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Georgia Policy Update

April 1, 2022

**Today is Day 39.
This is crunch time before the
session ends Monday night!**

The end of Georgia's legislative session on Monday is at hand. There are important opportunities for you to lift your voice in support of strong, diverse, well-funded, culturally sustaining public schools. We only have one legislative day left!



Legislative Updates

Here is what you can do!

Speak in Committee Against Hurtful Bills

Several bills are being debated in committee. You can...

- Email or call the representatives on the [House education](#) and [Senate education](#) committees.
- Attend the hearings (times and locations are subject to change, stay tuned to the latest updates via the [Georgia General Assembly website](#) or [@IDRAeduFellows](#) on Twitter).
- Give public comment (for more information about testifying in Georgia, [click here](#)).

Demand that the committee members vote NO on the following bills.

- **Classroom Censorship:** SB 377 would prevent educators and students from discussing systemic racism in classrooms.

- **Parents Bill of Rights:** SB 449 would create new complaint processes to remove diverse curricula from classrooms.
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Oppose Bills Eligible for Floor Debate

Several bills are eligible to be debated and passed on the floor of the House and the Senate. You can...

- Reach out to [your own individual representatives and senator](#).
- Contact all [other members of the chamber](#).

Demand that they vote NO on the following bill.

- **Classroom Censorship:** HB 1217 (“obscenity” bill) may make it harder for students to access materials pertaining to LGBTQ+ topics.
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Demand Governor Kemp’s Veto

Several bills have already made their way through the Georgia legislature and are headed to Governor Brian Kemp for signature. This is your last opportunity to demand that he veto these harmful bills.

- **Classroom Censorship:** HB 1084 prevents educators and students from discussing systemic racism in classrooms.
- **Classroom Censorship:** SB 226 makes it easier for parents to challenge culturally-sustaining classroom materials.
- **Parents Bill of Rights:** HB 1178 ignores the needs of students and creates new processes that allow parents to limit what other students can learn in the classroom.

See the coalition statement released this hour: [Georgia Education Advocates Condemn the Passage of HB 1084 and HB 1178](#).



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Tools & Resources

[How to Testify before the Georgia General Assembly – Infographic](#)

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IDRA Education Policy Priorities for Georgia

- ★ Fair and Full Funding for Public Schools
- ★ Safe School Climates and Culturally-Sustaining Classrooms
- ★ Excellent Opportunities for Emergent Bilingual Students

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