

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

January 27, 2025

Ok. This week I have had a lot of snow-time to ponder words of wisdom to share in this weekly missive, so put your seatbelts on because here they come: Read the newspaper. I do not mean “Read the news that you or your algorithm self-selects for you about weight loss drugs, divorces of people you haven’t met, or bamboo-eating pandas. (Or even divorces of bamboo-eating pandas.)” What I mean is “stretch a little and read local news and national news about everything.” You will be surprised at what you learn about your neighbors, what your elected officials are working on, and honestly, sometimes even pandas. Why, I myself learn something new every day when I read the paper. Last week I learned about creepy deepfakes of child pornography (yuck.) and what some legislators are trying to do about it with Senate Bill 9. I also learned about statewide updated school safety rules and about some guy (my new hero) who went around putting googly eyes on public sculptures in Oregon. I just need to share this from that AP article:

Jeff Keith, founder of a Bend-based nonprofit called Guardian Group that works to combat human trafficking, said Friday that he used duct tape to attach googly eyes to two sculptures. He said he has carried out similar pranks on other Bend sculptures before — such as adorning them with hula skirts and leis — and that they serve as a respite from the emotional toll of his work.

“It is a place for me to cope with some pretty heavy stuff,” he told The Associated Press, noting that many of the trafficking victims he has worked with have been through “unimaginable trauma.”

So here is the lesson: even though this article was alluring to me because I am a sucker for googly eyes, it never would have made my self-selected news feed, and in the end, it actually had to do with a guy who needed to relieve his secondary trauma from trying to help victims of human trafficking, many of whom, I can tell you with certainty, were trafficked as kids! And what did I learn? I learned that the next time I come out of a particularly emotional hearing the Capitol, I will heal myself by imagining googly eyes, fake nose-and-moustaches or Where’s Waldo hats on any number of statues, portraits or taxidermized animals adorning those stately halls. Oglethorpe state? Curley moustache. Miss Freedom? Googly Eyes. Two-headed squirrel? WW hats (2 of them!). Why, I feel better already!

And you feel better too so check in on bills, action alerts and upcoming advocacy events below! See you in the news!

--Polly

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Justice, Public Safety, & School Discipline

SB 25 (McLaurin-14th) Any offender being considered or considered for parole may request either a video conference 30 days before the parole date and/or written documentation of the decision of the delay or denial of parole.

STATUS: Senate Hopper



Child Welfare & Protection

HB 57 (Cameron-1st) Expands the definition of incest to include step-grandparents and step-grandchildren.

STATUS: House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee

SB 8 (Kirkpatrick-32nd) Adds juvenile court judges to the list of judges who may issue a warrant for the arrest of any offender against the penal laws, based on probable cause either on the judge's own knowledge or on the information of others given to the judge or officer under oath.

STATUS: Senate Children and Families Committee

SB 9 (Albers-56th) Prohibits distribution of computer-generated obscene material depicting a child and provides penalties and probation for such obscenities.

STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee



Health & Behavioral Health

HB 19 (Scott-76th) Requires DBHDD to create an electronic inpatient psychiatric bed registry to identify availability for psychiatric beds for inpatient facilities. Additional data sharing shall be reviewed and set by the department.

STATUS: House Public Health and Community Health Committee

HB 20 (Scott-76th) Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules requiring all certificated public school personnel to receive annual training in depression and suicide awareness and prevention. The bill also establishes the Student Mental Health Screenings Grant Program, and requires GaDOE to develop a model policy for student depression and suicide awareness, plus help schools establish certain healthcare related partnerships to conduct mental health screenings.

STATUS: House Education Committee

HB 24 (Scott-76th) Establishes a school-linked behavioral health grant program under DBHDD to identify early interventions in K-12 schools for students that may have mental health or substance use disorders.

