

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

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 treatments based on objective medical research, not ad-hoc decisions by legislators “playing doctor.” Passed both chambers and signed into law 2017.

SB 39 - Trafficking

FFCGA Position: SUPPORT

Increases penalties for pimping and pandering. Passed Senate 2018.

SB 74 - Life

FFCGA Position: SUPPORT

Strengthens the standard for a waiver of the parental notification requirement for an unemancipated minor seeking an abortion. Passed Senate 2018.

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.

SB 339 - Free Speech

FFCGA Position: SUPPORT

Requires the Board of Regents to establish free speech policies for the University System of Georgia. Passed Senate 2018.

SB 375 - Adoption and Religious Freedom

FFCGA Position: SUPPORT

“Keep Faith in Adoption and Foster Care Act” prevents adverse action by state agencies against faith-based adoption agencies that place children only with traditional families. Passed Senate 2018.

SB 418 – Preempting Local Control

FFCGA Position: OPPOSE

Would have prohibited local governments from banning sales of goods, products, or items regulated by the USDA, FDA, or Georgia Dept. of Agriculture. Usurps local communities’ ability to limit sales of tobacco, vape shops, or marijuana products. Lost in Senate 02/28/18.

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 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.