



Georgia HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Media Services Office's Social Media Policies:

- When authorized by the Director of the House Media Services Office, Media Services staff may use official House social media accounts to share approved content.
- The House Media Services Office has adopted a policy to refrain from mentioning or tagging representatives on any platform.
- House social media accounts cannot promote, include or mention any campaign-related information or material.

Twitter Policies:

- @GAHouseHub is designated for House press releases, general updates and House floor notes (live updates from the House floor during legislative session).
- @GAHouseHub may follow other Twitter accounts that are approved by Director of the House Media Services Office. The accounts include:
 - Current House member accounts
 - Accounts of news organizations and journalists that operate within or cover Georgia and issues or politics that are related to the state
 - Other state government official's accounts
 - Relevant staff at the Georgia General Assembly
- House Twitter may retweet, like or mention preapproved content by the Director of the House Media Services Office.
- House Twitter account does not engage or respond to other users.
 - Unless a response requires a simple, informative answer. Example: You can find a list of upcoming House meetings here:
<http://calendar.legis.ga.gov/Calendar/?chamber=house>
 - If someone comments with a question that is directly related to a state representative, or asks how to reach their state rep, Media Services staff can provide a link to show them how to find their representative, or to the House member list.
- House tweets may also include miscellaneous preapproved content, such as photos, graphics or other information regarding official business of House members.
- Any retweets or tweets containing outside content will be nonpartisan in nature/retweeted from a reputable source.
- Comments are monitored in accordance with the House's social media disclaimer.

Facebook Policies:

- [The official House Facebook page](#) is designated to post official House photos and videos from the legislative session (invite resolutions, Doctor of the Day, Chaplain of the Day), press releases, media advisories or any other pre-approved content.
- House Facebook account does not engage or respond to other users.
 - Unless a response requires a simple, informative answer. Example: You can find a list of upcoming House meetings here:
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 - If someone comments with a question that is directly related to a state representative, or asks how to reach their state rep, Media Services staff can provide a link to show them how to find their representative, or to the House member list.
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2019 House Social Media Disclaimer:

- The House uses non-government third-party tools and websites, including this social media platform, to provide the public with information in more places and more ways than were traditionally available.
- Many of these platforms offer the ability for individuals to offer their comments. We encourage members of the public to offer these comments as they relate to the individual topics being discussed. Keep in mind, the views expressed in the comments section reflect only those of the comment’s author, and do not necessarily reflect the official views of the Georgia General Assembly, the House, its Joint Offices, or the State Government.
- Submitting personal information (address, telephone number, email address, etc.) is discouraged and is not required to interact with the House social media accounts on third-party websites, or to access information on any House social media site. To protect your privacy and the privacy of others, please do not include your full name, phone numbers, email addresses, social security numbers, case numbers, or any other sensitive or personally identifiable information in your comments or responses.
- Comments should relate to only the topic being discussed in the original post. We reserve the discretion to hide, delete, or not allow comments that contain:
 - Abusive or vulgar language, sexually explicit subject matter, hate speech, derogatory terms, or offensive content;
 - Personal or defamatory remarks about a person’s age, education, ethnicity, race, family status, gender, national origin, class, physical ability or qualities, religion, thought processes, or personality;
 - Impermissible personally identifiable information including, but not limited to, full legal names, Social Security numbers, addresses, and phone numbers. The House is committed to protecting privacy;
 - Spam, advertising, solicitations or links to other sites, and comments that are clearly “off topic.”

- Gratuitous links to web-sites that are not relevant to discussion topics are viewed as spam and will result in the comment being removed.
- Multiple successive off-topic posts by a single user or repetitive posts copied and pasted by multiple users, or spam;
- Offensive terms targeting individuals or groups;
- Threats or defamatory statements;
- Suggestions or encouragement of illegal activity;
- Unsolicited proposals or other business ideas or inquiries;
- Promotion or endorsement of commercial services, products, or entities; or
- Content that you do not have the right to post. We are committed to protecting intellectual property and will follow a notice and takedown procedure for complaints of copyright violation under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.
- The House will not edit comments posted to our social media sites by members of the public. If material provided by a user contains violations of these rules, we reserve the right to remove the comment in its entirety. We reserve the right to revoke access from social media platforms users who repeatedly violate our comment policy.
- In addition, your activity on third-party websites is governed by the security and privacy policies of the third-party sites. Certain information associated with your account may be made available to us based on the privacy policies of the third-party website and your privacy settings within that website. Each third-party website may have unique features or practices. You may wish to review the privacy policies of the sites before using them in order to understand how the information you make available on those sites will be used. You should also adjust privacy settings on your account on any third-party website to match your preferences.
- The House does not guarantee that any information posted on its social media platforms is correct, and disclaims any liability for any loss or damage resulting from reliance upon such information. The House does not guarantee, and assumes no liability for, anything posted on our social media platforms by any person, employee or otherwise.
- Thank you for reading our comment policy. We encourage you to visit our social media platforms and join the conversations.