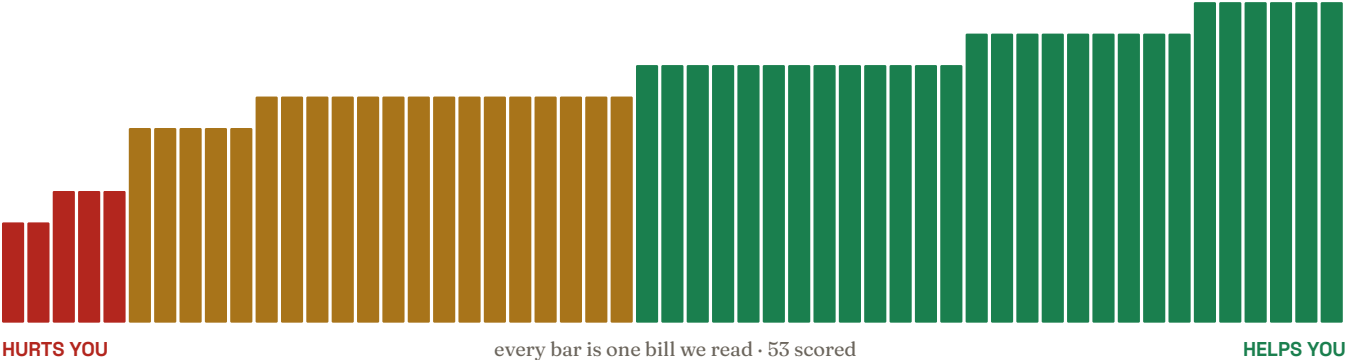




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Georgia Bill Book 2026

The Georgia bills that matter most, each scored 1–10 on one question: does it help everyday people, or the interests behind it?



Our take on the left. The bill on the right. Room for your notes.

Every spread is one bill, twice.

On the **left** is our take: the Billometer score, what the bill means for you, and the factor-by-factor reasoning behind that score. On the **right** is the bill on the record: its official title, its status, where to read the real text, and space for your own notes.

THE BILLOMETER

One number, 1 to 10, answering a single question: does this help everyday people or hurt them? 1–4 hurts, 5–6 is mixed, 7–10 helps. It is our editorial judgement — which is exactly why every page shows the reasoning behind it. If you disagree with a score, you can see precisely where you disagree.

HOW THESE BILLS WERE CHOSEN

Ranked, not cherry-picked. This edition prints the 10 lowest-scoring and 10 highest-scoring of the 53 Georgia bills we have fully analysed. A bill only qualifies if it passed our verification step, has a recorded official status, and has its reasoning attached. Thin entries are left out rather than padded. Note that only 143 bills in the entire country score 3 or below, so in most places the bottom of the list is not evil — it is merely mixed, and we label it that way.

THESE ARE PROPOSALS, NOT LAW

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10 worst, 10 best

THE WORST — LOWEST SCORING

- 2/10** SB231 **The Makers Lawsuits Bill** — Georgia bill would shield gun makers from many lawsuits
- 2/10** HB121 Georgia bill blocks officers from enforcing federal gun laws
- 3/10** HB1360 **The Class Action Bill** — Georgia bill would block class action lawsuits over tax refunds
- 3/10** HB11 **The Funds Homestead Bill** — New sales tax funds homestead exemption for Glynn County homeowners
- 3/10** HB19 **The Funds Homestead Bill** — Sales tax funds homestead property tax break in Floyd County
- 5/10** HB10 **The Worth County Bill** — Worth County proposes home tax cut funded by sales tax
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- 5/10** HB37 **The Effingham County Bill** — Effingham county plans homestead tax break funded by sales tax
- 5/10** HB44 **The Harris County Bill** — Harris County bill offers homestead exemption funded by sales tax
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THE BEST — HIGHEST SCORING