STATUS: House Education Committee

- HB 25** (Scott-76th) Requires DBHDD to establish a school-linked behavioral health grant program to identify early interventions in K-12 schools for students that may have mental health or substance use disorders.
STATUS: House Public Health and Community Health Committee
- HB 59** (Glaize-67th) Reduces the legal counselor ratio from 1 counselor to 450 students to 1 counselor to 250 students.
STATUS: House Education Committee
- HB 81** (Ballard-147th) "Interstate Compact for School Psychologists"- Joins Georgia to state pathway that allows school psychologist to obtain and practice in schools in any member state. If passed, the Act would become effective once 7 states are in the compact.
STATUS: House Education Committee
- HB 83** (Au-50th) Increases the taxes on packs of cigarettes from 37¢ to 57¢ per pack.
STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee
- HB 84** (Au-50th) Increases the taxes on packs of vapor products from 7% of the wholesale price to 15%.
STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee
- HB 87** (Clark-100th) Requires health insurance benefits to cover medically necessary orthotic devices and prosthetic devices for affected persons during a three-year period. Additionally, healthcare insurance beneficiaries are to be provided with at least two distinct healthcare professionals under their coverage for each issuance and renewal of their coverage.
STATUS: House Health Committee
- HB 96** (Park-107th) Increases the taxes on packs of cigarettes from 37¢ to \$1.37 per pack.
STATUS: House Hopper
- HB 97** (Park-107th) Provides the expansion of Medicaid for low income individuals making less than 138 percent of the (FPL).
STATUS: House Hopper
- HB 100** (Douglas-78th) Requires that health insurers cost share the price of prescription drugs with enrollees, covering at least 80% of the rebates they receive or anticipate receiving for each drug.
STATUS: House Hopper
- HB 101** (Douglas-78th) Requires for the Board of Community Health to report annually the amount of prescription drug rebates and related concessions applied to the premium reductions for state health benefits plan participants.
STATUS: House Hopper
- HB 102** (Cooper-45th) Facilitates the establishment of the Georgia Quality Reporting Project in order to: gauge the quality of treatment for opioid use disorder and healthcare overall, improve the quality of care to

Georgia residents, reduce the overall cost of medical treatment and care in this state, and foster clinical research.

STATUS: House Hopper

HB 109 (Bonner-73rd) "EmPATH Georgia Act:" Creates a five-year pilot program for people experiencing psychiatric emergencies. This program will operate for adults 18 years or older seven days a week and provide intensive short- term noninstitutional treatment.

STATUS: House Hopper

HR 8 (Schofield-63rd) Creates the "State Workgroup to Increase Chronic Disease Information and Screening in Communities of Color."

STATUS: House Public and Community Health Committee

SB 5 (Kirkpatrick-32nd) Provides that each insurer that utilizes prior authorization requirements shall implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements based on the stratification of healthcare providers performance and adherence to evidence-based medicine. Such program shall promote quality, affordable healthcare and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens for both the insurer and the healthcare provider.

STATUS: Senate Insurance and Labor Committee



Maternal & Infant Care

HB 25 (Scott-76th) Allows GA DHS to apply for a waiver allowing SNAP and WIC beneficiaries to purchase diapers and menstrual hygiene products with the benefit once the US Department of Agriculture makes such an application available.

STATUS: House Public Health and Community Health Committee

HB 46 (Davis-87th) Ensures additional representation of healthcare and mental health experts, community members, and relevant nonprofits on the Maternal Mortality Review Committee. Also addresses Committee vacancies and establishes privacy protocols.

STATUS: House Public and Community Health Committee

HB 89 (Cooper-45th) Amends the duties of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee to review psychiatric or other clinical records provided by healthcare facilities. Additionally this bill establishes the "Regional Perinatal Center Advisory Committee" which shall advise the Commissioner of Public Health on related perinatal centers and adequacy of the regional perinatal system.

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 94 (Lumsden-12th) Requires health insurance benefits to cover standard fertility preservation services when medically necessary treatments such as radiation therapy, and chemotherapy have potentially infertility side effects.

STATUS: House Hopper



Early Childhood Education & Out-of-School Time

HB 118 (Townsend-179th) Requires childcare learning centers and family child care learning homes maintain at least one portable airway clearance device and each employee that cares or supervises children be trained in CPR.

