



## Legislative Communications Tools

Below is a list of various ACCG communications tools that will help keep county officials informed and engaged during the legislative session.

### Weekly Legislative Update:

- Distributed every Friday afternoon during session via email. If you do not receive the update, please email Schuyler Harding ([sharding@accg.org](mailto:sharding@accg.org)) to be added to the list.
- In the Legislative Update, bills are categorized as such:
  - **What's New** – new bills that have been introduced. You will not see these again unless they begin moving through the legislative process
  - **Progressing** – bills that are moving through the process and deserve your attention
  - **Immediate Action Needed** – bills that are at a critical stage in the process and immediate action is needed
- Bills are assigned one of the following ACCG positions:
  - Support
  - Oppose
  - Neutral – impacts counties but ACCG is not advocating for or against
  - Evaluating – researching to determine if it has an impact on counties and to what degree
  - Negotiating – author of the bill has expressed a desire to work with ACCG to address our concerns
  - Each bill has one ACCG lobbyist assigned to it as the point of contact. Feel free to contact them directly.

### Facebook Live:

- Every Friday at 8:30 a.m.
- You do not need a Facebook Account to participate.
- If you are a Facebook user, be sure to **Like** and **Follow** the [ACCG Georgia Counties \(@gacounty\)](https://www.facebook.com/gacounty/) **page**. Visit our page every Friday morning to view the live video. Feel free to enter your questions and comments during the livestream. \*Note: If for some reason the Facebook Live Legislative Update is cancelled, ACCG staff will send a notice via email to county officials.
- Non-Facebook Users - If you are not a Facebook user, you can still view the live video by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/gacounty/>. Once you land on the page, scroll down until you see the live video that is taking place (you might have to press play to initiate the video). If you receive a pop-up window that prompts you to log in or create an account, click Not Now if you do not wish to do so. \*Please note that those without a Facebook account will not be able to ask questions during the livestream. Non-Facebook users can send their questions to any member of the ACCG Policy Team by emailing them after the Facebook Live video concludes. The video will also be shared under the Policy Resource Center section on the homepage of the ACCG website and in the Legislative Update e-newsletter, so there are other ways to access the information shared via the Facebook Live video.

**Legislative Tracking Database:**

- To access the tracking database on the ACCG website, visit [http://www.ciclt.net/sn/clt/accg/l\\_main.aspx?ClientCode=accg](http://www.ciclt.net/sn/clt/accg/l_main.aspx?ClientCode=accg).
- You can search for legislation based upon its bill number, topic, ACCG Committee or by the policy team member (lobbyist) assigned to that specific bill.
- You will not be able to provide comments or feedback on the system so please email your feedback directly to the ACCG lobbyist assigned to the bill.

**Weekly Friday Lobbyist Meeting:**

Hosted every Friday in room 328 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (18 Capitol Square, Atlanta, Georgia 30334) across the street from the Capitol. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude before noon. At these meetings, the policy team will go into much greater detail about the progression of legislation and discuss behind-the-scenes strategy. Monique Jackson ([mjackson@accg.org](mailto:mjackson@accg.org)) of the policy team will issue weekly reminders about the meeting.