



2022 Legislative Priorities

Economic Justice Initiatives

Bill Name & Coalition Affiliate If Applicable

Paid Leave for All

(GA Coalition for Paid Leave)

What It Does

Seeks paid family and medical leave for all working people. This would be a piece of model legislation that would provide family and medical leave insurance benefits created through the state treasury.

Paid and Protective Leave

Ensures that survivors do not jeopardize their financial security or risk unemployment by taking time off to deal with the consequences of abuse. Employers would give survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking time off to seek injunctions for protection (TPO's and other stay away orders), obtain medical care/counseling for injuries sustained as a result from the violence, obtain services from a dv/sa program, making the home secure, etc.

GA Safe Workplaces Act

(Respect Georgia Workers Alliance)

Gives employees a right of action (legal action) when they have experienced workplace harassment and when an employer has retaliated against a worker when the worker has opposed the harassment or submitted a claim. The worker can be FT/PT, contractor, vendor, subcontractor, or consultant, etc.

Harm Reduction & Public Safety Initiatives

Bill Name & Coalition Affiliate If Applicable

Training Requirement on DV and child abuse for court personnel

What It Does

Increases and clarifies training requirements for court personnel regularly involved in domestic violence matters.

Registry Clean Up

(Stand With Survivors Coalition)

Addresses a gap in the existing statute from 2015 (HB 454) which authorized criminal family violence orders, including stay-away orders in bond or probation conditions, to be entered on Georgia's Protective Order



Registry by creating a mechanism to enter those orders onto the registry.

Address Confidentiality Program
(YWCA Georgia Women's Policy Institute)

Would create an Address Confidentiality Program administered by a state agency in order to new addresses confidential for those who are survivors of DV, SA, Stalking, and Trafficking. Addresses would be protected from drivers' licenses, library cards, school enrollment records, etc.

Strangulation Education
(Stand With Survivors Coalition)

Would require law enforcement officers who are responding to alleged incidents of non-fatal strangulations to read a statement of notification to victims of strangulation on-scene.

Add Pets to TPO's

Would award the survivor temporary exclusive care, possession, or control of an animal that is owned, possession, or control of an animal that is owned, possessed, harbored, kept, or held by the petitioner, the respondent, or a minor child residing in the residence or household of the petitioner or respondent.

**Bill Opposition****Bill Name & Coalition Affiliation****HB 96 50/50 Presumption in Custody Adjudication****What it does**

Seeks a 50/50 Presumption in Child Custody adjudications. This standard would remove judicial discretion and has been shown in other states to increase the likelihood that children will be placed with abusive parents as a result of disputes over custody and visitation during relationship dissolution. HB96 also removes the age limit for children to determine with which parent they wish to live- inviting in more opportunity for children to be coerced; and it increases the standard of evidence from the civil standard of preponderance to a higher standard of clear and convincing when there is an abuse claim.

HB 218 Weapons Carry License Reciprocity
(Moms Demand Action)

Would impact survivors of intimate partner violence if carry licenses are rushed during a public health crisis and perpetrators are able to carry firearms across state lines with no way to verify that they are legally allowed to be in possession of a firearm.