

## **BILLS TO SUPPORT (OLD, NO CHANGE & NEW) FOR THE WEEK OF 03-02-2026**

### **ELECTION INTEGRITY**

**SUPPORT HB 1108 and 1109 – Revise state-wide uniform system of voting equipment and Require voter ID for Non-Citizens**

**SUMMARY:**

- 1108: Requires a state wide system that can include hand-marked, hand-counted paper ballots
- Transfers election responsibilities from the SoS to the SEB
- 1109: Amends election and motor vehicle laws to mandate that driver's licenses and ID cards issued to noncitizens include the term "BEARER NOT A U.S. CITIZEN - NOT VOTER ID" and use a specific "NC" prefix for identification numbers. These cards would be explicitly prohibited as proper identification for poll workers.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL Rep. Victor Anderson in **SUPPORT** of HB 1108 & 1109 since the bill is in his committee (House Governmental Affairs). Primary Sponsor is Rep. Charlice Byrd. Representative Victor Anderson (Chair) 404-656-0325. Email: [victor.anderson@house.ga.gov](mailto:victor.anderson@house.ga.gov)

**SUPPORT SB 568 – List of eligible voters is posted and made public prior to each primary or election**

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/73566>

**SUMMARY:**

- Requires preprinted, hand marked paper ballots.
- Ballots will include a unique serialized ballot identifier number.
- A time stamped database of the lists of electors shall remain unchanged and made public.
- The SoS will have no role in this code section (including risk limited audit) unless requested for help by the SEB.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL Sen. Sam Watson in **SUPPORT** of SB 568 since the bill is in his committee (Ethics). Primary Sponsor is Sen. Dolezal. Senator Sam Watson (Chair) 404-656-0065. Email: [sam.watson@senate.ga.gov](mailto:sam.watson@senate.ga.gov)

**SUPPORT HB 1227 – Removes people registered in other states from GA voter rolls**

**SUMMARY:**

- If the voter elects to do so, Georgia election officials will be able to use notices from other states as the basis for cancelling a registration.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL Rep. Victor Anderson in **SUPPORT** of HB 1227 since the bill is in his committee (House Governmental Affairs).

Representative Victor Anderson (Chair) 404-656-0325.

Email: [victor.anderson@house.ga.gov](mailto:victor.anderson@house.ga.gov)

## MAHA

**SUPPORT HB1242 and HB1350 – Georgia Medical Freedom Act -**

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/73294>

Summary:

- These bills prevent businesses from denying services or employment based on someone's refusal of a medical intervention
- Schools couldn't mandate interventions for attendance, enrollment, or extracurriculars
- Government entities couldn't require them for public services, licenses, or permits
- Employers couldn't offer differential pay or benefits based on vaccination/intervention status
- These protections explicitly cannot be suspended during emergencies or public health crises

**TAKE ACTION:-**These bills are in the House Public and Community Health committee. Call Sharon Cooper (404) 656-5069 and request a hearing and positive vote through her committee. Also, call Jon Burns (Speaker) 404-656-5020 and let him know we need these bills passed out of the house.

**SUPPORT SB 415 Ban on lab grown meat for human consumption**

[Georgia General Assembly - SB 415](https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72292)

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- The bill prohibits any person from producing, selling, trading, distributing, or offering to distribute lab-grown meat for human consumption.
- It defines "lab-grown meat" as any food product produced, wholly or in part, by artificially growing animal cell cultures for muscle or organ tissues.
- The legislation broadly defines "animal" to include cattle, swine, sheep, goats, fish, poultry, and game animals.
- In Senate's Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL Senator Russ Goodman in SUPPORT of SB 415 and ask him to Sponsor or find a sponsor for this legislation. Note: Senator Jason Dickerson is the main Sponsor.

