



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

**LEGISLATIVE DAY 24 OF 40**

Hello Partners! Welcome back to the [Night Owl](#) 🦉, your nightly recap of need-to-know information and intel on what's happening under the Gold Dome.

It is hard to believe Crossover Day is already next week, but the pace under the Gold Dome made it feel very real today. Lawmakers are working against the clock to move priority legislation out of their chamber of origin before the deadline hits, and the Senate calendar reflected that urgency. With budget negotiations continuing in the background, policy debates are sharpening as members position their bills to survive the session's most consequential cutoff.

One of the measures drawing attention today was **SB 116**, which was voted on the Senate floor. The bill would expand Georgia's DNA collection requirements to include individuals charged with a misdemeanor or felony who are also subject to an immigration detainer. Supporters argue the proposal strengthens law enforcement tools, while critics have raised concerns about privacy, due process, and expanding DNA collection prior to conviction. The debate underscores broader tensions this session around immigration enforcement and criminal justice policy.

Notably, the vote also included a bipartisan wrinkle. Senator Sims, a Democrat, voted with the Republican majority in support of the measure. In a session marked by sharply defined partisan lines, that crossover vote stood out and adds another layer of political complexity as lawmakers head into the final stretch before next week's deadline.

We hope you enjoy [The Night Owl](#). Please let us know if you have any suggestions for additional content!

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## **BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DAY**

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## **LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES**

- [Adjournment Resolution](#)
- [Senate Rules](#)
- [House Rules](#)
- Committee Chairs and Office Assignments will be updated once available!
- [PGA Legislative Resources](#)
- Please let us know about any 2026 lobby/advocacy days and events [here](#).

## **IMPORTANT LINKS, RESOURCES, & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Need access to one of our resources or want to share an event you're hosting? Get access or share any events using [this link](#). **Our resources include:**
  - The Night Owl Newsletter
  - 2026 Legislative Calendar
    - This calendar includes legislative information and advocacy days
    - The "GA Rapid Response" Signal chat
  - Press Clips (Tuesday & Thursday)
  - Bill Tracking
    - If you want bills to be included in The Night Owl or our coalition-wide tracker, [please submit them by clicking here!](#)
    - Bill Analysis Sign-up: We **need volunteers to help analyze bills** throughout the legislative session. Many of our partners are on the ground at the Capitol lobbying for the issues we all care deeply about, and they need your help! If you love reading legislation, putting together summaries, and highlighting important points about what bills say, this project is for you! Some of you may already be doing this anyway. Please share your knowledge with us so we can assist our partners in being the strongest advocates they can be.
- Join Photo Circle and share any legislative session photos [here](#).
- Open to uplifting rapid-response posts and calls to action on your personal social media accounts? [Share your personal social media handles here](#).
- Use [this link](#) to follow updates on the Fulton County Election Office FBI raid.

## **CTAs**

- Project South: Call or email your legislators TODAY. Tell them to VOTE NO on HB 1363 & SB 523. Georgia lawmakers are pushing more bills attempting to silence activism around Palestinian rights. Find their [fact sheet here](#) and share [this post](#) from Project South.
- PSL Atlanta: Justice for Kyle Bassinga! The people demand transparency now! Share [this post](#) from PSL Atlanta.

- **MESE:** We ask that folks send any financial support to Dr. Davis's GoFundMe. We'd appreciate it if folks could re-share and uplift MESE's words of condolences to Dr. Davis's loved ones and our condemnation of DHS's well-documented reckless enforcement. Donate using [this GoFundMe](#).
- **Project South:** Tell your representative to oppose HB 1158. The bill would erase the name of the “West Bank” and change it to an Israeli name in all official state communications. This is an attack on Palestinian identity. Find their [fact sheet here](#) and use this [link to contact your representative](#).
- **LDF:** Georgia is facing a college affordability crisis! Did you know that GA is one of only two states that fail to provide need-based aid for students heading to college? We need your help to make our shared dream a reality! Find their [talking points here](#) and sign [this form](#).
- **PSL Atlanta:** Stand with Cuba! Donate to send solar generators and panels to Cuban hospitals! Share [this post](#) and use [this link](#) to donate.
- **GAMVP:** Tell Gwinnett County Public Schools: Keep student wellbeing spaces consistent across schools. Use [this link](#) to send a message to the Gwinnett County Board of Education.
- **BAJI:** The Black Alliance for Just Immigration is raising funds to meet urgent basic needs including food, temporary shelter, healthcare, and transportation, while individuals navigate displacement and begin the process of recovery with dignity. Use [this link](#) to help support Black migrants deported to Ghana.
- Fill out [this form](#) from ICE out of GA to get involved in the movement and get in touch with organizers.
- **No Ice Facility in Social Circle:** Social Circle is not giving up. And people beyond the town have joined the fight. We ask everyone who believes this facility is wrong to join us. Find information about their rally on March 8th [here](#).
- **Martin Lim urges Georgians to call or email the Georgia House requesting a hearing on HB 1053.** Find his call to action [here](#) and his petition to stop Gwinnett cooperation with ICE [here](#).
- **GCEJ:** We encourage you to make a call to your Georgia House of Representatives member and members of the House Rules committee and recommend that they vote NO to SB 74! Find and share their toolkit [here](#).
- **Project South:** HB 675 Attacks Free Speech, Protest, and Organizing in Georgia. Find their talking points [here](#)!
- **Sierra Club:** Help pass SB 34 and prevent skyrocketing power bills! Find the action alert [here](#) and read the talking points [here](#).
- **Asian American Advocacy Fund:** Take action now! As our senators debate, please contact them to remind them to hold strong in their opposition to funding for DHS and ICE. Take action using the link [here](#).
- **Georgia Equality:** WE NEED YOUR HELP! Message your House Rep, RIGHT NOW, urging them to oppose the Senate’s amendments to HB 54. Find the action alert [here](#), and the talking points [here](#).
- **Representative Barnes:** We need community members to reach out to the Education Committee and request a hearing on HB 60. Find the talking points [here](#).
- **Voto Latino:** Call your member of Congress now and demand they support Rep. Robin Kelly’s articles of impeachment against Kristi Noem. Tell them that enough is enough — that accountability, justice, and the protection of due process for all Americans cannot wait. Congress Must Act Now. Hold ICE Accountable. Impeach Kristi Noem. Sign up for email updates [here](#). Use this link to find their talking points [here](#).

