

Faith & Freedom Coalition of Georgia
2017-2018 Georgia House Legislative Scorecard

HB 118 – Online Gambling

FFCGA Position: OPPOSE

Taxes and lightly regulates, but otherwise legitimizes, daily fantasy sports online gambling. Passed House 2017.

HB 137 - Civil Asset Forfeiture

FFCGA Position: SUPPORT

Restricts contingency fee compensation for attorneys appointed to represent the state in forfeiture actions. Passed House 2017.

HB 217 – Education and School Choice

FFCGA Position: SUPPORT

Would increase cap on tax credits for contributions to student scholarship organizations (SSO's). House and Senate each passed versions in 2017, but did not agree on final bill. House version would lift cap to \$65 million, then up to \$100 million over six years. Cap remains at \$58 million. Conference committee appointed.

HB 249 – Fighting Drug Abuse

FFCGA Position: SUPPORT

Revised requirements for the collection of information in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) database. Passed House and Senate and signed into law 2017.

HB 482 – Education and School Choice

FFCGA Position: SUPPORT

“Georgia Educational Scholarship Act” would have established Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs). Lost in House 02/28/18.

HB 732 – Trafficking

FFCGA Position: SUPPORT

Expands definition of trafficking for sexual servitude and increases penalties for offenses against victims of any age. Passed House 02/23/18.

HB 764 – Marijuana

FFCGA Position: OPPOSE

Adds PTSD and intractable pain as conditions treatable with 5% THC oil. Intractable or chronic pain is largely self-reported and accounts for up to 96% of “medical” marijuana use in other states and could therefore increase usage in Georgia 20 times or more.

Also no age minimum for intractable pain or most other conditions, meaning that THC, which affects brain development, could be given to children. Passed House 02/23/18.

HB 918 - Tax Cuts

FFCGA Position: SUPPORT

Cuts state income tax rate from 6% to 5.75%. Did not include a special interest tax exemption on jet fuel. Passed House and Senate and signed into law 2018.

SB 16 - Marijuana

FFCGA Position: OPPOSE

Expanded use of “medical” marijuana by adding six (6) conditions (bringing total to 14) that can be treated with cannabis oil containing up to 5% THC (the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana). FFCGA supports safe and effective and treatments based on objective medical research, not ad-hoc decisions by legislators “playing doctor.” Passed both chambers and signed into law 2017.

SB 104 - Trafficking

FFCGA Position: SUPPORT

Updated criminal code, including requirement to post human trafficking hotline notices in government buildings. Passed both chambers and signed into law 2017.