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*Tennessee Higher Education Commission Presentation*

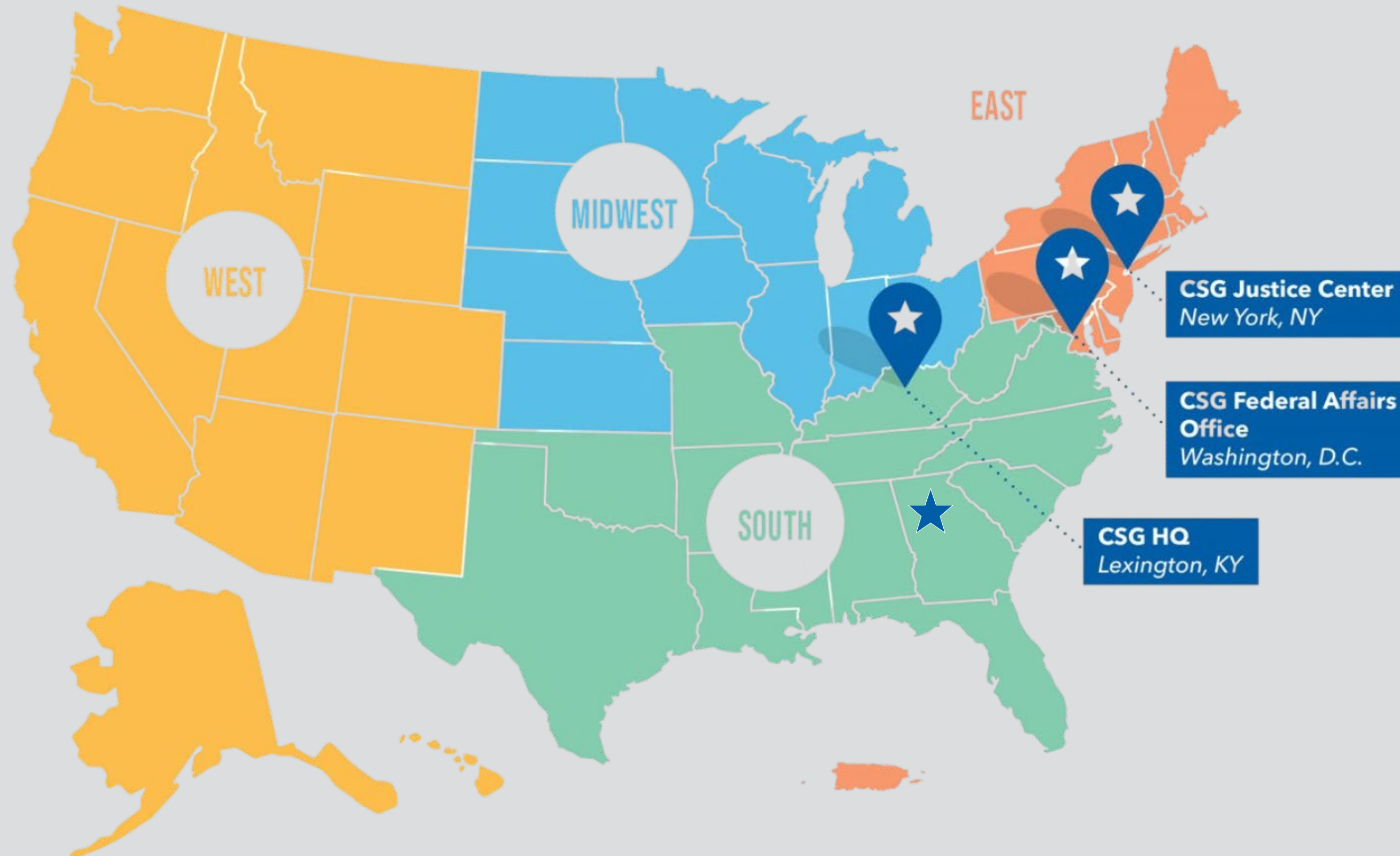
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# CSG 101: A REGIONALLY- BASED NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