STATUS: House Hopper



K-12 Education

HB 12 (Cannon-172nd) Reduces the minimum required millage rate from 14 mills to 10 mills for a school system to qualify for equalization grants.

STATUS: House Education Committee

HB 20 (Scott-76th) Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules requiring all certificated public school personnel to receive annual training in depression and suicide awareness and prevention. The bill also establishes the Student Mental Health Screenings Grant Program, and requires GaDOE to develop a model policy for student depression and suicide awareness, plus help schools establish certain healthcare related partnerships to conduct mental health screenings.

STATUS: House Education Committee

HB 23 (Scott-76th) Requires schools to provide progress reports to parents or legal guardians of students in the early intervention program, and requires the GaDOE to collaborate with the Professional Standards Commission to improve and update professional development opportunities for teachers that specifically relate to supporting limited-English-proficient students.

STATUS: House Education Committee

HB 24 (Scott-76th) Establishes a school-linked behavioral health grant program under DBHDD to identify early interventions in K-12 schools for students that may have mental health or substance use disorders.

STATUS: House Education Committee

HB 26 (Scott-76th) Requires DBHDD to establish a school-linked behavioral health grant program to identify early interventions in K-12 schools for students that may have mental health or substance use disorders.

STATUS: House Public Health and Community Health Committee

HB 27 (Scott-76th) Provides for grants by the State Board of Education to local units of administration to support students living in poverty under QBE funding formula for schools.

STATUS: House Education Committee

- HB 37** (Leverett-123rd) Requires each school system to provide a notice of whether: 1. Social Security taxes will be withheld from the employee's pay, 2. The employee is eligible to be included in a plan with coverage for the benefits of Title II and, 3. if the employee is eligible to be included in one or more plans. This applies to new, current, and nearly new employees of local school systems.
- STATUS: House Education Committee
- HB 42** (Davis-87th) Revises the calculation for student transportation programs and remove the requirement of regular transportation services to be funded prior to other transportation services. Requires the State Board of Education to collaborate to determine actualized costs for transportation programs.
- STATUS: House Education Committee
- HB 59** (Glaize-67th) Reduces the legal counselor ratio from 1 counselor to 450 students to 1 counselor to 250 students.
- STATUS: House Education Committee
- HB 81** (Ballard-147th) "Interstate Compact for School Psychologists"- Joins Georgia to state pathway that allows school psychologist to obtain and practice in schools in any member state. If passed, the Act would become effective once 7 states are in the compact.
- STATUS: House Education Committee
- HB 104** (Cox-28th) Establishes regulations requiring that interscholastic sports competitions be categorized based on the student-athletes sex assigned at birth rather than gender. Sports are designated as male-men, or boys, and female-women, or girls, or coed, depending on the student-athletes actively participating in interscholastic competitions. Upholds guidelines for grievances made by parents through the discretion of the state board.
- STATUS: House Hopper
- HB 105** (Wade-9th) Increases payment of indemnification for public school personnel in the event of death or disability from \$75,000 to \$150,000.
- STATUS: House Hopper
- HB 47** (Davis-87th) Provides QBE funding to eligible public schools to enhance safety and infrastructure.
- STATUS: House Education Committee
- HB 48** (Davis-87th) Establishes the Refugee and International Students Equalization (RISE) program to provide comprehensive wrap-around services for eligible K-12 students from other countries.
- STATUS: House Education Committee
- HB 106** (Barnes-86th) Authorizes local school boards and related bodies to offer driver education training courses as an elective to high school students.
- STATUS: House Hopper

SB 1 (Dolezal-27th) "Fair and Safe Athletic Opportunities Act"- Establishes regulations requiring that interscholastic sports competitions be categorized based on the student-athlete's sex assigned at birth. Sports are designated as male, female, or coed, depending on the student-athletes actively participating in interscholastic competitions. Provides guidelines and restrictions for reasonable accommodations for student-athletes, including access to single-occupancy restrooms, changing areas, or sleeping quarters as needed. Extends the right to appeal decisions made by a covered entity to the superior court of the county where the local school is located for any student aggrieved by such decisions.

