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<i>Bill #</i>	<i>Summary</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>CWA's Position</i>	<i>Status/Action</i>
<a href="#">S.B. 167</a>	<p><b>Education- Withdrawal Georgia from the Common Core Standards</b></p> <p>S.B. 167 will do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Withdraw Georgia from the Common Core Standards.</li> <li>• Withdraw Georgia from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) national testing consortium.</li> <li>• Prohibit the adoption of any future curriculum standards, such as the Next Generation Science Standards, the National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies, the National Health Education Standards, and the National Sexuality Education Standards, unless</li> </ul>	Sen. William Ligon (R-Brunswick)	Support	<p>2-21-13</p> <p>A hearing is scheduled before the Senate Youth and Education Committee on Thursday, February 28. Time is 1:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Attend the education press conference with Sen. William Ligon (R-Brunswick) and national education experts. The press conference takes place on February 28, 2013, at approximately 12:15 p.m.in the Senate Press Office located on the first floor of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building ( 201 Coverdell Legislative Office Building, 18 Capitol Square Atlanta, Georgia 30334)</p>

	<p>approved by the General Assembly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prohibit the sharing of any personally identifiable information compiled on students or teachers with any entity outside the State of Georgia.</li></ul>		<p><b>Action:</b> We need you to attend the hearing and bring 3 or 4 friends. It is critical that we have an overwhelming show of support for the bill.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Contact the members of the Senate Education and Youth Committee TODAY and urge them to <b>support</b> S.B. 167 and get Georgia out of the Common Core Standards. S.B. 167 must be voted out of committee, so it is important that you contact each member.</p> <p><b>Action Item</b> Contact all the committee members listed here. Ask them to <b>support Senate Bill 167.</b></p> <p>Sen. Lindsey Tippins- Chairman 404-0657-0406 <a href="mailto:lindsey.tippins@senate.ga.gov">E-mail</a> (lindsey.tippins@senate.ga.gov)</p> <p>Sen. John Wilkinson, Vice Chairman 404-463-5257 <a href="mailto:john.wilkinson@senate.ga.gov">E-mail</a> (john.wilkinson@senate.ga.gov)</p> <p>Sen. Freddie Powell Sims- Secretary 404-463-5259 <a href="mailto:freddie.sims@senate.ga.gov">E-mail</a> (freddie.sims@senate.ga.gov)</p> <p>Sen. Dean Burke 404-656-0040 <a href="mailto:dean.burke@senate.ga.gov">E-mail</a> (dean.burke@senate.ga.gov)</p>
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<a href="#">S.B. 68</a>	<p><b>Education- Celebrate Freedom Week</b></p> <p>The purpose of the legislation is to educate students about the sacrifices made for freedom</p>	Sen. William Ligon (R-Brunswick)	Support	2-21-13- bill passed out Sen. Youth and Education Committee. Full vote expected in the Senate the week of February 25.

	in the founding of this country and the values, principles, and philosophies on which this country was founded. The full week in September which includes Constitution Day, September 17, shall be recognized in public elementary, middle, and high schools in this state as Celebrate Freedom Week.			<p><b>Action Needed:</b> Please contact your state senator before Monday, February 25 and urge him/her to <b>vote in favor of S.B. 68.</b></p> <p>Click here to find your state senator.</p> <p><b>Pray</b> that the senators on the Education and Youth Committee will support a common sense bill that seeks to educate Georgia students on the founding principles of this country.</p>
<a href="#">S.B. 98</a>	<p><b>Pro-life bill</b> This bill would end abortion coverage by the state health insurance plan.</p>	Sen. Judson Hill (R-Marietta)	Support	Assigned to Insurance and Labor Committee
<a href="#">H.B. 141</a>	<p><b>Human Trafficking</b> This bill would require certain businesses and establishments to post the National Human Trafficking Resource hotline number.</p>	Rep. Ed Lindsey (R-Atlanta)	Support	Assigned to Judiciary Non-Civil Committee
<a href="#">H.B. 219</a>	<p><b>Human Trafficking</b> Provides for the sealing of court records for victims of sexual abuse or sexual trafficking. Person must show evidence of sexual abuse or of being trafficked.</p>	Rep. Buzz Brockway (R-Lawrenceville)	Support	Assigned to Juvenile Justice Committee
<a href="#">H.B. 12</a>	<p><b>Hate Crimes</b> This is the return of the “hate crimes” bill, and it is still not good for Georgia. The bill punishes a person guilty of crimes which target a victim due to the victim’s race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or national origin.</p>	Rep. Keisha Waites (D-Atlanta)	Oppose	Prefiled 11-28-2012

Most Americans agree that "hate crime" laws are unnecessary. Criminal acts are already illegal. What's more, "hate crime" laws violate the constitutional right to equal protection, create the un-American offense of "thought crime," and abridge the freedoms of speech, religion and association.

"Hate crime" laws pose a danger to civil liberties in three ways:

1. They pave the way for suppression of the freedoms of speech, association and religion.
2. They violate the concept of equal protection under the law.
3. They introduce the un-American concept of "thought crime," in which someone's actions are "more" illegal based on their thoughts or beliefs.