Senator Russ Goodman (Chair) 404-463-1318

Email: [russ.goodman@senate.ga.gov](mailto:russ.goodman@senate.ga.gov) and call (404) 463-1318

### **SUPPORT HB1089 – Ivermectin (Controlled Substance) as an over-the-counter medication**

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72595> -

Summary:

- Same bill as SB 366, we are just trying a potentially better approach to have this bill pass
- Citizens should have the right to access safe medications they believe are beneficial without the barrier of a prescription.
- Ivermectin has been used safely for decades in millions of people for its FDA-approved indications, such as parasitic infections.
- Making the drug OTC would lower costs by removing the need for a physician consultation, especially for low-income populations
- By providing a legal human-grade OTC option, it prevents individuals from seeking out more dangerous, highly concentrated animal formulations from feed stores.
- At least five other states including Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas that have already passed similar legislation to allow OTC sales of Ivermectin, arguing Georgia should follow suit to improve public health access.

**TAKE ACTION:**-The bill is in the house Health committee. Call Lee Hawkins (404) 656-7855 and request a hearing and positive vote through his committee. Also, call Jon Burns (Speaker) 404-656-5020 and let him know we need this bill passed out of the house.

## **PARENTAL RIGHTS**

### **SUPPORT SB 74 Close the library loophole to protect children from Harmful content**

[Georgia General Assembly - SB 74](https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/69803)

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- Currently, if some adult gives pornographic material to a child outside of a library, they are going to jail. If they are INSIDE a library, they won't.

- This bill would close the current loophole that currently enables harmful, illicit and inappropriate content to be exposed to children in libraries.
- The bill still protects librarians that make a good faith attempt to identify and remove harmful material from access to minors.

**Current status update:** Reported favorably by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee as a substitute. The bill was heard by Rules and is currently awaiting further action in the House, likely moving toward a full House vote. The bill will require another vote in the Senate due to the bill being amended in the house.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL your house representative and tell them to pass this bill as is (no more democrat amendments) and close this ridiculous and dangerous loophole. We should know more about this bill in the next day or so.

### **SUPPORT SB 426 Civic engagement requirements for high school students**

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72470>

Summary:

- High school students seeking a high school diploma to achieve a minimum score of 70 percent on the United States Citizenship Civics Test.
- Mandates that students seeking a high school diploma or a state-approved high school equivalency (HSE) diploma must pass the U.S. Citizenship Civics Test with a minimum score of 70%.
- Students would be permitted to retake the test as needed to achieve a passing score.

**TAKE ACTION:** The bill is in the Senate Education and Youth committee, call Billy Hickman (404) 463-1371 and ask for a hearing and support through committee.

### **SUPPORT HB 950 School immunization requirements – [Georgia General Assembly - HB 950](#)**

- This bill would amend current law to require all public schools and childcare facilities to provide parents and guardians with information about both required immunizations and available exemptions.
- Information regarding exemptions must be presented in the same manner and format as the information regarding immunization requirements.
- The notice must include instructions on how parents can complete the necessary affidavit (sworn statement) to claim an exemption.

- If passed, the requirements would take effect on July 1, 2026, applying to the 2026–2027 school year. In the House Education Committee

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL Representative Chris Erwin in **SUPPORT** of HB 950 since the bill is in his committee (Education). **Note:** Rep. Noelle Kahaian is the main sponsor.

Rep. Chris Erwin (Chair) [404-656-7850](tel:404-656-7850)

email: [chris.erwin@house.ga.gov](mailto:chris.erwin@house.ga.gov)

ADDITIONAL ACTION:

For additional action, here is the link for all the Committee members:

[Georgia General Assembly – House Education Committee](#)

**SUPPORT SB 425 Mandates cursive handwriting instruction in Georgia schools.**

[Georgia General Assembly – SB 425](#)

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72466>

- It requires all schools receiving state funding that serve students in grades three through five to provide instruction in cursive handwriting.
- Instruction must be provided to all students by no later than the third grade.
- The bill allows schools to integrate this instruction into existing coursework rather than requiring a standalone class.

