

A QUICK GUIDE TO FOLLOWING LEGISLATION IN GEORGIA

Whether you want to track a bill, contact a legislator, attend a hearing, or review past votes — this guide walks you through it step-by-step.

FIND A BILL

Step 1: Go to <https://www.legis.ga.gov>

Step 2: Use the search bar at the top of the homepage.

- Enter the Bill Number (ex: HB 123, SB 456)
- Or search by keyword

On the Bill Page, you can:

- Read the full bill text
- See the bill summary
- View sponsors
- Check its status in the legislative process
- See committee assignments
- Review vote history

DETERMINE WHERE THE BILL IS IN THE PROCESS

On the bill page, look for:

- **Current Status** (e.g., In Committee, Passed House, Passed Senate, Signed by Governor)
- **Assigned Committee** (listed under bill actions)
- **Legislative History/Actions tab** for timeline updates

If the bill is in committee, note:

- Which chamber (House or Senate)
- Which committee it is assigned to

IF THE BILL IS IN COMMITTEE

Find the Committee Page

1. Click the **committee name** listed on the bill page.
2. This will take you to the committee page.

On the committee page you can:

- See Chair & Vice Chair
- View committee members
- Find meeting schedules
- Access agendas
- Find livestream links (when available)

Contact Committee Leadership:

Click on the Chair or Vice Chair's name.

VIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAPPENING TODAY

From the homepage:

1. Click **"Meetings & Events"**
2. Filter by:
 - Date (Today)
 - Chamber (House or Senate)

Click a specific meeting to:

- View the agenda
- Access livestream links
- Find location details

FIND WHERE A COMMITTEE HEARING WILL BE HELD

On the meeting page, look for:

- **Room number**
 - **Building name**
1. Georgia State Capitol
 2. Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB)

This information allows you to attend hearings in person.

SEARCH ARCHIVES FOR PRIOR COMMITTEE HEARINGS

To watch past hearings:

1. Go to **"Video Archive"** (under Meetings or Media section)
2. Filter by:
 - Committee name
 - Date

Click the archived video to watch prior discussions and testimony.

HOW DID YOUR LEGISLATOR VOTE?

Step 1: Find the Bill

Go to the bill page and click "Votes" or check the Actions tab.

Step 2: Review Roll Call Votes

Click the vote link. You will see: Yeas, Nays, Excused, Not Voting

Step 3: Find Your Representative or Senator

Use the site's **"Find Your Legislator"** tool.

FIND A SENATOR OR REP'S CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Click **"Legislation" > "Members"**
2. Search by:
 - Name
 - District
 - Chamber

Each member page includes:

- Email
- Capitol phone number
- District office info
- Committee assignments

STUDY COMMITTEES (OFF SEASON ACTIVITY)

Study Committees:

- Meet outside the regular legislative session.
- Discuss upcoming policy ideas.
- Hold hearings and take testimony.

To find them:

1. Navigate to the **Committees** section.
2. Look for "Study Committee" listings.
3. Monitor Meetings & Events for scheduled hearings.

These meetings often shape legislation before bills are introduced.