- Asian American Advocacy Funds: Call your reps today and ask them to sponsor and support HB 1053! Share this post [here](#).
- NCJW Atlanta: Call your Georgia State Senators and demand that there be no masks, no murders, no militia, and no ICE in Georgia. Follow their template to contact your State Reps and share this post [here](#).
- Georgia Equality: [Tell your State Rep to oppose](#) the extreme government overreach that is SB 74. See their talking points [here](#).
- Take your ICE advocacy to the Capitol. Share this [post](#) from our friends at GYJC about the possibility of SB 397 getting a hearing.
- GLAHR: Tell your legislators to protect vulnerable communities and VOTE NO on HB 295, which would criminalize homelessness in Georgia. [Take action here](#) and share the [Instagram post](#).

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- GYJC will have a Youth at the Capitol day [every Thursday](#) during session. For more information, please contact Melody Oliphant ([melody@georgiayouthjustice.org](mailto:melody@georgiayouthjustice.org)).
- Amplify Georgia will be hosting Reproductive Justice Advocacy Day at the Capitol on [February 26th, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM](#). Breakfast and lunch will be provided, as well as training and support materials to help let your voice be heard! A full schedule and logistics details will be shared with all registrants. [RSVP here](#).
- Progress Georgia will be hosting the first of a series of influencer meet-ups in Atlanta on [February 26th](#). This will be a great opportunity for networking with advocates, lawmakers, and other influencers and learn about important information for the upcoming 2026 election! For more information, please fill out this [interest form](#).
- The Georgia Water Coalition will host its Capitol Conservation Day on [February 26th, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM](#). You can [sign up here](#)!
- Fair Fight Action is hosting its 2026 Lobby Day on [February 26th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM](#). For more information, please contact Kelsey Hanna Beck ([kelsey@fairfightaction.com](mailto:kelsey@fairfightaction.com)).
- Asian American Advocacy Day, hosted by Asian American Advocacy Fund, will be on [March 5th, 2026](#)! Here is the [link](#) to sign up!
- Black Male Initiative will host Black Men & Boys Day at the Capitol on [March 9th, starting at 8:30 AM](#). For more info, please contact D'ante Fair ([dfair@bmigeorgia.org](mailto:dfair@bmigeorgia.org))!
- Infant Emergency Preparedness Advocacy Day will be held on [March 9th](#), by Khari's Calls. Here is the sign-up [link](#)!
- Pride to the Capitol, hosted by the Human Rights Campaign, will be on [March 10th from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM](#). [Sign up here](#) and contact Bentley Hudgins ([bentley.hudgins@hrc.org](mailto:bentley.hudgins@hrc.org)) for more info.
- BMMA, Inc. (Black Mamas Matter Alliance) is hosting Black Maternal Health Week Advocacy Day on [March 20th](#), with a time coming soon! For more information, please contact Stephanie Aristide ([policy@bmmainc.org](mailto:policy@bmmainc.org)).

**BILL KEY**

	ISSUE		STATUS
	Education		Support
	Reproductive Rights		Do not support
	LGBTQIA+		Moving quickly
	COVID-19		Recent Activity
	Healthcare		Not likely to move
	Voting Rights/Elections/Democracy		Time to take action!
	Criminal Justice/Public Safety		Bad bill
	Housing		Wonderful bill
	Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion		Bipartisan Support
	Environment		Zombie Bill
	Religion		
	Marijuana		
	Economy/Labor/Employment		
	First Amendment		
	Immigration		
	Foreign Affairs		

**FAVORABILITY OR DISAPPROVAL ON THE LEGISLATION LISTED BELOW HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY OUR COALITION'S PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS FROM THEIR LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS AND PRIORITIES. IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL INSIGHT ON ANY LEGISLATION INCLUDED BELOW OR HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO [Nicole Henderson](#). IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL BILLS YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN OUR BILL MONITORING THAT AREN'T LISTED, PLEASE [FILL OUT THIS FORM](#).**

**BILL TRACKING**

Bills highlighted in blue have been updated or recently added.

