

2021 GEORGIA POLICY & STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Continue funding the Department of Education to advance Georgia Bio's Rural Teacher Training Initiative to strengthen Georgia's life sciences workforce pipeline through classroom-to-career initiatives that align with industry needs.



BIOPHARMA

Cultivate the biopharma R&D and manufacturing ecosystem in Georgia by supporting strong intellectual property protections for patents, data protection, and coverage and payment policies that recognize the value of medical innovation.



ECONOMIC INCENTIVES & TAX REFORM

Preserve existing economic development incentives and enact new tax policies that spur the life science industry and job growth.



MEDTECH

Support investment, innovation and patient access to medical device and diagnostic technologies to improve the efficiency of a healthcare system's ability to detect diseases earlier and to reduce costs through more effective treatments.



TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

Support funding for the Georgia Research Alliance to levels necessary to spur bioscience innovations and commercialization through our research universities; strategically improve funding for post-secondary institutions in order to grow the state's life science economy.



DIGITAL HEALTH

Streamline regulations and expand the reimbursement of digital apps and devices, remote patient monitoring technologies, and genomics products, as well as enhance educational efforts that help patients, providers, and caregivers.



PATIENT ACCESS

Ensure patient access to innovative therapies and adequate provider networks through private and public insurance, including Medicaid, while enhancing plan transparency and encouraging competition among providers and insurers.



FOOD & AGRICULTURE / INDUSTRIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL BIOTECH

Support the R&D of cutting-edge innovation in Agricultural & Food and Industrial & Environmental biotechnology to improve crop yields, enhance food quality, help feed a growing population, and foster responsible environmental biotech practices.

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