- Founded in 1933 by Colorado State Senator Henry Wolcott Toll
- Serves all three Branches of State Government
- Nonpartisan/Not for Profit 501(c)(3)
- \$58 Million Budget
- 300+ Employees
- Four Strong Regions
  - **CSG South**
  - CSG East
  - CSG Midwest
  - CSG West
- 56 Member States & Territories
- Justice Center
- 11 Affiliated Organizations



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## CSG 101: CSG JUSTICE CENTER

- Focus on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Issues
- Technical Assistance
- Part of CSG National

- We bring people together

With our singular ability to reach federal, state and local leaders from all three branches of government, we gather people from both sides of the aisle and across the country to foster collaboration.

- We build momentum for policy change

We synthesize and contextualize data to help policymakers enact and implement major reforms that address criminal justice challenges, many of which intersect with other systems, such as health, education and housing.

- We drive criminal justice forward with original research

Our in-depth data analyses, coupled with extensive interviews of people on the front lines of the criminal justice system, inform improvements and spur national initiatives.

- We provide expert assistance

Our unrivaled on-the-ground training and assistance helps state and local agencies translate the latest research into policy and practice.



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## **CSG 101: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN LEXINGTON, KY**

- Advancement
- Accounting
- Communications
- Executive Management
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Legal
- CSG Center of Innovation