Bill	Key	What's the deal?	Tracking
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**REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**

<a href="#">HB 1069</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill amends <b>Chapter 10 of Title 31</b> of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, which governs <b>vital records</b>, to require the <b>Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH)</b> to <b>publish and maintain statistical reports on induced terminations of pregnancy</b> (abortions).</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1138</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The “Increasing Access to Contraceptives Act” proposes to authorize pharmacists to provide contraceptives, require insurers to cover longer prescriptions, and protect physicians from civil liability, criminal charges, and professional discipline.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new version removes the protection from civil liability for pharmacists who dispense/administer contraceptives and for practitioners who issue standing prescription drug orders.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 2/24
<a href="#">HB 1275</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to amend developments in stem cell therapies to not involve stem cells from abortions.</li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 2/24

**LGBTQIA+**

<a href="#">SB 74</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes significant changes to Georgia's laws regarding harmful materials and minors, specifically affecting libraries and librarians.</li> <li><a href="#">Talking Points from Georgia Equality</a></li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 2/9
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<a href="#">HB 1210</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB 1210 proposes to provide the right for caregivers to exercise religious or other strong beliefs over their children and affirm their child's biological sex. This bill looks to establish that the affirming of a child's sex cannot be considered abuse, neglect, or grounds for loss of custody.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
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**ENVIRONMENT**

<a href="#">HB 1012</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes a temporary moratorium on new data center construction in Georgia.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">SB 94</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill looks to reestablish a consumer utility counsel to represent consumers in matters before the Public Service Commission or other agencies concerning public utilities; to create the Office of the Consumers' Utility Counsel; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</li> </ul>	Senate Committee Favorably Reported by Substitute 2/18
<a href="#">SB 34</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes to amend Georgia's Public Service Commission statutes to address how electric utilities can recover costs associated with serving large commercial data centers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Action alert from Sierra Club</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Senate Recommended
<a href="#">SB 421</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bill prohibits Georgia local governments and authorities from signing nondisclosure agreements that would prevent them from disclosing information about any entity's electricity or water usage.** This transparency measure, titled "The Data Center Transparency Act," appears designed to ensure public access to utility consumption data, particularly for large consumers like data centers.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">SB 410</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes to **repeal the sales and use tax exemption for data center equipment** in Georgia</li> <li>• Eliminates Future Tax Exemptions**: The bill repeals the existing tax exemption (paragraph 68.1</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred

		<p>of Code Section 48-8-3) that currently allows high-technology data centers and their customers to avoid paying state sales and use taxes on equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bill takes effect upon the Governor's approval (or automatically if it becomes law without approval).</li> </ul>	
<a href="#">SB 408</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to amend Georgia's sales and use tax statute, accelerating the expiration date of sales and use tax exemption on equipment purchases for data center equipment in Georgia from 2032 to 2027.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred

**EDUCATION**

<a href="#">SB 412</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill expands the number of professional/personal leave days for teachers and school staff from 3 to 5 days.</li> </ul>	Senate Read Second Time
<a href="#">HB 1009</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill expands Georgia's personal electronic device ban from K-8 to include high school students (grades 9-12).</li> </ul>	House Passed/Adopted
<a href="#">HB 1051</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill changes how law enforcement officers are used in Georgia public schools, aiming to limit police involvement in routine student discipline and increase oversight and accountability.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1107</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill, known as the "Excellent Teacher Preparation Act", proposes to require the Professional Standards Commission to annually evaluate and report the performance of each education preparation provider in the state, creating a more consistent and transparent system for assessing how well future educators are being prepared.</li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 2/20
<a href="#">HB 1094</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HB 1094, known as "Georgia's School Bus and Safety Modernization Act," updates Georgia law to change how student transportation funds are calculated and distributed to local school districts.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers

		The bill gives the State Board of Education clearer authority to set priorities for transportation grants, adds legislative findings and definitions, and repeals conflicting statutes.	
<a href="#">SB 445</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to exclude public schools with a statewide attendance zone and certain charter schools from the annual list of public schools reported by the Office of Student Achievement for the purpose of the “Georgia Promise Scholarship Act.”</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">SB 446</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to permanently integrate Georgia into a federal tax credit scholarship program for contributions to student scholarship organizations.</li> </ul>	Senate Passed/ Adopted 2/18  House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1135</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes Georgia’s in a new federal tax credit scholarship program for scholarship donations while maintaining state oversight through the Revenue Commissioner.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1123</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to require public schools that offer after-school programs for kindergarten, primary, and upper elementary students to provide equal access to after-school programs to pre-K students.</li> </ul>	House Passed/ Adopted
<a href="#">SB 459</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to include literacy coaches in any school containing kindergarten to third grade students for the purpose of promoting state-wide literacy and reading education efforts.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">HB 1269</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to require K-12 students to receive grade level appropriate instruction in digital literacy.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 60</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The “Healthy Start Act” proposes to provide free meals to reduced-price eligible students and require districts to participate in federal programs</li> </ul>	House Second Readers

		that provide free meals for students in high-poverty schools.	
<a href="#">SB 497</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SB 497 proposes to expand the Parents’ Bill of Rights. This bill would create a mandatory notification system that notifies parents when students receive “noninstructional services” from school employees such as counselors, nurses, psychologists, and social workers, and require that all non-instructional services must be kept in students’ education records.</li> </ul>	Senate Committee Favorably Reported
<a href="#">HR 1023</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This resolution proposes a parental rights amendment that would establish that parents have a “fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and control of their children.”</li> <li></li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">SB 513</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to create attendance review teams and instate consequences for students with chronically unexcused absences, such as ineligibility to receive an instruction permit or driver’s license.</li> </ul>	Senate Second Time Read
<a href="#">HB 1325</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HB 1325 proposes to require local boards of education to allow parents and teachers to be involved in developing and updating student codes of conduct.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1327</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to require schools to collaborate with local law enforcement and emergency services to install key boxes at select school locations.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">SB 523</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to require the Department of Education to require K-12 schools to introduce antisemitism to religion based discrimination and authorize withholding state funding from schools who do not comply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Fact Sheet from Project South</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred

