How to Track State and Federal Legislation

- For tracking state legislation, we recommend using Open States (www.openstates.org). Users can search both pending and recently voted on legislation in their respective states based on keywords, lawmakers, and a number of other functions. Users can also register and receive email updates legislation, as well as committee and individual official actions.
  - American Atheists Tracker: https://www.atheists.org/activism/state-legislation/

- For tracking federal legislation (in the U.S. House and Senate), we recommend using GovTrack (www.govtrack.us). As with Open States, users can search both pending and recently voted on legislation based on keywords, lawmakers, and a number of other functions. Users can also register and receive email updates on legislation, as well as committee and individual official actions.

- For tracking federal legislation specific to science and secularism, also check the Office of Public Policy’s Bills We’re Tracking page (http://bit.ly/OPPbills). And make sure you are signed up for the Office of Public Policy’s Action Alerts (http://bit.ly/OPPaction). We will send an alert on each measure when it comes up for a vote.

- For both state and federal issues, you should also follow your elected officials on social media, including their email newsletter, Facebook page, and Twitter account. This is a good way to learn which specific issues your elected officials care about.

- For both state and federal issues, you should also think about traditional outlets: read your local newspapers and political journals!