

AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION FOUNDATION

CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

# RATINGS of GEORGIA 2020



The nation's gold standard to hold nearly 8,000 lawmakers accountable for their voting records.





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### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of Georgia* for 2020. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, ACU Foundation's *Ratings of the States* are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.

Matt Schlapp Chairman American Conservative Union Foundation





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### ABOUT THE CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF), is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area. In addition to ACUF's Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the largest gathering of conservatives in the world, the CLA develops conservative policy solutions and educates everyday citizens and activists on the proper role of government. In 1971, ACUF launched its *Ratings of Congress* to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress.

The Ratings quickly became considered the "gold standard" and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles. In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, *Ratings of the States* grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers.

Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America's federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

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#### **METHODOLOGY**

The CLA's Ratings of Congress and the States illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. When determining a position on a particular issue, the CLA begins by defining conservatism: the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. Then, we apply the founders' belief that the proper role of government is to protect Life, Liberty and Property.

In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

Each lawmaker is evaluated on a zero to 100 scale, with a score of 100 representing a voting record that is perfectly aligned with conservative principles. Officials who earn a score of 90% or higher are presented with the CLA's highest honor, the Award for Conservative Excellence, while those who earn a score of 80% or higher, but less than 90%, are presented with the Award for Conservative Achievement. Additionally, any lawmaker who earns a score of 10% or lower qualifies for the ACUF's Coalition of the Radical Left.

### **ANNUAL METRICS**



To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31. Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected. The CLA provides a score for each legislative chamber, which is based upon the average scores of all members within that respective chamber. A legislature's overall score is calculated by averaging each state's two legislative chambers together in order to better reflect the differences in political power between the chambers. (The exception being Nebraska, the nation's only unicameral legislature comprising a single legislative chamber, on which the state's overall score is based.)



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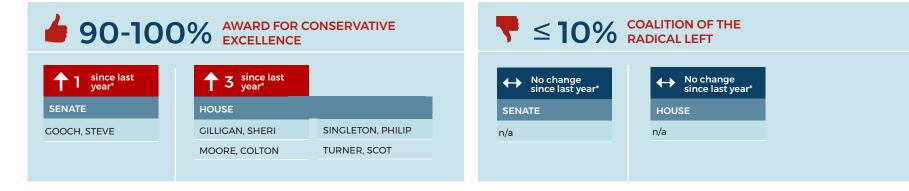
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### **2020 WINNERS & LOSERS**

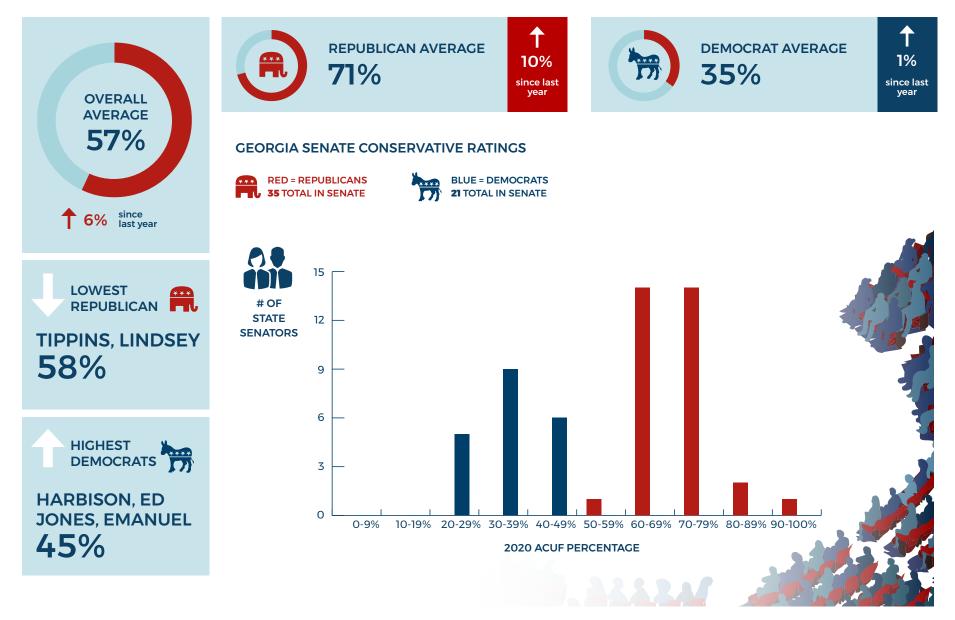


## **4 80-89%** AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

1 since last year*	10 since last year*	
SENATE	HOUSE	
BRASS, MATT	BARR, TIMOTHY	JONES, JEFF
DOLEZAL, GREG	CALDWELL, MICHAEL	JONES, TODD
	CLARK, DAVID	PIRKLE, CLAY
	COOKE, KEVIN	PULLIN, KEN
	DUBNIK, MATT	RIDLEY, JASON
	DUNAHOO, EMORY	RUTLEDGE, DALE
	GULLETT, JOSEPH	TARVIN, STEVE
	GURTLER, MATT	

\*Compared to number of qualifying lawmakers in the previous session Republicans in ALL CAPS, Democrats in initial caps, asterisk indicates Independents/Libertarians/other

### **GEORGIA SENATE STATISTICS**



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ALBERS, JOHN	R	56	71%	70%	78%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	х	+	-	-	+	х	+	+	+	+	-
ANDERSON, LEE	R	24	74%	55%	66%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Anderson, Tonya	D	43	33%	35%	29%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	х	-	-	-	-	-	х	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
BEACH, BRANDON	R	21	70%	60%	69%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
BLACK, ELLIS	R	8	61%	65%	74%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
BRASS, MATT	R	28	87%	65%	73%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
BURKE, DEAN	R	11	71%	53%	70%	+	-	+	+	x	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	х
Butler, Gloria	D	55	30%	26%	23%	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
COWSERT, BILL	R	46	61%	60%	74%	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Davenport, Gail	D	44	27%	30%	19%	х	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
DOLEZAL, GREG	R	27	83%	75%	79%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
DUGAN, MIKE	R	30	74%	63%	68%	+	-	х	+	+	+	х	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	х	+	+	+	+	х
GINN, FRANK	R	47	77%	55%	73%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	х	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
GOOCH, STEVE	R	51	95%	70%	87%	+	-	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	x
HARBIN, MARTY	R	16	70%	71%	76%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Harbison, Ed	D	15	45%	33%	37%	х	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	х	-	+	х	+	+	-
HARPER, TYLER	R	7	78%	67%	73%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-