<a href="#">HB 1363</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to authorize public schools and colleges to include antisemitism in religion based discrimination and authorize withholding state funding from schools who do not comply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Fact sheet from Project South</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1366</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to create the Georgia Teacher Retention Scholarship for college student children of public school teachers.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1378</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill purposes to amend the “Georgia Promise Scholarship Act” to clarify student residency qualifications for the scholarship.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1379</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill would require The University of Georgia, the Technical College system of Georgia, and other local and public state schools to provide semiannual reports of funding received from foreign sources.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">SB 425</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to require any Georgia school that receives state funding and serves elementary students (grades 3-5) to teach cursive handwriting to students no later than third grade.</li> </ul>	Senate Committee Favorably Reported
<a href="#">SB 475</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to require local school boards to distribute special purpose local option sales tax education funds to charter schools, ensuring that charter schools are not treated less than traditional public schools when receiving these local tax revenues.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">HB 310</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes the creation of two new grant programs to recruit teachers in Georgia by providing financial support to student teachers and new teachers.</li> </ul>	House Passed/ Adopted By Substitute 2/24
<a href="#">HB 372</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bill expands and extends a program allowing Georgia public schools to rehire retired teachers with 30+ years of service, making it easier to address teacher shortages in critical subject areas while providing more flexibility and job security.</li> </ul>	House Passed/ Adopted By Substitute 2/24

<a href="#">HB 385</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to amend the eligibility requirements for the HOPE scholarship to allow students pursuing their graduate degree within the 18 months after completing their baccalaureate degree to use the full hours of their HOPE scholarship eligibility.</li> </ul>	House Passed/ Adopted By Substitute 2/24
<a href="#">HB 971</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Quality Basic Education Act proposes to increase educational opportunities for homeschooled and private school students by allowing them to access career and technical education courses in a wider geographic area and expanding the types of courses available to them.</li> </ul>	House Passed/ Adopted
<a href="#">HB 1023</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to mandate weapon detection systems in Georgia public schools.</li> </ul>	House Passed/ Adopted By Substitute 2/24
<a href="#">HB 1193</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to revise the “Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act” by creating new requirements emphasizing evidence-based reading instruction, early intervention, systematic assessment, and coordinated state-wide literacy efforts.</li> </ul>	House Passed/ Adopted By Substitute 2/24
<a href="#">SB 519</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to amend Georgia’s employment conditions for school employees by providing new requirements for evaluations, teacher contracts, bathroom breaks, professional development, and bus monitors.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">HB 200</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to establish a grant system for eligible public schools to implement three-year pilot immersive writing programs for students in 2nd to 5th grade.</li> </ul>	Senate Recommitted
<a href="#">SB 472</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes new criteria for state oversight of local school systems by creating new requirements for suspension and contractions, limiting distribution of state funding, and enhancing auditing practices.</li> </ul>	Senate Read Second Time

**HOUSING**

<p><a href="#">SB 413</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes to expand tenant protections in Georgia by allowing early termination of residential leases in cases of firearm violence, in addition to existing protections for family violence and stalking.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 414</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes amending Georgia's "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975" to require transparency in rent pricing for residential properties.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1007</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows residential tenants the right to complete repairs required by the landlord and offset rental installments by the reasonable cost of such repairs under certain circumstances.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 463</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes regulations on business enterprises to prevent them from owning an interest in more than 500 single-family residential properties and prevents foreign businesses from owning an interest in any single-family residential property that can serve as a rental property.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Read Second Time</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1177</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes to expand the powers of Georgia's development authorities to include affordable housing projects specifically targeting households at or below 80% of median income.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1166</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill would allow property owners to build or place less than 400 sq feet dwellings on residentially-zoned property without needing zoning approval, while still maintaining safety codes, environmental regulations, historic preservation rules, and flood insurance requirements.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1396</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes to require privately funded homeless service organizations operating near schools, parks, and childcare facilities in the Atlanta metro area to participate in the state's homeless data tracking system, with noncriminal penalties for non-compliance.</li> </ul>	<p>House Committee Favorably Reported</p>

**HEALTHCARE**

<p><a href="#">HB 965</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill proposes to amend Georgia's health records statute to grant parents and legal guardians enhanced access to their unemancipated minor children's medical records.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 427</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address physician shortages in rural Georgia by creating a supervised pathway for qualified international physicians to practice and eventually obtain full licensure.</li> <li>• The program only becomes effective if <b>**specifically funded**</b> through state appropriations and automatically repeals if funding is not maintained.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Passed/ Adopted By Substitute 2/20</p> <p>House First Readers</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1104</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB 1104 strengthens Georgia's informed consent law by prohibiting certain medical examinations on unconscious or anesthetized patients unless explicit consent or authorization has been given in advance. The bill also clarifies that valid informed consent applies to all medical personnel involved in care under specific conditions.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 462</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB 462, also known as the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," amends Georgia code to provide insurance coverage, reimbursement rates, or financing options for certain out-of-network ambulance rides.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Passed/ Adopted 2/18</p> <p>House Second Readers</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1332</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes requiring certain hospitals to prioritize the distribution of American-made pharmaceuticals.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p><a href="#">SR 813</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This resolution proposes to require the Department of Public Health to conduct a study on the relationship between the death of children aged 2 and under and the administration of vaccinations.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 334</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sickle Cell Protection Act would require the Department of Community to annually review Medicaid coverage for sickle cell disease</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>

		treatments, gather public input from disease experts, and report findings to the General Assembly yearly.	
<a href="#">HB 1250</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to require participating hospitals to offer grief counseling and cooling devices to families experiencing pregnancy losses by establishing the Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative administered by the Department of Public Health.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1368</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes state oversight of community mental health services by making executive directors state employees appointed by the commissioner, while maintaining local governing boards with reduced autonomy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mirrors <a href="#">SB 535</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	House Second Readers