- 9/10** HB1050 **The Student Data Bill** — Georgia bill protects student data from immigration officials
- 9/10** SB419 **The Police Understand Bill** — New ID cards would help police understand hidden disabilities
- 9/10** HB292 **The Companies Workers Bill** — Companies get tax help for paying workers a living wage
- 9/10** HB395 **The Minimum Wage Bill** — Georgia bill would raise minimum wage for many workers
- 9/10** HB375 **The Workers Overtime Bill** — Georgia bill would let workers keep more overtime pay
- 9/10** SB583 **The Hidden Junk Bill** — Georgia wants to ban hidden junk fees for shoppers
- 8/10** HB13 **The Mitchell County Bill** — Mitchell County homeowners get property tax break, sales tax rises
- 8/10** HB33 **The Cherokee County Bill** — New tax exemption could help Cherokee County homeowners save money
- 8/10** HB34 **The Plains Homeowners Bill** — Plains homeowners could get a big property tax break
- 8/10** HB43 **The Homeowners Break Bill** — Blakely homeowners could get tax break, funded by new sales tax

The Makers Lawsuits Bill

Georgia bill would shield gun makers from many lawsuits

GA SB231 • Immunity & Accountability

2/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Ordinary Georgians could lose the chance to hold gun makers accountable if a shooting accident happens at a range, leaving victims to bear costs.

WHY IT SCORES 2/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Reduces ability to sue.
Manufacturers and range owners shielded from thirdparty negligence claims
- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — Weakens consumer rights.
Limits lawsuits for victims of firearm accidents
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Shifts cost to victims.
Victims must pay damages instead of manufacturers
- Process Transparency (hurts)** — Limited public input.
Bill is only introduced, no hearings noted

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (10R / 0D)

Firearms; activities relating to such that occur at a sport shooting range; negligent acts of a third party involving the use of a weapon, firearm; limit liability of a weapons, firearms, or ammunition manufacturer, trade assoc.

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-20

The bill would stop people from suing gun makers or range owners when a thirdparty mishandles a firearm.

Firearms manufacturers

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-sb231-978486

Georgia bill blocks officers from enforcing federal gun laws

GA HB121 · Immunity & Accountability

2/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



1 · hurts you

helps you · 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens could lose the ability to have police enforce dangerous gun rules, making it harder to stop illegal weapons, while gun supporters see a stronger right to own arms.

WHY IT SCORES 2/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Reduces ability to hold officials accountable for gun law enforcement..
Limits officer enforcement of federal rules.
- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — Weakens public safety protections..
Stops enforcement of federal gun restrictions.
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Potential cost shift to taxpayers for civil penalties..
State may pay penalties and attorney fees.
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No new transparency measures..
Procedural changes not specified.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (3R / 0D)

Second Amendment Preservation Act; enact

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-27

The bill would stop state officers from helping enforce any federal gun rules, letting gun owners sue the state if they try.

Everyday People

Official text (GA HB121) – <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/69495>

LegiScan – HB121 – <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB121/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb121-943296

The Class Action Bill

Georgia bill would block class action lawsuits over tax refunds

GA HB1360 • Your Right to Sue

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens could lose a powerful way to challenge unfair tax refunds, making it harder for individuals to get money back, while governments keep more cash.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Limits ability to hold government accountable through class suits.
Removing class actions reduces public oversight of tax refund decisions
- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — Cuts a key legal right for citizens.
People can no longer sue together to recover refunds
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Shifts cost to taxpayers.
Government keeps money that might have been returned via lawsuits
- Process Transparency (hurts)** — Less transparent refund process.
No class actions means fewer public challenges and disclosures

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (6R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Revenue and taxation; refunds of taxes and license fees by counties and municipalities; prohibit class action suits

GA HB1360

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-18

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would stop people from filing class lawsuits to get back county or city tax and fee refunds.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Government Power

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (GA HB1360) — <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/73335>

LegiScan — HB1360 — <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB1360/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb1360-119508

YOUR NOTES

The Funds Homestead Bill

New sales tax funds homestead exemption for Glynn County homeowners

GA HB11 • Housing & Property

3/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Homeowners could see lower property bills, but everyone will pay higher sales taxes, which hurts renters and lowincome shoppers, so the tradeoff matters now.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Cost shift reduces accountability.
New tax imposed without strong oversight
- Rights & Protections (neutral)** — No direct impact on rights.
Bill does not change legal protections
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Cost shift to all consumers.
Sales tax applies to every shopper, not just homeowners
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Includes referendum.
Mandatory election and judicial remedies increase openness

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (2R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House · 2026-06-22 — passed
Yes 97R/2D · No 0R/71D

Glynn County; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

Introduced · recorded 2026-06-17

The bill would add a new sales tax to pay for a property tax break for homeowners in Glynn County.

