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Georgia Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Public Briefings on the School-to-Prison Pipeline in Georgia

The Georgia Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) is convening a series of public, web-based briefings to discuss the school-to-prison pipeline in Georgia. The Committee invites testimony regarding factors impacting a school-to-prison pipeline for student populations in underserved communities in Georgia with the intention of identifying areas for improvement and developing recommendations in a report to the Commission after all testimony has been received.

Chair Wenyuan Wu said, “The Georgia Advisory Committee is eager to hear testimony regarding the school-to-prison pipeline in Georgia. We welcome input from all who might be able to share their expertise with us.”

Two Upcoming Briefings:

Researchers Briefing

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Registration Link:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_GNUTAPWSR-OCd4htEtDU7A

Telephone Access (Audio Only): 1-833-435-1820, Webinar ID: 165 168 8986 #

Governance Briefing

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Registration Link:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_eLJUw02HQQWUok_rxDx7A

Telephone Access (Audio Only): 1-833-435-1820, Webinar ID: 165 639 2162 #

Guiding questions the Committee hopes to answer through its study include:

1. How prevalent is a school-to-prison pipeline in Georgia’s public K-12 schools?
2. What are the root causes behind the pipeline?
3. Have criminal justice and school discipline reforms been effective at curbing the pipeline?

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4. What can be done as policy recommendations at different government (federal/state/local) levels?

Members of the public will be invited to make oral comments for three minutes on the topic at the conclusion of each briefing, after all invited panelists have shared remarks and the Committee question and answer session has concluded. Members of the public are also invited to submit written comments at <https://wkf.ms/4wEILYL> within 30 days of each briefing to be included in the public record.

The agendas for both briefings will be posted here at the corresponding briefing date folder once they are available: <https://bit.ly/42t1cCA>. Future briefings will be announced in the Federal Register.

The Committee is also in the process of considering hosting additional briefings and a potential public forum to hear from teachers regarding their experiences. To indicate interest in speaking in the future, please complete the following form: <https://wkf.ms/4diU4Og>.

Closed captioning is available by selecting “CC” in the Zoom meeting platform. Individuals requiring accommodations should contact Evelyn Bohor at ebohor@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the briefing.

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