



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

LEGISLATIVE DAY 15 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.

Lawmakers returned with affordability front and center, and clear contrasts emerged between the House and the Senate. Senate Republicans advanced a sweeping tax proposal that would make the first \$100,000 of a family's income tax-free, significantly reshaping Georgia's tax structure by eliminating income taxes over time. While supporters framed the plan as relief for working families, questions are already emerging about its long-term impacts on state revenue and public service funding.

Meanwhile, House lawmakers moved in a different direction, advancing a property tax relief proposal instead of the governor's previously floated income tax rebate, raising new concerns about how local governments and schools could be affected.

Beyond taxes, lawmakers also focused on household costs and public safety. The House advanced legislation to protect residential electricity customers from rate increases tied to the rapid expansion of data centers, signaling growing scrutiny of who pays for Georgia's economic growth.

Outside the chambers, gun safety advocates gathered at the Capitol as jury selection began in the Apalachee High School shooting case, renewing calls for action on firearm conversion devices. With Crossover Day approaching, today's activity underscored the stakes of the weeks ahead and the decisions lawmakers are making about affordability, accountability, and public trust that we all must pay close attention to.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DAY

[HOUSE FLOOR SESSION LD 15](#) [SENATE FLOOR SESSION LD 15](#)

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](#).
- Georgia Equality's [talking points on SB 74](#)

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

- 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](#).

- Freedom to Read Coalition of Columbia County: Take action against SB 74, tell the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee to vote NO on SB 74. 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](#).
- 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](#).

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- The Gwinnett Justice and Administration System will be hosting a Black History Month Heritage Night Celebration on [February 11th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM](#). 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](#).
- 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).
- The Legislative AAPI Caucus will host a Lunar New Year celebration at The Capitol on [February 17th from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM](#). Here is the [link to sign up](#).
- The Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence is hosting a kickoff event at The Capitol on [February 18th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM](#) for Stand With Survivors Day. Sign up [here](#)!
- 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) 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).
- 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)!

- 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) 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).

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

HB 1069		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill amends Chapter 10 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, which governs vital records, to require the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) to publish and maintain statistical reports on induced terminations of pregnancy (abortions). 	House Second Readers
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LGBTQIA+

SB 74		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes significant changes to Georgia's laws regarding harmful materials and minors, specifically affecting libraries and librarians Talking Points from Georgia Equality 	House Second Readers
HB 1210		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	House First Readers

ENVIRONMENT

HB 1012		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes a temporary moratorium on new data center construction in Georgia. 	House Second Readers
SB 94		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Senate Recommitted

		the Consumers' Utility Counsel; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
SB 34		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Senate Recommended
SB 421		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 410		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes to **repeal the sales and use tax exemption for data center equipment** in Georgia 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. The bill takes effect upon the Governor's approval (or automatically if it becomes law without approval). 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 408		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Senate Read and Referred

EDUCATION

<p>SB 412</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill expands the number of professional/personal leave days for teachers and school staff from 3 to 5 days. 	<p>Senate Read Second Time</p>
<p>HB 1009</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill expands Georgia's personal electronic device ban from K-8 to include high school students (grades 9-12). 	<p>House Committee Favorably Reported</p>
<p>HB 1051</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p>HB 1107</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p>HB 1094</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>House Second Readers</p>
<p>SB 445</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.” 	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p>SB 446</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill proposes to amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to permanently integrate Georgia into a federal tax credit scholarship 	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>

		program for contributions to student scholarship organizations.	
HB 1135		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes Georgia's in a new federal tax credit scholarship program for scholarship donations while maintaining state oversight through the Revenue Commissioner. 	House Second Readers
HB 1123		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	House Second Readers
SB 459		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Senate Read and Referred

HOUSING

SB 413		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 414		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes amending Georgia's "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975" to require transparency in rent pricing for residential properties. 	Senate Read and Referred
HB 1007		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	House Second Readers
SB 463		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Senate Read and Referred

		owning an interest in any single-family residential property that can serve as a rental property.	
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HEALTHCARE

HB 965		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	House Second Readers
SB 427		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address physician shortages in rural Georgia by creating a supervised pathway for qualified international physicians to practice and eventually obtain full licensure. The program only becomes effective if **specifically funded** through state appropriations and automatically repeals if funding is not maintained. 	Senate Read Second Time
HB 1104		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	House Second Readers
SB 462		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Senate Read and Referred

