

# Georgia insight

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“She hath done what she could.”  
Mark 14:8a  
“...and having done all ... stand.”  
Ephesians 6:13c

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## “They”<sup>1</sup> Want Drastic Culture Change!

### What do “They” want changed?

**S. R. 109 Marriage, the Union of Two Adult Persons** by Senator Gloria Butler (D-55), proposes the following amendment to the *Constitution of the State of Georgia*:

“Paragraph 1. **Recognition of marriage.** (a) This state shall recognize as marriage any union between two adult persons, regardless of race, gender, or biological sex, who are of sound mind, who have no living spouse from a previously undissolved marriage, and who are not related to their prospective spouse by blood or marriage within the prohibited degrees.”

(b) Georgia would give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other state or jurisdiction respecting a relationship between interracial persons or persons of the same gender or biological sex that is treated as marriage under the law of the other state or jurisdiction. The courts of this state shall have jurisdiction to grant a divorce or separate maintenance and to consider or rule on any of the parties’ respective rights arising from interracial or same-sex marriage unions.” If this passes voters would decide the following:

“Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to recognize marriage as any union between two adult persons eligible to marry under Georgia law regardless of race, gender, or biological sex?”

**ACTION – Oppose.** Contact Judiciary Committee Senators Strickland, Ch., 404 463-6598; Cowser, V-Ch., 463-1366; Hodges, Sec., 463-1309; Gooch, Ex-Officio, 656-9221; Hatchett, 656-7454; Jones II, 656-0036; Kennedy, 656-6578; Parent, 656-5109; Rhett, 656-0054; Setzler, 656-0256; Watson, 656-7880.

**BEWARE! H.B. 172 and H.B. 141 (below) allow commitment without parental notification.**  
**H.B. 172 Schools Screen and Commit for Mental Illness**, Representative Mesha Mainor (D-56), authorizes (a) involuntary mental health facility admission of a child age 12 or older without notifying a parent or guardian and (b) involuntary admission to a mental health facility of a child under age 12, with notification of a parent or guardian “by telephone or in person as soon as possible,” (c) but does not allow a parent to retrieve the child or get a second opinion.

**ACTION – Oppose.** Call Juvenile Justice Committee Representatives Ballinger, Ch., 656-7153; Jenkins, V-Ch., 656-0188; Collins, Sec., 656-5132; Camp, 656-7855; DeLoach, 656-0178; Draper, 56-0265; Dubnik, 463-2246; Efstration, 656-5052; Gullett, 656-0178; Holcomb, 656-6372; Hutchinson, 656-0287; Jones, 656-0109; Kendrick, 656-0126; Leverett, 656-0213; Lott, 657-1803; Neal, 656-6372; Oliver, 656-0265; Panitch, 656-0287; Sharper, 656-0126; Smith, 463-7853; Taylor, 656-0265; Wade, 651-7737; Werkheiser, 656-5132; Wilkerson, 656-0314.

**H.B. 173 Mandatory Pre-K at Age 4, Mandatory Full-Day K at Age 5** by Representative Greg Kennard (D-101) would require (a) pre-kindergarten *and* kindergarten before first grade. It (b) lowers the compulsory school age to 5 (c) and interferes with local school board authority.

**H.B. 141 Suicide Screening of Students Age 8 – 18**, introduced by Representative Mesha Mainor (D-56), requires school systems to begin suicide screening in the 2023-2024 school year and commit students for mental health services without parental notification.

**ACTION – Oppose H.B. 173 and H.B. 141.** Call Education Committee Representatives Erwin, Ch., 656-0188; Hilton, V-Ch., 656-0188; Daniel, Sec., 656-0178; Adeyina, 656-6372; Ballard, 656-0325; Carter, 656-0220; Cheokas, 463-7853; Clark, 656-0188; Cox, 656-0152; Dubnik, 463-2246; Evans, 656-0109; Glaize, 656-0202; Howard, 656-6372; Jasperse, 656-7153; Jones, Jan, 656-5072; Jones, Todd, 656-9210; Mainor, 656-0126; Paris, 656-0109; Townsend, 656-0178; Wade, 651-7737; Wilkerson, 656-0314.

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<sup>1</sup> Liberals, Leftists and other entities with such values

## More of What “They” want

**S.R. 144 Pre-K for 3-Year-Olds**, introduced by Senator Jason Esteves (D-6), would create the Senate Expanding Early Childhood Education Study Committee to focus on including three-year-olds in the state’s pre-kindergarten early childhood education program.