**Current Status Update:** Reported favorably by the Senate Education and Youth Committee on February 24, 2026. The bill has been referred to the Senate Rules Committee to be scheduled for a floor vote.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL your senator in **SUPPORT** of SB 425. Call Sen Matt Brass to pass this bill through Rules. **Note:** Sen. Jason Dickerson is one of the main Sponsor.

Sen. Matt Brass (Chair) [\(404\) 656-0057](tel:404-656-0057)

Email: [matt.brass@senate.ga.gov](mailto:matt.brass@senate.ga.gov)

**SUPPORT SB 471 Requires a student to wear a face mask or face covering while present on school property; eliminate automatic repeal provision – Passed Rules**

[Georgia General Assembly – SB 471](#)

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72949>

- Requires local boards of education and school personnel to allow parents or guardians to exempt their children from any mask or face-covering requirements.

- Without this bill, the opt-out requirement is currently set to expire in 2027. SB 471 would remove that expiration date, effectively making the parental choice permanent.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL your senator in **SUPPORT** of SB 471 since the bill is through committee and Rules.

**SUPPORT HB 1210** Courts; protections for children who adopt an identity that differs from their sex; provide

[Georgia General Assembly - HB 1210](#)

- This bill would protect parents that don't want to be forced to 'trans' their child. Courts cannot order parents to consent to gender transition interventions
- It will ensure that parents that maintain the gender of their children's birth is not considered child abuse.
- The bill also restricts state employees and contractors from encouraging gender transition in minors

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL Representative Beth Camp in **SUPPORT** of HB 1210 since the bill is in her committee (Judiciary Juvenile). **Note:** Rep. Noelle Kahaian is the main sponsor.

Rep. Beth Camp (Chair) [404-656-7153](tel:404-656-7153)

email: [beth.camp@house.ga.gov](mailto:beth.camp@house.ga.gov)

## OTHER MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS –

### [IMMIGRATION](#)

**SUPPORT SB 442** Revocation and Expiration of Commercial Driver's License (CDL) for noncitizens.

[Georgia General Assembly - SB 442](#)

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72635>

- Revoke/Expire CDLs: Provide for the revocation and expiration of commercial drivers' licenses (CDLs) for noncitizens.
- Establish specific testing requirements for noncitizens seeking to renew their commercial licenses.
- Update verification procedures to ensure conformance with laws regarding lawful presence within the United States.
- As of February 2, 2026, the bill has been Read and Referred to the Senate Public Safety Committee for review.
- Primary Sponsor: Senator Jason T. Dickerson (R), alongside 13 other Republican co-sponsors.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL Senator John Albers in **SUPPORT** of SB 442 since the bill is in his committee (Public Safety). **Note:** Sen. Jason Dickerson is the main sponsor.

Sen. John Albers (Chair) 404-463-8055

email: [John.Albers@senate.ga.gov](mailto:John.Albers@senate.ga.gov)

### FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**SUPPORT HB 1154** Proposes to amend Georgia law regarding the procedure for the imposition of the death penalty.

[Georgia General Assembly - HB 1154](#)

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72719>

- Include the offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude as a crime for which the death penalty can be sought.
- Provide for related matters and clarify the applicability of these new penalties to future cases.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL Rep. Tyler Paul Smith in **SUPPORT** of HB 1154 since the bill is in his committee (Judiciary Non-Civil). **Note:** Rep. David Clark is the main sponsor.

Rep. Tyler Paul Smith (Chair) 404-463-7853

email: [tyler.smith@house.ga.gov](mailto:tyler.smith@house.ga.gov)

### FIGHTING SHARIA LAW

**SUPPORT SB 486**– Provisions relating to the effect and enforcement of foreign laws

[Georgia General Assembly – SB 486](#)

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/73053>

SB 486 aims to amend Title 1 and Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA).

- Revising provisions related to the effect and enforcement of foreign laws in Georgia courts.
- Updating general provisions regarding venue and cross-referencing to align with these revisions.
- Will essentially prevent courts from applying Islamic (Sharia) law in domestic or family law disputes.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL senator Brass in **SUPPORT** of SB 486 since the bill is through committee and is currently in the Rules committee. **Note:** Sens. Dolezal and Dickerson are sponsors.

