



OPERATION ECHO

FEB 23rd CALL TO ACTION!

*yellow highlights denote NEW BILL or NEW ACTION to take

ELECTION INTEGRITY

We are following multiple bills that are worth supporting, but we encourage OpEcho to read Michael Gordon's article on *Fulton County Speaks* <https://fultoncountyspeaks.com/election-integrity/are-georgia-elections-honest-and-secure/> that highlights the four areas that we need for true election security:

1. **Electors** (clean voter rolls)
2. **Ballots** (ballots that can't be copied/spoiled)
3. **Counts** (counting that prevents cheating)
4. **Enforcement** (We need to be able to ensure the election was properly conducted)

ACTION: call your own house and senate members to let them know these things.

Finally, we also recommend the following specific items:

1. **Eliminate No-Excuse Absentee Ballots**
2. **Eliminate Early Voting**
3. **Close the Primary Elections**
4. **Implement Hand-Marked Paper Ballots** with Election Night Hand Tally
5. Make the State Election Board (SEB) Fully **Independent of the Secretary of State** and **Fully Funded**
6. Eliminate the **illegal QR Code**

The Senate is currently working on Election Integrity legislation. We will update everyone as soon as we see it drop! Still waiting...

SUPPORT HB1242 and HB1350

MAHA

SUPPORT HB1242 and HB1350 – Georgia Medical Freedom Act [Georgia General Assembly - HB1350](#) -

- 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: CALL Sharon Cooper and Speaker Jon Burns in SUPPORT of HB1242 and HB1350.**

Call Sharon Cooper ([404-656-5069](tel:404-656-5069)) and request a hearing and positive vote through her committee. Also, call Jon Burns (Speaker) [404-656-5020](tel:404-656-5020) and let him know we need these bills passed out of the house!

SUPPORT SB415

MAHA

SUPPORT SB 415 – Ban Lab Grown Meat for Human Consumption [Georgia General Assembly - SB 415](#) -

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 SB415.**

Note: Senator Jason Dickerson is the main sponsor.
Senator Russ Goodman (Chair) [404-463-1318](tel:404-463-1318) or email
russ.goodman@senate.ga.gov

ADDITIONAL ACTION: here is the link for all the Committee members:
[Georgia General Assembly - Senate Committee on Agriculture and Consumer Affairs](#)

SUPPORT HB1089

MAHA

SUPPORT HB 1089 Over-the-Counter Ivermectin Reform

[Georgia General Assembly - HB 1089](#) Allows for the sell of Ivermectin without a prescription

- Same bill as SB366, 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: CALL and EMAIL Representative Lee Hawkins in SUPPORT of HB1089 and request a hearing and positive vote through his health committee.**

Lee Hawkins (Chair) [404-656-7855](tel:404-656-7855) email: lee.hawkins@house.ga.gov

Also, CALL Speaker Jon Burns [404-656-5020](tel:404-656-5020) and let him know we need this bill passed out of the house!

SUPPORT SB74

Parental Rights

SUPPORT SB 74—Libraries/Librarians/Harmful Materials

[Georgia General Assembly - SB74](#) - This bill removes the long-standing exemption for libraries and librarians from Georgia law that previously shielded them from liability for providing materials deemed *harmful to minors*.

- 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.
- As of **February 7, 2026**, SB 74 has successfully passed out of the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee and is moving toward the House Rules Committee for scheduling on the House floor for a vote.

 **TAKE ACTION: CALL and EMAIL your house representative and tell them to pass this bill as is (NO MORE amendments) and close this ridiculous and dangerous loophole.**

Stay tuned for additional action pending bill movement!

FIND MY LEGISLATOR

SUPPORT SB426

Parental Rights

SUPPORT SB 426—Civic Engagement Requirements for High School Students.

[Georgia General Assembly—SB426](#)

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 Senator Billy Hickman and ask**

for SUPPORT through committee.

Senator Billy Hickman ([404-463-1371](tel:404-463-1371))

billy.hickman@senate.ga.gov

SUPPORT HB950

Parental Rights

SUPPORT HB 950– School immunization requirements

[Georgia General Assembly HB950](#)

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: Representative Noelle Kahain is the main sponsor.

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

email: chris.erwin@house.ga.gov

ADDITIONAL ACTION: here is the link for all the Committee members:

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

SUPPORT SB425

Parental Rights

SUPPORT SB 425– Mandates Cursive Handwriting Instruction in Georgia Schools.

[Georgia General Assembly – SB 425](#)

- 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.
- Read and Referred in the Senate on January 28, 2026.
- It is currently pending in the Senate Education and Youth Committee.