**ACTION – Oppose.** Call Rules Committee Senators Brass, Ch., 656-0057; Ginn, V-Ch., 656-4700; Cowsert, Sec., 463-1356; Albers, 463-8055; Anavitarte, Ex-Officio, 656-0085; Anderson, 656-5114; Beach, 463-1378; Butler, 656-0075; Dolezal, 656-0040; Dugan, 656-7872; Gooch 656-9221; Harbison, 656-0074; Kennedy, 656-6578; Rhett, 656-0054; Robertson, 656-0045; Walker, 656-0095; Watson, 656-7880.

**H.B. 356 Corporal Punishment Prohibited** by Representative Debra Bazemore (D-69) would prohibit the use of corporal punishment (spanking) in public schools. H.B. 356 interferes with the State Constitution’s provision that authorizes locally elected members of local boards of education to manage and control public schools in their district.

**ACTION – Oppose.** Call Education Committee Representatives as listed under H.B. 173 ACTION on page 1.

**H.B. 388 Legalize One Ounce of Marijuana** by Representative Kimberly Alexander (D-66) authorizes “any person to possess, manufacture, deliver, distribute, dispense, administer, purchase, sell, or possess with intent to distribute more than one ounce of marijuana.”

**ACTION – Oppose.** Call Judiciary Non-Civil Committee Representatives Tyler Smith, Ch., 463-7853; Silcox, V-Ch., 657-1803; Crowe, Sec., 656-0325; Gunter, Ex-Officio, 656-5125; Ballinger, 656-7153; Burchett, 656-5024; Byrd, 656-0213; Cooper, 656-5069; Efstration, 656-5052; Fleming, 656-0254; Gullett, 656-0178; Hong, 651-7737; Kendrick, 656-0126; Leverett, 656-0213; Miller, 656-7859; Mughal, 656-6372 also Neal, 656-6372; Reeves, 656-0152; Roberts, 656-0298; Sainz, 657-1803.

**S.R. 55 Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)** by Senator Sally Harrell (D-40) calls for the ERA to be ratified and amended onto the U.S. Constitution. ERA would delete every law, rule, regulation, policy or program that applies to females but not to males. H.R. 8 on page four of the February *Georgia Insight* explains reasons to oppose the ERA.

**ACTION – Oppose.** Contact Judiciary Committee Senators Strickland, Ch., 404 463-6598; Cowsert, V-Ch., 463-1366; Hodges, Sec., 463-1309; Gooch, Ex-Officio, 656-9221; Hatchett, 656-7454; Jones II, 656-0036; Kennedy, 656-6578; Parent, 656-5109; Rhett, 656-0054; Setzler, 656-0256; Watson, 656-7880.

**S.R. 136 Reproductive Freedom** by Senator Gloria Butler (D-55) proposes amending the Georgia Constitution to recognize a freedom to make choices that include, but are not limited to, abortion, prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, miscarriage management, and infertility care, without government interference.

**ACTION – Oppose.** Call Rules Committee Senators listed above under S.R. 144.

**H.R. 210 Legalize Sports Betting, Pari-Mutuel Betting, Casino Gambling** by Representative James Beverly (D-143) would authorize *raffles by nonprofit organizations, betting, and casino gambling* in Paragraph VIII of the State Constitution that authorizes lotteries and bingo games.

**ACTION – Oppose.** Call Regulated Industries Committee Representatives Powell, Ch., 463-3793; Washburn, V-Ch., 656-0152; Ehrhart, Sec., 656-5024; Bennett, 656-0202; Carpenter, 657-1803; Collins, 656-5132; Cooper, 656-5069; Dubnik, 463-2246; Hawkins, 656-7855; Hutchinson, 656-0287; Jasperse, 656-7153; Jones, 656-5072; Mainor, 656-0126; Martin, 656-5146; McDonald, 651-7737; Mitchell, 656-0298; Ridley, 656-3947; Smith, 656-0265; Williams, 656-6372; Williamson, 656-5025.

**S.R. 140 Legalize Raffles and Sports Betting**, by Senator Bill Cowsert, would *authorize raffles by nonprofit organizations and sports betting* in the Georgia Constitution, Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII that currently legalizes only lotteries, and nonprofit bingo games.

**ACTION – Oppose.** Call Regulated Industries Committee Senators Cowsert, Ch., 463-1366; Summers, V-Ch., 463-5258; Kenned, Sec., 656-6578; Albers, Ex-Officio, 463-8055; Anderson, 463-2598; Brass, 656-0057; Butler, 656-0075; Dolezal, 656-0040; Ginn, 656-4700; Gooch, 656-9221; Harbison, 656-0074; Lucas, 656-5150; Rhett, 656-0054.

## What do “We”<sup>2</sup> want?

**S.B. 180 Religious Freedom** by Senator Ed Setzler preserves the right to freedom of religion and prohibits government from substantially burdening the exercise thereof. Law suits are authorized for violations, with government paying appropriate relief and attorney fees.

