

GA Food Security Advisory Council

SB 177: Food Insecurity Eradication Act

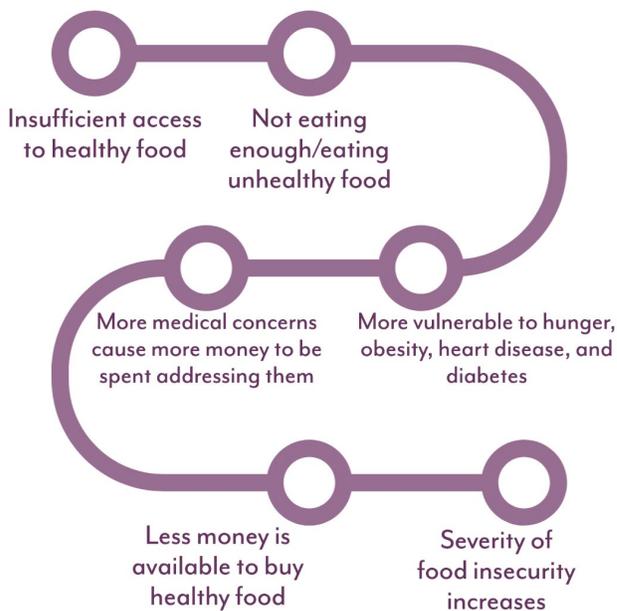
Georgians need food security to be healthy and productive. The current food security system provides emergency relief, but not long-term strategies. To improve, coordination and collaboration between government, public, private, communities, and non-profits are needed.

**1 in 9 Georgians
Food Insecure**



Numbers haven't changed since 1990s

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities analysis of USDA data.



The cycle of food insecurity.
<https://www.acfb.org/stories-of-hunger/>

SB 177: Establish an Advisory Council

- Recommended by the Senate Committee on Improving Access to Health Foods and Eliminating Food Deserts
- Eliminates gaps and duplications
- Supports and expands what works
- Strengthens community partnerships
- Coordinates between all stakeholders

Fast Facts

Current US food policy is based on a [1969 White House Conference](#).

Food insecurity is linked to chronic problems such as [diabetes](#), [hypertension](#), and [depression](#). The cycle of lost wages, lost school days, and poor health [cost the US Economy approximately \\$165 Billion annually](#).

SB 177: Details

Representatives from Agriculture, Labor, Schools, DFACS, GA Chamber of Commerce, universities, health systems, community development, farmers markets, science, food policy councils, grocery stores, local leadership, farmers, food bank operators, and food pantry operators.

1. Understand regulatory solutions to WIC barriers
2. Explore tax incentives for new food stores in deserts
3. Maximize existing education programs
4. Maximize existing funding efforts for food relief
5. Expand the number of farmers markets that take SNAP
6. Encourage the use of co-ops and community gardens
7. Increase collaborations between Georgia government, nonprofit, and private entities



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Imagine not having enough to eat. Imagine if you had to drive 40 miles to the nearest grocery store. Without a stomach full of nutritious food, it is difficult to learn and concentrate, leading to poor performance in school and at work.

1 in 9 Georgians do not have access to nutritious food because they can't afford it or because it is too far away.



Georgia is also one of the nation's leading suppliers of fresh fruit and vegetables. We must work together to get more Georgia food into more Georgia bellies.

The good news is that the government and many organizations are working very hard to make this better.

Policymakers want to better understand all these efforts and help them to work better together. SB 177 enables them to form a Food Security Advisory Council so that the government, farmers, grocers, doctors, scientists, and businesspeople can work together.

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Hello Rep X

My name is < > and I live in your district.
I ask you to support SB 177. It is a committee that will coordinate getting more food to more people.

<Kids can't learn and people cannot work without a full belly.>

Thank you,
Name, Zip Code



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