STATUS: Senate Education and Youth Committee

SB 4 (Dolezal-27th) Provides for public complaints against school board members and makes changes to required and prohibited topics for school board member training.

STATUS: Senate Education and Youth Committee

SB 17 (Anavitarte-31st) "Ricky and Alyssa's Law"- Requires local school systems to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting directly to emergency services and first responders. The bill also authorizes the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency to adopt rules and regulations for the requirements for school mapping data.

STATUS: Senate Education and Youth Committee

SB 22 (Tillery-19th) Requires the DOE to publish federal guidance documents within 15 calendar days.

STATUS: Senate Hopper



Higher Education

HB 7 (Kendrick-95th) Provides for a \$4,000/year tax credit (3 year maximum) for workforce-ready graduates employed in high-tech full-time jobs in rural counties for at least 40 weeks during a 12-month period.

STATUS: House Ways and Means Committee

HB 18 (Sainz-180th) States that eligible Dual Enrollment high school students must currently and remain legal residents of Georgia while in the program.

STATUS: House Higher Education Committee

HB 38 (Martin-49th) Alters the definition of an "eligible student" for a need-based financial aid program to include a person who has also completed 70% of the credit requirements for a four-year program instead of 80% and includes students who have completed 45% of the credit requirements for a two-year program.

STATUS: House Higher Education Committee

HB 56 (Petrea-166th) Expands tuition grants to include spouses of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards who were killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty.

STATUS: House Higher Education Committee



Environmental Safety

HB 1 (Au-50th) Establishes the offense of making a firearm accessible to a child (except where possession of a firearm by a child is lawful) by charging a person with criminal negligence when a child gains access to a readily dischargeable firearm, and such person failed to secure the firearm or left the firearm in a place to which the person knew or should have known the child could gain access. The bill also provides for an affirmative defense to prosecution in certain circumstances. The bill also requires gun dealers to post a sign saying, "IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE, TRANSPORT, OR ABANDON AN UNSECURED FIREARM IN A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN CAN OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE FIREARM."

STATUS: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 2 (Au-50th) Provide a tax credit for firearm safe storage devices of up to \$300. This tax credit must be pre-approved and can only be applied once in a taxpayer's lifetime.

STATUS: House Ways and Means Committee

HB 3 (Au-50th) Prohibits the transfer of firearms except when facilitated by a dealer and requires a universal background check for the transfer of firearms. Exceptions are made in certain circumstances.

STATUS: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 4 (Au-50th) Requires a three-day waiting period for the purchase or transfer of certain firearms.

STATUS: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 9 (Schofield-63rd) "Safer States Act" - Repeal and reduces the manufacturing and selling of chemical flame retardants or chemicals in such things as bedding, carpeting and certain children's products.

STATUS: House Natural Resources and Environment Committee

HB 63 (Oliver-84th) Any owner who fails to secure a loaded or unloaded firearm with knowledge that either a minor or any other person can possess such firearm will be guilty of a misdemeanor of when the firearm is obtained by a minor and exhibited in a public place or while making a threat of violence or by any individual, regardless of age, and used during the commission of a crime or during an act which results in the injury or death.

STATUS: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 64 (Oliver-84th) Requires assault weapon owners to maintain liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1 million for unintentional death, injury, or disability to a human being and for damage to property per incident arising out of the ownership, maintenance, operation, or use of an assault weapon. Failure to provide proof of minimum liability insurance will result in a misdemeanor. Exceptions or affirmative defenses may apply.

STATUS: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HB 79 (Newton-127th) Provides a tax credit for firearm safe handling instructional courses and firearm secure storage devices of up to \$300. This tax credit must be pre-approved and can only be applied once in a taxpayer's lifetime. The aggregate limit of tax credits is capped at \$10 million per year.

