



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

LEGISLATIVE DAY 12 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 was another active day in Georgia politics as lawmakers pressed forward with a mix of high-profile legislative moves and growing national reverberations. Under the Gold Dome, the Legislature advanced property tax legislation aimed at capping assessments statewide while additional bills continued to be dropped and debated in committee, keeping “affordability” firmly in play as a defining theme of the session.

Outside the Capitol, state leaders are sharpening their response to the escalating legal fight over the FBI’s seizure of 2020 election documents in Fulton County, with county officials seeking the return of the ballots and critics raising concerns about federal overreach amid intensifying election rhetoric.

At the same time, advocacy and justice priorities are gaining renewed attention, including efforts by the Georgia Black Legislative Caucus to strengthen state civil rights protections and legislation moving through committee that would require weapons detection systems in public schools.

With activity accelerating across multiple fronts, the session's pace shows no signs of slowing.

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](#).

## CTAs

- 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](#).
- GLAHR: Tell your legislators to stand with immigrant communities and VOTE NO on SB 116, which would require DNA samples to be collected from anyone who has an immigration detainer notice and has been charged with a misdemeanor or felony. [Take action here](#) and share the [Instagram post](#).

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## **MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- Latino Day at the Capitol, hosted by GALEO and LCF Georgia, will be held on **February 5th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Please contact Darrick Alvarez ([dalvarez@galeoimpactfund.org](mailto:dalvarez@galeoimpactfund.org)), Jerry Gonzalez ([jerry@galeo.org](mailto:jerry@galeo.org)), or Jean-Luc Rivera ([jean-luc@lcfgeorgia.org](mailto:jean-luc@lcfgeorgia.org)) for more information. [Sign up here](#).
- Georgia Values Action, Poder Latinx, and a number of other partner organizations will be hosting a press conference to mark the 33rd anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) on **February 5th from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM**. You can sign up to join this event, and other Poder Latinx events at the State Capitol, [here!](#)
- Georgia Equality will host the AIDS Watch 2026 under the Gold Dome on **February 5th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Here is the [link](#) to sign up.
- Amplify GA will be hosting a workshop to advocate for abortion rights on **February 8th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. [Sign up here](#).
- Project South is hosting their second panel on Immigration in Georgia titled “DISAPPEARED & DENIED DUE PROCESS: Lost in Georgia’s Immigration Detention Centers” on **February 9th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**. You can [sign up here](#).
- CSRA will be hosting a New American Celebration event at the Capitol on **February 12th**. Here is the sign-up [link](#).
- The Georgia NAACP State Conference will host their day at the Capitol on **February 12th**. More details to come soon!
- The Georgia Muslim Voter Project and American-Islamic Relations Georgia will be co-hosting Muslim Advocacy Day at the Georgia Capitol on **February 12th**. You can sign up using this [link!](#)
- 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)).
- Black Voters Matter will host a Black Voters Matter Day at the Capitol on **February 24th** (new date!). Please contact Dr. Melinee Calhoun ([melinee@blackvotersmatterfund.org](mailto:melinee@blackvotersmatterfund.org)) for more information.
- 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](#).
- 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.

**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		

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**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
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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 Recommended
<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.</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,"</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred

		appears designed to ensure public access to utility consumption data, particularly for large consumers like data centers.	
<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 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.</li> <li>• The bill takes effect upon the Governor's approval (or automatically if it becomes law without approval).</li> </ul>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">SB 408</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bill proposes to **accelerate the expiration date** of a tax exemption for data center equipment in Georgia.</li> <li>• The bill amends Georgia's sales and use tax statute, specifically the provision dealing with data center equipment tax exemptions (Code Section 48-8-3, paragraph 68.1, subparagraph H).</li> <li>• Data centers in Georgia would lose their sales and use tax exemption on equipment purchases 5 years sooner than under current law, potentially increasing their tax burden starting in 2027 instead of 2032.</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 Second Readers

<p><a href="#">HB 1051</a></p>		<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>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1107</a></p>		<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>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1094</a></p>		<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. 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.</li> </ul>	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 445</a></p>		<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>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 446</a></p>		<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>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1135</a></p>		<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>	<p>House First Readers</p>

<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 for after-school programs to pre-K students.</li> </ul>	House First Reader
SB 459		<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 Hopper

**HOUSING**

<a href="#">SB 413</a>		<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>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">SB 414</a>		<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>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">HB 1007</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows residential tenants with 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>	House Second Readers
SB 463		<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>	Senate Hopper

**HEALTHCARE**

<a href="#">HB 965</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bill proposes to amend Georgia's health records statute to grant parents and legal guardians</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
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		enhanced access to their unemancipated minor children's medical records.	
<a href="#">SB 427</a>		<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>	Senate Read and Referred
<a href="#">HB 1104</a>		<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>	House Second Readers
SB 462		<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>	Senate Hopper

**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 Read and Referred

<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>	Senate Read Second Time
<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 and Referred
<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 First 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-olds would not be tried as adults in the criminal justice system.</li> </ul>	House Second Readers

**IMMIGRATION**

<p><a href="#">SB 389</a></p>		<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>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 391</a></p>		<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>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 397</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a civil cause of action against federal officials who violate constitutional rights</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 116</a></p>		<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>	<p>Senate Recommended</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 442</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill imposes stricter requirements on noncitizen commercial driver's license holders in 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.</li> </ul>	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>

