

# Georgia insight

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*"She hath done what she could." Mark 14:8a*

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## **Why Won't Legislators Pass Parental Consent for School Club Membership?**

*Legislators, face it. Educators & fringe elements didn't get you elected. Conservatives did.*

***This is the way it should be . . .***

*Legislators, you should "dance with the one what brung you" and that ain't educators or fringe groups! It's conservatives, including students' parents who "ain't gettin' no respect."*

***But, could it be . . .***

*Legislators are trying to get educators' votes and under-estimating the votes of parents?*

If so, they're letting the "the tail wag the dog." The state has 125,634 public school educators – full-time and part-time – in three categories: administrators, 9,078; support personnel, 12,011; and PK – 12 teachers, 104,545. State employees in higher education *might* double that total.

In addition, 181 superintendents are scattered across the state, having been hired by local boards of education after undergoing 50 hours of attitudinal adjustment to assure they won't "rock the boat" of philosophical patterns the politically correct crowd demands of superintendents.

Those 125,634 educators handle a total of 1,515,646 students, at a student-to-teacher ratio of 13 students to one teacher. The supervisory ratio is 14 teachers to one administrator.

Administrators average \$75,471.75 annually or \$345.14 per day for 218.67 contract-days.

The average pay of support personnel is \$54,613.14 or \$278.32 daily for 195.87 contract-days.

On average, the salary of PK – 12 teachers is \$45,847.70 or \$240.01 for 191.02 contract-days.

***If they're depending on educators and fringe groups to get re-elected, could it be . . .***

*Legislators have miscalculated the population?*

Compare the numbers: 1,515,646 children attend public schools in Georgia, as documented by State School System Statistics based on October 2004 full-time equivalency (FTE) counts.

Unless they're illegal aliens, a prospective voter sends each student to school. Since students outnumber educators over ten-to-one, the total number of people sending that many children to school out-numbers educators and fringe groups even more. I won't guess how much more.

***Since parents and guardians dramatically, outnumber educators and fringes, could it be . . .***

*Legislators have lost sight of where the vast majority of voter power, actually, lies?*

As of January 1, 2006, the Secretary of State reports a total of 4,199,659 registered voters in Georgia. Of that number, 2,236,631 are women; 1,839,881 are men. The "Other" category lists 123,147 voters with no categorization by sex or legal/illegal status.

***If legislators cater to educators and fringes and disregard grassroots voters, could it be . . .***

*Legislators have misjudged who elected them?*

If all 125,000 educators vote, there's, simply, no way they could out-vote the other 4,074,659 registered voters who elected 56 senators, 180 representatives, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, all judges, plus other state/city/county/municipal officials.

**URGENT ACTION NEEDED, IMMEDIATELY – Support S.B. 149 & H.B. 661.** Both are stalled in Rules Committees.

For **S.B. 149** call Senators Balfour, 404 656-0095; Hamrick, 656-0036; Seabaugh, 656-6446; and Johnson, 656-5109.

For **H.B. 661**, call Representatives Ehrhart, 404 656-5141; Burmeister, 656-5024; Mills, 656-5099; and Keen, 656-5052.

## Georgia Schools with Gay-Straight Alliance Clubs

School	Name of Club
1. Atlanta International School	Students Advocating Tolerance and Unity
2. Berkmar High School	G.L.A.S.S. (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Society)
3. Brookwood High School	GASP (Gay and Straight People)
4. Campbell High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
5. Chattahoochee High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
6. Collins Hill High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
7. DeKalb School of the Arts	Gay-Straight Alliance
8. Druid Hills High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
9. Duluth High School	SAFE-T
10. Dunwoody High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
11. Etowah High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
12. Grady High School	Social Action Club
13. Harris County High School	Black Sheep
14. Henry County High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
15. Kennesaw Mountain High School	Pride: Gay-Straight Alliance
16. Lakeside High School*	Gay-Straight Alliance
17. Lakeside High School*	Gay-Straight Alliance
18. Lassiter High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
19. McEachern High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
20. Norcross High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
21. North Gwinnett High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
22. North Springs High School	Speak/Gay-Straight Alliance
23. Northgate High School	Backstage Players (Drama)
24. Paideia School	BAGHL Pride (Bi and Gay, Heterosexual, Lesbian)
25. Parkview High School	Equality Through Change
26. Pebblebrook High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
27. Rabun Gap Nacoochee School	Liberals
28. South Cobb High School	SCHS Gay Straight Alliance
29. South Gwinnett High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
30. Sprayberry High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
31. St. Pius X Catholic High School	Gay-Straight Alliance
32. The Galloway School	Gay-Straight Alliance
33. The Westminster Schools	Unofficial Gay-Straight Alliance
34. Walton High School	The Alliance
35. White County High School**	Gay-Straight Alliance
36. Windsor Forest High School	S.A.G.A.

\*Both listed on GLSEN Web Site

\*\*White County School Board eliminated all school clubs in 2005.

## Have Illegal Aliens Bought Houses in Your Sub-Division?

*The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* article of October 12, 2004 brought to light an amazing fact. Despite laws against sneaking into this country illegally. Despite laws against aiding and abetting and profiting from illegal aliens. Despite laws against providing transportation for illegal aliens. Despite laws against encouraging and inducing illegal aliens to enter, reside or remain in the U.S., all of this happens *en masse* every day, right in our neighborhoods!

