

Friend, Hudak & Harris, LLP
Attorneys at Law
Three Ravinia Drive | Suite 1700
Atlanta, GA 30346

770.399.9500 | FH2.com
770.395.0000 Facsimile



FriendHudakHarris

JMcKie@fh2.com

January 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

GVATA

Attn: Traves Hyman and Marcus Pollard
PRC Committee Co-Chairs

RE: **Georgia Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association**

Dear GVATA Member:

This week, the General Assembly completed the 25th day of the 2025 Legislative Session. Next week, the General Assembly is in session for three days, with Thursday, March 6, 2025 being “Crossover” day. Generally, with the exception of the budget, a bill must pass at least one of the two chambers by this 28th day to remain alive during this legislative session.

As of this week, the Senate and the House have now passed the Amended FY 2025 Budget. With the exception of Senate-proposed additional funds for the FFA-FCCLA Center, there are no changes proposed to the AFY 2025 budget with respect agricultural education. The AFY 2025 Budget now goes to conference committee.

The House has completed its hearings on the FY 2026 budget. We expect we will see the House’s proposal for the FY 2026 budget within the next two weeks. As we have previously discussed, there is a significant funding shortfall for Extended Day/Year in the Governor’s FY 2026 Budget Recommendation. We continue to have productive meetings with legislators seeking support to fully fund Extended Day/Year for FY 2026. As you visit with your House and Senate members, we encourage you to request that they speak with the leaders of the respective appropriations committee about fully funding Extended Day/Year.

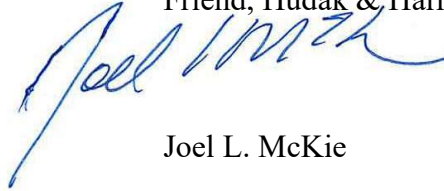
It was good to see many of you at FFA Day at the Capitol. That remains a great event to showcase Georgia’s future leaders in front of today’s legislative leaders.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

FriendHudakHarris

Very truly yours,

Friend, Hudak & Harris, LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joel L. McKie", is positioned over the printed name.

Joel L. McKie