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE/PUBLIC SAFETY**

<a href="#">SB 390</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restricts the deployment of <b>armed military forces from other states</b> into Georgia unless the <b>Governor of Georgia gives explicit permission</b>.</li> <li>The bill reinforces <b>state sovereignty and civilian control</b>, ensuring that Georgia’s governor retains authority over when and how armed forces from other states can operate within Georgia’s borders.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">SB 398</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates new criminal offenses related to “<b>virtual peeping</b>”, specifically targeting the <b>nonconsensual use of generative artificial intelligence</b> to create realistic images of real people.</li> </ul>	Senate Passed/ Adopted by Substitute 2/20  House First Readers
<a href="#">HB 994</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to significantly increase penalties for the offense of riot in Georgia.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">SB 383</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill modifies the review to be conducted by local child fatality review committees.</li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported

<a href="#">SB 443</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill transforms obstruction of public passages from a relatively minor offense into a potentially serious crime with substantial criminal penalties and civil liability, particularly when the obstruction causes injury or property damage.</li> </ul>	Senate Read Second Time
<a href="#">SB 450</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to authorize Georgia public libraries to possess and administer opioid antagonists such as naloxone/Narcan to provide preventative measures for opioid overdoses.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">SB 29</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill significantly expands Georgia's DNA collection program by authorizing collection upon arrest (rather than conviction) for <b>serious violent felonies</b>, while also providing additional pathways for DNA profile destruction when charges don't result in conviction.</li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 1/29
<a href="#">HB 295</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes creating a new legal mechanism that allows property owners to seek compensation from local governments under specific circumstances.</li> <li><a href="#">CTA from GLAHR</a></li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 1/29
<a href="#">HB 1154</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HB 1154 proposes to expand the death penalty to include human trafficking for labor or sexual servitude.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1061</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HB 1061, the Mandi Ballinger Act, proposes to raise the juvenile justice age in Georgia from 17 to 18 years old, meaning that 17-year-children will be included in the juvenile justice system.</li> </ul>	House Passed/ Adopted by Substitute 2/20  Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">HB 1226</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bill significantly strengthens self-defense protections by making it easier to claim justification, harder to prosecute, and broader in scope of immunity from both criminal and civil liability.</li> </ul>	House Withdrawn, Recommitted
<a href="#">HB 1223</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill exempts law enforcement audio/video recordings depicting deaths or persons in distress</li> </ul>	House Second Readers

		<p>before death from public disclosure when there's no pending investigation and disclosure would invade privacy. However, it allows access to specific parties (estate representatives, parents/guardians, defendants, civil litigants, and their attorneys) who submit sworn affidavits establishing their eligibility.</p>	
<a href="#">HB 54</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This bill proposes to allow advanced practice nurses and physician assistants to order home healthcare services and provide continued education for handling death certificates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Language from <a href="#">SB 39</a> and <a href="#">SB 30</a> was added to this bill on 2/10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ SB 39 and SB 30 prohibit healthcare coverage of gender-affirming care and prohibit prescribing or administering hormone therapies and puberty-blocking medications to minors</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <a href="#">CTA from Georgia Equality</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Talking Points from Georgia Equality</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Senate Agreed House Amend or Sub As Amended
<a href="#">HB 1075</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This bill proposes to increase the penalty for sexual offense violations when the offender has a previous conviction for human trafficking to felony-level punishment rather than potentially lesser misdemeanor penalties.</li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported
<a href="#">HB 1142</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This bill proposes to create a domestic violence offender registry for repeat offenders and modify pretrial diversion program requirements to ensure that offenders seeking pretrial diversion must agree that any subsequent domestic violence conviction will subject them to inclusion in the new registry.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 984</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This bill proposes to amend Georgia's criminal code to allow law enforcement/investigators to obtain court orders to locate guardians or</li> </ul>	House Second Readers

		complete welfare checks in active abuse investigations of child or elder abuse.	
<a href="#">HB 1226</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to amend Georgia’s self-defense laws.</li> </ul>	House Withdrawn, Recommitted
<a href="#">HB 1270</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes allowing law enforcement to install and use mobile tracking devices during warrant-based searches.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">SB 495</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The “Age-Appropriate Design Code Act” proposes to regulate how online platforms handle minors’ data and exposure to sensitive content.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">HB 1322</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to amend rioting from a misdemeanor penalty to a felony penalty.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1324</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to remove the prohibition on gun silencers.</li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported
<a href="#">HB 1329</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HB 1329 proposes to amend Georgia code to create a new definition for dangerous drugs and Schedule 1 controlled substances.</li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported
<a href="#">HB 1369</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to prevent the enforcement of foreign law if it violates a right guaranteed by the United States or Georgia constitutions.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">SB 525</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to mandate the recording of all juvenile proceedings and to establish the Department of Human Services' right of access to the recordings.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">HB 675</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HB 675 proposes state-level criminal offenses related to material support of terrorism, defined as violent felony acts intended to intimidate civilians, influence government policy, or affect government conduct.</li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 2/18