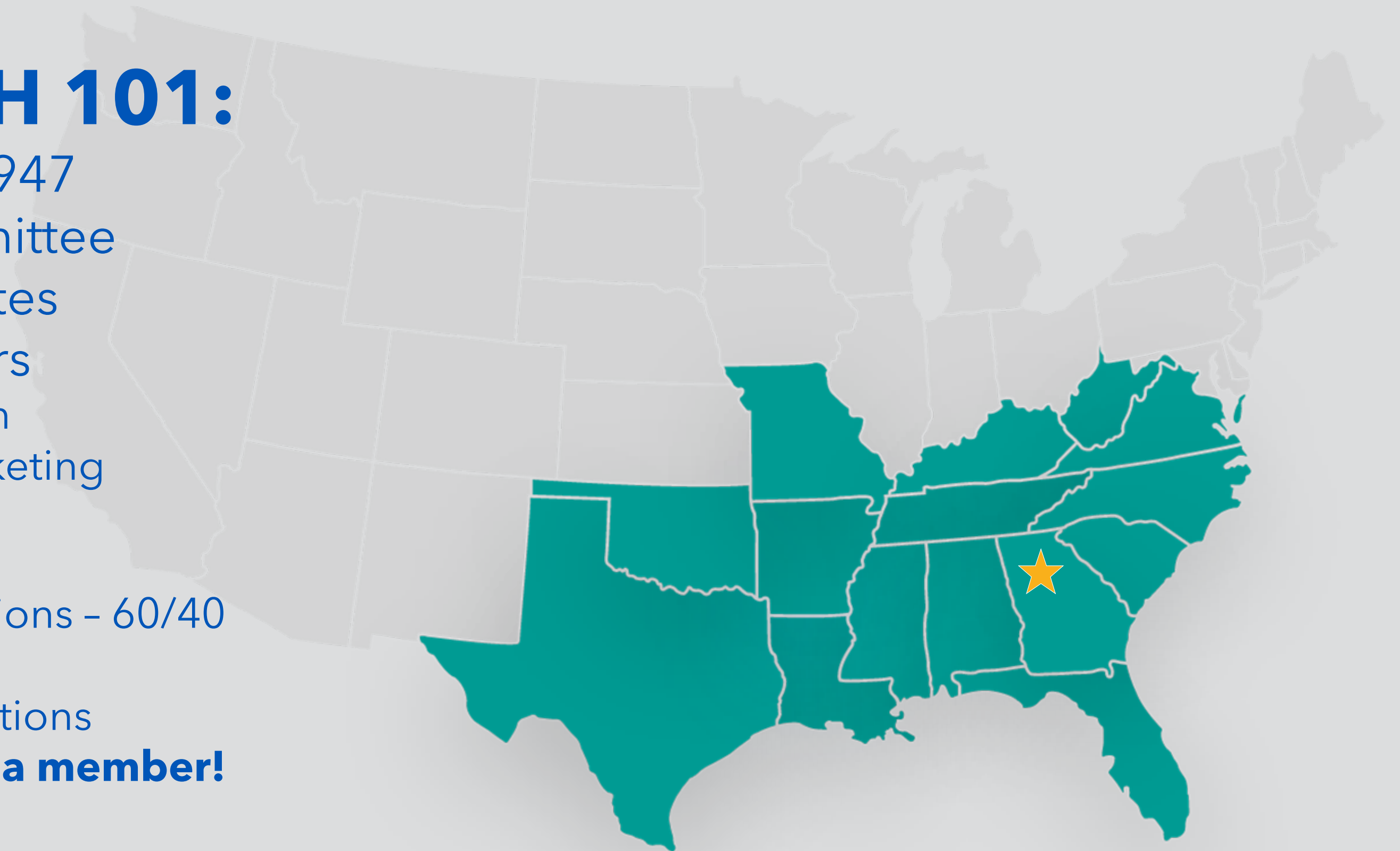


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## CSG SOUTH 101:

- Established in 1947
- Executive Committee
- 15 Southern States
- 12 Staff Members
  - Policy & Research
  - Programs & Marketing
  - Events & Admin
- Funding
  - State Appropriations – 60/40
  - Private Sector
  - Grants & Foundations
  - **You are already a member!**







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## CSG SOUTH: POLICY RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

- Six Standing Policy Committees
  - Education
  - Economic Development and Transportation
  - Fiscal Affairs & Government Operations
  - Human Services and Public Safety
  - Energy and Environment
  - Agriculture and Rural Development
- Policy Information Requests
- Policy Publications
- State Session Visits
- Policy Masterclasses
- Domestic & International Delegations



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## CSG SOUTH: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



Center for the Advancement of Leadership Skills (CALS)



Staff Academy for Governmental Excellence (SAGE)



Policy Masterclasses

## CSG SOUTH: LEGISLATIVE STAFF RESOURCES



Legislative Service Agency Directors Group (LSA)



Staff Alliance for Intergovernmental Leadership (SAIL)



Legislative Staff Exchange Program (LSEP)





