



FEB 16th CALL TO ACTION!

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)

👉 TAKE ACTION: CALL and EMAIL Senator Blake Tillery—tell him to ensure FULL STATE ELECTION BOARD FUNDING and that the **SEB is NOT controlled by the Secretary of State.**

Sen Blake Tillery, Appropriations Chair [404-656-5038](tel:404-656-5038)
blake.tillery@senate.ga.gov

ADDITIONAL ACTION: you can also call your own house and senate members to let them know these things, too.

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!

FIND MY LEGISLATOR

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

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 democrat amendments) and close this ridiculous and dangerous loophole.**

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 a HEARING AND SUPPORT through committee.**

Senator Billy Hickman ([404](tel:4044631371)) [463-1371](tel:4044631371)

billy.hickman@senate.ga.gov

EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING 2:00 PM on 2/17/26

(Tuesday). Here is a link to the meeting video:

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/schedule/senate/AQIARgAAA6nWriTxUepCIGGA2bgmi mX9GGA2by4HAGeQLC1kSDdlixjC7EHFmfIAAAJaYgAAAJVi9mcGGA2b4qFNn aWZAqEUQssAAR1qt5UAAAAuAAADqdashPFR6kKX6CaKZf37LgEAZ5AsLWRI N0iLGMLsQcWZ8gAAAipiAAAA>

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

EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE IS MEETING 2 PM on 2/17/26 (Tuesday). Here is a link to the meeting video:

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/schedule/senate/AQIARgAAA6nWrITxUepCIGGA2bgmi>

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 PM on 2/17/26 (Tuesday). Here is a link to the meeting video:

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/schedule/house/AQIARgAAA6nWrITxUepCIGGA2bgmi mX9GGA2by4HAGeQLC1kSDdlixjC7EHFmfIAAAJaYAAAAJVi9mcGGA2b4qFNn aWZAgEUQssAARtxjbYAAAAuAAADqdashPFR6kKX6CaKZf37LgEAZ5AsLWRIN 0iLGMLsQcWZ8gAAApgAAAA>

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 hope to have a resolution this week.

Guardrail notes: Child Abuse, Killing the Child, health & safety of the child – gets tricky because Ga Code has rules to mandate vaccines / shots for children.

Invite others to TAKE ACTION by JOINING operationecho.info

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