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Harrell, Sally	D	40	41%	42%	42%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	х	-	+	-	-	+	-
HEATH, BILL	R	31	74%	75%	81%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Henson, Steve	D	41	29%	25%	20%	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	x	-	-	-	+	х	-	+	-
HILL, JACK	R	4	n/a†	55%	74%	+	x	x	+	+	х	x	х	x	-	+	+	+	x	x	x	+	х	х	х	x	x	x
HUFSTETLER, CHUCK	R	52	61%	53%	72%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
Jackson, Lester	D	2	43%	44%	32%	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-
James, Donzella	D	35	43%	32%	30%	х	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	x	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-
JONES, BURT	R	25	70%	61%	75%	-	-	+	+	+	х	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	х	х	+	-	-
Jones, Emanuel	D	10	45%	40%	32%	х	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	х	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	x	-
Jones, Harold	D	22	27%	24%	25%	-	-	+	+	-	+	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Jordan, Jennifer	D	6	27%	39%	34%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Karinshak, Zahra	D	48	35%	40%	37%	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
KENNEDY, JOHN	R	18	73%	60%	65%	+	-	x	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
KIRKPATRICK, KAY	R	32	64%	47%	61%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	х	+	+	-
LIGON, WILLIAM	R	3	64%	80%	80%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	x
Lucas, David	D	26	41%	40%	30%	-	-	+	x	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-
MARTIN, P. K.	R	9	68%	60%	67%	+	-	x	+	х	+	+	+	-	x	+	+	х	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
MILLER, BUTCH	R	49	74%	61%	71%	+	-	x	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	х	+	-	-	+	х	+	+	+	+	x
MULLIS, JEFF	R	53	73%	56%	73%	+	-	x	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Orrock, Nan	D	36	35%	25%	24%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Parent, Elena	D	42	36%	37%	32%	-	x	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
PAYNE, CHUCK	R	54	70%	60%	69%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Rahman, Sheikh	D	5	27%	40%	34%	-	x	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Rhett, Michael	D	33	38%	35%	28%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	х	-	+	-	+	+	-
ROBERTSON, RANDY	R	29	73%	47%	60%	+	-	+	+	+	+	x	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Seay, Valencia	D	34	n/a†	26%	29%	-	х	х	+	-	х	x	х	x	-	-	-	-	x	x	-	-	-	х	х	х	x	x

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STONE, JESSE	R	23	65%	60%	71%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
STRICKLAND, BRIAN	R	17	70%	55%	66%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
SUMMERS, CARDEN	R	13	61%	n/a	61%	х	-	+	х	х	+	+	+	-	-	+	х	-	+	-	-	х	+	+	+	+	+	-
Tate, Horacena	D	38	33%	38%	23%	-	+	+	+	-	х	+	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
THOMPSON, BRUCE	R	14	74%	67%	70%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	x	+	+	х	+	-	-	+	х	+	+	+	-	-
TILLERY, BLAKE	R	19	n/a†	65%	70%	-	-	х	+	+	+	x	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	х	х	+	х	+	х	+	х	x
TIPPINS, LINDSEY	R	37	58%	63%	78%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	х	+	х	+	-	х	+	-	+	х	+	-	-
UNTERMAN, RENEE	R	45	n/a†	55%	78%	-	x	х	+	+	х	x	+	-	+	+	+	-	х	-	-	+	х	х	+	х	х	x
WALKER, LARRY	R	20	64%	56%	65%	+	-	+	+	+	+	x	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
WATSON, BEN	R	1	77%	61%	68%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	x	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
WILKINSON, JOHN	R	50	68%	55%	71%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	х	+	+	-	-
Williams, Nikema	D	39	30%	32%	23%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-

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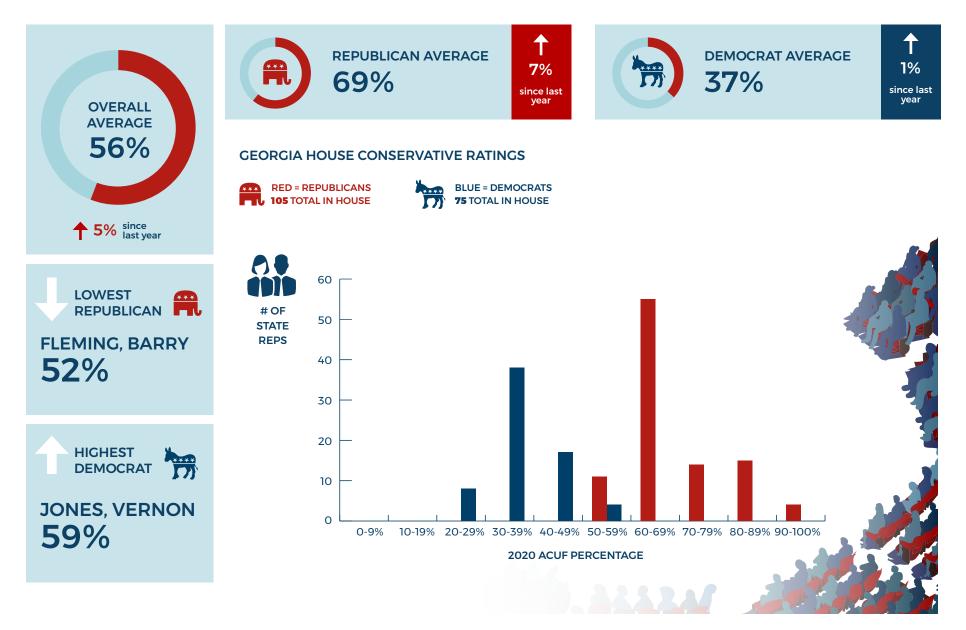
- 1. SB 110 Increasing Court Efficiency and Just Legal Outcomes by Increasing Use of the Georgia Business Court. This bill is designed to increase court efficiency and ensure more just legal outcomes by transferring more cases to the state's business court. In 2018, voters approved creation of a business court due to the fact the Superior and State Courts where overloaded with hundreds of criminal and domestic disputes. However, to transfer cases, the current law requires both parties in the dispute to consent to the change in court, allowing one party to effectively delay the case. This bill fixes this issue by allowing a single party to petition the court to move the case to the statewide business court. ACU supports efforts to strengthen the state's legal process to ensure just and timely remedies and supported this bill. The Senate failed to pass the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 24-27.
- 2. SB 211 Protecting the Meat Industry from Competition. This bill, which has been introduced across the country, interferes in the marketplace by enforcing government definitions of "meat" in consumer labeling in order to protect the farming and ranching interests from competition. The bill is in response to new "cell-cultured edible products" which are meat-substitute proteins produced by in vitro cultivation of animal cells instead of sourced from animals raised for meat production. ACU recognizes, as noted by U.S. Senator Mike Lee (ACUF Lifetime 99%) that these labeling schemes are designed to "suppress competition and limit new players from entering the market." ACU supports a free and competitive market, opposes this blanket prohibition on labeling and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 43-8 and the bill was signed into law.
- 3. SB 288 Increasing Job Opportunities by Permitting Rehabilitated Individuals to Petition for Expungement. This bill increases job opportunities for individuals with previous criminal convictions by permitting them to petition a court for the expungement of certain nonviolent misdemeanor offenses. Under the bill, the state's expungement program is expanded to allow individuals to have certain misdemeanor convictions restricted and sealed four years after the completion of their sentence, provided they have no new convictions and no pending charges. Additionally, the bill allows criminal history records to be restricted when the disposition of a case does not result in a conviction. ACU Foundation's Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports efforts to reduce recidivism by providing those with criminal convictions an opportunity to succeed in the workforce and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 24, 2020 by a vote of 46-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. SB 302 Improving Legislative Transparency through Economic Analyses. This bill, known as the truth-in-tax-breaks bill, allows the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee to request independent economic impact reviews of up to 10 tax credits each year. The analyses must estimate net changes in state revenue, expenditures, economic activity, and public benefit. ACU supports all efforts to increase fiscal responsibility and improve government transparency, supports a broadly applied tax code with the lowest rates possible for everyone, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 24, 2020 by a vote of 54-0. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
- 5. SB 318 Strengthening Free Speech on College Campuses. This bill strengthens free speech as protected under the First Amendment by requiring institutions of higher education to adopt policies that affirm the freedoms of speech, expression and association for students and faculty. Under the bill, no institution may restrict free speech by establishing "free speech zones" which limit free expression to only certain areas of a campus. Additionally, the bill ensures students may form organizations and host events with speakers of their choice without discrimination or obstruction based on the viewpoints of the organization. Finally, the bill establishes procedures to rectify any actions that infringe an individual's or group's freedom of speech. ACU supports the freedom of speech as protected under the First Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 32-21. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
- 6. SB 321 Expanding Access to Health Care by Providing Greater Practice Authority to Nurse Practitioners. This bill would expand competition and access to health care by providing greater practice authority to nurse practitioners who meet certain requirements. Under the bill, advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) would be able to order radiographic imaging tests (MRIs and CT scans) in non-life-threatening situations. Additionally, physicians are now able to supervise a greater number of physician assistants. ACU supports reducing costs and expanding access to health care, especially for patients in rural regions and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 46-5 and the bill was signed into law.