Everyday People

Official text (GA HB11) — <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/74768>

LegiScan – HB11 – <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB11/2026/X1>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb11-154046

The Funds Homestead Bill

Sales tax funds homestead property tax break in Floyd County

GA HB19 • Housing & Property

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Homeowners could save money on their yearly tax bill, while everyone else may see higher prices at stores because of the new sales tax.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (hurts) — new tax and referendum.
Adds a sales tax but includes voter approval.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — no change to legal rights.
Does not affect suing or other rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — cost shift to shoppers.
Sales tax covers the property tax exemption.
- Process Transparency** (helps) — requires voter approval.
A referendum must be held before the tax can be imposed.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (3R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House · 2026-06-22 — passed
Yes 97R/2D · No 0R/71D

THE BILL ITSELF

Floyd County; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

GA HB19

 Introduced · recorded 2026-06-17

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would let homeowners skip their county property tax, but would raise a new sales tax to pay for it.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (GA HB19) — <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/74776>

LegiScan — HB19 — <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB19/2026/X1>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb19-154030

YOUR NOTES

The Worth County Bill

Worth County proposes home tax cut funded by sales tax

GA HB10 • Housing & Property

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, homeowners could keep more of their money. Other shoppers will face a higher sales tax. Voters should decide if the tax cut is worth the extra cost for everyone.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — no new oversight.
Bill does not add accountability mechanisms
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — does not affect legal rights.
No impact on suing or rights
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — shifts tax burden.
New sales tax spreads cost to all consumers
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — requires referendum.
Public vote adds transparency

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House · 2026-06-22 — passed
Yes 97R/2D · No 0R/71D

Worth County; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

Introduced · recorded 2026-06-17

The bill would let homeowners in Worth County pay less property tax by giving them an exemption, but it would raise a new local sales tax to pay for it.

Everyday People

Official text (GA HB10) – <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/74766>

LegiScan — HB10 — <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB10/2026/X1>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb10-154052

The Fannin County Bill

Fannin County homeowners could get tax break, shoppers pay more

GA HB14 • Housing & Property

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would give Fannin County homeowners a break on their yearly property taxes. This sounds good for people who own homes. But, to pay for this tax break, everyone in Fannin County would have to pay a new sales tax on things they buy. This means people who rent or have less money could end up paying more in taxes overall. Voters in Fannin County would get to decide if they want this new sales tax. The bill has already...

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Referendum allows citizen vote.
The bill requires a public vote, called a referendum, for the new sales tax to take...
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Not directly impacting rights.
This bill is about taxes and does not directly take away or add to people's rights or...
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Cost shifts from homeowners to all consumers.
Homeowners would pay less in property taxes, but all consumers in Fannin County...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Referendum provides transparency.
The bill includes a referendum, which means the public would vote on the new sales tax...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Fannin County homeowners
Bearing the cost: Fannin County consumers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House · 2026-06-22 — passed
Yes 97R/2D · No 0R/71D

Fannin County; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

Introduced · recorded 2026-06-17

This bill would let Fannin County homeowners pay less property tax, but everyone would pay a new sales tax to make up the difference.

Everyday People

Official text (GA HB14) – <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/74771>

LegiScan — HB14 — <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB14/2026/X1>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb14-154100

The Effingham County Bill

Effingham county plans homestead tax break funded by sales tax

GA HB37 • Housing & Property

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Homeowners could save money on their yearly tax bill, but the county will need to replace that money with a sales tax that all shoppers will pay, so other residents may see higher prices.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — No new oversight mechanisms added.
The bill does not change who is accountable for tax collection.

Rights & Protections (neutral) — No rights removed.
Homeowners keep the right to own property and sue the county.

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — Cost shifts to consumers via sales tax.
Tax savings for homeowners are funded by a new sales tax on all shoppers.

Process Transparency (neutral) — Standard procedures.
The bill follows usual legislative and referendum steps.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (2R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House · 2026-06-22 — passed
Yes 97R/2D · No 0R/71D

Effingham County; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

Introduced · recorded 2026-06-17

The bill would let homeowners in Effingham get a property tax cut, paid for by a new local sales tax on everyone.