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB 80 (Westbrook-163rd) Permits law enforcement agencies the option to destroy or sell certain firearms if left unclaimed.

STATUS: House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee

HR 9 (Moore-91st) Creates the "Safe Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund."

STATUS: House Natural Resources & Environment Committee

SB 19 (Lucas-26th) Requires a ten-day waiting period for the purchase or transfer of certain firearms.

STATUS: Senate Judiciary Committee



Shelter & Nutrition

HB 14 (Carpenter-4th) Designates cornbread as the official Georgia state bread.

STATUS: House Special Rules Committee

HB 21 (Scott-76th) "Healthy Food Access Tax Credit Act" - creates a tax credit of 15% of incurred expenses for the development or improvement of a property that sells healthy foods in a less developed area.

STATUS: House Ways and Means Committee

HB 60 (Barnes-86th) Ensures that all public school students have access to high-quality and high-nutrition free breakfast and lunch.

STATUS: House Education Committee

HB 65 (Moore-91st) Designates collard greens as the official Georgia state greens, and 'potlikka' as the official Georgia state dipping sauce of the official Georgia state bread. (See HB 14)

STATUS: House Special Rules Committee



Miscellaneous

HB 34 (Washburn-144th) The Secretary of State shall create a professional licensing board tracking solution that will track the compliance of all licenses and continuing education requirements for license renewal beginning on January 1st, 2026.

STATUS: House Regulated Industries Committee

HB 98 (Huguley-141st) Provides for a state income tax credit equal to 10% of the federal child tax credit.

STATUS: House Hopper

[HB 99](#) (Huguley-141st) Increases state income tax credit from 30% to 100% based on the federal child/dependent care tax credit. The bill also states that if the total amount of the tax credit exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability for a taxable year, the excess funds shall be refunded to the taxpayer.

STATUS: House Hopper

[HB 107](#) (Ballard-147th) Permits the use and creation of digital verifiable licenses for spouses of servicemembers.

STATUS: House Hopper

[HB 111](#) (Hong-103rd) Reduces the income tax rate from 5.39% to 5.19% until January 1, 2026.

STATUS: House Hopper

[HB 112](#) (McDonald III-26th) Provides a one-time tax credit to individuals who filed on time tax returns for 2023 and 2024.

STATUS: House Hopper

[SB 21](#) (Tillery-19th) Requires sheriffs, jailers, and deputies to honor immigration detainer requests issued by the Department of Homeland Security.

STATUS: Senate Hopper



Advocacy Ask

[Ask #1: School Social Workers](#)

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[Ask #1: School Social Workers](#)

The Ask:

Ask members of the House Appropriations - Education Subcommittee to fund School Social Workers with an additional \$5 Million in the FY 2026 Budget (under the Dept. of Education).

What Do School Social Workers Do?:

School Social Workers (SSWs) are essential in managing issues such as truancy, bullying, mental health, and crises like family instability - all of which directly impact student performance and well-being. Social workers play a vital role in supporting students' mental health, addressing behavior issues, and connecting families with essential resources.

The Why:

- Georgia averages one SSW per 1,911 students!

- While Georgia has approximately 14,300 licensed social workers across various fields, a shortage exists in K-12 settings because many school districts are unable to meet the recommended social worker-to-student ratio of 1 for every 250 students. This limits the ability of social workers to provide individualized attention and comprehensive services and leaves students without sufficient access to mental health and social support.

The Message:

Dear Representative _____,

Please support this request for an additional \$5 million in the FY 2026 budget to fund School Social Workers under the Georgia Department of Education. School Social Workers play a critical role in promoting school safety by addressing truancy, bullying, mental health crises, and family instability—issues that can escalate into safety concerns if left unaddressed. Currently, Georgia averages only one School Social Worker per 1,911 students, far below the recommended ratio of 1:250. This shortage hinders the ability to identify and intervene in potential safety risks, leaving students and schools vulnerable. By increasing funding, we can ensure more robust support systems that contribute to safer and more secure learning environments for all.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests and thank you for all you do every day on behalf of Georgia's children and families.

