

SENATE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS



2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

New Legislation

Real Earned Income Tax Credit

Earned Income Tax Credit of 10% of the federal EITC that scales positively with income

Georgia Civil Rights Act

Give full nondiscrimination protections based on race, color, religion, natural origin, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity

Spanish Education Study Committee

Examine mechanisms to improve bilingual/multilingual education by providing more comprehensive foreign language education and expanding it to more grades.

Gun Safety Package

GCIC app to allow private party background checks

No guns for people on the no fly/terrorism watch list with appeal process (details pending)

“Rooney Rule” for State Government

Require the governor and state agencies to interview at least one person of color before making an appointment or hiring a high level employee

Civil Forfeiture Reform

Details Pending

Legislation from Prior Years

\$15 Minimum Wage with COLA

Raise Georgia's minimum wage to \$15 and increase it annually based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Medicaid Expansion

Expand Medicaid so long as the deferral government is providing at least 90% funding.

Employee Misclassification

Update Georgia's definition of employee to match the federal definition to make it easier to prove misclassification

Community Schools

Create a state level grant program to fund wraparound social services programs in schools such as additional education, health and nutrition, adult education, and other community involvement programs

Voting Rights Package

Same Day Voter Registration

Add Another Saturday Early Voting Day

Expand Early Voting

Repeal Voter ID

Automatic Voter Registration

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Constitutional amendment and enabling legislation to create a bipartisan citizens redistricting commission to draw redistricting maps

Fair District Amendment

Constitutional amendment to require judicial review of new district maps and to provide a remedy in the event of gerrymandered districts

“Bou Bou’s Law”

Limit no knock search warrants to situations where necessary to protect human life or prevent the imminent destruction of evidence

Require Police Body Cameras

Require police to wear body cameras when on duty and for public access to any video of encounters between police and others. Video would be kept for at least 30 days; video depicting an encounter involving the use of force, of an arrest or detention, or where a complaint has been filed would be kept for three years

Gun Safety Package

Prohibit Guns in Government Buildings

Require Training for Carry Permit

Allow Police to Inspect Carry Permits

New Americans Program

Create a New Americans Program to assist legal permanent residences with navigating the naturalization process and becoming citizens

Division of Supplier Diversity

Create the Division of Supplier Diversity to promote minority and women owned businesses in state contracting and assist them with the state contracting process

Georgia Equal Pay Act

Prohibit employers from paying employees less based on gender and create a right of action for an aggrieved employee. Employers would not be allowed to retaliate against employees that discuss their pay

Georgia Family Medical Leave Act

Constitutional amendment to create a paid family leave fund to provide up to six weeks paid leave for people suffering from disability or to care for ill family members paid by a payroll tax of up to 1.5%

Georgia Family Planning Initiative

Create a program that can accept public or private funds to provide long term birth control and other family planning services to low income and uninsured women