- 7. HB 337 Advancing the Next Generation of Car Rentals. This bill creates regulatory certainty for per-to-peer ridesharing companies like Turo and Zipcar, by establishing reasonable insurance and liability standards. Additionally, this bill provide parity for traditional rental car companies by making peer-to-peer customers subject to the same municipal rental car tax surcharge. ACU supports expanding consumer choice and creating regulatory certainty for new technology and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 23, 2020 by a vote of 41-7 and the bill was signed into law.
- 8. SB 359 Reopening Georgia by Creating Liability Protections for Businesses and Health Care Providers. This bill, dubbed the Georgia COVID-19 Pandemic Business Safety Act, ensures that businesses and health care providers are protected from lawsuit abuse related to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The bill includes an exemption from the protection if a claimant proves that the person caused the injury by an act of "gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm." This bill also creates an assumption of risk defense for entities if specific warnings are posted or published to the public. ACU supports reopening the economy by protecting businesses from lawsuit abuse related to COVID-19 and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 26, 2020 by a vote of 34-16 and the bill was signed into law.
- 9. SB 375 Advancing the War on Individual Liberties by Raising the Nicotine Age to 21. This bill violates individual liberties by prohibiting adults under age 21 from purchasing tobacco, nicotine or vaping, and e-cigarette products such as Juul. This bill is a result of efforts by the federal government to strong-arm states by threatening to withhold Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding if they do not come into compliance with the new federal nicotine law. Additionally, the bill imposes overly punitive penalties on youths caught buying or possessing nicotine products including community service or of revoking their driver's licenses after multiple violations. Lastly, this bill subject's alternative tobacco and vapor products to new excise taxes and regulations which previously only applied to traditional tobacco products. ACU believes tobacco and nicotine usage is a personal liberty issue, believes those who are old enough to fight for our country are old enough to decide whether to use these products and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 26, 2020 by a vote of 45-8 and the bill was signed into law.
- 10. SB 379 Worsening Mandates within the State's Draconian Cosmetology Licensing Regime. This bill further restricts competition and drives up consumer costs by worsening the mandates imposed under the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers. The bill establishes new licensing regimes of "master barber" and "school of barber II" which are largely designed to enrich establishments that teach cosmetology by forcing barbers to go through additional hours of coursework to further advance in their profession. Additionally, the bill prohibits coursework completed at state institutions of higher education from counting towards licensure requirements. ACU opposes the proliferation of license requirements that are primarily designed to restrict competition and enrich special interests and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 12, 2020 by a vote of 40-12. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
- 11. SB 386 Improving Educational Outcomes by Expanding School Choice for Students with Special Needs. This bill provides school choice to a greater number of parents with a special needs child. Under existing law, special needs children within the Individualized Education Program (IEP) where eligible for vouchers under the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act. This bill now also provides vouchers to special needs children who receive accommodations under the federal section 504 plan. ACU supports improving educational outcomes and reducing taxpayer costs by responsibly expanding school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 33-22.
- 12. SB 394 Increasing Government Oversight by Empowering the State Attorney General to Investigate Medicaid Fraud and Internal Affairs of State Agencies. This bill expands the power of the Georgia Attorney General to employ police officers to investigate cases of Medicaid fraud, human trafficking or sexual servitude and internal affairs of state agencies. ACU supports efforts to increase oversight of government agencies, supports investigating Medicaid, a program rife with waste, fraud, and abuse, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 36-19 and the bill was signed into law.

- 13. SB 415 Improving the State's Legal Climate through Tort Reform. This bill includes numerous tort reforms designed to improve the state's legal climate and reduce lawsuit abuse. For example, the bill includes a prohibition on "phantom damages" or awards that are greater than what a patient actually paid for medical care. The bill also provides legal immunity for landlords when guests of tenants injure themselves on the landlord's property. Additionally, the bill permits failure to wear a seatbelt to be considered evidence of "comparative negligence" in lawsuits. Finally, among other provisions, the bill protects asbestos trust funds from abuse by plaintiffs and lawyers—such as repeatedly receiving awards from asbestos funds for already compensated injuries—by increasing transparency of claims. ACU supports reasonable liability limitations which protect individuals and employers from overwhelming court costs due to lawsuit abuse, supports providing just legal outcomes by ensuring a court may consider relevant evidence and supported this bill. The Senate failed to reconsider the bill through a procedural motion on March 12, 2020 by a vote of 18-31.
- 14. SB 416 Cutting Lawmaker Pay Due to the Financial Fallout of Chinese Coronavirus (COVID-19). This bill cuts the salaries of state legislators in Georgia by 10 percent, which is roughly the same percentage that was cut across the state budget. The budget cuts are in response to the projected decreases in tax revenue due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). ACU supports fiscally responsible measures to protect taxpayers and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 43-10 and the bill was signed into law.
- 15. HB 417 Driving up Costs for Crime Scene Cleanup by Imposing Licensure Mandates. This bill restricts competition and drives up costs for individuals impacted by crime by forcing businesses which provide crime scene cleanup services to become licensed. Under the bill, businesses which provide these services must pay \$100 registration fees every three years, post a \$25,000 bond, and carry liability insurance covering \$100,000 in damages. ACU opposes licensure regimes which primarily restrict competition, opposes further victimizing those impacted by crime through this costly government mandate and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 24, 2020 by a vote of 43-7 and the bill was signed into law.
- 16. HB 426 Providing Unequal Justice under the Law through Enhanced Penalties and Mandatory Minimums for "Hate Crimes." This bill provides unequal justice under the law by imposing new mandatory minimum sentences based on the identity of the victim rather than the facts of the crime. Under the bill, an individual convicted of an assaultive crime against a victim who qualifies for certain identifying attributes is subject to a mandatory minimum sentence if the offense is considered a "hate crime." The bill contains over a dozen categories of identifying attributes, including race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender, mental disability, or physical disability. If the offense is a misdemeanor the bill imposes a mandatory minimum sentence of 6 months, and if the offense is a felony, a 2 year mandatory minimum sentence. ACU Foundation's Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all and that it is the duty of government to ensure all laws are applied equally. ACU recognizes that all crimes are disrespectful of individual rights and reflect an animus toward others. As a general proposition, ACU opposes mandatory minimum sentences, as they deprive judges of the ability to mete out a penalty that reflects the nature of the criminal conviction. ACU believes that because every crime is unique, every sentence should be tailored to reflect the specific facts and circumstances of the crime, and mandatory minimum statutes deprive judges of that ability, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 23, 2020 by a vote of 47-6 and the bill was signed into law.
- 17. HB 444 Protecting Taxpayers from Run-Away Spending on "Dual Enrollment" Through Reasonable Limits. This bill helps protects taxpayers from runaway spending associated with the state's dual enrollment program which permits high school students to take college or university courses. Under the bill, the program is limited to junior and senior students, or sophomores who have a minimum of 1200 on the SAT or 26 on the ACT. Without these limitations, the program has grown from \$49 million in fiscal year 2016 to \$105 million in fiscal year 2019, according to Georgia Student Finance Commission annual reports. Lastly, this bill prohibits students from retaking dual enrollment courses in most cases. ACU supports this fiscally responsible measure to protect taxpayers and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 28, 2020 by a vote of 34-18 and the bill was signed into law.

