



Welcome!

End Mass Incarceration Georgia Network

General Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Agenda



- **Welcome / Introductions**
- **Overview of EMI Georgia Network**
- **EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY – Group Discussion**
 - Wrap up of Legislative Session
 - Advocacy is Essential – A Tale of Two Bills: “Same Bill (for the most part) Different Bill Number”
 - Certain Acts by the Governor on the Budget

CALL TO ACTION: Attend NBCDI Black Children’s Mental Health Series

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WRAP UP**
 - Next meeting date – August 18, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.



MISSION | BELIEF | ACTION STATEMENTS

MISSION

The End Mass Incarceration Georgia Network is an intentional association of faith communities, organizations and individuals formed to effect positive change in the areas of youth and criminal justice.

BELIEF

All children and families are of infinite value and potential--giving and deserving care, justice and support. This belief ensures an understanding that all strengthen the mosaic of life.

ACTION

In order to break the cycle of generational criminal and youth justice involvement, there must be an intentional, collective investment in schools, communities and appropriate supportive services for children and adults to ensure that all children and families can succeed.



What does EMI Georgia Network do?

EDUCATE

COMMUNICATE

FACILITATE

ADVOCATE

PARTICIPATE

Connect with us!



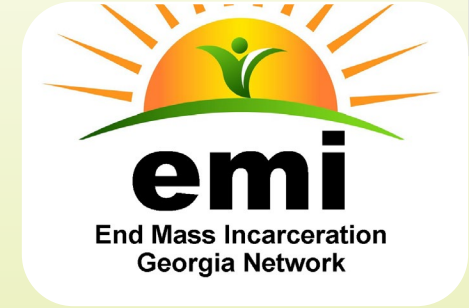
Join us on the fourth Monday at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom for our general meeting!



Drop us an email at emiganetwork@gmail.com and become part of our Google Group!



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Next EMI Georgia Network Meeting – August 28, 2023

What finally happened?



How was your advocacy experience this past legislative session? Did you receive support/resistance/no response from your legislators to your outreach? Were you able to connect with other advocates during this session?

Bills passed (opposed)

- **SB 44 Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act** (with mandatory minimum penalties for violations) - Passed the Senate; Passed the House; sent to Governor's office
- **HB 147 Safe Schools Act** (training educators and other school personnel to be gang identifiers within public schools) - Passed the House; Passed the Senate; sent to Governor's office

Bills not passed (supported)

- **SB 169 Student Tribunal Extension** (provides limits on the extension of hearing dates for student tribunals and requires that local schools provide instructional materials to suspended students) - Passed the Senate; Did not receive a hearing by House Education Committee
- **HB 356 Corporal Punishment** (disallow corporal punishment within public schools) – Did not receive a hearing by House Education Committee

What finally happened?



- **HB 462 Raise the Age** (raises the age of juvenile court jurisdiction to 18, to include 17-year-olds; introduced a gang clause as a category of children who automatically would be sent to superior court) - Passed the House; Did not receive a hearing by Senate Judiciary Committee -- ***NOTE: While we do not agree with the addition of the gang clause, we continue to support raising the age of juvenile court jurisdiction to include 17-year-olds.***
- **HB 520 Mental Health parity** ("expands student loan forgiveness for mental health care providers; creates crisis stabilization centers around the state, and expands the provisions for court-ordered outpatient treatment") - Passed in the House; received a "hearing only" (which means no vote) by Senate Health and Human Services Committee

What finally happened?



Certain Legislation as Member of Justice Reform Partnership

- **Reentry - Occupational Licensing & Expungement Reform (supported - did not pass)**
SB 157 (inclusive of HB 334) - (bill removes barriers to occupational licensing and increases access to expungement) - Passed in the Senate; did not receive a vote on the House floor

- **Bail Reform - Expanding Cash Bail (opposed - did not pass)**
SB 63 - (criminalizes poverty by expanding mandatory cash bail for additional offenses, many of them misdemeanors) - Passed the Senate; did not pass on the House floor (after Senate disagreed with House substitute bill, conference committee with members from both chambers was created)

Certain Acts by the Governor on the Budget



- Disregard \$24 million in funding for mental health crisis centers in Augusta, Fulton County and Dublin
- Department of Community to disregard pay rate increases for medical providers and dental services - "They would cut Medicaid to fund a lot of these provider pay increases." (according to Gov.'s spokesperson)
- Disregard extra pay raises for some mental health workers
- Disregard funding for free meals for school children eligible for reduced-priced meals and \$1,000 bonus for school custodians.

