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FOREWORD

We are pleased to present to you the Summary of General Statutes Enacted at the 2022 Session of the General Assembly of Georgia. This represents one of the services which the Legislative Services Committee and the Office of Legislative Counsel perform for the legislative branch of government. Other services include bill drafting, research, statutory and Code revision, rendering of opinions, counseling, legislative reference, interim committee staffing, and preparation of reports.

This document contains a summary of the general statutes of state-wide application which were enacted at the 2022 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia. No resolutions, local Acts, or uncodified "population Acts" have been included. The document also includes a table of Code sections amended and enacted at the 2022 session.

Minutely analyzing each statute would be impractical, because doing so would defeat the main purpose which we hope that this document accomplishes. It is intended to be used as a convenient reference for persons desiring to know which laws were enacted or to ascertain the main features of each Act without the necessity of reading the Act in its entirety.

For specific, detailed information on any particular law, the Act itself should be examined. Acts may be readily located in the Georgia Laws by Act number, since the Acts are published in the Georgia Laws in numerical order by Act number. In addition, the Georgia Laws contain a table for converting Act numbers to Georgia Laws page numbers.

This summary is not to be deemed in any manner as an opinion from the Office of Legislative Counsel, and the question of constitutionality has not been considered with respect to any Act.

We hope that this document will benefit all who have occasion to use it. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcomed and should be directed to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

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The Acts in this summary are arranged according to the title of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated which they amend. **In those cases in which an Act amends more than one Code title, the Act appears under only one of the affected titles.** For a comprehensive list of bills affecting any particular title, reference should be made to the O.C.G.A Index found immediately after the General Statute Summaries. A table of titles appears below. No Acts are listed for those titles which are indicated by an asterisk.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022 SESSION SUMMARY

HOUSE BILLS	Introduced	Passed	Prefiled	Unfav. Rept./ Lost/Withdrawn	Governor Signed	Governor Vetoed
Pending from the 2021 Session	642	40	17	0	40	0
Introduced during the 2022 Session	<u>835</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>1</u>
	1477	429	19	0	428	1
Generals Passed	124					
Locals Passed.....	<u>305</u>					
Total Passed.....	429					
				Sent to the Governor for approval.....	429	

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS	Introduced	Adopted	Prefiled	Unfav. Rept./ Lost/Withdrawn	Governor Signed	Governor Vetoed
Pending from the 2021 Session	97	1	1	0	0	0
Introduced during the 2022 Session	<u>743</u>	<u>626</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
	840	627	1	1	6	0
Generals Adopted	5					
Other Non-Privileged Adopted	18					
Locals Adopted.....	0					
Constitutional Amendments.....	1					
Privileged Adopted	<u>603</u>					
Total Adopted.....	627					
				Sent to the Governor for approval.....	6	

SENATE BILLS	Introduced	Passed	Prefiled	Unfav. Rept./ Lost/Withdrawn	Governor Signed	Governor Vetoed
Pending from the 2021 Session	229	12	2	2	12	0
Introduced during the 2022 Session	<u>323</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>2</u>
	552	143	2	3	141	2
Generals Passed	58					
Locals Passed.....	<u>85</u>					
Total Passed.....	143					
				Sent to the Governor for approval.....	143	

SENATE RESOLUTIONS	Introduced	Adopted	Prefiled	Unfav. Rept./ Lost/Withdrawn	Governor Signed	Governor Vetoed
Pending from the 2021 Session	74	18	0	0	0	0
Introduced during the 2022 Session	<u>522</u>	<u>465</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
	596	483	0	1	2	0
Generals Adopted	2					
Other Non-Privileged Adopted	37					
Locals Adopted.....	0					
Constitutional Amendments.....	0					
Privileged Adopted	<u>444</u>					
Total Adopted.....	483					
				Sent to the Governor for approval.....	2	