- 18. HB 545 Subjecting Property Owners to Frivolous Litigation by Weakening "Right to Farm" Protections. The Stone (ACUF Lifetime 71%) amendment to the right to farm revision bill weakens property rights by making it easier for environmental activist trial attorneys to pursue frivolous litigation. Specifically, the bill eliminates the two-year statute of limitation to sue an agricultural operation for an alleged nuisance due to a change in their operation. ACUF's Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect the property rights of all property owners. ACU supports efforts to strengthen property rights and reduce frivolous litigation and opposed this amendment. The Senate passed the amendment on June 18, 2020 by a vote of 28-21.
- 19. HB 755 Strengthening Transparency and Accountability Surrounding Charter School Funding. This bill increases government transparency by requiring local school boards to publicly post the funding they provide to charter schools, helping to ensure they receive the proper amount of funds they are allotted by the local, state, and federal government. The itemized allocations are to be posted on a publicly accessible website and the local board of education is required to provide the local charter school with 30 days' notice before the allocation is adjusted. ACU supports improving educational outcomes through school choice and strengthening government transparency and accountability and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 50-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 20. HB 758 Protecting Contracting Rights in the Motor Carrier Industry. This bill modernizes the Georgia Motor Carrier Act to account for new technology and protect the ability of motor carrier companies and truck owner operators to freely contract. Specifically, the bill permits motor carriers to deploy "motor carrier safety improvements" (e.g. GPS tracking, cameras, crash avoidance) on the trucks of owner operators without jeopardizing the driver's employment classification as an independent contractor. ACU supports updating statutes to remove regulatory barriers for innovation and to allow employers and individuals to determine their own employment agreements. ACU supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 23, 2020 by a vote of 34-14 and the bill was signed into law.
- 21. HB 793 Protecting Taxpayers During COVID-19 by Cutting the State Budget. This bill adjusts the state's budget for 2021 to account for the economic fallout from the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). All together the bill reduces spending by \$2.2 billion, resulting in a state budget of roughly \$25.9 billion. While ACU is disappointed the larger budget cuts as originally proposed were not implemented, we support all efforts to rein in spending and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 40-13 and the bill was signed into law.
- 22. HB 879 Expanding Competition by Permitting Delivery of Alcoholic Beverages. This bill expands consumer choice and competition by permitting businesses that sell alcoholic beverages (restaurants, bars, convenience stores, and grocery stores) to deliver their products to residences and facilitate those sales through network technologies such as the internet. Specifically, the bill establishes a regulatory framework to now allow delivery of alcoholic beverages from licensed retailers. ACU supports expanding consumer choice and eliminating unnecessary, competition-controlling regulations in order to expand consumer choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 23, 2020 by a vote of 42-9 and the bill was signed into law.
- 23. HB 1090 Creating New Avenues for Lawsuit Abuse by Imposing Excessive Mandates on Private Businesses. This bill exposes employers to new avenues for lawsuit abuse by imposing new mandates concerning employees expressing breast milk at the workplace. The bill applies to all employers with 50 or more employees and now permits employers to be sued if they fail to provide an adequate private location to express milk. Additionally, the bill mandates employees be paid at their regular compensation rate during a break time to express milk. ACU recognizes the challenges with choosing life and raising a child but opposes this measure which will empower plaintiffs' attorneys to pursue frivolous litigation against employers. ACU opposes this excessive government mandate that interferes with private business operations and holds businesses hostage via additional litigation and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 45-1 and the bill was signed into law.

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Alexander, Kimberly	D	66	35%	38%	20%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Allen, Erick	D	40	33%	48%	40%	+	х	+	х	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Anulewicz, Teri	D	42	40%	50%	36%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	х	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
BALLINGER, MANDI	R	23	n/a†	61%	70%	х	x	х	х	х	x	х	х	х	-	х	х	+	х	х	+	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	x	х	x
BARR, TIMOTHY	R	103	80%	71%	86%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	х
BARTON, MATT	R	5	77%	60%	68%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Bazemore, Debra	D	63	31%	30%	17%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beasley-Teague, Sharon	D	65	32%	41%	18%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	х	-	-	х	+	-	-	-	-	х	-	+	-	+	-	х	-
BELTON, DAVE	R	112	65%	57%	59%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Bennett, Karen	D	94	25%	30%	13%	+	-	х	х	+	-	-	х	х	-	-	-	+	+	+	х	-	-	-	-	х	-	-	-	-	-
Bentley, Patty	D	139	n/a†	n/a	32%	-	-	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	-	х	х	+	+	х	-	х	+	+	-	х	-	+	-	-	х
BENTON, TOMMY	R	31	60%	57%	60%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	х	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Beverly, James	D	143	31%	33%	18%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BLACKMON, SHAW	R	146	67%	56%	65%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	х	-	-
Boddie, William	D	62	35%	40%	27%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
BONNER, JOSH	R	72	72%	70%	73%	-	-	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Bruce, Roger	D	61	30%	38%	17%	+	-	+	х	+	-	х	-	х	-	-	-	+	х	+	-	-	-	+	х	-	-	-	х	-	-
Buckner, Debbie	D	137	36%	35%	21%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	х	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-

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- HB 807 Protecting Residents from Excessive Local Regulatory Fees.
- HB 816 Removing Anti-Competitive Regulations so Physicians and Chiropractors can Form Joint Practices.

- HB 821 Threatening the Solvency of the State Employee Pension System by Increasing Payouts.
- HB 879 Expanding Competition by Permitting Delivery of Alcoholic Beverages.
- HB 949 Providing Tax Relief by Reducing the State Income Tax Rate.
- HB 1032 Reducing Health Care Costs and Increasing Competition by Repealing Certain "Certificate of Need" Requirements.
- HB 1046 Imposing Costly New Mandates on Gas Stations.
- HB 1073 Expanding Cronyism Through the Creation of a New Regional Development Tax Credit Scheme.
- HB 1090 Creating New Avenues for Lawsuit Abuse by Imposing Excessive Mandates on Private Businesses.