Everyday People

Official text (GA HB37) — <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/74794>

LegiScan — HB37 — <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB37/2026/X1>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb37-154020

The Harris County Bill

Harris County bill offers homestead exemption funded by sales tax

GA HB44 • Housing & Property

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Homeowners could see lower bills, but shoppers will face higher prices, so the community must decide if the tax swap is worth it while the bill is still being debated.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — no major change in oversight.
Bill adds exemption but does not alter existing accountability mechanisms
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — no rights removed.
Homeowners keep rights; no new restrictions
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — sales tax shift to shoppers.
Funding the exemption via new local sales tax makes consumers pay
- Process Transparency** (helps) — requires referendum.
Public vote and mandatory election execution increase transparency

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (2R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House · 2026-06-22 — passed
Yes 97R/2D · No 0R/71D

Harris County; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

Introduced · recorded 2026-06-17

The bill would let homeowners in Harris County pay less property tax, but it would add a new sales tax to fund the cut.

Everyday People

Official text (GA HB44) – <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/74808>

LegiScan – HB44 – <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB44/2026/X1>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb44-154025

The Bartow County Bill

Bartow County plans sales tax to fund home tax break

GA HB47 • Housing & Property

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The exemption could lower your yearly property bill, but the new sales tax could raise prices on everyday purchases, hitting renters and lowincome families harder.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — neutral.
No change to accountability mechanisms.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — neutral.
Does not remove any existing rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — cost shift to consumers.
New sales tax funds exemption, shifting cost to purchasers.
- Process Transparency** (helps) — public vote required.
Referendum and judicial remedies increase transparency.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (2R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House · 2026-06-22 — passed
Yes 97R/2D · No 0R/71D

Bartow County; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

Introduced · recorded 2026-06-17

The bill would let homeowners pay less property tax, but would add a new sales tax that everyone else must pay.

Everyday People

Official text (GA HB47) – <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/74811>

LegisScan – HB47 – <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB47/2026/X1>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb47-154093

The Student Data Bill

Georgia bill protects student data from immigration officials

GA HB1050 • Privacy & Data

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is important because it would help keep kids' personal school information safe from being shared with immigration officers without good reason. If this bill passes, parents would have more say over who sees their child's records. It would also make sure schools have a clear plan for how to talk with immigration officers. Some might say this bill makes it harder for immigration officers to do their job, but others...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Schools would be held accountable for protecting student data..

The bill would mandate the designation of a school administrator in each school district...

Rights & Protections (helps) — Student privacy rights would be protected..

The bill would restrict access to student records, with the exception of medical...

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — No clear cost shift is mentioned..

The bill does not specify any new costs or who would pay for them.

Process Transparency (neutral) — The bill does not directly address process transparency..

The bill focuses on data protection and administrative roles, not on making government...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Students and families

Bearing the cost: Immigration enforcement agencies

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 6D)

Law enforcement officers and agencies; protection of student data from immigration officials under certain circumstances; provide

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-27

This bill would stop schools from sharing student information with immigration officers unless there's a court order or parent's OK, protecting kids' privacy.

Everyday People

Official text (GA HB1050) – <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72387>

LegiScan — HB1050 — <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB1050/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb1050-095192

The Police Understand Bill

New ID cards would help police understand hidden disabilities

GA SB419 • Criminal Justice

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would make it easier for people with hidden disabilities to interact with police. If passed, police would get special training to understand these disabilities. Also, people could choose to have a note on their driver's license or ID card. This could help avoid misunderstandings and make police stops safer for everyone. It is important to support bills like this that help protect people and make interactions with...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Police training for better interactions..
The bill provides for training in interactions with persons with non-apparent...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects people with disabilities during police stops..
By allowing a notation on IDs and providing police training, the bill aims to protect...
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Waiver of fees helps citizens..
The bill provides for the waiver of certain license fees for these special identification...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No direct impact on transparency..
The bill does not directly address or change government process transparency.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** People with non-apparent disabilities
- Bearing the cost:** State government (for training and waived fees)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 6D)

"Eric's ID Law"

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-21

This bill would let people put a note about their hidden disability on their ID, helping police understand them better during stops.