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 390		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricts the deployment of armed military forces from other states into Georgia unless the Governor of Georgia gives explicit permission. The bill reinforces state sovereignty and civilian control, ensuring that Georgia's governor retains 	Senate Read and Referred
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		authority over when and how armed forces from other states can operate within Georgia’s borders.	
SB 398		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates new criminal offenses related to “virtual peeping”, specifically targeting the nonconsensual use of generative artificial intelligence to create realistic images of real people. 	Senate Committee Favorably Reported by Substitute
HB 994		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes to significantly increase penalties for the offense of riot in Georgia. 	House Second Readers
SB 383		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill modifies the review to be conducted by local child fatality review committees. 	Senate Passed/ Adopted
SB 443		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 450		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 29		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill significantly expands Georgia's DNA collection program by authorizing collection upon arrest (rather than conviction) for serious violent felonies, while also providing additional pathways for DNA profile destruction when charges don't result in conviction. 	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 1/29
HB 295		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes creating a new legal mechanism that allows property owners to seek compensation from local governments under specific circumstances. CTA from GLAHR 	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 1/29
HB 1154		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1154 proposes to expand the death penalty to include human trafficking for labor or sexual servitude. 	House Second Readers

HB 1061		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	House Second Readers
HB 1226		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	House First Readers
HB 1223		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill exempts law enforcement audio/video recordings depicting deaths or persons in distress 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. 	House First Readers
HB 675		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	House Withdrawn, Recommitted

IMMIGRATION

SB 389		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires certain immigration enforcement officers operating in Georgia to be clearly identifiable to the public while performing immigration enforcement duties. 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 391		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricts immigration enforcement activities in certain locations unless law enforcement has a judicial warrant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ areas include schools, hospitals, places of worship, libraries, and family violence shelters to protect due process, child safety, and community stability 	Senate Read and Referred

<p>SB 397</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a civil cause of action against federal officials who violate constitutional rights 	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p>SB 116</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> The bill expands mandatory DNA collection to include individuals who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are charged (not convicted) with misdemeanors or felonies Are subject to immigration detainer notices Are held in detention facilities (including newly-added county jails and municipal facilities) CTA from GLAHR 	<p>Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 2/4</p>
<p>SB 442</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p>SB 464</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill prohibits ICE from using certain technology to identify individuals for certain purposes. 	<p>Senate Senate Read and Referred</p>
<p>HB 1053</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>House Second Readers</p>

VOTING RIGHTS/ELECTIONS/ DEMOCRACY

SR 563		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urges the Georgia Secretary of State to immediately and fully comply with a request from the U.S. Department of Justice to securely produce Georgia’s voter registration list. 	Senate Passed/ Adopted
SB 392		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes Georgia’s budgeting process by requiring the state to use zero-based budgeting when developing the budget. Instead of starting each year’s budget by adjusting last year’s spending, agencies must justify their funding from scratch May also be known as “Waste Reduction Act of 2026.” 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 214		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows voters to cast a physical (paper) absentee ballot on request as an alternative to other authorized methods of in-person voting. 	House Second Readers
HR 1033		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes a constitutional amendment to restrict when Georgia's legislative and congressional district maps can be redrawn. 	House Second Readers
HB 903		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes to significantly expand the scope of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act by changing which state agencies must comply with it. 	House Committee Favorably Reported 1/29
HB 1108		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 	House Second Readers
HB 1109		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1109 makes changes to Georgia’s election and driver’s license laws to more clearly 	House Second Readers

		<p>distinguish non-U.S. citizens from eligible voters. 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 1109 requires certain licenses, permits, and special identification cards to include the wording: “BEARER NOT A U.S. CITIZEN – NOT VOTER ID.” • 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. 	
HR 1200		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	House Second Readers
HB 215		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 215, the “Voter List Integrity Act,” proposes to prohibit Georgia from participating in multistate voter list maintenance organizations and switch to using direct state-to-state compacts, specifically organizations that may encourage voter registration outreach. 	HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS 2/10
HB 963		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill proposes to restrict foreign nationals from contributing to, controlling, or participating in Georgia ballot measure campaigns and protect donor privacy. 	HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS 2/10
HB 1130		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS 2/10

HB 1227		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes to make amends to Georgia's voter registration laws regarding voters who were previously registered to vote in other states. 	<p>HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS 2/10</p>
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ECONOMY