TOTAL BILLS	Introduced	Passed	Prefiled	Unfav. Rept./ Lost/Withdrawn	Governor Signed	Governor Vetoed
HOUSE BILLS.....	1477	429	19	0	428	1
SENATE BILLS.....	<u>552</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL FOR BOTH HOUSES	2029	572	21	3	569	3

Total number of Bills sent to the Governor for approval 572

TOTAL RESOLUTIONS	Introduced	Adopted	Prefiled	Unfav. Rept./ Lost/Withdrawn	Governor Signed	Governor Vetoed
HOUSE RESOLUTIONS.....	840	627	1	1	6	0
SENATE RESOLUTIONS.....	<u>596</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL FOR BOTH HOUSES	1436	1110	1	2	8	0

Total number of Resolutions sent to the Governor for approval 8

**TITLE 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Act 588; HB 1335

This Act increases the minimum and maximum number of public and legal holidays for which the Governor shall close all state offices and facilities from 12 days to 13 days. The Act designates the week in September during which September 11 falls every year as "Public Safety Week" in Georgia. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 1-4-1 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 1-4-25. Effective April 4, 2022.

Act 782; HB 1428

This Act provides for the revision, modernization, and correction of certain statutes that have been rendered obsolete or incorrect under current law. Effective May 2, 2022.

**TITLE 2
AGRICULTURE**

Act 797; SB 486

This Act provides for notice and full or partial remote communication with regard to public hearings of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Propane. The Act revises referendum requirements and procedures for issuing, amending, and renewing marketing orders. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 2-8-209 and 2-8-211. Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 600; SB 396

This Act renames the Georgia State Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as the Georgia Grown Farm to Food Bank Program (F2FB). The Act requires food procured pursuant to such program to be Georgia grown. The Act further requires annual reporting to identify Georgia grown farmers who supplied food. The Act authorizes persons who provide services to such program or the Department of Agriculture to receive food from the program if qualified as a recipient. The Act amends O.C.G.A. Chapter 2-17. Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 5
APPEAL AND ERROR**

Act 875; HB 916

This Act enacts the "Superior and State Court Appellate Practice Act" which provides for a unified and uniform procedure for appealing decisions of lower judiciaries to superior and state courts. The Act clarifies the standard of review for appeals to superior and state courts from lower judiciaries. The Act provides for superior and state court appellate jurisdiction, for related exceptions, and for the preemption of certain laws. The Act provides for petitions for review, responses, replies, and amendments thereto. The Act provides for petitions for review acting as supersedeas. The Act provides for appeals to a jury and for the permissibility of equitable practices and procedures not prescribed. The Act provides for the management of court proceedings and other related matters. The Act provides for service of process, for deadline extensions, and for transfer when venue or jurisdiction is improper. The Act provides for the record on appeal and for transmission of the record. The Act provides for notice of a petitioner confined to jail. The Act provides for procedures after review. The Act provides for remand. The Act provides for the payment of costs and related exceptions and for bonds and related security. The Act provides for dismissal or withdrawal and the effects thereof. The Act provides for damages for frivolous appeals and defenses in civil cases and for the recovery of costs.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 3-2-35, 4-8-23, 10-1-787, 10-14-22, 12-3-194.1, 12-3-236.1, 15-6-9, 15-9-120, 15-10-41, 15-10-65, 15-14-7, 15-21A-6, 15-21A-6.1, 17-6-1, 22-3-44, 31-6-44.1, 32-3-11, 32-3-14, 32-3-16, 32-3-17.1, 33-2-27, 33-6-8, 34-9-105, 36-15-9, 36-32-2.1, 36-74-48, 37-3-150, 37-4-110, 37-7-150, 38-3-64, 40-13-28, 41-2-9, 43-17-4, 43-17-17, 44-7-56, 44-7-115, 47-14-51, 47-16-61, and 48-5-311; repeals O.C.G.A. Chapter 5-4; and repeals and reenacts O.C.G.A. Chapter 5-3.

Effective July 1, 2023.

