

Governor Musgrove's 2000 Agenda
 As Outlined in the State of the State Address

The following is a brief review of the Governor's agenda and what action may be required.

Agenda Item	Bills	Notes
EDUCATION		
Computers in every classroom	<i>SB2423 caps HB400 tax diversion at FY 1999 levels HB1486 caps HB400 tax diversion at FY2000 levels</i>	These bills are taking money from schools for unspecified purposes. Gordon opposes funding computers with this money...Recommendation: Kill both bills.
Teacher pay, Southeastern Average	<i>Amendment to bills needed to make long term commitment</i>	
Appointed Superintendents	<i>HB87</i>	We need elected school boards and appointed superintendents.
Reading Incentive Program	<i>Executive Order</i>	We need both an executive order and private partnerships to build the First Lady's program and a Reading Honor Roll (20+ books a year)
Respect Legislation	<i>DEAD</i>	

HEALTH

<p>Prescription Medications, Primary Care Provider Shortage Act, Rural Hospital Funding, Enhance State Employees and Teachers Health Insurance, Enhance the Patient Protections Act</p>	<p><i>Executive Order Need Appropriations Bill</i></p> <p>May desire Senate companion bill for H877</p>	<p>Executive Order to create a task force to examine issues and report to legislature in 2001 (including representatives from DHS, Medicaid, Health Dept., Trust Fund, MSMA/MHA, etc.)</p> <p>H877-Flaggs--task force to examine prescription drugs costs; could be expanded to include other health initiatives</p> <p><u>Prescription legislation:</u> H734-McBride—Prescription drugs; Medicare and Medicaid eligible H825-Grist—Medicaid, certain persons living at home eligible S2527-Smith--Lower Prescription Costs for Veterans H729-Rural Health Care Provider Shortage</p> <p><u>Physician shortage</u> H729-Frierson—Medical scholarships SC539-Scoper—Joint Committee to study out-patient clinics</p> <p><u>Health Insurance</u> 7 bills enrolled addressing the state employees/teachers health plan</p>
<p>CHIP</p>	<p><i>No Legislative Action Required</i></p>	<p>DHS, DFA, and Medicaid need to be coordinating</p>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Criminal Justice Task Force	<i>Executive Order Need appropriations bill</i>	Task force to examine issues and report to legislature in 2001
Crime Laboratory, fully fund	<i>No action required</i>	Amend Appropriations bill to include additional funding
Stiffer penalties for drug trafficking	<i>No action required</i>	H506 -Watson H642 -Moody H706 -Formby S2421 -Tollison S2442 -Frazier
Expand After-School Programs	<i>No action required</i>	Increase appropriations to provide additional grants and transportation

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Home Corporation, restructure	<i>May need bills in both House and Senate <Could use H1 as conduit></i>	H1 -Horne—repeal MHC and transfer powers to DECD H2 -Horne—subject to administrative regulations H170 -Horne—require compliance with state purchasing, personnel, and fiscal laws H594 -Horne--provide repealer H603 -Morris—increase bonding authority
Workforce training, additional funding	<i>No Action Required</i>	Amend appropriations bills
Economic development initiatives, update	<i>No Action Required</i>	Awaiting task force recommendations