<a href="#">HB 1398</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to offer arrested women pregnancy tests during detention, adjust how pregnant and postpartum women are treated in incarceration, and create sentencing requirements for pregnant and postpartum women.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<a href="#">HB 1397</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to amend the investigation of sexual assault by establishing implied consent to conduct drug-facilitated sexual assault examinations on unconscious victims of sexual assault.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<a href="#">HB 1348</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill relates to civil practice and aims to reduce receiver compensation costs, particularly for larger receiverships, by implementing a declining commission rate and an overall 5% cap, while maintaining reasonable compensation for smaller cases.</li> </ul>	<p>House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 2/24</p>
<a href="#">SB 499</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to remove the prohibition on possessing firearm silencers in Georgia law.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<a href="#">SB 486</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to restrict Georgia courts from enforcing foreign laws that violate constitutional rights.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Committee Favorably Reported</p>
<a href="#">HB 997</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes changes to the Georgia Penal Institutions Code by creating time limits on county detention, shifting responsibility and costs from counties to the state by requiring faster transfers, and establishing that reimbursement ends when an inmate is transferred or released from county custody.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<a href="#">HB 1040</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill would prohibit smoking within a 25 foot radius of any state and local government building or enclosed public spaces.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<a href="#">HB 1445</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill authorizes Georgia's Department of Juvenile Justice to share real-time GPS tracking data and exclusion zone violations of actively</li> </ul>	<p>House First Readers</p>

		monitored juvenile offenders with law enforcement agencies and public schools.	
<a href="#">HB 1423</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill would amend <a href="#">SB 189</a>, so that the bill will not go into effect until July 1, 2027. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SB 189 proposes to create a statewide online database for legal notices in Georgia, managed by the Department of Community Affairs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	House Hopper
<a href="#">SB 500</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to expand Georgia’s healthcare workforce tracking system to include all licensed health care professionals in Georgia.</li> </ul>	Senate Committee Favorably Reported
<a href="#">SB 399</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mason Sells AED proposes changes to cardiac emergency response by ensuring 911 operators know where AEDs are located and can provide real-time guidance to callers, while reducing regulatory barriers and standardizing training requirements.</li> </ul>	Senate Read Second Time
<a href="#">SB 470</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The “Emergency and Public Safety Signal Protection Act” proposes the complete prohibition on possession, manufacturing, use, and distribution of signal jammers.</li> </ul>	Senate Committee Favorably Reported by Substitute 2/24
<a href="#">SB 441</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to state oversight and regulation of local government investment pools by requiring State Depository Board approval for new multi-government investment arrangements, while preserving the existing state-run pool and exempting certain other pools from this amendment.</li> </ul>	Senate Second Time Read
<a href="#">SB 327</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to add a 6th superior court judge to the Clayton Judicial Circuit.</li> </ul>	Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 2/24
<a href="#">SB 202</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes changes to Georgia Discovery laws in misdemeanor cases by creating an</li> </ul>	Senate Committee Favorably

		optional two-way exchange, giving defendants access to more evidence but requiring them to reciprocally disclose their witnesses and alibi defenses if they choose to participate.	Reported
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**IMMIGRATION**

<a href="#">SB 389</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires certain <b>immigration enforcement officers</b> operating in Georgia to be <b>clearly identifiable to the public</b> while performing immigration enforcement duties.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">SB 391</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restricts immigration enforcement activities in certain locations unless law enforcement has a <b>judicial warrant</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>areas include schools, hospitals, places of worship, libraries, and family violence shelters to protect due process, child safety, and community stability</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">SB 397</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a civil cause of action against federal officials who violate constitutional rights</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">SB 116</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill relates to DNA sampling, collection, and analysis, so as to require the collection of DNA samples from any individual in a detention facility charged with a misdemeanor or felony who is subject to an immigration detainer notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bill expands mandatory DNA collection to include individuals who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are charged (not convicted) with misdemeanors or felonies</li> <li>Are subject to immigration detainer notices</li> <li>Are held in detention facilities (including newly-added county jails and municipal facilities)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li><a href="#">CTA from GLAHR</a></li> </ul>	Senate Passed/ Adopted by Substitute 2/24
<a href="#">SB 442</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill imposes stricter requirements on noncitizen commercial driver's license holders in</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred

		Georgia by: (1) automatically revoking their CDLs when their visa expires or after 5 years; (2) requiring them to retake full knowledge and skills driving tests at every renewal, unlike citizen CDL holders who don't face this requirement; and (3) making conforming technical changes to related statutes.	
<a href="#">SB 464</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill prohibits ICE from using certain technology to identify individuals for certain purposes.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">HB 1053</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HB 1053 proposes to repeal mandatory cooperation with federal immigration authorities by state/local law enforcement while creating protections for immigrant crime victims seeking federal immigration relief.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers

**VOTING RIGHTS/ELECTIONS/ DEMOCRACY**

<a href="#">SR 563</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urges the <b>Georgia Secretary of State</b> to immediately and fully comply with a request from the <b>U.S. Department of Justice</b> to securely produce Georgia's voter registration list.</li> </ul>	Senate Passed/ Adopted
<a href="#">SB 392</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes Georgia's budgeting process by requiring the state to use <b>zero-based budgeting</b> when developing the budget.</li> <li>Instead of starting each year's budget by adjusting last year's spending, agencies must <b>justify their funding from scratch</b></li> <li>May also be known as "Waste Reduction Act of 2026."</li> </ul>	Senate Notice
<a href="#">SB 214</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows voters to cast a <b>physical (paper) absentee ballot on request</b> as an alternative to other authorized methods of in-person voting.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HR 1033</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes a constitutional amendment to restrict when Georgia's legislative and congressional district maps can be redrawn.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers

