

2025 Georgia Legislative Session



What do you need to know about GA's legislative session?

In 2025, the <u>Georgia General Assembly</u> is scheduled to convene on January 13 and adjourn on April 3. Your advocacy efforts should focus on bipartisan or talking with legislators on both sides because there are leaders in both parties who care about improving services for people with disabilities. Georgia is also one of 23 states where no party has enough votes to make or block changes on their own even though Republicans have control of more seats than Democrats in the Senate (33 to 23) and the House (100 to 80).

Reach out to Georgia's Legislative Leadership!

People need to reach out to legislators because they can prioritize important issues and push bills forward. Their support can help make issues like Medicaid waivers and HCBS top priority, making them more likely to create real change for the IDD community.

Finding Your Legislator

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The table below has the Georgia Senate's leadership contact information, including the address and phone number, and reasons advocates should reach out

Georgia State Senate Leaders

Why Advocates Should Reach Out?

Burt Jones (R)



Senate President Lt. Governor

Phone: (404) 656-5030 Address: 240 State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334 US

Contact Lt. Governor



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Advocates can contact the Lieutenant Governor to support policies that improve services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), including advocating for increased funding for Medicaid waivers and HCBS. They can also raise awareness, promote equity, and encourage legislation that addresses systemic barriers for underserved groups.

Steve Gooch (R)



Majority Leader 51st District

Phone: (404) 656-5038 Address: 240 State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334 US

Contact Majority <u>Leader</u>



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Reaching out to the Majority Leader (or leader of the party that has more senators) is important because they have a big role in guiding their party's legislative priorities. The Majority Leader works closely with other leaders to schedule debates, manage the legislative calendar, and make sure bills have enough support to pass. He can help push policies, like increased funding for Medicaid waivers and HCBS.

Reaching out to the Minority Leader (or the leader of the party that that has fewer Senators elected to the senate) is valuable because they advocate for their party's priorities and voices. The Minority Leader can build bipartisan support, negotiate compromises, and amplify issues like Medicaid waivers and HCBS funding.

Harold V. Jones II (D)



Minority Leader 22nd District

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Contact Minority Leader



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The table below has the Georgia House of Representatives' leadership information, including phone number, address, and reasons for advocates reach out

Georgia State House of Representatives Leaders

Why Advocates Should Reach Out

Jon Burns (R)



Speaker of the House
District: 159

Capitol Address

332 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334

Office: (404) 656-5020

District Address

P.O. Box 1000 Springfield, GA 31329

Contact Speaker of the House

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Counties: Bulloch, Effingham, Screven Reaching out to the Speaker of the House is important because he controls the legislative agenda. The Speaker decides which bills are debated, assigns them to committees, and influences the overall direction of the House. His support can prioritize funding for Medicaid waivers, HCBS, and other IDD policies, to make sure these issues move forward in the legislative process.

Chuck Efstration (R)



Majority Leader
District: 104

Capitol Address

338 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 Office: (404) 656-5052

District Address

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Contact Majority Leader chuck.efstration@house.ga.gov Counties: Barrow, Gwinnett

Carolyn Hugley (D)





Minority Leader
District: 141

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Reaching out to the Majority Leader (or leader of the party with more House seats) is important because he manages the legislative schedule and advances his party's priorities. He makes sure bills supported by his party, such as those increasing funding for Medicaid waivers and HCBS, are debated and supported. His influence can help move important IDD-related legislation.

Reaching out to the Minority Leader (or leader of the party with fewer House seats) is valuable because she represents the minority party's interests and makes sure there is a balanced legislative process. She can advocate for IDD-related policies, like increased Medicaid waivers and HCBS funding, by building bipartisan support.