Everyday People

Official text (GA SB419) – <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/72329>

LegiScan – SB419 – <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/SB419/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-sb419-089515

The Companies Workers Bill

Companies get tax help for paying workers a living wage

GA HB292 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would encourage businesses to pay higher wages by offering them a tax credit. This could mean more people get paid enough to cover their basic needs. It helps workers directly by making it more likely their employer will pay a living wage. Some might argue that tax credits reduce state income, but supporters would say it helps the economy by putting more money in workers' pockets. Citizens should watch this bill to...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral impact on accountability..
The bill does not directly change how businesses are held accountable for harm, but it...
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Helps protect workers' right to a fair wage..
The bill would encourage employers to pay a living wage, which helps workers earn enough...
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — State bears the cost of tax credit to benefit workers..
The state would give up some tax money to encourage businesses to pay higher wages...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — No information provided..
The bill text does not provide details on how transparent the process for certification...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Businesses that pay a living wage

Bearing the cost: State tax revenue

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (1R / 5D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Income tax; certification of certain employers as living wage employers; provide

GA HB292 Introduced · recorded 2025-02-05

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give tax breaks to businesses that pay workers enough to live on, helping more people earn a fair wage.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Employers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (GA HB292) — <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/69960>

LegiScan — HB292 — <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB292/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb292-958335

YOUR NOTES

The Minimum Wage Bill

Georgia bill would raise minimum wage for many workers

GA HB395 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is important because it would mean more money in the pockets of many working people in Georgia. It would also make sure that fewer types of jobs are allowed to pay less than the minimum wage. Some businesses might say this would make it harder for them to pay their workers, but supporters say it helps families afford basic needs. Now is the time to speak up if you want to see workers earn more or if you worry about...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Increases worker protections.
It would give more workers the right to earn a higher minimum wage.
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Shifts cost to employers.
Businesses would pay higher wages to their workers.
- Funding Tilt (helps)** — Tilts funding towards workers.
The bill aims to help workers earn more money.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Workers

Bearing the cost: Employers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 6D)

Labor and industrial relations; minimum wage; provide for an increase

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-11

This bill would give many workers more money per hour and make sure more people get the minimum wage.

Everyday People

Official text (GA HB395) – <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/70196>

LegiScan – HB395 – <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB395/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb395-965838

The Workers Overtime Bill

Georgia bill would let workers keep more overtime pay

GA HB375 • Work & Wages

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



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helps you • 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help people who work extra hours by letting them keep more of their hard-earned money. If it passes, your overtime pay would not be taxed by the state. This means more money in your pocket, especially for those who rely on overtime to make ends meet. The state would collect less tax money, which could impact state services. Since this bill is still new, now is a good time to tell your lawmakers what you think.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Helps workers.
Workers would pay less in state income tax on their overtime earnings, meaning more money...
- Funding Tilt (helps)** — Shifts money to workers.
The state would collect less tax revenue, which means more money stays with individual...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Georgia workers earning overtime
Bearing the cost: Georgia state government

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (6R / 0D)

Income tax; exclude overtime compensation

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-10

This bill would let you keep all the money you earn from working extra hours, instead of paying state taxes on it.

Workers

Official text (GA HB375) – <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/70137>

LegisScan – HB375 – <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB375/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb375-964580

The Hidden Junk Bill

Georgia wants to ban hidden junk fees for shoppers

GA SB583 • Consumer Protection

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Have you ever bought something and watched the price jump at checkout because of surprise fees? This bill would make that illegal in Georgia. It forces companies to show you the real total price right away. The text does mention some exceptions, but overall it is a big win for honest shopping. Now is the time to support it before businesses try to add loopholes.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Forces honest pricing.

Businesses must show the true cost upfront instead of hiding fees until the end.

Rights & Protections (helps) — Protects buyers from tricks.

Gives shoppers the right to see total prices before they decide to buy.

Process Transparency (helps) — Clearer checkout process.

Makes the buying process much more transparent for regular people.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 16D)

False Advertising; any person, firm, or corporation to display all fees associated with a consumer transaction when displaying the total price of a good; require

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-25

This bill would force businesses to show you every single fee upfront when you buy something so you are not tricked by hidden costs.

Everyday People

Official text (GA SB583) — <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/73630>

LegiScan – SB583 – <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/SB583/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-sb583-124769

The Mitchell County Bill

Mitchell County homeowners get property tax break, sales tax rises

GA HB13 • Housing & Property

8/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help Mitchell County homeowners by letting them pay no property tax on their home's value. This could be a big help for people on fixed incomes or those struggling to afford their homes. However, a new sales tax would pay for this property tax break, meaning everyone who buys things in Mitchell County, including those who do not own homes, would pay more. Voters would get to decide if they want this change in...