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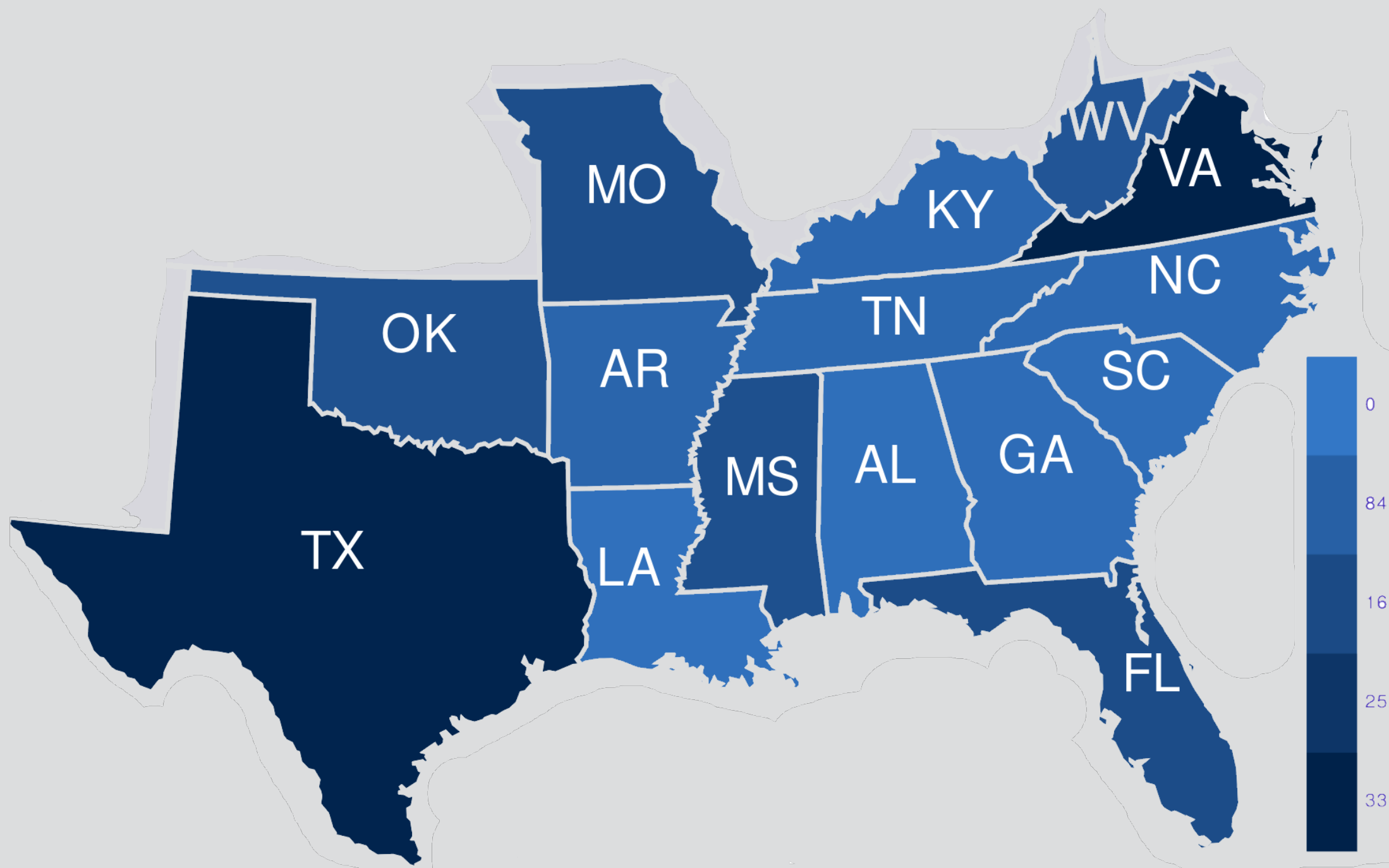
# **HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE**

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## **TRENDS IN THE SOUTH**



## The State of the South



☐ More than 1,500 higher education-related measures filed in 2023 and 2024

☐ **More than 240** enacted higher education-related measures filed in 2023 and 2024



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# Recent Legislative Priorities in the South - and Beyond

- ☐ New and Expanding Funding Streams
- ☐ Statewide Common Admissions Policies
- ☐ Artificial Intelligence Frameworks
- ☐ Non-Tuition Enrollment Factors  
(Housing, Food, Healthcare, etc.)
- ☐ Increasing Dual/Concurrent Enrollment
- ☐ Continuing to Align Higher Education  
to Changing Workforce Needs





Tennessee Proposals	Summary	State/Bill	Summary
S.B 349 (2023)	Would develop standardized entrepreneurial programs at all THEC institutions.	TX H.B. 1 (2023) – <i>Enacted</i>	Appropriated \$2.6m to set up Centers for Entrepreneurship at UT-Arlington and Austin State University.
		VA S.B. 6001 (2023) – <i>Passed First Chamber</i>	Appropriated \$1.5m to fund a youth entrepreneurship pilot program.
H.B. 1630 (2024)	Would require the board of trustees at public higher education institutions to adopt a policy regarding use of AI.	KY SB 52 (2024) – <i>Introduced</i>	Would create a statewide working group to govern and propose AI policies in higher education.
H.B. 1809 (2024)	Would extend Tennessee Promise to certain for-profit and private trade schools.	GA S.B. 137 (2023) – <i>Crossed Over to 2024</i>	Revised statute to allow private and for-profit nursing schools to qualify for state scholarships and grants to address critical workforce needs.