**ACTION – Support.** Contact Judiciary Committee Senators Strickland, Ch., 404 463-6598; Cowser, V-Ch., 463-1366; Hodges, Sec., 463-1309; Gooch, Ex-Officio, 656-9221; Hatchett, 656-7454; Jones II, 656-0036; Kennedy, 656-6578; Parent, 656-5109; Rhett, 656-0054; Setzler, 656-0256; Watson, 656-7880

**H.B. 293 Right to Keep and Bear Arms** by Representative Charlice Byrd (R-20) (a) protects from infringements on the right to keep and bear arms, (b) prohibits enforcement or assistance to enforce certain federal laws/actions relative to firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition, while (c) providing for causes of action, civil penalties, attorney fees and costs.

**ACTION – Support.** Call Judiciary Non-Civil Committee Representatives listed under H.B. 388 on page 2.

**S.B. 1 Unmask Georgia Students Act** was introduced by Senator Clint Dixon (R-45). If this bill does not pass to repeal the sun-set date of June 30, 2023, Georgians could be required to show proof of COVID vaccination beginning July 1, 2023. On February 7, 2023, S.B. 1 passed the Senate and is in the House Public Health Committee.

**ACTION – Support.** Call Public Health Committee Representatives listed under H.B. 266 below.

**H.B. 266 Medical Freedom Act** by Representative Charlice Byrd (R-20) would repeal Public Health Department authority to require submission to vaccination, wearing of face masks, proof of immunization passports, or documentation certifying vaccination for any reason, whatsoever.

**ACTION – Support.** Call several members of the Public Health Committee as follows: Representatives Cooper, Ch., 404 656-5069; Washburn, V-Ch., 656-0152; Oliver, Sec., 656-00265; Hawkins, Ex-Officio, 656-7855; Anulewicz, 656-0116; Au, 656-0314; Bennett, 656-0202; Cheokas, 463-7853; Dempsey, 463-2248; Drenner, 656-0202; Fleming, 656-0254; Frye, 636-0265; Gaines, 656-5025; Hilton, 656-0188; Houston, 463-2248; Howard, 656-6372; Hutchinson, 656-0287; LaHood, 656-5105; Lott, 657-1803; Parrish, 463-2246; Pirkle, 656-5912; Reese, 656-0109; Seabaugh, 656-0152; Silcox, 657-1803; Stoner, 656-0220; Taylor, 463-2248.

**S.B. 187 Safe Place for Newborns** by Senator Ed Setzler adds (a) “child-placing agencies and churches as safe haven facilities” to take physical custody of newborns and place them for adoption and (b) provides for DHS to take custody if necessary. (c) DHS would contract with an experienced nonprofit agency to create a training program and 24-hour telephone hotline.

**ACTION – Support.** Call Children and Families Committee Senators Kirkpatrick, Ch., 656-3932; Hatchett, V-Ch., 651-7745; Brass, Sec., 656-0057; Burns, 463-1376; Esteves, 463-1562; Jackson, 656-6882; Mallow, 656-7586; Merritt, 463-1310; Payne, Ex-Officio; 436-5402; Robertson, Ex-Officio, 656-0045

**S.B. 88 Parents and Child Protection Act of 2023** by Senator Carden Summers (R-13)

(a) prohibits giving or obtaining data from a child about the child’s sexual orientation or gender other than the child’s biological sex (b) without “express written permission of the child’s parent or legal guardian.” (c) Such prohibition includes child caregivers or services, the staff of a private/public/charter-school, social service agency, public library, camp or similar facility or program. (d) No adult acting in loco parentis while dressed in a sexually provocative manner shall instruct/educate/train a child without express written consent from the parent or legal guardian. (e) Official school records must include and be maintained under the legal name recorded upon the child’s initial enrollment in a local school. (f) Any request for a name-change on a student’s school record must be written and accompanied by a copy of the student’s amended birth certificate and the written consent form signed by all of the child’s parents or legal guardians. (g) Violators may be sanctioned, while losing funding and tax exempt status.

**ACTION – Support.** Call Education and Youth Committee Senators Dixon, Ch., 656-6446; Payne, V-Ch., 463-5402; Sims, Sec., 463-5259; Brass, 656-0057, Ex-Officio; Dolezal, 656-0040, Ex-Officio; Echols, 463-3931; Gooch, Ex-Officio, 656-9221; Halpern, 463-1351; James, 463-1379; Parent, 656-5109; Setzler, 656-0256; Still, 656-7127; Tate, 463-8053.