HB 947		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 947, the Georgia SNAP Healthier Choices Act of 2026, would prohibit the purchase of certain food and beverage items with SNAP benefits. 	<p>House Second Readers</p>
HR 1032		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Raising the Minimum Wage in Georgia 	<p>House Second Readers</p>
HB 140		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Any excess revenue goes to the state rather than to the local government. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GBPI Report 	<p>House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute 1/29</p>
HB 1001		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes to **simplify and accelerate Georgia's income tax rate reduction. 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. 	<p>House Second Readers</p>
HB 1102		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>House Second Readers</p>
HB 1116		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1116 is a technical corrections bill that updates Georgia's tax and education funding laws to 	<p>House Second Readers</p>

		<p>ensure accurate calculation of school funding and local government revenues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	
HB 1146		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	House Second Readers
HB 1147		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	House Second Readers
SB 465		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB 465 proposes to disqualify businesses that employ undocumented immigrants for large-scale from claiming certain tax credits from said projects. 	Senate Read and Referred

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

HB 1158		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	House Second Readers
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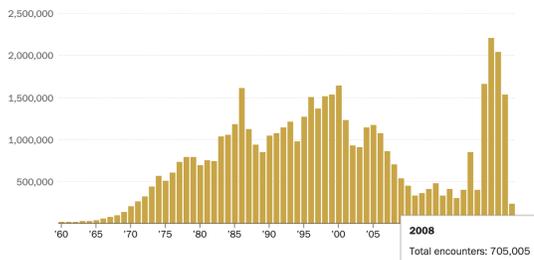
NEWS AND UPDATES

- [Trial to begin in Georgia for the father of the Apalachee High School shooting suspect](#)
- [5 glaring warning signs for Republicans in this year's midterm elections](#)
- [ICE to begin detaining immigrants inside Social Circle warehouse in April](#)
- [Federal judge to unseal DOJ records on Fulton County ballot seizure](#)
- [Rick Jackson's campaign for governor resets fight for MAGA base in Georgia](#)
- [Bad Bunny's Super Bowl halftime performance redefined what it means to be an American patriot](#)
- [As America turns 250, the fight over Black history intensifies](#)
- [Georgia House trims governor's budget, allocates funds to rural infrastructure](#)

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.

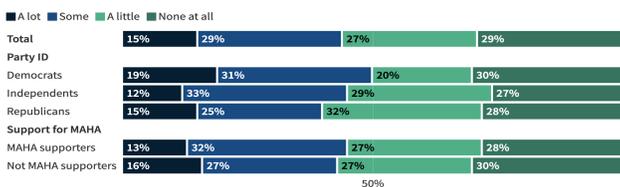


[Majority of middle class Americans believe economic opportunities have been decreasing over the past years](#)

Financial differences between two classes of Americans reflect the widening gap between economic expectations. Majority (62%) of polled wealthy people believed that economic opportunities such as buying a house, getting a good job, and raising a family are increasing in recent years while the majority of middle class people (53%) believe these opportunities are decreasing.

Less Than Half of U.S. Adults Are Confident in Federal Health Agencies To Make Recommendations for Childhood Vaccines

How much confidence do you have in federal government health agencies like the CDC and FDA to make recommendations about childhood vaccine schedules?



[Americans are losing trust in the CDC under Trump's presidency](#)

Most Americans (54%) think that the Trump administration's changes to the childhood vaccine schedule will have a negative impact on children's health. Since September 2023, Democrat trust in the CDC has fallen from majority (88%) to half (55%), while both Republican (43%) and Independent (46%) steadily remain untrusting.

SOUTH	Jan-26	Jan-25	2025
Alabama	79	56	9,367
Arkansas	0	325	620
Florida	1,008	1,732	26,650
Georgia	31,415	267	80,893
Kentucky	135	1,278	7,151
Louisiana	85		2,054
Mississippi	0	121	2,006

[Georgia reported as the state with the highest layoff numbers in January](#)

A report released on February 5th found Georgians received the most layoffs in the country with 31,415 jobs cut. This marks a 11,665.9% increase in Georgia layoffs in January 2025 (267 jobs cut) and the highest number of layoffs in January since the 2009 recession.

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- REDDIT: [PTC ICE protest.](#)
 - As of 2/9 @ 11:00 AM
 - Upvotes: 2.8k
 - Comments: 208
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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
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	18 LD 33	19 LD 34	20 LD 35	21



		Work Day				
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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