

Senator Steve Gooch

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## Membership History

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## Sponsor

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[SB 591](#) [Offenses Against Public Order; the disruption of a religious service; prohibit](#)

[SB 465](#) [Income Taxes; business enterprises that hire illegal aliens for large-scale projects from claiming certain tax credits associated with such projects; disqualify](#)

Also Sponsoring 14 Senate resolutions

Votes for 2026 session

SB 74 yea on hazardous materials

SB 150 yea teachers

SB 214 yea elections an Primaries

SB 382 yea ad velarium tax

SB 392 yea Waste water reduction

SB 400 yea License and permits on migratory fish

SB 446 yea Student scholarship

SB452 yea Retirement pension

SB 476 yea Income tax

SB 477 yea income tax personal

Bo Hatchett report

Bills he is sponsoring

[SB343](#)

### **Social Media Restrictions for Minors**

**Goal:** Protect children under 14 from harmful social media algorithms.

**Why it matters:**

- Limits addictive tech on kids
- Protects parental authority
- Could become a national model for child safety online

**Action:** Spread awareness to parents, local GOP clubs, and communities — this is high-visibility and very conservative-friendly.

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[SB398](#)

### **AI Deepfake / Exploit Protections**

**Goal:** Make it illegal to use AI to exploit or harass individuals (deepfakes, sexual imagery).

**Why it matters:**

- Protects citizens from emerging digital crimes
- Positions Georgia as a tech-forward, safety-conscious state
- Balances free speech with child and adult protections

**Action:** Support and monitor amendments — this bill may be narrowed, so grassroots voices can influence it.

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## SB148

### **Outdoor Learning Pilot Program**

**Goal:** Encourage outdoor classroom programs in Georgia schools.

**Why it matters:**

- Bipartisan, widely popular, low controversy
- Supports educational innovation
- Great messaging win for conservative families

**Action:** Promote as a “win” for education, especially for networks that support family-friendly policies.

Bullet Points

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## Stan Gunter report

Regarding the Gunter report, here are the details of Senator Gunters telephone conversation on what he says he is doing.

- Sponsorships: He is currently the lead sponsor on three bills and one general bill.
- Specific Bills: He is involved with a non-partisan bill regarding probate court (HB 1208).
- General Activity: There are approximately 100 bills currently listed.
- Concerns: I am specifically looking into a property tax bill of concern.

## Stan Gunter status

### Committee Memberships

- [Judiciary - Chairman](#)
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Author 2 bills

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[HB 1120](#) [Union County; governing authority; change from a sole commissioner to a five-member board of commissioners; provide advisory referendum](#)

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[HB 1208](#) [Civil practice; require depositions to be taken before certified court reporters](#)

Sponsored Legislation

[HB 154,198,251,253,309,375,378,379,414,531,556,566,676,792,818,868,905,1020,1028,1042,1061,1075,1111,1117,1185,1187,1221, 1282,1283,1299,1337,1243,1348,1385,4107,1432,1458](#)

Johnny Chastain

## Committee Memberships

- [Banks & Banking](#)
- [Natural Resources & Environment](#)
- [Rural Development](#)
- [Small Business Development](#)

Author/ Sponsored Legislation

[HB 198](#) Education; use of school facilities by certain youth groups; provide

Status: 02/27/2025 - House Withdrawn, Recommitted

House Committee:

Education

House Committee:

Intragovernmental Coordination

Senate Committee:

State and Local Governmental Operations

House Committee:

Game, Fish & Parks

Senate Committee:

Natural Resources and the Environment

HB 1075 Sexual offenses; modify penalty for offenders previously convicted of the offense of trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude

Status: 02/26/2026 - House Passed/Adopted

House Committee:

Judiciary Non-Civil

HB 1086 Preston Fant and Brant Chesney Firefighter Safety Act; enact

Status: 02/24/2026 - Senate Read and Referred

House Committee:

Regulated Industries

Senate Committee:

Public Safety

HB 1385 Fire protection and safety; improve government efficiency by updating provisions of office of the Safety Fire Commissioner

Status: 02/24/2026 - House Second Readers

House Committee:

Regulated Industries

Co-sponsor

HB 75,133,324,432,447,661,699,823,824,874,945,964,967,1082,1112,1260,1281,1306,1332

Votes