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Georgia Policy Weekly Update

March 28, 2022

Urgent: HB 1084 and SB 226 Updates



Action items:

- Ask your representatives to vote YES for Reconsideration of SB 226.
- Plan to attend and testify on HB1084 at 3:00 pm in 307 in the Coverdell Legislative Office Building today!

Legislative Updates

We only have five more legislative days and six more business days total left this session!

SB 226 Reconsideration Vote Today

You may have already heard, the assembly on Friday passed the first of the five censorship bills, SB 226 on the House floor by a vote of 96-62. Several representatives from both parties were absent.

Fortunately, Rep. Matthew Wilson was able to put forth a motion to reconsider, which means that this bill will be voted on again on Monday. This means we need to change the minds of eight people who voted “yes” Friday. If you haven’t already called your representative, please do so today.

- Find [contact information](#) for all the representatives.
- [Look up your representative](#).

Two democrats voted for SB 226. We encourage you to reach out to them and urge them to vote **yes to reconsideration**.

- Mesha Mainor: 404-656-0126; mesha.mainor@house.ga.gov
 - Winfred Dukes (HD154): 229-432-9891; 404-656-0126; winfred.dukes@house.ga.gov
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HB 1084 Hearing Today at 3:00 pm

There is a hearing for HB 1084 scheduled by the Senate Education and Youth Committee.

We need to pack the room!

This may be our final chance to provide a counter-narrative to what has been put forward to justify this bill. We would also love to have new parent and student voices the committee hasn't heard from, so please invite your friends and network.

We will be prioritizing student voice but would still like to have as many folks as possible signed up to speak.

Disclaimer: We know this committee has a history of ending our outright rejecting public comment, and there is another hearing scheduled immediately after in the same room so there will most likely be a hard cap on the meeting at 4:00 pm. We cannot guarantee public comment, but the chairman has made an effort to give folks the opportunity if they are not heard.

Please reach out if you have questions or concerns. We hope to see you this afternoon!

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