

# PRHS PTSA Legislative Report FEBRUARY 2021

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## Overview

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## Gpee Top Ten Issues to watch in 2021.

1. Equity- The Imperative for recovery to success
2. Funding- Essential for Achieving Equity
3. Early learning- The Foundation for an inclusive Economic Recovery
4. Delivery of Instruction-New Approaches to Learning
5. Teachers- Professionalism, Pay And Preparation
6. Accountability and Assessments- The Opportunity to Rethink and Get it Right
7. Parent Engagement- Positioning Families As Partners
8. Post Secondary Completion- A Pathway To Prosperity
9. Georgia's WorkForce Pipeline- Creating Equitable Access and Opportunities
10. Reinventing Education in Georgia- A Call For Leadership And Collaboration

## Georgia Legislation Highlights

1. Georgia General Assembly House Education Committee bills [link](#)
2. Georgia General Assembly Senate Education Committee bills [link](#)
3. Georgia PTA bills on the radar
  - a. Hope/Zell Miller scholarships
    - i. HB 87 will provide HOPE grant eligibility for students seeking an associate degree at a branch of the Technical College System of Georgia. It also includes remedial and developmental courses required for such degree.
    - ii. HB 89 will provide students who do not qualify for the Zell Mill Scholarship freshman year a path to the scholarship.
    - iii. HB 283 Zell Miller Scholarship will remove the SAT and ACT requirements for students who graduate from eligible high schools.
  - b. Attendance
    - i. HB155 and SB 3 raise the compulsory school attendance age to 17.
    - ii. HB 262 will lower the compulsory school attendance age to 4 calling for mandatory Pre-K. Currently, Georgia's children are required to attend school between their 6<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> birthdays.
  - c. Elementary school:
    - i. SB 110 would prohibit homework in grades K-2
    - ii. SB 122 the mandatory Recess Bill would require 30 minutes of recess in grades K-8
  - d. Georgia PTA opposes private school vouchers and urges its members to contact their legislators to vote "No" on HB 60, HB 142, and SB 47

## PTA Day At the Capitol

PTA Day at the Capitol will be held virtually on March 2nd at 9 am.

## Legislative Conference

The legislative conference will be held virtually from March 9-11. Meetings will be scheduled with local representatives and senators.

Respectfully Submitted,

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