 **TAKE ACTION: CALL and EMAIL Senator Billy Hickman in SUPPORT of SB 425 since the bill is in his committee (Education & Youth).**

Note: Sen. Jason Dickerson is one of the main sponsor.

Senator Billy Hickman (Chair) [404-463-1371](tel:404-463-1371)

email: billy.hickman@senate.ga.gov

SUPPORT SB471

Parental Rights

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

[Georgia General Assembly – SB 471](#)

- 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.
- Senate Read Second Time on February 12, 2026.
- In the Senate Education & Youth Committee, currently Chaired by Senator Billy Hickman (9R-Statesboro)

 **TAKE ACTION: CALL and EMAIL Senator Billy Hickman in SUPPORT of SB 471 since the bill is in his committee (Education & Youth).**

Note: Sen. Jason Dickerson is one of the main sponsor.

Senator Billy Hickman (Chair) [404-463-1371](tel:404-463-1371)

email: billy.hickman@senate.ga.gov

SUPPORT HB1210

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

SUPPORT SB442

Immigration

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

[Georgia General Assembly - SB 442](#)

- 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](tel:404-463-8055)

email: John.Albers@senate.ga.gov

SUPPORT HB1154

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](#)

- 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.
- House Second Readers on February 4, 2026.
- It has been referred to the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.

 **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](tel:404-463-7853)

email: tyler.smith@house.ga.gov

JUDICIAL NON-CIVIL IS MEETING 1:30PM on 2/23/26 (Monday).

Here is a link to the meeting video:

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/schedule/house/AQIARgAAA6nWrlTxUepCIGGA2bgmi mX9GGA2by4HAGeQLC1kSDdlixjC7EHFmfIAAAJaYAAAAJVi9mcGGA2b4qFNn aWZA gEUQssAASIWR8EAAAuAAADqdashPFR6kKX6CaKZf37LgEAZ5AsLWR IN0iLGMLsQcWZ8gAAA lpgAAAA>

SUPPORT SB486

NO ACTION REQUIRED AT THIS TIME

WATCHING SB 486- Provisions relating to the effect and enforcement of foreign laws

[Georgia General Assembly – SB 486](#)

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.
- Providing for an effective date and applicability for these changes.

 **TAKE ACTION: CALL and EMAIL Senator Brian Strickland in SUPPORT of SB 486 since the bill is in his committee (Judiciary).**

Note: Senators Dolezal and Dickerson are sponsors.

Sen. Brian Strickland (Chair) [404-656-0508](tel:404-656-0508)

email: brian.strickland@senate.ga.gov

JUDICIARY IS MEETING 4 PM on 2/23/26 (MONDAY).

Here is a link to the meeting video:

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/schedule/senate/AQIARgAAA6nWrlTxUepCIGGA2bgmimX9GGA2by4HAGeQLC1kSDdlixjC7EHFmfIAAAJaYgAAAJVi9mcGGA2b4qFNnaWZAgEUQssAASIWQ8AAAAAuAAADqdashPFR6kKX6CaKZf37LgEAZ5AsLWRIN0iLGMLsQcWZ8gAAAipiAAAA>

SUPPORT HB1224

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

[Georgia General Assembly – HB1224](#)

- 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 Representative Robert Dickey in SUPPORT of HB 1224 since the bill is in his committee (Agriculture & Consumer Affairs).**

Note: Rep. Carter Barrett is the main sponsor.

Rep. Robert Dickey (Chair) [\(404\) 656-5099](tel:404-656-5099)

Email: robert.dickey@house.ga.gov

COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4 PM on 2/23/26 (MONDAY).

Here is a link to the meeting video:

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SUPPORT HB 1324

2ND AMMENDMENT

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

[Georgia General Assembly – HB1324](#)

- Will repeal current GA law that prohibits a silencer

 **TAKE ACTION: CALL and EMAIL Representative Robert Dickey in SUPPORT of HB 1324 since the bill is in his committee (JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL).**

Note: Rep. Jason Ridley is the main sponsor.

Rep. Tyler Paul Smith (Chair) [404-463-7853](tel:404-463-7853)

email: tyler.smith@house.ga.gov

COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1:30 PM on 2/23/26 (MONDAY).

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ON HOLD HR1023

Parental Rights Amendment to Georgia's Constitution

Take NO ACTION.

We are currently working on language to firm up one of the 'necessary' guardrails. We should see this resolution in committee mid week.

Invite others to TAKE ACTION by JOINING operationecho.info

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