Sen. Matt Brass (Chair) [\(404\) 656-0057](tel:4046560057)

Email: [matt.brass@senate.ga.gov](mailto:matt.brass@senate.ga.gov)

### **SUPPORT HB 1224 – Contracts; termination of certain automatic renewal provisions; reduce applicable period**

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72595>

- The bill makes it harder for businesses to quietly lock consumers into long or expensive renewals without explicit, documented consumer consent
- Any contract of 12+ months that auto-renews for more than one month must give the consumer written or electronic notice between 30 and 60 days before the cancellation deadline. The notice must clearly state that the contract will auto-renew and explain how to cancel
- If a contract auto-renews for more than 2 years, the seller must also get written/ electronic *acknowledgment* that the consumer received the notice, plus an *affirmative response* that the consumer does not intend to cancel. Without this, the renewal is unenforceable.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL your house representative in **SUPPORT** of HB 1224 since the bill is likely going through committee (Agriculture & Consumer Affairs) and rules early this week and should be on the floor for a full house vote soon. **Note:** Rep. Carter Barrett is the main sponsor.

### **SUPPORT HB 1324 Crimes and offenses; possessing a silencer; repeal prohibition**

- Will repeal current GA law that prohibits a silencer

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL your representative in **SUPPORT** of HB 1324. Also, call Butch Parrish Rules Chairman to make sure he supports the bill through Rules: 404-656-5141. Email: [butch.parrish@house.ga.gov](mailto:butch.parrish@house.ga.gov)

Current status: Reported favorably by the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee as a substitute on February 24, 2026. The bill has been referred to the House Rules Committee to be scheduled for a floor vote.

## TAKE ACTION (IMPORTANT–only if finished above)

**SUPPORT SB 408** – This bill aims to advance the “**sunset date**: for the state's sales and use tax exemption on **data center equipment**.”

### SUMMARY:

- Scheduled to expire on January 1, 2032. The bill would end the tax exemption five years earlier, on January 1, 2027.
- This is part of a broader legislative debate in 2026 regarding the high utility and water costs associated with massive server facilities operated by major tech firms.
- Introduced and passed its second reading; currently pending in committee. Read and referred on January 16, 2026.
- In the Senate Finance Committee.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL Senator Chuck Hufstetler in **SUPPORT** of SB 408. The bill is in his committee (Senate Finance Committee). Note: Bipartisan bills, Co-Sponsors are Sen. Greg Dolezal, Sen. Blake Tillery.

Rep. Chuck Hufstetler (Chair) 404-656-0034

Email: [chuck.hufstetler@senate.ga.gov](mailto:chuck.hufstetler@senate.ga.gov)

**SUPPORT SB 425** – The Cursive Handwriting Act seeks to amend the competencies and core curriculum for Georgia students.

### SUMMARY:

- It requires all state-funded schools with students in grades three through five to provide instruction in cursive handwriting.
- Students must receive this instruction no later than the completion of the third grade.
- Reported favorably by the Senate Education and Youth Committee on February 24, 2026.
- The bill is currently in the Senate Rules Committee, where it must be scheduled for a full floor vote.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL Sen. Matt Brass in **SUPPORT** of SB 425. The bill is in his committee (Senate Rules Committee). Note: This bill has broad bipartisan support. Primary Sponsor is Sen. Marty Harbin.  
Sen. Matt Brass (Chair) 404-656-0057  
Email: [matt.brass@senate.ga.gov](mailto:matt.brass@senate.ga.gov)