**TITLE 7
BANKING AND FINANCE**

Act 748; HB 891

This Act provides for multiple revisions applicable to financial institutions. The Act removes and changes reporting requirements for certain personnel of the Department of Banking and Finance regarding the use of financial institutions. The Act prohibits certain changes in control of financial institutions. The Act allows the department to extend the period for approval of certain proposed acquisitions. The Act authorizes certain mergers of limited liability companies with banks and trust companies. The Act also provides for requirements for establishing a representative office, and provides for requirements and limitations for the activities of certain representative offices. The Act defines "deposit production office" as a form of representative office and describes the scope of authority. The Act removes the department's requirement to consider the convenience and needs of the community for approval of certain transactions. The Act authorizes credit unions to provide third-party payment and check-cashing services and act as sellers of payment instruments and

international remittances. The Act further amends regulatory provisions relating to installment loans to include servicing of installment loans to the activity regulated under the title.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 7-1-37, 7-1-230, 7-1-231, 7-1-232, 7-1-233, 7-1-234, 7-1-236, 7-1-530, 7-1-531, 7-1-535, 7-1-590, 7-1-591, 7-1-592, 7-1-593, 7-1-605, 7-1-606, 7-1-607, 7-1-622, 7-1-623, 7-1-625, 7-1-628, 7-1-628.4, 7-1-633, 7-1-650, 7-1-651.1, 7-1-655, 7-1-656, 7-1-658, 7-1-680, 7-1-687, 7-1-688, 7-1-689, 7-1-705, 7-1-1001, 7-1-1007, 7-3-3, 7-3-4, 7-3-11, 7-3-21, 7-3-31, 7-3-43, 7-3-45, and 7-6A-2; repeals O.C.G.A. Sections 7-1-670, 7-3-17, and 7-3-18; and repeals and reenacts O.C.G.A. Section 7-3-16.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 796; SB 470

This Act removes agents and adds covered employees to the list of persons for whom the Department of Banking and Finance shall not issue or shall revoke a license because of a felony conviction.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 7-1-1000 and 7-1-1004.

Effective May 2, 2022.

**TITLE 8
BUILDINGS**

Act 794; SB 445

This Act revises the civil penalties for violation of Section 610 of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 and regulations and final orders issued thereunder.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 8-2-143.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 9
CIVIL PRACTICE**

Act 564; HB 1361

This Act provides that the Attorney General is to be served and heard in defense of all Acts of the General Assembly when challenged in any court action. The Act provides for the Attorney General to be a party as of right in such actions. The Act also clarifies that it applies not only to statutes, but to all Acts of the General Assembly.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 9-4-7.

Effective March 4, 2022.

**TITLE 10
COMMERCE**

Act 791; SB 363

This Act provides for class action suits and for damages for violating requirements for solicitations related to corporate filings or employment or labor related posters or notices. The Act also provides for claims to be brought in a representative capacity and as a class action. Further, the Act provides for damages for such claims of violation.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 10-1-393.16.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 744; HB 508

This Act provides protections for commercial recordings, musical performances, and audiovisual works. The Act prohibits the deceptive practice of musical performance groups advertising and appearing as the recording group without the recording group's permission or denoting that it is a salute or tribute performance. The Act also specifies violations and provides for civil and criminal penalties and causes of action. The Act enacts Article 35 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 10-1, the Georgia "True Origin of Digital Goods Act," which requires certain websites or online services to properly identify third-party commercial recordings or audiovisual works.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 10-1-393.16 and Article 35 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 10-1.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 820; SB 332

This Act enacts the "Inform Consumers Act," which provides for certain disclosures by high-volume third-party sellers of consumer products on online marketplaces and requires online marketplaces to provide certain notifications and a consumer reporting mechanism. The Act provides remedies for violations and provides that the Attorney General may bring a civil suit against high-volume third-party sellers in violation of the Act.

The Act enacts Article 35 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 10-1.
Effective January 1, 2023.

