

HB 958 – Reporting of vape ingredients

Legislative Rubric from Science for Georgia

[HB 958](#) - Require vape product manufacturers to, annually provide the commissioner with a list of all ingredients, including chemicals of concern, contained in each vape product distributed, sold, or offered in Georgia, as well as statements regarding current research on and health effects of such products, or alternatives to chemicals of concern. A list of ingredients for each product must also be made publicly available on the manufacturer’s website and updated as changes in product ingredients occur.

| Criteria | Variables | | | |
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| Impact Who is going to be impacted? Is it equitable? List stakeholders & opinions. | Negative | | Positive | |
| | This bill would improve transparency of vape product ingredients for any Georgian who may use such products. The availability of product-specific ingredient lists would better enable Georgians to evaluate the possible health effects of each product and to make more informed decisions when selecting them for purpose. | | | |
| Reach Does it reach its target audience? | 0 - No impact on target audience. | 1 - Impacts narrow segment. | 2 - Impacts majority; exceptions. | 3 - Impacts entire target audience |
| | This bill applies to any and all manufacturers whose products are distributed, sold, or offered in Georgia. Any manufacturer who does not comply with the requirements outlined in this bill will incur the probation, suspension, or revocation of all issued licenses. | | | |
| Scientific Merit Does it utilize scientific research accurately? | YES - this does follow scientific research accurately. Here's why.... | | NO - this does not present scientific research accurately. | |
| | The long-term health consequences of vape product usage and even second-hand exposure remain unknown . Despite their reputation as a healthier alternative to smoking, vape products still expose users to hazardous chemicals and nicotine , which can result in a range of chronic health effects. Research has found that flavorings in e-liquids sometimes exceed recognized safe limits. Additives such as ethyl maltol and benzoic acid have been associated with free radical generation and benzene formation , respectively; in both cases, the heating of e-liquids into aerosols contributes to these processes. Product-specific ingredient lists would provide users with greater transparency and would allow for more targeted research on the health effects of vape product ingredients. | | | |

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| Financial Feasibility Is it financially feasible? or does this have burdensome finances (higher taxes, future costs, etc)? | 0 - Extremely high costs | 1 - Expensive but can be done | 2 - Slight | 3 - No financial burden |
| | This bill will not impose additional costs on buyers of vape products. Vape product manufacturers should also have product recipes on hand, so there should be no additional costs incurred when compiling product-specific ingredient lists. Product-specific statements regarding investigations and research of the human health effects of the product or its ingredients, as well as statements regarding alternatives to chemicals of concern and potential hazards of those alternatives, may require additional work, research, or funds on the manufacturers' part. | | | |
| Political Feasibility Level of opposition and partisan disagreement. | 0 - Majority disagreed, regardless of party. | 1 – Split along party lines | 2 - Minimal Opposition | 3 - Complete consensus (zero to five 'Nays'). |
| | This bill has been assigned to the Ways and Means committee. This bill appears to be bipartisan: it has 5 sponsors, 2 democrats and 3 republicans. | | | |
| Measurable Metrics? We recommend looking at these 3 metrics. Is the data available or being measured? | 0 - no data | 1 - some data / not accessible | 2 - most data / somewhat accessible | 3 - complete transparency |
| | While some vape product ingredients have been and continue to be researched, the short and long-term effects of vaping are still largely unknown. What has been researched is accessible online. | | | |