

# Tort Reform

## FACT VS. FICTION

<p>Tort reform will stop Georgians from getting into court if they've been injured by someone else's negligence.</p> <p><b>FALSE</b></p>	<p>Senate Bill 68 doesn't prevent anyone who has suffered injuries because of someone's negligence or a company's negligence from filing a lawsuit and getting access to the courts. What SB 68 does do is provide certainty for all parties on what the law is and gives juries more access to relevant information.</p>
<p>Tort reform will limit what an injured plaintiff can get paid if they are successful in their lawsuit.</p> <p><b>FALSE</b></p>	<p>Senate Bill 68 doesn't put any caps or limits on what a jury can decide is the right amount to compensate for an injury. It does, however, give the jury access to accurate evidence of the actual damages plaintiffs suffered.</p>
<p>Tort reform will gum up the courts and make it harder to get in front of a judge and jury.</p> <p><b>FALSE</b></p>	<p>Senate Bill 68 brings balance and fairness back to our legal system. In fact, commonsense reforms to the dismissal process will empower judges to better manage their dockets and ensure completely baseless lawsuits are ended sooner.</p>
<p>Tort reform only benefits insurance companies and doesn't help Georgians.</p> <p><b>FALSE</b></p>	<p>All Georgians are bearing the costs of our broken legal system through higher insurance premiums and less stability and availability in the insurance market. Tort reform isn't targeted at helping insurance companies but is focused on ensuring Georgia families and businesses can access and afford insurance coverage.</p>
<p>Tort reform allows human traffickers to get away with their crimes and blocks victims from getting justice for their injuries.</p> <p><b>FALSE</b></p>	<p>SB 68 includes specific protections for the victims of these horrible crimes by explicitly preserving their right to go after the evildoers who victimized them and benefited from those illegal activities.</p>
<p>Tort reform will create a two- tiered system of justice and parties will get different awards for their injuries.</p> <p><b>FALSE</b></p>	<p>This bill will give juries access to more complete and accurate information. Those who have suffered damages should be made whole and this legislation would give independent juries complete transparency on actual damages suffered to ensure Georgians who are harmed are appropriately and fully compensated.</p>