



Rep. Valencia Stovall
District 74

Biography

State Representative Valencia Stovall is a native of southeast Atlanta and mother of two who has a strong, diverse background in finance, entrepreneurship and public policy, and she currently resides in Forest Park. She co-founded Stovall's T-Shirts in the 1980s with her family in their parent's garage and provided custom promotional printing for 30 years to over 750 clients, including education institutions, government agencies, family reunions, churches and more. In 1991, she was instrumental in developing retail operations for the Georgia Dome and became managing partner and chief financial officer for Stovall Enterprises, Inc., where she led retail operations for 14 years for clients, including the NFL Atlanta Falcons, SEC Championship Games, two NFL Super Bowls, Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, Atlanta Hawks, Motorsport Events, The Rolling Stones, U2, the 1996 Olympics, Coca-Cola/Lakewood Amphitheater, Atlanta Fulton County Stadium and the University of Georgia's Stanford Stadium.

In 2012, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives and has been a bipartisan leader for eight years, working with both liberals and conservatives to develop a \$45 million grant for local governments, authored and passed legislation to protect special needs students, authored legislation to reform Georgia's education funding formula and co-sponsored more than a dozen bills to improve the lives of Georgians that have been signed into law. She instrumented the development of a House study committee to support Georgia farmers through the revitalization of the Atlanta State Farmers Market, developed a special House Committee to engage stakeholders across Georgia on school redesign and has served on more than 20 committees, state commissions and non-profit boards.

She was recognized by the National Council of State Legislatures as a "Woman in Politics Making a Difference" and a National Council of State Governments Henry Toll Fellow. For three years, she brought over 3,000 state officials, educators, parents, students, business and community leaders together at the State Capitol to design policies for the future of education in Georgia and has supported over 7,000 stakeholders through her career-job fairs, community festivals, leadership conferences and parent recognition celebrations. She is an alumna of Fort Valley State College and Georgia State University.

She has earned respect for standing firm on her beliefs even when it is unpopular and strives to do her part in making Georgia the best place to live, work and play through economic development, education transformation and voter empowerment.

Leadership Roles:

- Chair, House Study Committee on the Revitalization of the Atlanta State Farmers Market
- Chair, House Education Special Sub-committee on School Redesign
- Chair, 3-year Educate Georgia Summit
- Vice Chair, House Education Subcommittee on Academic Achievement
- Vice-Chair, Medical Cannabis Working Group
- Co-Chair, United Way THRIVE Clayton
- Alumna, Georgia Academy for Economic Development
- Member, Joint Study Committee on Establishment of a Leadership Academy
- Member, Education Reform Commission
- Co-founder, Georgia Single Parent Day Legacy Builders Event
- Co-founder, Yoruba African Tribe Festival

Notable Policy Achievements:

- Authored legislation to overhaul state education funding formula
- Instrumented capital infusion grant of \$45M for local governments
- Authored and passed legislation for video cameras in classrooms for special needs students
- Authored and passed legislation designating March 21st as Single Parent Day at the State Capitol
- Co-authored legislation for teacher loan forgiveness
- Co-authored legislation for overhaul for charter school funding and policies
- Recipient, Andrew Young School of Policy Legislator Health Certificate
- Founder, Environmental Assessment Survey Project

Board Service:

- Member, House Education Committee
- Member, House Education Appropriations Committee
- Member, House Economic Development & Tourism Committee
- Member, House Small Business Development Committee
- Member, House Interstate Cooperation Committee
- Commissioner, Georgia Literacy Commission
- Commissioner, Georgia Council for the Arts
- Commissioner, Georgia Education Reform Commission
- Member, Innovation Fund Foundation (in partnership with Governor's Office of Student Achievement)
- Member, National Conference of State Legislatures Education Standing Committee
- Member, Georgia Early Childcare Quality Rated Advisory Board

- Member, Clayton State University Dean of Arts & Science Advisory Council
- Executive Board Member, Atlanta Council of PTAs, current local member