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S.B. 833 (2023)	Would require annual reporting on food insecurity on campuses.	VA H.B. 607 (2024) - <i>Introduced</i>	Would create a state Commission to End Hunger and require annual reporting on food insecurity in several areas, including schools.
H.B. 1914 (2024)	Would establish a grant program and meal plan donation program to address hunger.	TX H.B. 4571 (2023) - <i>Died in Committee</i>	Would require the state Higher Education Coordinating Board to create and operate a Hunger-Free Campus program
		VA S.B. 318 (2024) - <i>Introduced</i>	Would establish the Hunger-Free Campus Grant program.
		WV H.B. 4629 (2024) - <i>Introduced</i>	Would establish the Hunger-Free Campus Grant program.
		WV H.B. 4637 (2024) - <i>Introduced</i>	Would create a grant program for colleges that meet Student Basic Needs campuses designation.



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## ☐ Senate Bill 67 (2023):

*Private Tuition Scholarships for National Guardsmen*

## ☐ Senate Bill 176 (2023):

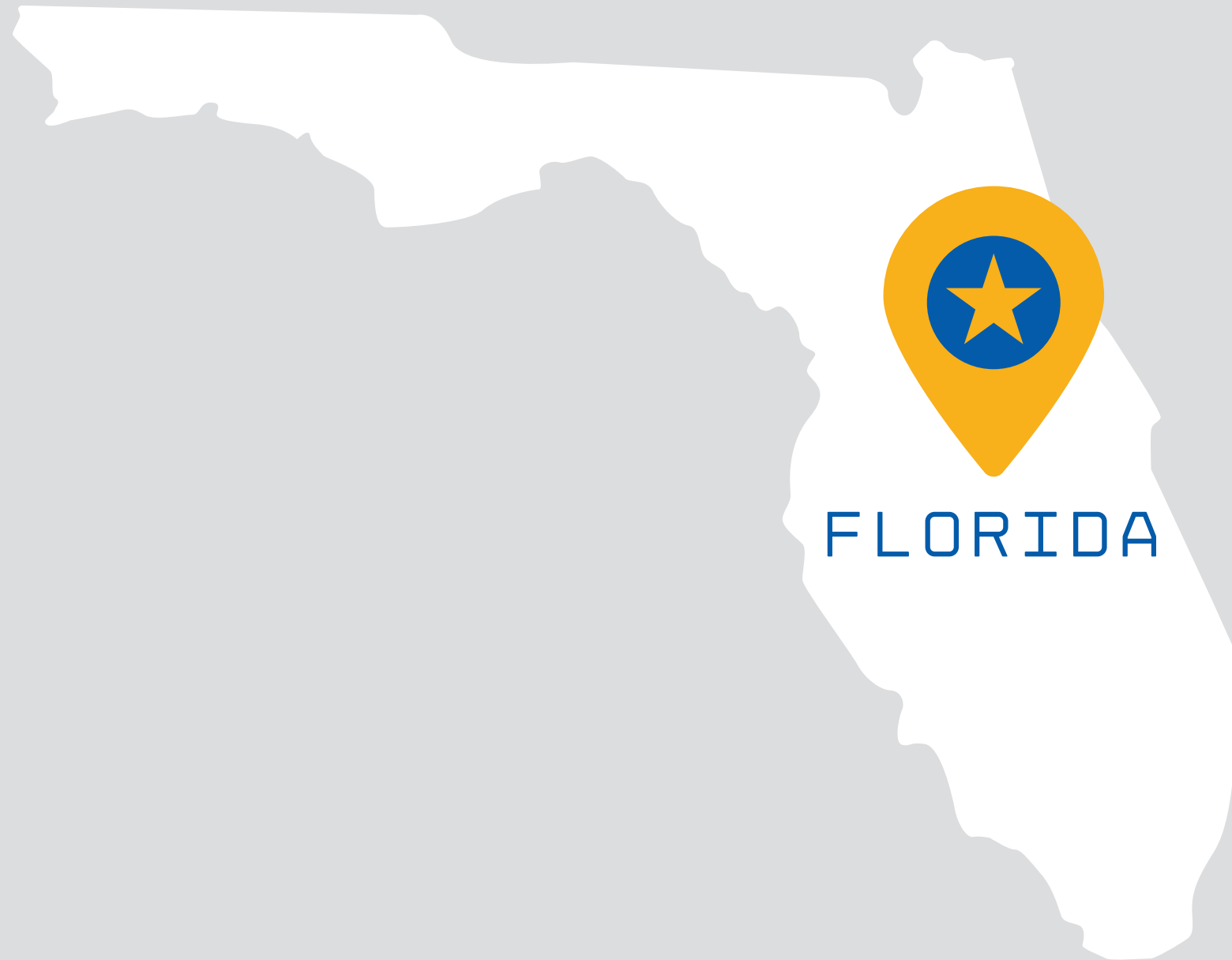
*The Students' Right to Know Act*





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## ☐ Senate Bill 732 (2023):

*Designation of Collegiate “Purple Star” Campuses*

## ☐ Senate Bill 266 (2023):

*State University System Alignment with Economic Needs and Creation of New Centers*





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GEORGIA

## ☐ GEORGIA MATCH:

*Initiative of the 2023 Governor's Workforce Summit establishing one of the largest state-run direct admissions initiatives in the U.S.*

## ☐ The University System of Georgia and Technical College System of Georgia Direct-Admissions Strategy:

*Initiative of Chancellor Sonny Perdue*



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KENTUCKY

**❑ Senate Joint Resolution 98 (2023):**  
*Study of Feasibility of New Regional,  