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BURCHETT, JAMES	R	176	65%	n/a	65%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Burnough, Rhonda	D	77	38%	33%	29%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
BURNS, JON	R	159	54%	60%	65%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	х	+	-	х	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
CALDWELL, MICHAEL	R	20	84%	81%	84%	+	-	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
CAMPBELL, JOE	R	171	60%	n/a	60%	-	-	+	+	х	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Cannon, Park	D	58	25%	22%	15%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	х	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CANTRELL, WES	R	22	75%	71%	76%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
CARPENTER, KASEY	R	4	67%	53%	64%	-	-	+	+	х	х	-	+	+	-	-	+	х	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	х
CARSON, JOHN	R	46	75%	59%	69%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	х	х	-
Carter, Doreen	D	92	40%	29%	23%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	х	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
CHEOKAS, MIKE	R	138	60%	67%	67%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	х	-	+	+	-	-	-
CLARK, DAVID	R	98	82%	62%	71%	х	х	+	+	+	+	-	+	х	+	-	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
CLARK, HEATH	R	147	76%	62%	75%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	х
Clark, Jasmine	D	108	27%	24%	25%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COLLINS, J.	R	68	64%	60%	63%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	х	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
COOKE, KEVIN	R	18	83%	75%	83%	+	-	+	-	х	+	х	+	+	+	х	х	+	+	х	+	+	х	х	+	-	х	+	+	+	+
COOPER, SHARON	R	43	71%	50%	68%	+	-	+	х	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
CORBETT, JOHN	R	174	58%	62%	53%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Davis, Viola	D	87	31%	29%	30%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DEMPSEY, KATIE	R	13	65%	52%	70%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Dickerson, Pam	D	113	38%	37%	20%	+	-	+	+	+	х	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	x		+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
DICKEY, ROBERT	R	140	65%	57%	67%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
DOLLAR, MATT	R	45	62%	72%	75%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Douglas, Demetrius	D	78	42%	38%	23%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
Drenner, Karla	D	85	36%	35%	21%	+	х	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	х	+	+	-	-	х	+	-	+	х	-	-	-	-
Dreyer, David	D	59	32%	33%	21%	+	-	х	+	+	-	+	-	х	-	-	-	-	х	+	-	-	-	+	х	-	-	x	х	х	-
DUBNIK, MATT	R	29	80%	70%	77%	+	-	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Dukes, Winfred	D	154	33%	32%	19%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	х	+	+	-	+	-	x	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
DUNAHOO, EMORY	R	30	84%	69%	79%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+
EFSTRATION, CHUCK	R	104	65%	63%	70%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
EHRHART, GINNY	R	36	65%	52%	72%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-

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ERWIN, CHRIS	R	28	65%	n/a	65%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Evans, Becky	D	83	36%	29%	32%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	х	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FLEMING, BARRY	R	121	52%	61%	61%	-	-	х	х	х	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Frazier, Gloria	D	126	38%	37%	29%	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	х	х	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
Frye, Spencer	D	118	43%	38%	27%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	х	+	х	+	х	-	-	-	-
GAINES, HOUSTON	R	117	64%	60%	62%	-	-	+	х	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
GAMBILL, MATTHEW	R	15	65%	55%	60%	-	х	х	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	х	-	-	-
Gardner, Pat	D	57	45%	25%	29%	+	-	+	х	+	х	х	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	х	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
Gilliard, Carl	D	162	36%	37%	32%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	х	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
GILLIGAN, SHERI	R	24	92%	90%	79%	+	-	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Glanton, Mike	D	75	n/a†	38%	45%	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	+	х	+	+	х	х	+	+	-	х	+	+	-	-	х
Gordon, J. Craig	D	163	40%	40%	25%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	х	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
GRAVLEY, MICAH	R	67	73%	71%	76%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
GREENE, GERALD	R	151	64%	44%	55%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	х	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
GULLETT, JOSEPH	R	19	81%	74%	77%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
GURTLER, MATT	R	8	86%	71%	78%	+	x	+	х	-	+	х	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+
HARRELL, BRETT	R	106	71%	59%	73%	-	-	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	-	-	+	+	х	+	х	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	х	-	-
HATCHETT, MATT	R	150	60%	71%	67%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	-	-	-
HAWKINS, LEE	R	27	65%	52%	63%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-

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Henson, Michele	D	86	33%	37%	18%	+	x	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	х	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HILL, DEWAYNE	R	3	n/a†	62%	64%	-	x	+	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	х	+	+	-	-	x
HITCHENS, BILL	R	161	58%	52%	61%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
HOGAN, DON	R	179	62%	57%	62%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Holcomb, Scott	D	81	n/a†	38%	26%	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	х	х	-	х	+	х	х	-	-	х	х	х	+	х	+	x	-	-
Holland, Betsy	D	54	42%	33%	38%	+	-	+	+	+	х	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	х	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Holly, El-Mahdi	D	111	27%	37%	32%	х	-	+	+	х	-	+	-	х	-	-	-	+	+	х	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HOLMES, SUSAN	R	129	n/a†	n/a	78%	-	х	+	х	х	х	х	+	+	-	х	+	+	х	+	+	х	+	+	-	х	+	+	-	-	-
Hopson, Camia Whitaker	D	153	40%	38%	39%	+	-	+	+	+	х	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
HOUSTON, PENNY	R	170	64%	68%	69%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	х	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Howard, Henry	D	124	n/a†	40%	22%	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	-	х	-	+	х	+	-	х	-	+	-	х	-	+	-	-	x
Hugley, Carolyn	D	136	27%	35%	16%	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Hutchinson, Shelly	D	107	42%	38%	40%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Jackson, Derrick	D	64	36%	29%	24%	+	-	+	+	+	х	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Jackson, Mack	D	128	52%	40%	32%	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	х	х	-	-	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	х	-	-	+	х	-	-
JASPERSE, RICK	R	11	72%	60%	74%	+	-	+	х	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
JONES, JAN	R	47	70%	58%	75%	-	-	+	+	+	+	х	+	х	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	х	-	-	-
JONES, JEFF	R	167	80%	50%	60%	+	-	х	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Jones, Sheila	D	53	47%	33%	26%	+	-	х	х	+	-	х	х	х	-	х	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	х	-	+	-	-	-
JONES, TODD	R	25	88%	n/a	74%	х	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
Jones, Vernon	D	91	59%	42%	52%	-	-	+	х	+	х	-	+	+	-	-	-	х	+	+	х	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Kausche, Angelika	D	50	38%	42%	40%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
KELLEY, TREY	R	16	64%	65%	74%	-	-	+	+	х	+	х	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	-	-	x
Kendrick, Dar'Shun	D	93	38%	43%	23%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Kennard, Gregg	D	102	38%	38%	38%	+	-	+	+	+	х	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	x
KIRBY, TOM	R	114	63%	58%	76%	-	x	+	x	х	+	х	+	+	-	-	+	х	-	+	х	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	-	-	-
KNIGHT, DAVID	R	130	60%	65%	72%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	х	+	+	-	-	-
LAHOOD, JOHN	R	175	69%	62%	65%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
LARICCIA, DOMINIC	R	169	65%	67%	56%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Lopez Romero, Brenda	D	99	28%	30%	23%	-	-	+	+	+	-	х	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-

