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Weekly Update

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Legislative Updates

Today! Senate Bill 233 – School Vouchers

This bill would create a voucher that would provide \$6,000 for private education expenses for every eligible student. Currently, there is no cap on enrollment or requirements on the type of student (previous voucher attempts try to use students with disabilities or low-income students as sympathetic vehicles for privatization). [Get additional information](#) on the danger of vouchers that take public funds and redirect them to unaccountable private schools that are unwilling or unable to educate Georgia's most vulnerable students.

Attend the Hearing and Testify

Senate Education and Youth Committee – Hearing on Senate Bill 233

Tuesday, February 28 at 2:30 pm

Georgia Capitol - Room 450

You can enter the capitol at the ground level on the [southwest side of the building](#), on the side where the street is closed (Capitol Sq SW).

When you get to the meeting, there will be a sign-in sheet to speak to the bill. Sign your name and wait to be called. Prepare 1-2 minutes of testimony, starting with your name and who you are with (if you represent an organization). Please say you are with Fund Georgia's Future if you are a member or part of a member organization.

Contact Your Senator!

Just because you cannot take off to get to the capitol today doesn't mean you can't make a difference. Call, email or text [your senator](#) (even if they're not on this committee) and ask them to Vote NO on Senate Bill 233. You can also [watch the hearing here](#).

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Tomorrow: Senate Bill 88 – “Don't Say Gay” Bill

This bill will likely limit conversations that students are able to have with educators and supportive school individuals about gender identity and sexual orientation. Bills like these put LGBTQ+ students at further risk of having negative outcomes in school, and they make it harder for schools to fully support LGBTQ+ students.

Attend the Hearing and Testify

Senate Education and Youth Committee – Hearing on Senate Bill 88
Wednesday, March 1 at 10:00 am
Coverdell Legislative Office Building – Room 307

Contact Your Senator!

Call, email or text [your senator](#) (even if they're not on this committee) and ask them to Vote NO on Senate Bill 88. You can also [watch the hearing here](#).

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Southern Education Equity Network

Check out IDRA's Southern Education Equity Network online!

Join us at www.idraseen.org to start or join a group and begin the conversation! And as you enter, you can post your group's events, discuss future meetings, and keep up with our live discussion board that updates you as others are posting. We want you to be SEEN! Be sure to join the **Georgia Coalition Against Classroom Censorship** group. We will post these notes there and you can share news and resources.



As you're joining the site, be sure to post about it on social media using the hashtags #StrongCommunities, #StrongSchools or #SEEN.

Tools & Resources

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