Four-Year Residential University in  
Southeast Kentucky*

**❑ Senate Bill 52 (2024):**  
*Artificial Intelligence in Schools and  
Higher Education Act*



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## ☐ House Bill 72 (2023):

*Allows Two-Year Designations of Campuses as “Military and Veteran Friendly” with Distinct Tiers*

## ☐ House Concurrent Resolution 5 (2023):

*Reviewing Transfer and Articulation Process for Career and Technical Education Students to Four-Year Universities*



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NORTH CAROLINA

## ❑ House Bill 3 (2023):

*Directs Board to study and report on requiring computer science course(s) for undergraduate admissions*

## ❑ House Bill 97 (2023):

*Creates a pilot program to offer in-state tuition to select Georgia counties and report on the feasibility of expansion to the University System*

## ❑ House Bill 581 (2023):

*Allows state university system employees to cash in accrued bonus leave benefits*



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OKLAHOMA

## ❑ Senate Bill 1359 (2024):

*Prohibits tuition and fees at state universities from increasing above the 2023-2024 regent-approved rates.*



## ☐ House Bill 1361 (2023):

*Requires the designation of a liaison officer for student-parents with reporting requirements*

## ☐ Senate Bill 412 (2023):

*Protects pregnant or parenting students from discrimination and extends leaves of absence*

## ☐ Senate Bill 459 (2023):

*Provides early registration period for student-parents*





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❑ **Senate Bill 1280 (2023):** *Requires paid or unpaid internships for completion of degrees*

❑ **Senate Bill 46 (2024):** *Prohibiting admissions based on legacy or donor status at public institutions*

❑ **Senate Bill 62 (2024):**  
*Adult education and workforce development programs*







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