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LUMSDEN, EDDIE	R	12	65%	52%	66%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Marin, Pedro	D	96	n/a†	39%	18%	+	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	-	+	+	+	-	х	-	+	-	х	-	+	-	-	x
MARTIN, CHARLES	R	49	72%	50%	76%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	х	-	-
MATHIAK, KAREN	R	73	65%	62%	66%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
MATHIS, DANNY	R	144	65%	62%	64%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
MCCALL, TOM	R	33	62%	63%	65%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Mcclain, Dewey	D	100	44%	39%	20%	х	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	х	+	-	-	х	+	х	+	х	х	х	х	-
Mclaurin, Josh	D	51	35%	38%	36%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Mcleod, Donna	D	105	31%	29%	30%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEEKS, STEVEN	R	178	61%	56%	58%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	х	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	х	-	x
Metze, Marie	D	55	n/a†	33%	18%	+	х	х	х	+	-	х	-	-	-	-	-	+	х	+	-	х	-	+	х	х	-	х	х	х	-
Mitchell, Billy	D	88	35%	43%	27%	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
MOMTAHAN, MARTIN	R	17	69%	74%	71%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Moore, Beth	D	95	46%	38%	42%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
MOORE, COLTON	R	1	96%	86%	91%	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MORRIS, GREG	R	156	67%	60%	69%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	х	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	х	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-
MORRIS, MARC	R	26	67%	70%	68%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	х	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Nelson, Sheila	D	125	38%	38%	24%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
NEWTON, MARK	R	123	67%	60%	65%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	х

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NIX, RANDY	R	69	58%	57%	66%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-
Oliver, Mary Margaret	D	82	44%	38%	25%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	х	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
Paris, Miriam	D	142	32%	33%	24%	+	-	х	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Park, Samuel	D	101	35%	35%	27%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
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PARSONS, DON	R	44	62%	57%	65%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
PETREA, JESSE	R	166	62%	<b>67</b> %	64%	-	-	х	+	х	+	х	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	x	-	х
PIRKLE, CLAY	R	155	81%	<b>7</b> 4%	74%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
POWELL, ALAN	R	32	67%	60%	70%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	х	-
Prince, Brian	D	127	50%	40%	28%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
PRUETT, JIMMY	R	149	n/a†	<b>67</b> %	73%	х	-	+	-	+	х	-	+	+	+	+	х	х	х	х	х	+	х	х	х	-	х	х	x	х	-
PULLIN, KEN	R	131	89%	80%	84%	+	-	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	х	+	х	-	х	х	x	х	+
RALSTON, DAVID	R	7	n/a†	n/a	n/a	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х
REEVES, BERT	R	34	62%	55%	59%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
RHODES, TREY	R	120	56%	63%	57%	-	-	+	х	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
RICH, BONNIE	R	97	n/a†	57%	57%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	х	-	х	+	х	х	+	+	х	х	х	+	х	х	х	х	-
RIDLEY, JASON	R	6	81%	62%	70%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Robichaux, Mary	D	48	42%	38%	40%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
ROGERS, TERRY	R	10	67%	63%	73%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	х	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	-	-	-
RUTLEDGE, DALE	R	109	85%	n/a	79%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
SAINZ, STEVEN	R	180	60%	56%	58%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	х	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Schofield, Kim	D	60	27%	32%	25%	+	-	х	+	+	-	-	х	х	-	-	-	х	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCOGGINS, MITCHELL	R	14	71%	55%	63%	-	x	х	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Scott, Sandra	D	76	33%	33%	19%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	х	+	-	+	х	-	-	-	-
SETZLER, ED	R	35	72%	50%	76%	-	х	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
Shannon, Renitta	D	84	31%	24%	21%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Sharper, Dexter	D	177	38%	30%	21%	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SILCOX, DEBORAH	R	52	63%	47%	60%	-	-	+	х	х	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
SINGLETON, PHILIP	R	71	92%	n/a	92%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+

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SMITH, LYNN	R	70	74%	56%	70%	х	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	х	-	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Smith, Michael	D	41	43%	37%	25%	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	х	-	+	х	+	-	-	+	+	х	+	-	x	х	-	-
SMITH, RICHARD	R	134	58%	57%	67%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
SMITH, VANCE	R	133	62%	<b>67</b> %	64%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
Smyre, Calvin	D	135	38%	28%	23%	-	х	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	х	-	-	-
Stephens, Mickey	D	165	n/a†	n/a	21%	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	x
STEPHENS, RON	R	164	58%	<b>67</b> %	66%	-	-	+	х	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	х	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Stephenson, Pam	D	90	n/a†	16%	16%	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	-	х	-	+	х	+	-	х	х	х	х	х	-	х	х	х	х
Stovall, Valencia	D	74	46%	53%	43%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
TANKERSLEY, JAN	R	160	65%	58%	67%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
TANNER, KEVIN	R	9	77%	75%	76%	х	-	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	х	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	-	-	+
TARVIN, STEVE	R	2	85%	76%	81%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
TAYLOR, DARLENE	R	173	58%	58%	67%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
Thomas, Erica	D	39	33%	29%	25%	+	х	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	х	+	-	-	-	-	-
Thomas, Mable	D	56	44%	35%	23%	+	х	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
Trammell, Robert	D	132	38%	38%	22%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
TURNER, SCOT	R	21	96%	83%	86%	+	-	+	+	х	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	х	+	+
WASHBURN, DALE	R	141	65%	57%	61%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
WATSON, SAM	R	172	67%	60%	67%	х	-	х	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-
WELCH, ANDREW	R	110	56%	63%	72%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	х	+	+	-	-	-

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WERKHEISER, BILL	R	157	62%	62%	60%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
WIEDOWER, MARCUS	R	119	64%	62%	63%	-	-	+	х	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
Wilensky, Michael	D	79	32%	38%	35%	+	х	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Wilkerson, David	D	38	35%	35%	18%	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	x	х	+	-	-	-	+	х	+	-	х	х	х	-
Williams, Al	D	168	27%	44%	27%	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Williams, Mary Frances	D	37	38%	38%	38%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
WILLIAMS, NOEL	R	148	67%	55%	61%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	х	-	+	x	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-
WILLIAMS, RICK	R	145	67%	57%	66%	+	-	+	+	+	х	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	+	+	-	-	-
WILLIAMSON, BRUCE	R	115	60%	63%	76%	-	-	+	+	х	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
Wilson, Matthew	D	80	54%	38%	46%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
YEARTA, BILL	R	152	65%	n/a	65%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-

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### **GEORGIA HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS**