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (neutral)** — Neutral impact.
The bill shifts tax burden but does not directly address accountability for bad actors.
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects homeowners from property tax burden.
Provides a property tax exemption, protecting homeowners from property tax burden.
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Shifts cost to consumers.
Shifts the cost from property owners to all consumers through a new sales tax.
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Requires voter approval.
Requires a public referendum for the new sales tax, increasing transparency.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Mitchell County homeowners
Bearing the cost: Mitchell County consumers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2026-06-22 — passed
Yes 97R/2D • No 0R/71D

Mitchell County; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

Introduced · recorded 2026-06-17

This bill would let Mitchell County homeowners pay less property tax, but everyone would pay more sales tax instead.

Everyday People

Official text (GA HB13) – <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/74770>

LegiScan — HB13 — <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB13/2026/X1>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb13-154038

The Cherokee County Bill

New tax exemption could help Cherokee County homeowners save money

GA HB33 • Money & Damages

8/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could help families afford their homes better. Now is the time to support it and make sure it moves forward.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Funding Tilt (helps) — This bill could shift tax burdens positively for homeowners..
The homestead exemption would lower property taxes for residents.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (6R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House · 2026-06-22 — passed
Yes 97R/2D · No 0R/71D

THE BILL ITSELF

Cherokee County; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

GA HB33

 Introduced · recorded 2026-06-17

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would let homeowners in Cherokee County save on property taxes, which means more money in their pockets.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

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Official text (GA HB33) — <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/74790>

LegiScan — HB33 — <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB33/2026/X1>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb33-154081

YOUR NOTES

The Plains Homeowners Bill

Plains homeowners could get a big property tax break

GA HB34 • Housing & Property

8/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would give homeowners in the City of Plains a big break on their property taxes, possibly making it much cheaper to own a home. The catch is that a new sales tax would be put in place across Sumter County to pay for this tax break. This means everyone who buys things in the county, including those homeowners, would pay a little more. Voters would get to decide if they want this plan in a special vote. While it would...

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Not directly related to accountability for actions..
The bill focuses on tax structure, not holding entities accountable for harm.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Protects homeowners' money..
It would reduce property tax burden for homeowners, protecting their financial stability.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Shifts cost from property owners to all consumers via new sales tax..
While property owners get a tax break, the cost is covered by a new sales tax, meaning...
- Process Transparency** (helps) — Requires voter approval..
The bill includes a provision for a referendum, allowing local voters to decide if they...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Homeowners in Plains
Bearing the cost: Consumers in Sumter County

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2026-06-22 — passed
Yes 97R/2D • No 0R/71D

Plains, City of; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

Introduced · recorded 2026-06-17

This bill would let people in Plains pay less property tax on their homes, but it would add a new sales tax to help pay for it.

Everyday People

Official text (GA HB34) – <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/74791>

LegisScan – HB34 – <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB34/2026/X1>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ga-hb34-154058

The Homeowners Break Bill

Blakely homeowners could get tax break, funded by new sales tax

GA HB43 • Housing & Property

8/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help homeowners in Blakely save money on their property taxes. It would create a new sales tax in Early County to pay for this. This means everyone who buys things in Early County, not just homeowners, would pay a little more. Supporters would say this helps families keep their homes and makes living in Blakely more affordable. Others might worry that the new sales tax would hurt people who rent or those with...

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — Cost shifts from property owners to consumers..

The bill provides a homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes funded by a new Local...

Process Transparency (helps) — Requires a referendum..

The bill explicitly provides for a referendum, allowing citizens to vote on the new sales...

Funding Tilt (hurts) — Benefits homeowners, funded by sales tax..

The homestead exemption directly benefits property owners in Blakely, while the funding...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Homeowners in the City of Blakely

Bearing the cost: Consumers in Early County

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2026-06-22 — passed

Yes 97R/2D • No 0R/71D

Blakely, City of; ad valorem tax; provide homestead exemption

Introduced · recorded 2026-06-17

This bill would let people in Blakely pay less property tax on their homes, but a new sales tax would help pay for it.

Everyday People

Official text (GA HB43) – <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/74807>

LegiScan – HB43 – <https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB43/2026/X1>

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