### **SUPPORT SB 537 - Educational facilities and flag displays.**

#### **SUMMARY:**

- The bill prohibits any school or educational institution that receives state funds from displaying any flag other than the United States flag or the official flag, coat of arms, or state emblem of Georgia.
- It makes it unlawful for any individual to display or cause to be displayed a prohibited flag within these facilities.
- The restriction applies broadly to all state-funded educational entities, from elementary schools to postsecondary institutions.
- The bill was officially read and referred to THE Senate Education and Youth Committee on February 20, 2026.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL Senator Billy Hickman in **SUPPORT** of SB 537 since the bill is in his committee (Education & Youth). Primary Sponsor is Sen. Marty Harbin.  
Senator Billy Hickman (Chair) 404-463-1371  
email: [billy.hickman@senate.ga.gov](mailto:billy.hickman@senate.ga.gov)

### **SUPPORT SB 538 – Forever Chemicals Transparency Act**

#### **SUMMARY:**

- Requires publicly owned water treatment works to seek information from industrial users regarding the manufacture or use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).
- It aims to document sources of "forever chemical" contamination for water quality and public health.
- Introduced and Referred to the Senate Natural Resources Committee as of February 20, 2026.

**TAKE ACTION:** CALL and EMAIL Sen. Lee Anderson in **SUPPORT** of SB 538. The bill is in his committee (Senate Natural Resources Committee). Note: This bill has bipartisan support (4-Republicans and 1-Democrat). Primary Sponsor is Sen. Chuck Hufstetler.  
Sen. Lee Anderson (Chair) 404-656-5114  
Email: [lee.anderson@senate.ga.gov](mailto:lee.anderson@senate.ga.gov)

## **SUPPORT SB 465 - Disqualify business enterprises from claiming certain tax credits**

### **NO ACTION REQUIRED, TO FOLLOW**

#### **SUMMARY:**

- SB 465 seeks to amend state income tax laws to disqualify business enterprises from claiming certain tax credits associated with large-scale projects if they hire illegal aliens for those projects.
- The bill targets specific tax exemptions and credits related to the rate and computation of income taxes for these enterprises.
- Read and referred to committee on February 6, 2026. It is currently pending a Senate Finance Committee hearing and a favorable report before it can move to the Senate floor for a vote.

## **SUPPORT SB 116 - Mandates that detention facilities collect DNA samples from individuals charged with a crime who are also subject to an immigration detainer notice.**

### **NO ACTION REQUIRED, TO FOLLOW**

#### **SUMMARY:**

- To expand the state's DNA database for individuals with federal immigration holds.
- Collection is not required if federal immigration takes custody within 48 hours.
- Senate Public Safety Committee Favorably Reported (as of Feb 4, 2026), moving toward a potential floor vote.

## **SUPPORT SB 540 – Online Internet Safety**

### **NO ACTION, FOLLOW**

#### **SUMMARY:**

- This bill the "Online Internet Safety" act regulates "conversational AI services" (chatbots) to protect minors.
- Requires AI operators to disclose to minors that they are interacting with an AI.
- Limits AI rewards that encourage excessive engagement and requires steps to prevent generating harmful, explicit content or fostering unhealthy emotional dependence.
- Mandates that AI systems direct users to crisis services when encountering prompts about self-harm.
- Allows the Attorney General to seek civil penalties up to \$1,000 per violation, with a \$500,000 cap.
- Reported favorably by the Senate Science and Technology Committee (substitute) on February 25, 2026.
- The bill moves to the Senate Rules Committee for floor scheduling.

## **SUPPORT HB 522 – Excise taxes on rental motor vehicles**

### **NO ACTION, FOLLOW**

#### **SUMMARY:**

- This bill proposes to amend Georgia's laws regarding excise taxes on rental motor vehicles.
- Implements a \$5.00 per day fee for each day a motor vehicle is rented or leased in the state, effective July 1, 2026.
- Does not apply to "temporary replacement motor vehicles" used while a customer's original vehicle is out of service for repair or breakdown.
- Intends for at least 20% of the collected fees to be used for state tourism initiatives, subject to appropriations.
- Read and referred to committee on February 19, 2026.
- Assigned to the Senate Economic Development and Tourism Committee.