- 1. SB 43 Weakening Covernment Integrity to Channel Even More Funds to a Boondoggle Nuclear Plant Expansion. This bill circumvents the will of the people to channel even more funds to a boondoggle nuclear plant expansion. Specifically, the bill eliminates the requirement that government-owned utility companies hold public referendums before they take on new debt for electric transmission assets. The bill is intended to advance even greater spending on the boondoggle Vogtle project, a nuclear plant expansion that is years behind and billions of dollars over budget. ACU opposes weakening government integrity and driving up electricity costs to advance a project that many experts claim is no longer needed and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 16, 2020 by a vote of 91-75 and the bill was signed into law. (The Senate passed the bill in 2019.)
- 2. SB 211 Protecting the Meat Industry from Competition. This bill, which has been introduced across the country, interferes in the marketplace by enforcing government definitions of "meat" in consumer labeling in order to protect the farming and ranching interests from competition. The bill is in response to new "cell-cultured edible products" which are meat-substitute proteins produced by in vitro cultivation of animal cells instead of sourced from animals raised for meat production. ACU recognizes, as noted by U.S. Senator Mike Lee (ACUF Lifetime 99%) that these labeling schemes are designed to "suppress competition and limit new players from entering the market." ACU supports a free and competitive market, opposes this blanket prohibition on labeling and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 156-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 3. SB 288 Increasing Job Opportunities by Permitting Rehabilitated Individuals to Petition for Expungement. This bill increases job opportunities for individuals with previous criminal convictions by permitting them to petition a court for the expungement of certain nonviolent misdemeanor offenses. Under the bill, the state's expungement program is expanded to allow individuals to have certain misdemeanor convictions restricted and sealed four years after the completion of their sentence, provided they have no new convictions and no pending charges. Additionally, the bill allows criminal history records to be restricted when the disposition of a case does not result in a conviction. ACU Foundation's Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports efforts to reduce recidivism by providing those with criminal convictions an opportunity to succeed in the workforce and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 24, 2020 by a vote of 159-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. SB 321 Expanding Access to Health Care by Providing Greater Practice Authority to Nurse Practitioners. This bill would expand competition and access to health care by providing greater practice authority to nurse practitioners who meet certain requirements. Under the bill, advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) would be able to order radiographic imaging tests (MRIs and CT scans) in non-life-threatening situations. Additionally, physicians are now able to supervise a greater number of physician assistants. ACU supports reducing costs and expanding access to health care, especially for patients in rural regions and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 137-14 and the bill was signed into law.
- 5. HB 337 Advancing the Next Generation of Car Rentals. This bill creates regulatory certainty for per-to-peer ridesharing companies like Turo and Zipcar, by establishing reasonable insurance and liability standards. Additionally, this bill provide parity for traditional rental car companies by making peer-to-peer customers subject to the same municipal rental car tax surcharge. ACU supports expanding consumer choice and creating regulatory certainty for new technology and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 26, 2020 by a vote of 152-3 and the bill was signed into law.
- 6. SB 359 Reopening Georgia by Creating Liability Protections for Businesses and Health Care Providers. This bill, dubbed the Georgia COVID-19 Pandemic Business Safety Act, ensures that businesses and health care providers are protected from lawsuit abuse related to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The bill includes an exemption from the protection if a claimant proves that the person caused the injury by an act of "gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm." This bill also creates an assumption of risk defense for entities if specific warnings are posted or published to the public. ACU supports reopening the economy by protecting businesses from lawsuit abuse related to COVID-19 and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 26, 2020 by a vote of 104-56 and the bill was signed into law.

- 7. SB 375 Advancing the War on Individual Liberties by Raising the Nicotine Age to 21. This bill violates individual liberties by prohibiting adults under age 21 from purchasing tobacco, nicotine or vaping, and e-cigarette products such as Juul. This bill is a result of efforts by the federal government to strong-arm states by threatening to withhold Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding if they do not come into compliance with the new federal nicotine law. Additionally, the bill imposes overly punitive penalties on youths caught buying or possessing nicotine products including community service or of revoking their driver's licenses after multiple violations. Lastly, this bill subject's alternative tobacco and vapor products to new excise taxes and regulations which previously only applied to traditional tobacco products. ACU believes tobacco and nicotine usage is a personal liberty issue, believes those who are old enough to fight for our country are old enough to decide whether to use these products and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 123-33 and the bill was signed into law.
- 8. SB 394 Increasing Government Oversight by Empowering the State Attorney General to Investigate Medicaid Fraud and Internal Affairs of State Agencies. This bill expands the power of the Georgia Attorney General to employ police officers to investigate cases of Medicaid fraud, human trafficking or sexual servitude, and internal affairs of state agencies. ACU supports efforts to increase oversight of government agencies, supports investigating Medicaid, a program rife with waste, fraud, and abuse, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 24, 2020 by a vote of 102-64 and the bill was signed into law.
- 9. SB 416 Cutting Lawmaker Pay Due to the Financial Fallout of Chinese Coronavirus (COVID-19). This bill cuts the salaries of state legislators in Georgia by 10 percent, which is roughly the same percentage that was cut across the state budget. The budget cuts are in response to the projected decreases in tax revenue due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). ACU supports fiscally responsible measures to protect taxpayers and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 24, 2020 by a vote of 106-51 and the bill was signed into law.
- 10. HB 417 Driving up Costs for Crime Scene Cleanup by Imposing Licensure Mandates. This bill restricts competition and drives up costs for individuals impacted by crime by forcing businesses which provide crime scene cleanup services to become licensed. Under the bill, businesses which provide these services must pay \$100 registration fees every three years, post a \$25,000 bond, and carry liability insurance covering \$100,000 in damages. ACU opposes licensure regimes which primarily restrict competition, opposes further victimizing those impacted by crime through this costly government mandate and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 24, 2020 by a vote of 147-19 and the bill was signed into law.
- 11. HB 426 Providing Unequal Justice under the Law through Enhanced Penalties and Mandatory Minimums for "Hate Crimes." This bill provides unequal justice under the law by imposing new mandatory minimum sentences based on the identity of the victim rather than the facts of the crime. Under the bill, an individual convicted of an assaultive crime against a victim who qualifies for certain identifying attributes is subject to a mandatory minimum sentence if the offense is considered a "hate crime." The bill contains over a dozen categories of identifying attributes, including race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender, mental disability, or physical disability. If the offense is a misdemeanor the bill imposes a mandatory minimum sentence of 6 months, and if the offense is a felony, a 2 year mandatory minimum sentence. ACU Foundation's Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all and that it is the duty of government to ensure all laws are applied equally. ACU recognizes that all crimes are disrespectful of individual rights and reflect an animus toward others. As a general proposition, ACU believes that because every crime is unique, every sentence should be tailored to reflect the specific facts and circumstances of the crime, and mandatory minimum statutes deprive judges of that ability, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 23, 2020 by a vote of 127-38 and the bill was later signed into law.
- 12. HB 444 Protecting Taxpayers from Run-Away Spending on "Dual Enrollment" Through Reasonable Limits. This bill helps protects taxpayers from runaway spending associated with the state's dual enrollment program which permits high school students to take college or university courses. Under the bill, the program is limited to junior and senior students, or sophomores who have a minimum of 1200 on the SAT or 26 on the ACT. Without these limitations, the program has grown from \$49 million in fiscal year 2016 to \$105 million in fiscal year 2019, according to Georgia Student Finance Commission annual reports. Lastly, this bill prohibits students from retaking dual enrollment courses in most cases. ACU supports this fiscally responsible measure to protect taxpayers and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 103-67 and the bill was signed into law.

