

2024 GOGS Reproductive Health Legislative Items

The bills mentioned below did not successfully pass during the legislative session.

Right to Contraception Act [SB 564](#) by Senator Elena Parent (D-Atlanta) is a twin initiative to [HB 1424](#), Sponsored by Rep. Marvin Lim (D-Norcross). The two proposed bills aim to establish the Right to Contraception Act. This legislation would legally recognize the right of individuals to obtain and use contraception. Healthcare providers could also provide access to contraceptives and related information. Any contraceptive approved by the FDA may be sold, provided, or used without limitation. The proposed law also includes penalties for anyone who violates or enforces any law, rule, or regulation that goes against this chapter. DID NOT PASS

[SB 565](#) by Senator Elena Parent (D-Atlanta) provides that a human egg or human embryo is not considered an unborn child, a minor child, or a person for any purpose under law. Representative Teri Anulewicz introduced [HB 1497](#), which resembles Senator Parent's legislation addressing embryos. The legislation indicates that a human embryo is not considered an unborn child, a minor, or a person in Georgia law. - DID NOT PASS

[HB 496](#) by Rep. Emory Dunahoo introduced the "Georgia Prenatal Equal Protection Act." This law seeks to give a fetus equal personhood with a living human at every stage of development from fertilization until birth. It provides prosecuting attorneys and the Attorney General with the authority to prosecute any criminal cases arising from the provisions of this code section and to perform any duty in investigating criminal offenses associated with this law. - DID NOT PASS

[HB 604](#) by Rep. Charlice Byrd (R-Woodstock) creates personhood from the moment of conception and bans "abortifacients." - DID NOT PASS

[HR 413](#) by Rep. Charlice Byrd (R-Woodstock) creates a Constitutional Amendment around recognizing fetal personhood and the paramount right to life at any stage of development. - DID NOT PASS

[SR 136](#) by Senator Gloria Butler (D-Stone Mountain) creates the Reproductive Freedom Act. Recognizes that everyone has the individual right to reproductive freedom which should not be denied, burdened, or infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest. Allows for the regulation of abortion care after fetal viability. - DID NOT PASS

[HB 75](#) by Rep. Shea Roberts (D-Atlanta)/[SB15](#) by Senator Sally Harrell (D-Atlanta) creates the Reproductive Freedom Act. The RFA is a comprehensive bill that not only repeals the restrictions imposed by HB 481 but also enshrines in Georgia law fundamental protections for reproductive freedom and expands access to abortion care for all Georgians. - DID NOT PASS

[HB 795](#) by Rep. Viola Davis (D-Stone Mountain) creates an "immaculate conception" clause to provide for equal application and penalties. A prospective father of an unborn fetus shall receive the same penalties as the woman who is the prospective mother of the unborn fetus unless it is medically proven that the woman conceived the unborn fetus solely by immaculate conception. - DID NOT PASS

[HB 796](#) by Rep. Viola Davis (D-Stone Mountain) relates to restrictions on the performance of an abortion, availability of records, and civil cause of action. Enacts a medical oath protection clause. It

requires the Georgia Composite Medical Board to initiate an investigation and issue a determination to report the finding of alleged misconduct. Findings are to be made available to the appropriate court prior to adjudication. - DID NOT PASS

[HB1](#) by Rep. Dar'shun Kendrick 9 (D- Lithonia)- Georgia Pro-Birth Accountability Act, which provides for the compensation of a pregnant woman who would terminate a child but cannot due to the Heartbeat Bill.- DID NOT PASS

[HB 1216](#) Sponsored by Rep. Park Cannon (D-Atlanta) would create a pilot program to provide coverage under the Medicaid program for doula care for pregnant Medicaid recipients. - DID NOT PASS

[HR 1059](#) Sponsored by Rep. Kim Schofield (D-Eastpoint) would recognize maternal health statistical disparities among Black women. - DID NOT PASS

[HB 1154](#) Sponsored by Rep. Park Cannon (D-Atlanta) mandates Medicaid coverage when pediatricians offer and perform maternal screening for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders. - DID NOT PASS