Act 729; SB 500

This Act provides that entry into a state-wide opioid settlement agreement shall serve to bar any and all past, present, or future claims on behalf of any governmental entity seeking to recover against any business or person that is a released entity under the terms of the relevant settlement. The Act provides for applicability.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Chapter 10-13B.
Effective May 2, 2022.

**TITLE 12
CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Act 844; HB 1516

This Act provides for the continuation in office, membership, appointment, and qualifications of the members of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority and revises the corporate purposes and general powers of the authority. The Act further provides for definitions relating to the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Authority. The Act repeals provisions relating to joint operation between the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. The Act provides for the ownership of the Music Hall of Fame collection.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 12-3-521, 12-3-522, 12-3-523, and 12-3-524; repeals O.C.G.A. Section 12-3-522.1; and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 12-3-524.2.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 749; HB 893

This Act extends the sunset date for certain hazardous waste management fees from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2027.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 12-8-95.1.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 13
CONTRACTS**

Act 871; SB 438

This Act revises provisions relating to retainage of progress payments on contracts for the installation, improvement, maintenance, or repair of water or sewer facilities entered into after July 1, 2022, with a department, agency, local government, or instrumentality of the state or any political subdivision of the state.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 13-10-80 and 13-10-81.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 15
COURTS**

Act 736; HB 56

This Act provides for the initial appointment and subsequent election of an additional judge of the superior court of the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit. The Act prescribes powers, compensation, salary, and expenses allowance of such judge.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-2.

Effective May 2, 2022, for the purpose of appointing an additional judge.
Effective January 1, 2023, for all other purposes.

Act 792; SB 395

This Act provides for the initial appointment and subsequent election of an additional judge of the superior courts of the Mountain Judicial Circuit. The Act prescribes powers, compensation, salary, and expenses allowance of such judge.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-2.

Effective January 1, 2023, for the purpose of appointing an additional judge.

Effective July 1, 2022, for all other purposes.

Act 746; HB 624

This Act provides for the initial appointment and subsequent election of an additional judge of the superior courts of the South Georgia Judicial Circuit. The Act prescribes powers, compensation, salary, and expenses allowance of such judge.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-2.

Effective May 2, 2022, for the purpose of appointing an additional judge.

Effective July 1, 2022, for all other purposes.

Act 717; SB 441

This Act enacts the "Criminal Records Responsibility Act." The Act provides for the reestablishment of the Criminal Case Data Exchange Board as an advisory board to The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia; provides for membership, selection of officers, meetings, and duties of such board; and provides for continuation in office of current board members. The Act repeals existing provisions concerning the Criminal Case Data Exchange Board. The Act provides for duties of The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia and provides for annual reports by such council detailing activities and progress of groups within the Criminal Case Data Exchange Board. The Act provides that a superior court shall ensure that its operations do not conflict with the uniform standards issued by The Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia. The Act provides for the transmission of data to the Georgia Crime Information Center, for compliance with data transmission requirements, for required reports, and for penalties. The Act provides the Georgia Bureau of Investigation with original jurisdiction to investigate election fraud and election crimes and with subpoena power to further such investigations. The Act provides for release of funds from the technology empowerment fund, subject to conditions provided for in the Act.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-6-11, 15-6-50.2, 15-6-61, 15-7-5, 15-18-6, 15-18-66, 35-3-4, 35-3-32, 35-3-33, 35-3-36, 35-6A-2, and 50-25-7.1; repeals O.C.G.A. Sections 35-6A-13 and 35-6A-14; and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 15-6-50.3 and 35-3-4.5.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 775; HB 1346

This Act clarifies that no provision of O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-52 shall limit the ability of a clerk of superior court to serve as or offer advice in his or her role as a judge advocate or in any other military role in an active duty or reserve component of a military force of the United States or the State of Georgia.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-6-52.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 810; HB 409