<a href="#">HB 903</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes to significantly expand the scope of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act by changing which state agencies must comply with it.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<a href="#">HB 1108</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB 1108 would overhaul Georgia’s election system by replacing electronic voting with hand-marked, hand-counted paper ballots, limiting ballot-marking devices to voters who cannot hand-mark, and extending this system to municipal elections.</li> <li>• It also shifts authority over voting equipment from the Secretary of State to the State Election Board, raising significant questions about costs, implementation, and statewide election administration.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<a href="#">HB 1109</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HB 1109 makes changes to Georgia’s election and driver’s license laws to more clearly distinguish non-U.S. citizens from eligible voters.</b> The bill amends both election code and motor vehicle code to ensure that certain state-issued IDs cannot be used for voting and are visibly marked as such.</li> <li>• HB 1109 requires certain licenses, permits, and special identification cards to include the wording: <b>“BEARER NOT A U.S. CITIZEN – NOT VOTER ID.”</b></li> <li>• By amending both election law (Title 21) and motor vehicle law (Title 40), the bill links voter identification rules directly to how IDs are issued and formatted, rather than relying solely on poll-site discretion.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<a href="#">HR 1200</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HR 1200 urges the Georgia Secretary of State to refuse the U.S. Department of Justice’s request to produce unredacted copies of Georgia’s voter registration list</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<a href="#">HB 963</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes to restrict foreign nationals from contributing to, controlling, or participating in</li> </ul>	<p>House Committee Favorably</p>

		Georgia ballot measure campaigns and protect donor privacy.	Reported
<a href="#">HB 1130</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill would amend Georgia code to provide penalties for candidates or campaign committee treasurers who fail to comply with requests for inspections of campaign funds and would allow Georgia political candidates and elected officials to use campaign funds for personal security equipment and services during campaigns and terms of office.</li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported
<a href="#">HB 1227</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes amending Georgia's voter registration laws to address voters who were previously registered to vote in other states.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">SB 531</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes to amend Georgia code, establishing that those with convictions for purchase, possession, or control of certain controlled substances cannot be prevented from registering to vote or voting.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">SB 533</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill proposes a framework to allow non-resident property owners to vote in city elections where they own property but don't live under certain eligibility criteria.</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred

**ECONOMY**

<a href="#">HB 947</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HB 947, the Georgia SNAP Healthier Choices Act of 2026, would prohibit the purchase of certain food and beverage items with SNAP benefits.</li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 2/18
<a href="#">HR 1032</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Raising the Minimum Wage in Georgia</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 140</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill prevents municipalities from over-relying on fines and forfeitures as a revenue stream (capping it at 10% of budget), with the stated goal of discouraging "taxation by citation" practices.</li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported By

		<p>Any excess revenue goes to the state rather than to the local government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">GBPI Report</a></li> </ul>	Substitute 1/29
<a href="#">HB 1001</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This bill proposes to **simplify and accelerate Georgia's income tax rate reduction.</li> <li>● Instead of a gradual, conditional reduction over multiple years (potentially 2026-2029 or longer if delayed), this bill jumps directly to the final 4.99% rate in 2026, providing an immediate tax cut and removing economic performance conditions that could postpone the reduction.</li> </ul>	House Committee Favorably Reported
<a href="#">HB 1102</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HB 1102 would protect certain senior citizens from losing their homes by prohibiting the levy or sale of their property for unpaid property taxes. The bill amends Georgia's tax code to limit how local governments can enforce ad valorem tax collection against qualifying seniors.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1116</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HB 1116 is a technical corrections bill that updates Georgia's tax and education funding laws to ensure accurate calculation of school funding and local government revenues.</li> <li>● It allows tax digests to be accepted despite errors in newspaper publication and excludes certain tax-exempt property values from school funding formulas under the Quality Basic Education Act.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1146</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This bill proposes to amend Georgia law to establish a pilot program to extend Georgia's lottery-funded pre-kindergarten program from four-year-olds to three-year-olds.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<a href="#">HB 1147</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HB 1147 proposes to establish the "Georgia Childcare for Economic Wellbeing Act" to create grants to supplement the out-of-pocket costs for families participating in the Child and Parent Services program and ensure providers receive their full published rate.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers

<p><a href="#">SB 465</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB 465 proposes to disqualify large-scale businesses that employ undocumented immigrants from claiming certain tax credits for those projects.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1118</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes to provide 120 hours of paid maternal birth leave to state government and local education agency employees within the 3 weeks following childbirth.</li> </ul>	<p>House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 2/11</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 436</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This proposes to promote transparency about utility consumption by businesses by prohibiting the use of nondisclosure agreements by local governments and temporarily halting new tax breaks for data center equipment.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 520</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes changes to the Georgia tax code by establishing a progressive income tax system, increasing the tax on tobacco products, and expanding tax credits for families with children and low-income workers, while eliminating private school scholarship tax credits.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1372</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes to prohibit certain foreign persons and entities from purchasing land local near crucial infrastructure without the approval of the Attorney General.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1362</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill would prohibit public officials who would financially profit from certain state contracts from transacting business with the state.</li> </ul>	<p>House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 2/24</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 688</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bill strengthens service of process requirements by mandating trackable delivery methods (certified mail or statutory overnight delivery with return receipt) instead of regular mail, ensuring better proof of delivery and notice to parties in legal proceedings.</li> </ul>	<p>House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 2/24</p>

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

<p><a href="#">HB 1158</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill mandates that Georgia adopt Israel's preferred terminology for disputed territories in the West Bank/Judea and Samaria region, prohibiting state resources from being used to refer to these areas as the "West Bank" in official state documents and communications.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Fact sheet from Project South</a></li> <li><a href="#">CTA from Project South</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
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**NEWS AND UPDATES**