Case in point: Senator Sam Zamarripa, District 36, is a founding partner and Director of Marketing for the Georgia-based, federally chartered United Americas Bank, also known as *Banco Unido*. Despite federal laws and court decisions *against* it, *Banco Unido*, and others banks actively solicit, do business with and make mortgage loans to known illegal aliens.

Rebecca McCarthy, author of the *AJC* article titled “Immigrants latch on to tax ID numbers – Undocumented workers able to obtain home loans,” said, since 1999 *Banco Unido*, alone, has made 350 loans to Hispanic illegals, totaling \$46 million, a drop in the bucket of the total done through other banks. Among many others she quoted, was this from a Duluth Re/Max agent, “Today, about 35- to 40-percent of my clients are using a tax I.D. number,” used by illegals.

### ***A Georgia Bill to Enforce Federal Laws Governing Illegal Aliens***

**S.B. 529** is the “Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act” introduced by Senator Chip Rogers. The several bills he proposed last session have been consolidated into this new legislation to bring state law into conformity with federal immigration law. All provisions would become effective July 1, 2006, unless otherwise indicated.

- It requires all state or political subdivisions of the state to contract or subcontract *only* with citizens or nationals of the U.S. or non-citizens authorized under federal immigration law to perform the services required by the contract. Effective date would be July 1, 2007.
- “Whistle-blowers” would be protected from retaliation from contractors who, knowingly, violate the provisions of this Code. Penalty: contractors proven to be in violation will be prohibited from entering into a government contract for one year.
- Whoever knowingly subjects, or attempts to subject, another person to forced labor or forced services, would be in violation of the law and, if convicted, could be sentenced to three to 20 years in prison, depending on the nature of the crime.
- It would be illegal to knowingly attempt to or actually recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain anyone under age 18 to engage in or cause to engage in prostitution, any sexually explicit performance, or pornography. The penalty could be 15 years in prison if a 15- to 17-year-old minor is involved. If the minor is under age 15, the penalty could be as much as 20 years in prison. If force or threat were proven, the penalty would be 25 years.
- The same circumstances would apply to forced labor or services. Conviction could mean 15 years in prison and restitution of the defendant’s income based on the minimum wage.
- No payment of compensation to an individual of \$600.00 or more in wages, salary, payment for labor, benefits, in-kind exchange, or expenses could be claimed and allowed as deductible business expense for state income tax unless the employee provides a valid I.D. as proof of legal presence in the U.S. An Internal Revenue Service form 1099 will not be accepted as documentation.

- Everyone arrested for violating a criminal statute must show proof of lawful presence in the U.S. The Department of Public Safety would be required to create, maintain and publish procedures that would determine legal presence in this country. The arresting law enforcement office would report to the Department of Public Safety and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security anyone failing to prove they're in the U.S. legally.
  - The Department of Driver Services would be required to create, maintain, and publish a list of documents that would be accepted as proof of lawful presence in the U.S. If issued on or after July 1, 2006, a driver's license or I.D. cards issued by any state to an illegal alien would not be accepted.
  - Effective July 1, 2007, every state agency or political subdivision must verify the lawful presence in the U.S. of anyone age 18 or older who has applied for state or local public benefits or federal public benefits administered by a state agency or political subdivision. Prenatal care is the only exception.
  - Documents proving lawful presence in the U.S. would include a document to be created by the Department of Driver Services or another verifiable document that the subject has a legal right to be in the U.S. Knowingly presenting a false statement will be a felony, punishable by a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for one to five years, or both.
  - Verification of eligibility for publicly funded services would be made through the Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlement (SAVE) program of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or a successor program designated by the Department of Homeland Security.
  - It would be illegal for any state agency or political subdivision to provide any state, local, or federal benefit to an illegal alien in violation of this Code section. Annual reports showing compliance will be required of all state agencies and political subdivisions.
1. **ACTION – Support.** Call Public Safety and Homeland Security Senators Kemp, Ch., 404 463-1366; Mullis, 656-0057; Chapman, 656-0045; Butler, 656-0075; Carter, 463-1363; Miles, 463-2598; Seay, 656-5095; and Tolleson, 656-0081.
  2. **SPECIAL ACTION – Call Governor Perdue at 404 656-1776 and ask that he use his influence to pass this legislation and then sign it into law.**

***In This “Bible-Belt” Bible Curriculum Bills are Stalled in House Subcommittee***

**H.B. 1133** would allow Georgia to join 37 other states where a total of 1,150 high schools in 320 school districts teach a Bible curriculum. They use *The Bible in History and Literature* from the National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools. This court-tested Bible curriculum has been taught in schools nationally for over ten years.

Representative Tommy Smith introduced H.B. 1133 to allow state funding and academic credit for high school courses in the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era and the New Testament Era. Students would learn of the relationship between the Bible and federal and state law, the structure of federal, state, and local governments and U.S. founding documents.

**S.B. 79**, also, authorizing the Bible as the textbook in a public school Bible curriculum, passed the Senate on February 3<sup>rd</sup> with only one dissenting vote and is in the same subcommittee.

**ACTION – Support both H.B. 1133 and S.B. 79.** Call Academic Achievement Subcommittee Representatives Casas, Ch., 404 656-0254; Houston, V-Ch., 656-0202; Maxwell, 656-3904; Jan Jones, 463-2247; Keown, 656-0177; Reese, 656-0254; Benton, 656-0177; Dickson & Williams, 656-0202; Millar & Lindsey, 656-0188; and Teilhet, 656-0298.

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