Certain Acts by the Governor on the Budget



Certain vetoes by Gov. Kemp: “The proposals in this bill are subject to appropriations and the General Assembly failed to fully fund these educational incentives,” the governor wrote.

- Establish a needs-based program of tuition grants for Georgia college students.
- \$6 million for a dental school building at Georgia Southern University.
- \$6 million to expand a medical building at Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia.
- \$4 million for land acquisition for Georgia Piedmont Technical College in DeKalb County.
- \$2 million to build a new student services and academic support center at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville.
- \$4 million in bond funding to expand the medical examiner’s office in Bibb County, arguing the project already has received funding.

Governor Kemp **did not** cut extra pay raises for members of the state patrol.



ADVOCACY IS ESSENTIAL

SB 15 SCHOOL SAFETY BILL 2019 - OPPOSED - PASSED - VETOED BY GOVERNOR

Status History

Date	Status
05/10/2019	Veto V7
05/10/2019	Senate Date Vetoed by Governor
04/09/2019	Senate Sent to Governor
04/02/2019	Senate Agreed House Amend or Sub
04/02/2019	House Passed/Adopted By Substitute
04/02/2019	House Third Readers
03/28/2019	House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute
03/01/2019	House Second Readers
02/28/2019	House First Readers
02/27/2019	Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute
02/27/2019	Senate Third Read
02/22/2019	Senate Read Second Time
02/21/2019	Senate Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute
01/16/2019	Senate Read and Referred
01/15/2019	Senate Hopper

Footnotes

04/02/2019 Passed House by Rules Committee Substitute and Rules Approved Amendment; 04/02/2019 Modified Structured Rule

Votes

Date	Vote No.	Yea	Nay	NV	Exc
02/27/2019	Senate Vote #69	47	8	0	1
04/02/2019	House Vote #420	110	56	6	8
04/02/2019	Senate Vote #434	42	11	2	1

HB 147 SCHOOL SAFETY BILL 2023 - OPPOSED - PASSED - GOVERNOR DID NOT VETO

Status History

Date	Status
07/01/2023	Effective Date
04/13/2023	Act 7
04/13/2023	House Date Signed by Governor
03/30/2023	House Sent to Governor
03/13/2023	Senate Passed/Adopted
03/13/2023	Senate Third Read
03/09/2023	Senate Read Second Time
03/08/2023	Senate Committee Favorably Reported
02/28/2023	Senate Read and Referred
02/27/2023	House Passed/Adopted
02/27/2023	House Third Readers
02/16/2023	House Committee Favorably Reported
02/02/2023	House Second Readers
02/01/2023	House First Readers
01/31/2023	House Hopper

Footnotes

02/27/2023 Modified Structured Rule

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02/27/2023	House Vote #86	148	20	5	7
03/13/2023	Senate Vote #210	22	33	0	1
03/13/2023	Senate Vote #211	21	33	1	1
03/13/2023	Senate Vote #212	21	33	1	1
03/13/2023	Senate Vote #213	25	30	0	1
03/13/2023	Senate Vote #214	52	3	0	1

Protecting, Promoting, and Preserving the Mental Well-Being of Black Children



MAY VIRTUAL LEARNING SERIES

PROTECTING, PROMOTING, AND PRESERVING THE MENTAL WELL-BEING OF
Black Children

PANELISTS

DR. BARBARA STROUD

KELLI RICHARDSON LAWSON

with moderator
Dr. Lee Johnson III
NBCDI Vice President of Policy

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH | 12 - 1PM

Join us for an expert panel discussion to raise awareness about the importance of prioritizing the mental well-being of Black children, provide practical strategies for promoting mental well-being in Black children, and foster dialogue and learning among participants.

BCDI

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yvBGe4heTumHCse_XWiRlQ#/

What's on your advocacy platform?



Google doc response form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNC_rZ0-eDNKWiU5ldRweRM9VyBRxGBNonUqptgnTSvOgOAQ/viewform

Google doc spreadsheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Gv--U07XyOpPZ0p1R8uteAyre79GqhRw4LnrE2yVG6Y/edit#gid=1790801195>

Announcements and Wrap-up

Interested in helping us plan for 2023? Drop us a note: emiganetwork@gmail.com

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