This Act revises provisions for the appointment of a substitute for an absent or disqualified district attorney. The Act revises provisions regarding disqualification of solicitors-general pro tempore. The Act provides for a process for state funded representation of certain judges in legal actions resulting from the performance or nonperformance of their official duties. The Act provides for a definition of the term "defendant judge" and provides for requirements for defendant judges. The Act establishes the Judicial Legal Defense Fund and the Judicial Legal Defense Fund Commission. The Act provides for the appointments, terms, and duties of members of such Commission.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 15-18-5, 15-18-65, and 45-15-70 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 45-15-71.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 16
CRIMES AND OFFENSES**

Act 845; SB 164

This Act modernizes HIV related laws. The Act revises the definition of "HIV test." The Act revises the crime of reckless conduct causing harm to or endangering the bodily safety of another as it pertains to the acts or omissions of a person living with HIV and reduces the sentence for such offense. The Act decriminalizes the acts of a person living with HIV or hepatitis upon a peace officer or correctional officer. The Act excludes "hypodermic needle or syringe" from the definition of "drug related object" under the crimes of transactions in and possession and use of drug related objects.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-11-471, 16-5-60, 16-13-1, 16-13-32, 16-13-32.1, 16-13-32.2, and 31-22-9.1.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 648; HB 1188

This Act revises the offenses of child molestation and sexual exploitation of children. The Act provides that should a person in an indecent manner touch a child on multiple areas of the child's body, each area touched shall constitute a separate offense. Similarly, should a person possess multiple visual materials or mediums depicting sexually explicit conduct of a minor, each visual

material or medium connected to such conduct shall constitute a separate offense. The Act further prohibits high-risk sex offenders access to any website, application, portal, or other means of internet access to communicate with a person under 16 years of age and makes such conduct a felony offense.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-6-4 and 16-12-100 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 16-12-100.4.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 868; SB 10

This Act revises the offense of impersonating a public officer or employee to prohibit any person from impersonating an officer of the court. The Act also prohibits any person from placing a global positioning system monitoring device on a motor vehicle of another without consent or a court order. The Act further provides that in cases where a person has a suspended driver's license for failure to appear in court for certain traffic violations, a judge may reinstate such person's driver's license or waive payment of fines and penalties.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-10-23, 16-11-62, 17-6-11, and 40-5-56.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 846; SB 539

This Act prohibits the use of surveillance devices to monitor patients in a facility operated by a county board of health and provides that such use under certain circumstances shall not be unlawful.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 16-11-62.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 596; SB 319

This Act defines a "lawful weapons carrier" and exempts such a person from having to obtain a weapons carry license. The Act revises provisions regarding the use or possession of a firearm in a park, historic site, or recreational area. The Act further revises provisions regarding the carrying of firearms in courthouses, government buildings, and parking lots; at schools; by service members of the armed forces; and on public transportation, wildlife management areas, and public fishing areas.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 12-3-10, 16-11-125.1, 16-11-126, 16-11-127, 16-11-127.1, 16-11-129, 16-11-130, 16-11-135, 16-11-137, 16-12-123, 16-12-127, 27-3-1.1, 27-3-6, 27-4-11.1, and 40-6-228.

Effective April 12, 2022.

Act 597; HB 218

This Act revises provisions regarding weapons carry license reciprocity for persons who are not state residents and authorizes such persons to carry a weapon in this state if licensed to carry a weapon in any other state.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 16-11-126.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 647; SB 479

This Act revises the offense of possession of a firearm by convicted felons and felony first offender probationers to provide that where a violation involves multiple firearms, each firearm connected to such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 16-11-131.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 877; HB 963

This Act revises certain provisions regarding Schedule I and Schedule IV controlled substances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 16-13-25, 16-13-28, and 16-13-71.

Effective May 13, 2022.