The How (a.k.a. Who to Contact):

Call members of the House Appropriations Education Subcommittee:

Rep. Matt Dubnik, Chair	404-463-2246	matt.dubnik@house.ga.gov
Rep. Will Wade, Vice Chair	404-651-7737	will.wade@house.ga.gov
Rep. Kimberly Alexander	404-656-7859	kimberly.alexander@house.ga.gov
Rep. Robert Dickey	404-656-5099	robert.dickey@house.ga.gov
Rep. Chris Erwin	404-656-7850	chris.erwin@house.ga.gov
Rep. Leesa Hagan	404-656-0177	leesa.hagan@house.ga.gov
Rep. Edna Jackson	404-656-0265	edna.jackson@house.ga.gov
Rep. Jan Jones	404-656-5072	jan.jones@house.ga.gov
Rep. Todd Jones	404-656-9210	todd.jones@house.ga.gov

Ask #2: Out-of-School Time Funds and Liaison

The Ask:

Ask members of the House Appropriations - Education Subcommittee to:

1. Fund afterschool and summer learning programs by funding the Georgia Dept. of Education's BOOST 2.0 grants in the FY26 budget at \$20 million.
2. Create an Out-of-School Time liaison position to coordinate afterschool and summer learning policy across the state agencies that handle such programs: GaDOE, Dept. of Human Services, Dept. of Early Care and Learning.

What is BOOST?

For the last three years, GaDOE, in partnership with GSAN, used a total of \$85 Million in COVID relief funding to create the Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time (BOOST) grant program, which has funded evidence-based afterschool and summer learning programs. The federal funds for the program have expired, but the BOOST outcomes for kids have been amazing! (SEE THIS MEMO!) SW pls add that new memo Uzma did on the 3 year results *Therefore, in order to keep the progress for kids going*, Georgia needs to target dollars into more grants, which we are calling “BOOST 2.0”.

The Why:

The BOOST 2.0 Grant Program, (housed at the Georgia Department of Education) will build off the existing infrastructure and partnerships of BOOST. This will:

- Create a statewide framework that expands access to and assures quality of afterschool and summer learning opportunities.
- Prioritize funding support to OST programs that serve vulnerable youth, such as those who are economically disadvantaged, have a disability, and English language learners.
- Use existing state infrastructure to provide training and technical assistance to OST providers fiscal administration, quality measurement, program effectiveness, and provider leadership.
- Leverage program evaluation and evidence collection strategies embedded within the BOOST grant to determine how to best serve current and prospective afterschool and summer learning providers in the future.

An Interagency Liaison can coordinate afterschool and summer programming between the Georgia DECAL, DHS/DFCS, and GaDOE. If such a liaison is placed in Georgia Department of Education (Office of Whole Child Supports), efficiencies and communications can be maximized in:

- Alignment and coordination of OST services provided to youth and families;
- Development of reliable protocols for interagency communication regarding implementation of similar youth enrichment programs;
- Streamlining of grant application and administration to help both large and small organizations; and
- Streamlining of training, technical assistance, and professional learning provided to organizations funded and/or licensed by the agencies.

For more on OST Funding and Programs in GA, [check out this Brief](#) from the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network!

The Message:

Dear Representative _____,

Please include funding in the FY26 budget to continue the BOOST (Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time) grants, which have been critical to student success and are no longer supported by federal COVID relief dollars. These funds have supported afterschool and summer learning in 115 of Georgia’s 159 counties and served about 80,000 kids K-12 year round. Additionally, please fund an interagency liaison to coordinate afterschool and

summer programs across GaDOE, DHS, and DECAL. BOOST supports working parents while enhancing student literacy, mental health, and career-ready skills.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests and thank you for all you do every day on behalf of Georgia's children and families.

