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## *About the Biennial Institute*

The Institute for Georgia Legislators is presented biennially and is designed to familiarize new legislators with their roles and responsibilities and the workings of the General Assembly. It also aids new and incumbent legislators in gaining a better understanding of some of the critical issues they may be asked to consider in future legislative sessions.

Program sessions are designed to engage participants in examining implications of topics from the perspective of their roles as members of the General Assembly.

## *General Information*

The Georgia Center for Continuing Education, a unit of the University of Georgia's Office of Public Service and Outreach, provides university-level lifelong learning and professional education. The Georgia Center is a full-service, residential adult-learning facility on the campus of the University of Georgia.

The Georgia Center is a smoke-free environment.

## *Special Needs*

If you require special services, facilities, or dietary considerations (vegetarian or otherwise), contact Tim Barrett at (706) 583-0427.

## *Lodging*

The Georgia Center conveniently combines a modern 200-bedroom hotel, dining services, conference rooms, auditoriums, and computer labs in one facility. All bedrooms have private baths, cable television, hair dryers, coffeepots, irons and ironing boards, telephones with 24-hour long-distance service, individual climate controls, and daily linen service. Some suites and limited smoking rooms may be available.

A block of rooms is being held until two weeks prior to the conference starting date (November 26). If unavailable, we will arrange for your accommodations at the Holiday Inn for \$89 to \$99 (tower rooms). A credit card is required to make your reservation at the Georgia Center and local hotels and will be charged one night's lodging if you do not cancel by 4:00 P.M. the day before your arrival date. Reservations received by November 26, 2004 will be confirmed in writing. Check-in time is 4:00 P.M., and check-out time is 11:00 A.M.

## *Transportation*

Athens Municipal Airport, Ben Epps Field, is only five minutes from the Georgia Center. Local airport cab and limousine service is available. Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport is just one hour and thirty minutes from Athens; a limousine service provides connecting service. The Georgia Center is located on Lumpkin Street near the University of Georgia coliseum. Directions may be found at [www.gactr.uga.edu/conferences/about/directions.html](http://www.gactr.uga.edu/conferences/about/directions.html).

## *Parking*

Parking is available in the South Campus Parking Deck, located adjacent to the Georgia Center, also on Lumpkin Street. Parking rates range from \$3 for the first 2 hours to \$8 for each 24-hour period.

## *Carl Vinson Institute of Government University of Georgia*

For more than 75 years, faculty and staff of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government have worked to improve the quality of life for all Georgians through an extensive program of instruction, technical assistance, research, and publications for governments and communities. In recent years, the Institute has expanded its mission to include assistance to communities and regions in Georgia and the southeast and, through establishment of the International Center for Democratic Governance, has extended the outreach of the Vinson Institute worldwide.

Today, as Georgia's population hovers around 8 million the Carl Vinson Institute of Government stands proudly on its record and looks to the future as it continues to bring the resources and expertise of the University of Georgia to bear on the problems and challenges facing our citizens at home and others throughout the world.

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## **Biennial Institute for Georgia Legislators**

November 18, 2004  
December 12-14, 2004



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—Thursday—  
November 18, 2004

### *New Legislators Only* *Orientation Day at the Capitol*

9:00 A.M.–1:30 P.M.  
Capitol Education Center

1:30–4:00 P.M.  
State Capitol

Note: Photographs for the legislative picture book will be made from 8:00 to 9:00 A.M. and from 4:00 to 5:30 P.M.

—Sunday—  
December 12, 2004

Note: Newly elected legislators program begins at 10:00 A.M.  
Incumbent legislators program begins at 5:30 P.M.

### *New Legislators Only*

8:30–10:00 A.M.  
Registration

9:00–9:30 A.M.  
Ecumenical Worship Service

10:00–10:15 A.M.  
Welcome and Introductions

10:15–11:45 P.M.  
Succeeding as an Ethical Legislator

11:45 A.M.–1:00 P.M.  
Lunch

1:00–2:30 P.M.  
Demographic, Economic, and Political Trends  
in Georgia

2:30–2:45 P.M.  
Break

2:45–4:30 P.M.  
Georgia's Budget

### *All Legislators*

5:30–7:00 P.M.  
Opening Session and Keynote Presentation

7:00–8:30 P.M.  
Reception

—Monday—  
December 13, 2004

### *New Legislators Only*

7:00–8:00 A.M.  
Buffet Breakfast

8:15–9:15 A.M.  
Simulation Orientation and Overview—  
The Lawmaking Process and Organization  
of the House and Senate

9:15–10:30 A.M.  
Simulation: A Day in the General Assembly

10:30–10:45 A.M.  
Break

10:45 A.M.–12:00 P.M.  
Simulation (*continued*)

12:00–1:15 P.M.  
Lunch

1:30–2:45 P.M.  
Simulation (*continued*)

2:45–3:15 P.M.  
Break

3:15–4:00 P.M.  
Media Interaction and Media Tips

4:00–4:30 P.M.  
Question and Answer Session

### *Incumbent Legislators Only*

7:30–8:30 A.M.  
Buffet Breakfast

8:30–10:00 A.M.  
Session One of Morning Concurrent Sessions:  
Current Policy Issues Facing Georgia  
Topics (*choose one for each morning session*):

- A. Transportation—An Analysis of Georgia's  
Current Transportation Systems:  
Recommendations for Future Directions
- B. Education—Quality Basic Education Funding  
Formula: What It Is and Why Changes Are Needed
- C. Health Care—Medicaid: Can the Costs  
Be Controlled? Managed Care; Disease  
Management; and Long-Term Care Strategies
- D. Corrections—The "Perfect Storm" in Corrections

10:00–10:30 A.M.  
Break

10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.  
Session Two: Repeat Morning Concurrent Sessions  
(*choose another topic*)

12:00–1:15 P.M.  
Lunch (*for all legislators*)

1:30–3:00 P.M.  
Session One of Afternoon Concurrent Sessions:  
Legislative Operations  
Topics (*choose one for each afternoon session*):

- A. Commission for a New Georgia:  
Recommendations for Improving the Efficiency  
and Effectiveness of State Government
- B. Legislating for Results: How Legislatures Can  
Create Greater Accountability for Scarce  
Resources
- C. Strengthening the Legislator-Citizen Connection:  
A New Paradigm for Engaging Citizens
- D. The Art of Negotiation and Consensus Building

3:00–3:30 P.M.  
Break

3:30–5:00 P.M.  
Session Two: Repeat Afternoon Concurrent Sessions  
(*choose another topic*)

—Tuesday—  
December 14, 2004

### *All Legislators*

7:00–8:00 A.M.  
Breakfast with the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
Court of Georgia

8:30–10:00 A.M.  
Benchmarking Georgia's Expenditures and Revenues

- A. Setting the Stage and Summary Presentation
- B. Small Group Discussions in Master's Hall
  - 1. Health
  - 2. Corrections
  - 3. Education
  - 4. Transportation
- C. Facilitated Discussion with the Audience (Q&A)

10:00–10:30 A.M.  
Break

10:30 A.M.–12:00 P.M.  
Benchmarking Georgia's Revenue:  
Implications for the Future

- A. Comparison of Georgia's Revenue with  
Benchmarked States
- B. An Analysis of Georgia's Revenue from  
1984–2004
- C. Responder Panel
- D. Facilitated Discussion with the Audience (Q&A)

12:00 P.M.  
Luncheon and Address by the Governor of Georgia

2:00 P.M.  
Adjournment