Act 645; HB 1134

This Act provides that the Attorney General shall have concurrent authority with prosecuting attorneys to prosecute cases involving criminal gang activity.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 16-15-4.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 17
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

Act 795; SB 461

This Act revises those offenses that are bailable before a judge of the superior court to include any violation offense and includes violations of O.C.G.A. 16-5-46, the offense of the trafficking of persons for labor or sexual servitude.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 17-6-1.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 766; HB 1183

This Act clarifies bond forfeiture conditions when the bond amount has been paid within 120 days. The Act further provides for conditions applicable to professional bonding companies that have operated continuously for 18 months or longer in a particular county.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 17-6-15 and 17-6-72.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 834; SB 565

This Act provides that at any time after conviction, a defendant convicted and sentenced as to a misdemeanor or a felony as a direct result of being a victim of trafficking for labor or sexual servitude may petition the sentencing court to grant the relief of vacatur. The Act further provides that any fines and fees paid by the defendant under such sentence shall be returned by the Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund to such defendant. The Act provides for the creation of debt due and owing to the state as related to the return of such monies to such defendants and provides for payments on such debt by certain entities.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 17-10-21 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 17-15-17.
Effective May 9, 2022.

Act 780; HB 1391

This Act revises provisions regarding public defender and assistant public defender compensation, including cost-of-living adjustments.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 17-12-25 and 17-12-27.
Effective July 1, 2022.

TITLE 19
DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Act 866; SB 576

This Act revises visitation actions brought by certain grandparents of minor children. The Act provides that when considering the visitation rights of a grandparent, the court shall consider whether the child resided with the grandparent, whether the grandparent provided financial support for the child, the pattern of visitation established with the child, and whether emotional or physical harm to the child would be likely if such visitation is not granted. The Act further provides for rebuttable presumption with regard to a preexisting relationship between the child and the grandparent.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 19-7-3.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 784; HB 1452

This Act revises the definition of "dating violence" to mean any felony or the commission of the offense of simple battery, battery, simple assault, or stalking between persons who are currently in a dating relationship or in such a relationship within the last 12 months of such acts.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 19-13A-1.
Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 20
EDUCATION**

Act 721; SB 588

This Act provides that meetings of local boards of education shall be open to the public except as otherwise provided by law. The Act provides for public notice of public meetings of local boards of education. The Act requires local boards of education to annually adopt rules of conduct for public meetings of the local board of education. The Act provides for a public comment period. The Act further provides for the removal of members of the public from public meetings of a local board of education in accordance with rules adopted and published by the local board of education. The Act provides that visual and sound recording shall be permitted at such public meetings. The Act provides that it shall not be construed to limit the authority of any law enforcement officer or the application or enforcement of Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-58.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 586; SB 514

This Act enacts the "Unmask Georgia Students Act." The Act provides that no local board of education, local school superintendent, governing body of a charter school, or school administrator, teacher, or other school personnel shall make or enforce any rule that requires a student to wear a face mask or face covering while present on school property unless such rule provides that a parent or guardian of such student may elect for his or her child to be exempt from such rule. The Act provides that a parent or guardian making such election shall not be required to provide a reason or any certification of the child's health or education status. The Act provides that no student shall suffer any adverse disciplinary or academic consequences as a result of such election. The Act prohibits certain waivers. The Act provides for an automatic repeal on June 30, 2027.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-59 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-779.2, 20-2-2077, and 20-2-2094.

Effective March 29, 2022.

Act 726; SB 397

This Act updates and replaces terminology throughout the O.C.G.A. related to general educational development (GED) diplomas and provides for state approved high school equivalency (HSE) diplomas. The Act updates the minimum standards and requirements for such diplomas to be established by the Technical College System of Georgia. The Act revises provisions related to HOPE GED vouchers.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-10-22, 20-2-69, 20-2-70, 20-2-204, 20-2-690, 20-2-690.1, 20-3-66, 20-3-395, 20-3-400.1, 20-3-405.1, 20-3-411, 20-3-519, 20-3-519.2, 20-3-519.6, 20-3-660, 20-4-11, 25-4-8, 40-5-22, 42-3-50, 42-9-44, 42-9-45, 43-6-11, 43-10-2, 43-10-9, 43-10-12, 43-10A-7, 43-18-41, 43-18-50, and 43-26-38.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 599; HB 1303

