, Nicole Logan, at nlogan@accg.org or at 404-522-5022.