- [DeKalb School Board pushes back on school closure proposal](#)
- [Georgia Power gets largest federal energy loan to aid data center expansion](#)
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**RESEARCH AND POLLING**

[Survey finds positive reviews after Trump's State of the Union address on Tuesday](#)

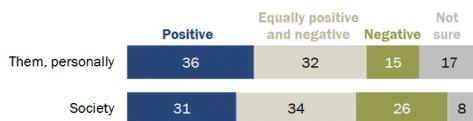
Has had the right priorities	Hasn't paid enough attention to the country's most important problems
54%	46%
44%	56%
59%	41%
56%	42%

A CNN text survey conducted from 482 views of Trump's State of the Union speech found that 64% of surveyed viewers felt the speech was net positive. Of surveyed viewers, the majority felt that Trump's focus is in the right places when it comes to immigration (56%), foreign policy (62%), and the economy (53%) and overall felt Trump was leading the country in the right direction.

[Teens are using AI but some still find it threatening](#)

**Teens are more positive than negative about how AI will impact them**

*% of U.S. teens ages 13 to 17 who say they think the impact of AI on each of the following over the next 20 years will be ...*

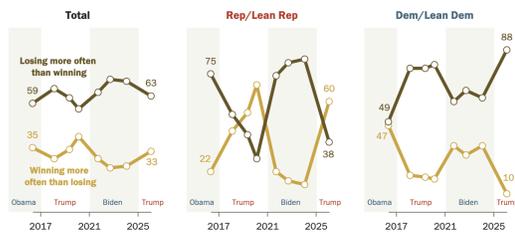


The majority of teens (64%) are using AI chatbots in some form, especially to search for information or help with school work while smaller numbers of teens report using AI chatbots for entertainment or personal conversation. Many teens think AI's influence on the future will be more positive than negative. Of the teens who find AI threatening for the future cite a loss of creativity and critical thinking (34%) as their top reason with job loss (25%) as the second.

**[A year into Trump's presidency most Democrats still feel like they're losing](#)**

Republicans are more likely to say their side is 'winning' in politics today than Democrats were during Biden's presidency

% who say that in politics, their side has been \_\_\_ on the issues that matter to them



In a January report conducted by PEW Research 88% of Democrats responded that they felt like their side was losing more often than winning while 60% of Republicans felt that they were winning more often than losing. Though this is partially due to Trump's presidency, during Biden's term only 36% of Democrats said they felt like their side was winning more often than losing.

**SOCIAL LISTENING & MIS- AND DISINFORMATION TRACKING**

- X: [Reactions to Trump saying he lifted millions off food stamps](#)
  - As of 2/25 @ 12:00 PM
    - Views: 338k
    - Likes: 34k
    - Comments: 1.3k
    - Reshares: 7.7k
- FACEBOOK: [Al Green escorted out of Trump's State of the Union address for holding sign](#)
  - As of 2/25 @ 12:00 PM
    - Reactions: 55k
    - Comments: 6.3k
    - Reshares: 8k
- REDDIT: [Dickens points finger at Atlanta City Council for questionable clerk contract](#)
  - As of 2/25 @ 12:00 PM
    - Upvotes: 31
    - Comments: 31
- REDDIT: [Massive homeless shelter and services hub planned along Atlanta's Beltline faces pushback](#)
  - As of 2/25 @ 12:00 PM
    - Upvotes: 283
    - Comments: 306
- FACEBOOK: [Pete Buttigieg reacts to Trump's State of the Union address](#)
  - As of 2/25 @ 12:00 PM
    - Reactions: 3.8k
    - Comments: 318
    - Reshares: 1.1k
- FACEBOOK: [Survivors of Epstein demand transparency at Trump's State of the Union address](#)
  - As of 2/25 @ 12:00 PM
    - Reactions: 8k
    - Comments: 3.4k
    - Reshares: 656
- FACEBOOK: [Savannah Indivisible: "Buddy Carter does not care about you"](#)
  - As of 2/25 @ 12:30 PM
    - Reactions: N/A
    - Comments: 199
    - Reshares: 81
- REDDIT: [Bill that would ban boots in parking lots big-foots its way into the state Senate](#)
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    - Upvotes: 488
    - Comments: 139

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**JANUARY**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				01 New Year's Day 🎉	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12 LD 1	13 LD 2	14 LD 3	15 LD 4	16 LD 5	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 BUDGET WEEK	21 BUDGET WEEK	22 BUDGET WEEK	23	24
25	26 LD 6	27 LD 7	28 LD 8	29 LD 9	30	31

**FEBRUARY**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
01	02 LD 10	03 LD 11	04 LD 12	05 LD 13	06 LD 14	07
08	09 LD 15	10 LD 16	11 LD 17	12 LD 18	13	14 🧡
15	16 Presidents' Day	17 LD 19	18 LD 20	19 LD 21	20 LD 22	21
22	23 Committee Work Day	24 LD 23	25 LD 24	26 LD 25	27	28

**MARCH**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
01	02 Committee Work Day	03 LD 26	04 LD 27	05 Committee Work Day	06 Crossover Day (LD 28)	07
08	09 LD 29	10 LD 30	11 Committee Work Day	12 LD 31	13	14
15	16 LD 32	17 Committee Work Day	18 LD 33	19 LD 34	20 LD 35	21
22	23 LD 36	24 Committee Work Day	25 LD 37	26 Committee Work Day	27 LD 38	28
29	30	31 LD 39				

**APRIL**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			01	02 Sine Die! 🎉 (LD 40)	03	04

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