- 13. HB 538 Strengthening the Ability for Taxpayers to Challenge Tax Assessments. This bill better protects taxpayers from unfair tax assessments by reforming the Georgia Tax Tribunal, an independent agency which helps determine tax challenge cases. This bill helps the tribunal fulfill its mission by removing the requirement that the tribunal defer to the Department of Revenue's interpretations of ambiguous tax structures and regulations. Instead, the tribunal would now exist as an autonomous division within the Office of State Administrative Hearings. ACU supports the ability for taxpayers to hold bureaucrats accountable through legal appeals and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 18, 2020 by a vote of 158-8. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 14. HB 593 Providing Lavish New Benefits to the "Taxman". This bill unnecessarily drives up taxpayer costs to provide a new pension program for elected county tax commissioners, many of whom already earn extravagant salaries. The bill creates a new board to oversee the program, creates a new secretary-treasurer position to carry out the duties, and imposes a new \$3 late fee on overdue tax bills to help fund the program. ACU recognizes some of the state's tax commissioners are already grossly overpaid like Fulton County Tax Commissioner Arthur Ferdinand, who last year earned \$491,193. ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up taxpayer costs, especially for an elected position (that numerous individuals campaign for) and is already handsomely paid and opposed this bill. The House defeated the bill on March 12, 2020 by a vote of 72-83.
- 15. HB 755 Strengthening Transparency and Accountability Surrounding Charter School Funding. This bill increases government transparency by requiring local school boards to publicly post the funding they provide to charter schools, helping to ensure they receive the proper amount of funds they are allotted by the local, state, and federal government. The itemized allocations are to be posted on a publicly accessible website and the local board of education is required to provide the local charter school with 30 days' notice before the allocation is adjusted. ACU supports improving educational outcomes through school choice and strengthening government transparency and accountability and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 163-4 and the bill was signed into law.
- 16. HB 758 Protecting Contracting Rights in the Motor Carrier Industry. This bill modernizes the Georgia Motor Carrier Act to account for new technology and protect the ability of motor carrier companies and truck owner operators to freely contract. Specifically, the bill permits motor carriers to deploy "motor carrier safety improvements" (e.g. GPS tracking, cameras, crash avoidance) on the trucks of owner operators without jeopardizing the driver's employment classification as an independent contractor. ACU supports updating statutes to remove regulatory barriers for innovation and to allow employers and individuals to determine their own employment agreements. ACU supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 19, 2020 by a vote of 99-68 and the bill was signed into law.
- 17. HB 793 Protecting Taxpayers During COVID-19 by Cutting the State Budget. This bill adjusts the state's budget for 2021 to account for the economic fallout from the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). All together the bill reduces spending by \$2.2 billion, resulting in a state budget of roughly \$25.9 billion. While ACU is disappointed the larger budget cuts as originally proposed were not implemented, we support all efforts to rein in spending and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 26, 2020 by a vote of 104-62 and the bill was signed into law.
- 18. HB 807 Protecting Residents from Excessive Local Regulatory Fees. This bill helps protect individuals and businesses from fee abuse by local governments. Under the bill, the proceeds of fees imposed by local governments for regulatory purposes, such as inspections, are to be deposited in separate designated funds and only used to carry out the purpose for which they are collected. The bill prohibits the practice of these funds going towards the general operations of local governments. ACU supports protecting businesses and individuals from local governments who abuse their authority to impose fees and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 111-51. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
- HB 816 Removing Anti-Competitive Regulations so Physicians and Chiropractors can Form Joint Practices. This bill expands competition in the healthcare industry by permitting chiropractors to jointly own a practice with a physician. ACU supports reducing patient costs by eliminating anticompetitive regulations and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 2, 2020 by a vote of 161-5. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

- 20. HB 821 Threatening the Solvency of the State Employee Pension System by Increasing Payouts. This bill imposes tremendous new unfunded liabilities on the state public employee pension systems by providing new "cost of living adjustments" to beneficiaries. Under existing law, all individuals who enrolled in the Georgia State Employee Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS), Legislative Retirement System (LRS), and Judicial Retirement System (JRS) after 2009 are provided no increased payouts. This bill promises these enrollees postretirement benefit adjustments while not requiring increased contributions or providing any additional funding. ACU opposes these new unfunded liabilities that jeopardize the solvency of the state pension systems, which ultimately harms taxpayers and beneficiaries and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 12, 2020 by a vote of 92-66. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 21. HB 879 Expanding Competition by Permitting Delivery of Alcoholic Beverages. This bill expands consumer choice and competition by permitting businesses that sell alcoholic beverages (restaurants, bars, convenience stores, and grocery stores) to deliver their products to residences and facilitate those sales through network technologies such as the internet. Specifically, the bill establishes a regulatory framework to now allow delivery of alcoholic beverages from licensed retailers. ACU supports expanding consumer choice and eliminating unnecessary, competition-controlling regulations in order to expand consumer choice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 114-45 and the bill was signed into law.
- 22. HB 949 Providing Tax Relief by Reducing the State Income Tax Rate. This bill provides an estimated \$250 million in annual tax relief to Georgians by reducing the state income tax. Under existing law, the state has a progressive income tax structure, with all income earned above \$7,000 taxed at a rate of 5.75%. This bill creates a flat income tax rate of 5.375%. ACU supports fostering economic growth by establishing a tax code with the lowest possible rates for everyone and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 100-68. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 23. HB 1032 Reducing Health Care Costs and Increasing Competition by Repealing Certain "Certificate of Need" Requirements. This bill reduces health care costs and increases competition by repealing one of the state's unnecessary and harmful "certificate of need" (CON) requirements. CON requirements are regulatory barriers which drive up health care costs and limit access by preventing health care facilities from opening or expanding unless investors prove a "need" for expanded health care facilities. Under the bill, ambulatory surgery facilities that perform procedures in non-sterile procedure rooms and not in operating rooms are exempt from CON requirements. ACU supports eliminating CON requirements that drive up health care costs, limit access to services and restrict competition and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on March 12, 2020 by a vote of 124-41. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 24. HB 1046 Imposing Costly New Mandates on Gas Stations. This bill imposes a costly new mandate on gasoline stations concerning customers with disabilities. Under the bill, every gasoline station would now be required to have an attendant who pumps gasoline for any customer who holds a disability permit. Furthermore, the bill mandates stations have a telephone number that is operational and answered by the attendant during all hours the station is open to the public to field pump requests. The bill also requires signage to be posted on pumps with the phone number to dial for assistance. ACU applauds gas stations which already provide this service for consumers but opposes one-size-fits-all government mandates, which well intentioned, make it harder for small stations to operate, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 12, 2020 by a vote of 142-16. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 25. HB 1073 Expanding Cronyism Through the Creation of a New Regional Development Tax Credit Scheme. This bill expands cronyism by establishing a new tax credit scheme that benefits only select businesses favored by government. Specifically, the bill establishes "regional development authorities" in which government bureaucrats award tax credits to select businesses that supposedly hire new employees. Additionally, the bill further expands the crony One Georgia Authority to force taxpayers to provide grants to primary care medical facilities. ACU supports a tax code that is broadly applied and with as low of rates possible for everyone, and believes the free market is the best mechanism to expand employment. ACU opposes this measure which provides competitive advantages to select businesses while shifting tax burdens to other individuals and businesses not favored by government and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 12, 2020 by a vote of 155-11. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

26. HB 1090 Creating New Avenues for Lawsuit Abuse by Imposing Excessive Mandates on Private Businesses. This bill exposes employers to new avenues for lawsuit abuse by imposing new mandates concerning employees expressing breast milk at the workplace. The bill applies to all employers with 50 or more employees and now permits employers to be sued if they fail to provide an adequate private location to express milk. Additionally, the bill mandates employees be paid at their regular compensation rate during a break time to express milk. ACU recognizes the challenges with choosing life and raising a child but opposes this measure which will empower plaintiffs' attorneys to pursue frivolous litigation against employers. ACU opposes this excessive government mandate that interferes with private business operations and holds businesses hostage via additional litigation and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 26, 2020 by a vote of 150-13 and the bill was signed into law.