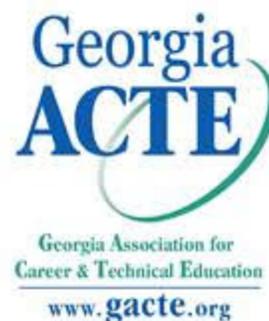


House Bill 778 - The Time To Act Is Now!

A *lot* has been happening the last few days, and if you care about CTAE and House Bill 778, you may be trying to figure out how to get more politically involved.

One thing that you probably keep hearing is that you should call your elected officials. We understand that sounds a little bit scary. But honestly, it's easier than you think. Calling is the most powerful way to encourage your Representatives and Senators — even more than social media, email, or snail mail. Why? It shows commitment to a cause. Our legislators know that if they hear the concerns of their constituents, the concerns could impact their ability to get reelected.



Here is what you need to do NOW:

Find out who your elected officials are?

You can find out who your Representative and Senator are by going to www.mvp.sos.ga.gov and entering your name, county and birthdate.

Call your Representative and Senator

A legislative assistant will answer the phone. You can ask to speak to your elected official or ask to have them call you back. You can also tell the legislative assistant why you are calling. The most important part is to be clear about what issue you're calling about and to be courteous. The more people that call their Representative's or Senator's office, the greater the impact. Getting straight to the point makes things easier for everyone.

Here's an example of what you could say

"Hello, my name is (your name). I'm a constituent from (your city). I am opposed to House Bill 778 and I strongly encourage (your Senator or Representative) to please oppose this bill. Thank you for your hard work!"

Call *only your* representatives and senators! Maybe you really want to talk to everyone but please don't call the people that don't represent you. Unless you are a constituent, your call will be pretty much ignored. We want to make sure our concerns are heard. If you stick to calling only your representatives, and keep it short and direct, it's better for everyone. In the end, the greater the total number of callers, the more your legislators will pay attention.

If you email your elected officials

Follow the same outline as used for a phone call. Be clear, concise and courteous.

One more important task

Ask your friends, family, fellow teachers and parents to also contact their legislators and oppose House Bill 778!