The How (a.k.a. Who to Contact):

Call members of the House Appropriations Education Subcommittee:

Rep. Matt Dubnik, Chair	404-463-2246	matt.dubnik@house.ga.gov
Rep. Will Wade, Vice Chair	404-651-7737	will.wade@house.ga.gov
Rep. Kimberly Alexander	404-656-7859	kimberly.alexander@house.ga.gov
Rep. Robert Dickey	404-656-5099	robert.dickey@house.ga.gov
Rep. Chris Erwin	404-656-7850	chris.erwin@house.ga.gov
Rep. Leesa Hagan	404-656-0177	leesa.hagan@house.ga.gov
Rep. Edna Jackson	404-656-0265	edna.jackson@house.ga.gov
Rep. Jan Jones	404-656-5072	jan.jones@house.ga.gov
Rep. Todd Jones	404-656-9210	todd.jones@house.ga.gov



Resources You May Find Helpful

- [Find Your Legislator](#)
- [Contact Your Legislator](#)



Upcoming Events

January 2025

Thursday, January 23 – POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies: Maternal Health Awareness Day (MHAD) 2025
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 - Location: Georgia State Capitol, 206 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30334
 - Register: [Maternal Health Awareness Day](#)

Tuesday, January 28 or Friday, January 31

- Strolling Thunder™ (Part 1) – Virtual Training
 - January 28: 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM
 - January 31: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
 - Register: [Strolling Thunder Training](#)

Wednesday, January 29th

- PAGE State Budget Education Webinar
 - Time: 5:00PM-7:00PM EST
 - Location: Virtual via Zoom
 - Register: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

February 2025

Thursday, February 6

- Strolling Thunder™ (Part 2)
 - Time: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Location: The Freight Room at Georgia Freight Depot, 65 MLK Jr. Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303

Tuesday, February 11

- Justice Reform Partnership: Talk Justice Tuesday – Caught In-Between Youth and Criminalization of Immigration
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Virtual)
 - RSVP: [Talk Justice Tuesday](#)

Wednesday, February 12

- Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network: Afterschool Day at the Capitol 2025
 - Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 - More Info: [Afterschool Day at the Capitol 2025](#)
- Georgia Child Care Association: GCCA Day at the Capitol
 - Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 - Location: 206 Washington Street, Atlanta, GA 30334
 - Register: [Event Registration](#)

Tuesday, February 18th

- PAGE: PAGE Day at the Capitol
 - Time: 8:00AM-2:00PM
 - Location: Sloppy Floyd Building - West Tower, 162 Jesse Hill Jr Dr SE, Atlanta, GA 30303
 - Register Here: [PAGE Events & Merchandise – Event Registration](#)

Thursday, February 20th

- Georgia Association of Educator: GAE Day at the Capitol
 - Time: 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
 - More Info: [Events | Georgia Association of Educators](#)
- Legislative Reception for Children: Voices for GA Children
 - Time: 5:00PM-8:00PM
 - Location: City Hall
 - *More Information to Come*

Tuesday, February 25

- Justice Reform Partnership: Justice Day 2025
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

- Location: 201 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30303
- Register: [Justice Day](#)

Tuesday, February 26

- Georgia ACT 2025 Housing Day at the Capitol
 - Time: 7:00AM - 3:00PM
 - Location: Central Presbyterian Church, 201 Washington St SW, Atlanta, GA 30303
 - Register here: [Georgia ACT 2025 Housing Day at the Capitol](#)

March 2025

First Week of March

- Pre-K Week Launch: Voices for GA Children
- *More Information to Come*

Thursday, March 6th

Crossover Day

Sunday, March 9th

- Atlanta Community Food Bank: Hunger Walk Run
 - Time: 12:00PM- 4:00PM
 - RSVP: [Hunger Walk Run 2025 General - Atlanta Community Food Bank](#)

Tuesday, March 11

- Justice Reform Project: Talk Justice Tuesday – Post Cross Over Review
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Virtual)
 - RSVP: [Talk Justice Tuesday](#)

April 2025

Friday, April 4th

Sine Die (Last Day of Legislative Session)

Tuesday, April 8

- Justice Reform Project: Avoiding Burnout – Surviving Triumph
 - Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Virtual)
 - RSVP: [Talk Justice Tuesday](#)