SB 464		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill prohibits ICE against from using certain technology to identify individuals for certain purposes.</li> </ul>	Senate Hopper
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**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 Read and Referred
<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>	House Committee Favorably Reported 1/29
<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> </ul>	House Second Readers

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	
<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>	House Second Readers
<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>	House First Readers

**ECONOMY**

<a href="#">HB 947</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would prohibit the purchase of certain food and beverage items with SNAP benefits</li> </ul>	House Second Readers
<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 Substitute

		<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>	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 Second Readers
<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 to from four-year-olds to three-year olds.</li> </ul>	House First 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 First Readers

**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.</li> </ul>	<p>House First Readers</p>
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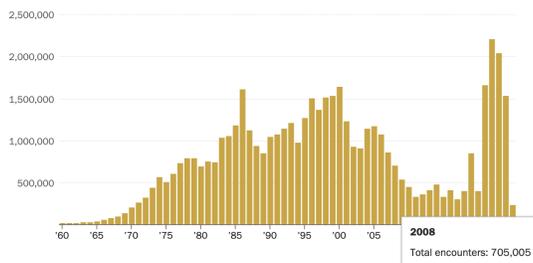
**NEWS AND UPDATES**

- [Fulton County seeks return of 2020 election documents seized by FBI](#)
- [New proposal requires weapons detection systems at all Georgia public schools](#)
- [Georgia House budget favors property tax relief over income tax rebates](#)
- [Police body cam footage shows confusion at FBI raid of Fulton elections office](#)
- [It doesn't add up. Georgia's budget outlook is in trouble in the Trump Era](#)
- ['Forever chemicals' quietly contaminating drinking water wells in NW Georgia, across US](#)
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- [Republican Rick Jackson Enter Georgia Governor's Race In Surprise Move](#)

**RESEARCH AND POLLING**

**In 2025, encounters with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border fell to their lowest level since 1970**

Migrant encounters by U.S. Border Patrol at the U.S.-Mexico border, by fiscal year



Note: Beginning in fiscal 2020, totals combine apprehensions and expulsions into a new category known as encounters. Totals before March 2020 include apprehensions only. Some migrants are encountered more than once. Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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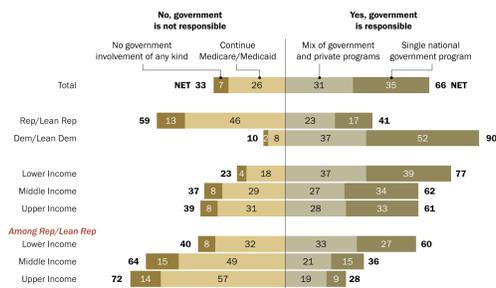
Chart Data Share

**[Migrant encounters at the U.S.-Mexico border are at their lowest level in more than 50 years](#)**

The Border Patrol recorded 237,538 encounters with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border in the 2025 fiscal year, which began in October 2024 and ended in September 2025. That was down from more than 1.5 million encounters in fiscal 2024, more than 2 million in fiscal 2023 and a record of more than 2.2 million in fiscal 2022. The 2025 total was the lowest in any fiscal year since 1970, according to historical data from the Border Patrol.

**Lower-income Republicans are much more likely than those with middle, upper incomes to say government is responsible for ensuring health care coverage**

Is it the federal government's responsibility to make sure all Americans have health care coverage (%)?



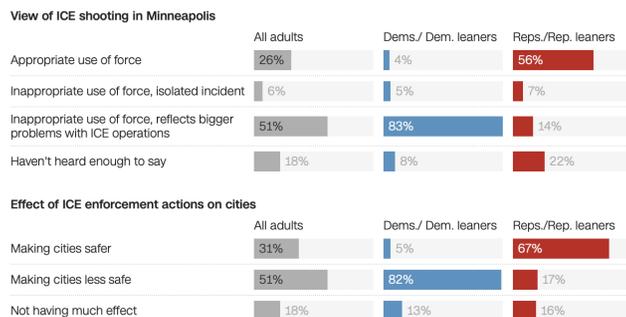
**[Most Americans say government has a responsibility to ensure health care coverage](#)**

There are wide differences between higher- and lower-income Republicans on this question:

60% of Republicans with lower incomes say ensuring health coverage for all is the federal government’s responsibility. This includes 27% who say this should be done through a single national insurance program.

Far smaller shares of Republicans with middle incomes (36%) and upper incomes (28%) say the government has this responsibility.

**Most Americans call shooting by ICE agent in Minneapolis an inappropriate use of force**



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Most Americans see an immigration officer’s fatal shooting of Minneapolis resident Renee Good as an inappropriate use of force, a new CNN poll conducted by SSRS finds. Roughly half view it as a sign of broader issues with how US Immigration and Customs Enforcement operates, with less than one-third saying that ICE operations have made cities safer.

Note: The CNN poll was conducted by SSRS from January 9-12 among a random national sample of 1,209 US adults drawn from a probability-based panel. Surveys were either conducted online or by telephone with a live interviewer. Results shown in this chart have a margin of sampling error of up to ±4.9 percentage points. Some results may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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## KEY DATES TO WATCH

### 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
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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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