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<sup>2</sup> Conservatives

## More of What “We” want!

**H.B. 443 Provide U.S. Constitution to Students** by Representative Mitchell Horner (R-3) requires the State Board of Education to annually give Georgia public school students, in a grade to be decided, a printed copy of the U.S. Constitution during Celebrate Freedom Week.<sup>3</sup>

**ACTION – Support.** Call Education Committee Representatives Erwin, Ch., 656-0188; Hilton, V-Ch., 656-0188; Daniel, Sec., 656-0178; Adeyina, 656-6372; Ballard, 656-0325; Carter, 656-0220; Cheokas, 463-7853; Clark, 656-0188; Cox, 656-0152; Dubnik, 463-2246; Evans, 656-0109; Glaize, 656-0202; Howard, 656-6372; Jasperse, 656-7153; Jones, Jan, 656-5072; Jones, Todd, 656-9210; Mainor, 656-0126; Paris, 656-0109; Townsend, 656-0178; Wade, 651-7737; Wilkerson, 656-0314.

**S.B. 140 Prohibit Surgical Treatment for Gender Dysphoria in Minors** by Senator Carden Summers (R-13) prohibits (a) a hospital, related facility or other licensed entity from performing on a minor sex reassignment surgery or any surgical procedure to alter sexual characteristics. The Department of Community Health would sanction violators. (b) Local physicians doing so on a minor would be accountable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

**S.B. 141 Prohibit Altering Gender Appearance of Minor** by Senator Clint Dixon (R-45) prohibits (a) health care professions and businesses from knowingly engaging in or causing the altering of appearance or affirming of a minor’s perception of his/her gender or sex which is inconsistent with the minor’s sex. (b) Prohibits prescribing or administering certain drugs, surgical sterilization, and artificially constructing tissue to appear as genitalia different from the individual’s sex, but (c) does not apply to medically verifiable sex development disorders. (d) *Schools*: “No school nurse, counselor, teacher, principal, or other official or staff at a public or private school shall knowingly encourage or coerce a minor to withhold from the minor’s parent or legal guardian the fact that the minor’s perception of his or her gender is inconsistent with his or her sex.”

**ACTION – Support S.B. 140 and S.B. 141, which are in the same committee.** Call Health and Human Services Committee Senators Watson, Ch., 656-7880; Kirkpatrick, V-Ch., 656-3932; Setzler, Sec., 656-0256; Brass, 656-0057; Butler, 656-0075; Echols, 656-3931; Halpern, 463-1351; Hatchett, 651-7745; Hodges, Ex-Officio, 463-1309; Hufstetler, 656-0034; Jackson, 656-6882; Kennedy, 656-6578; Lucas, 656-0150; Orrock, 656-8054; Strickland, 463-6598; Walker, 656-0095.

**H.B. 250 Prohibit Social Media Platform Censorship** by Representative Steven Sainz (R-180) protects the right of Georgians to receive/express uncensored viewpoints on social media, interactive computer service or other medium.

**H.B. 246 China, Iran, N. Korea, Russia & Citizens** by Representative Martin Momtahan (R-17) would prohibit such from purchasing, holding or controlling Georgia farms and land which produces food, energy, roads/highways, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, protective equipment, multiple tenant developments, single-family homes, water delivery, fuel delivery or production, and anything within 50 miles of a U.S. military facility or installation.

**ACTION – Support H.B. 250 and H.B. 246 in the same committee.** Call House Judiciary Committee Representatives Gunter, Ch., 404 656-5125; Reeves, V-Ch., 656-0325; Leverett, Sec., 656-0213; DeLoach, Ex-Officio, 656-0178; Smith, Tyler, Ex-Officio, 463-7853; Bruce, 656-7859; Burchett, 656-5024; Crawford, 656-0314; Efstration, 656-5052; Evans, 656-0116; Holcomb, 656-6372; Hong, 651-7737; Jones, Todd, 656-9210; Kelley, 656-0188; Oliver, 656-0265; Scoggins, 656-0254; Silcox, 657-1803; Stoner, 656-0221.

**S.B. 132 Prohibit Nonresident Aliens from Buying or Possessing Certain Land** by Senator Brandon Beach would preserve for Georgians land within a 25-mile radius of a military facility, and agricultural land capable of producing crops, livestock, poultry, milk products or fruit, etc.

**ACTION – Support.** Call Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Committee Senators Dugan, Ch., 656-7872; Harbison, V-Ch., 656-0074; Payne, Sec., 463-5402; Anavitarte, Ex-Officio, 656-0085; Anderson, 463-2598; Gooch, Ex-Officio, 656-9221; Islam, 463-5273; Kennedy, Ex-Officio, 656-6578; Kirkpatrick, 656-3932; McLaurin, 463-4228.

<sup>3</sup> “It is strongly encouraged that the full week of September which includes Constitution Day, September 17, is recognized in public elementary, middle, and high schools in this state as Celebrate Freedom Week.” O.C.G.A. 20-2-1020(a)