



Georgia's Targeted Bills List 2015

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State Legislative Scorecard

CWA of Georgia will be tracking how state legislators vote on the targeted list of bills. A link to our legislative scorecard will be placed in the Status/Action column when a vote is taken on a specific bill.

Targeted Bill List will be updated weekly. Last updated **4-3-15**.

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SB 129	Religious Freedom "Georgia Religious Freedom Restoration Act"	Sen. Josh McKoon (R-Columbus) Rep. Sam Teasley (R-D37-Marietta) will carry SB 129 in the House.	Support This bill will be scored.	CWA of Georgia talking points. Resources for Georgia's Religious Freedom Restoration Act 2015	SB 129 passed the Senate. Click here for Senate scorecard. SB 129 passed out of a "special" subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, but was tabled in the full House Judiciary Committee after three Republicans voted with the Democrats to add an amendment that would have gutted the bill. Click here for House subcommittee and full committee scorecard.

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					SB 129 is currently in the House Judiciary Committee and is active legislation for the 2016 legislative session.
SR 80	Education Advanced Placement U.S. History Resolution demanding revision by the College Board of Advanced Placement U.S. History	Sen. William Ligon (R-D3- Brunswick)	Support This bill will be scored.	Resources for the new A.P. (anti) U.S. History Framework and Exam.	SR 80 passed the Senate. Click here for Senate scorecard. SR 80 passed unanimously out of the House Education Committee. SR 80 is currently in the House Rules Committee and is active legislation for the 2016 legislative session.
SB 116	Education Celebrate Freedom Week The purpose of the legislation is to educate students about the sacrifices made for freedom 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	Sen. William Ligon (R-Brunswick)	Support		SB 116 was amended to HB 502. HB 502 passed both the House and Senate and awaits the Governor's signature.

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	Celebrate Freedom Week.				
HB 1	Marijuana "Haleigh's Hope Act: Bill will provide for regulated medicinal use of cannabis and derivatives.	Rep. Allen Peake (R - D141- Macon)	Oppose This bill will be scored.	Decriminalizes possession of medical marijuana for eight medical conditions in both children and adults. <i>The original bill</i> was specifically for children with traumatic seizures. The medical marijuana oil can contain up to 5% THC. <i>The original bill</i> limited the THC levels in the oil to 1% or less. THC is the mind-altering chemical in marijuana plants.	HB 1 passed both the House and Senate and awaits the Governor's signature. Click here for House scorecard. Click here for Senate scorecard.
SR 7	Human Trafficking Constitutional amendment that would allow by law the collection of fees to support the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund	Sen. Renee Unterman (R- D45 - Buford) Rep. Chuck Efstoration (R -D104 - Dacula) carried SR 7 in the House.	Neutral		Passed both House and Senate and awaits the Governor's signature.

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SB 8	<p>Human Trafficking Create a Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission; decriminalization of prostitution for minors.</p>	<p>Sen. Renee Unterman (R- D45 - Buford)</p> <p>Rep. Chuck Efration (R -D104 - Dacula) carried SR 7 in the House.</p>	<p>Neutral</p> <p>CWA of Georgia had to remain neutral on SB 8 because it allows for federal grants to be obtained to fund the Safe Harbor Fund.</p> <p>Because of the DOJ model legislation for human trafficking grants, CWA believes this is a back door for decriminalization of prostitution in Georgia.</p>		<p>Passed both House and Senate and awaits the Governor's signature.</p>

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HB 171	<p>National Sovereignty American Laws for American Courts (ALAC)</p> <p>Bill crafted to protect American citizens' Constitutional rights against the incursion of foreign/international legal policies and laws.</p>	Rep. Dustin Hightower (R – D68 –Carrollton)	Support This bill will be scored.		<p>HB 171 was assigned to the Jacobs subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee.</p> <p>The bill remains in the subcommittee is active for the 2016 legislative session.</p>
SR 135	<p>Gambling Constitutional Amendment - Horse racing; pari-mutuel wagering Companion bill to HR1.</p>	Sen. Brandon Beach (R - D21 - Alpharetta)	Oppose This bill will be scored.		<p>SR 135 was voted out of the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee.</p> <p>SR 135 is currently in the Senate Rules Committee and is active legislation for the 2016 legislative session.</p>
HR 1	<p>Gambling Constitutional Amendment - Horse racing; pari-mutuel wagering Companion bill to SR 135.</p>	Rep. Harry Geisinger (R- D48- Roswell)	Oppose This bill will be scored.		<p>Referred to the House Regulated Industries Committee.</p> <p>HR 1 did not receive a hearing in committee but is active legislation for the 2016 legislative session.</p>

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HB 2	Gambling Pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing – this is the enabling legislation for HR 1.	Rep. Harry Geisinger (R- D48- Roswell)	Oppose This bill will be scored.		Referred to the House Regulated Industries Committee. HB 2 did not receive a hearing in committee but is active legislation for the 2016 legislative session.
HB 677	Gambling Allow localized casino gambling in five regions in the state. Enabling legislation for HR 807.	Rep. Ron Stephens (R –D164 – Savannah)	Oppose This bill will be scored.		Introduced in the final week of the legislation session. Assigned to the House Regulated Industries Committee. The legislation is active for the 2016 legislative session.
HR 807	Gambling Constitutional amendment – casino gambling	Rep. Ron Stephens (R –D164 – Savannah)	Oppose This bill will be scored.		Introduced in the final week of the legislation session. Assigned to the House Regulated Industries Committee. The legislation is active for the 2016 legislative session.
SB 7	Marijuana "Controlled Substances Therapeutic Relief Act" Bill will provide for medical use of marijuana.	Sen. Curt Thompson (D - D7-Atlanta)	Oppose This bill will be scored.	This bill is broader than HB1.	Assigned to the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee. SB 7 did not receive a hearing in committee but is active

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					legislation for the 2016 legislative session. It is doubtful this bill will move due to the passage of HB 1.
SR 6	Marijuana Constitutional amendment that will allow by law for the legalization and regulation of marijuana.	Sen. Curt Thompson (D-D7-Atlanta)	Oppose This bill will be scored.		Assigned to the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee. SB 7 did not receive a hearing in committee but is active legislation for the 2016 legislative session.