

**2025 Legislative Session
GSCA Advocacy Team Monitoring Report**

Bill# and Sponsor	Name/Topic	Current Status (3/1/25)
HB 18 (Sainz)	Dual enrollment bill; adding a residency requirement which may limit student access to DE courses	Higher Education Comm.
HB 20 (Scott)	Depression & Suicide Awareness training required for all certified public school personnel	Education Comm.
HB 59 (Glaize)	1:250 School Counselor ratio	Education Comm.
HB 267 (Bonner)	Riley Gaines Act: Partner bill SB 1 No Males to participate in Female sports	House Substitute Passed In Senate Judiciary
HB 268 (Persinger)	School Safety Omnibus Bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Coordinators (1 per 18,000 students) • School Safety & Security Database developed by GEMA and shared across schools/districts when necessary (for children that have made threats. Concern exists regarding students that make suicidal or self-harm statements) • Behavioral Threat Assessment to be developed by the DBHDD; to be completed in schools when no records received or concern exists • Three-day turnaround for transfer of student records • Definitions of critical records and school records. 	Education Comm.
HB 340 (Hilton)	Banning the use of cell phones in K-8 schools; may be expanded to 9-12	Education Comm.

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HB 554 (Townsend)	APEX Now Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DBHDD to provide mental health support to students and school personnel experiencing violence and other crisis situations in school 	Education Comm.
HB 564 (Berry)	Prevention & Plan Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DOE to provide mental health support to students and school personnel experiencing violence & crisis situations in school 	Education Comm.
SB 1 (Dolezal)	Fair and Safe Athletic Opportunities Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Male/Female/Co-ed sports only ● Equal opportunities for both sexes ● Partner bill in House – HB267 	Adopted by substitute and passed Senate; in House Education Comm.
SB 74 (Burns)	Distribution of Library Materials to Minors	Rules.
SB 120 (Harbin)	Banning DEI work in all schools	Higher Education
SB 123 (Kennedy)	School absenteeism: Requires attendance review teams when school/district rate is over 10%	Passed Senate, in House Education
SB 165 (Merritt)	No social media accounts for anyone 14 or under; platform can be fined	Children and Families
SB 148 (Hatchett)	Pilot Program for Outdoor Learning	Rules

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SB 179 (Dixon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companion bill to HB 268 • Academic and disciplinary records transferred w/in 5 days • Evidenced-based youth violence prevention required at schools • Student violence prevention clubs • Anonymous Reporting 	Judiciary
SB 225 (T. Anderson)	Banning discrimination based on hairstyle	Education and Youth