This Act provides for the transition of a pilot program for elementary agricultural education to an optional ongoing program. The Act requires participating schools to employ an agricultural education teacher.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-154.3.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 723; SB 220

This Act provides for a mandatory course of instruction in financial literacy for students in eleventh or twelfth grade beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. The Act requires the State Board of Education to establish content standards for such course. The Act provides for such course to count toward a mathematics, social studies, or elective unit of credit requirement for graduation. The Act requires the Professional Standards Commission to establish appropriate requirements and procedures to provide for qualifications for teachers of such course and provides for a financial literacy endorsement by the Professional Standards Commission.

The Act enacts the "The Georgia Civics Renewal Act." The Act establishes the Georgia Commission on Civics Education to promote and enhance the education of students on the importance of civic involvement in a constitutional republic, the study of state and local government among the state's citizenry, the importance of civic engagement and public service, and communication and collaboration among organizations in the state that conduct civics education. The Act provides for membership, filling of vacancies, terms, officers, duties, meetings, and reimbursement of members of the commission. The Act provides for an automatic repeal of "The Georgia Civics Renewal Act" on December 21, 2028.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-200 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-149.4, 20-2-209, and 20-14-95.

Effective April 28, 2022.

Act 719; HB 1084

This Act enacts the "Protect Students First Act." The Act prevents the use of and reliance upon curricula or training programs which advocate for nine delineated divisive concepts, including, but not limited to, the concept that one race is inherently superior to another race. The Act's provisions are subject to exceptions provided for in the Act. The Act provides that it shall not be construed or applied to inhibit or violate the rights protected by the Constitutions of Georgia and the United States of America or undermine intellectual freedom and free expression; infringe upon the intellectual vitality of students and employees of local boards of education, local school systems, or other schools; prohibit a local board of education, local school system, or other school from promoting concepts such as tolerance, mutual respect, cultural sensitivity, or cultural competency consistent with the requirements of the Act; prohibit a school administrator, teacher, other school personnel, or an individual facilitating a training program from responding in a professionally and academically appropriate manner and without espousing personal political beliefs to questions regarding specific divisive concepts raised by students, school community members, or participants in a training program; prohibit the discussion of divisive concepts, as part of a larger course of

instruction, in a professionally and academically appropriate manner and without espousing personal political beliefs; prohibit the full and rigorous implementation of curricula, or elements of a curriculum, that are required as part of advanced placement, international baccalaureate, or dual enrollment coursework, provided that such implementation is done in a professionally and academically appropriate manner and without espousing personal political beliefs; prohibit the use of curricula that addresses the topics of slavery, racial oppression, racial segregation, or racial discrimination, including topics relating to the enactment and enforcement of laws resulting in racial oppression, segregation, and discrimination in a professionally and academically appropriate manner and without espousing personal political beliefs; create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, by any party against a local board of education, local school system, or other school, or the departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees, agents, or any other personnel affiliated with such local board of education, local school system, or other school; or prohibit a state or federal court or agency of competent jurisdiction from ordering training or other remedial action that discusses divisive concepts due to a finding of discrimination, including discrimination based on race. The Act requires local boards of education, local school superintendents, and the governing bodies of charter schools to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race. The Act requires that curricula and training programs shall encourage school employees not to judge others based on race. The Act provides for complaint resolution policies and procedures, including corrective action plans; provides for promulgation of a model policy by the State Board of Education; and provide for guidance to schools and local school systems by the Department of Education. The Act provides for a process by which certain individuals shall have access to certain records. The Act provides for penalties and remediation. The Act prohibits certain waivers; prohibits basing certification and classification of certain professional personnel upon completion of training programs which advocate for divisive concepts; and prohibits certain performance standards and the code of ethics for educators to require completion of training programs which advocate for divisive concepts. The Act provides for definitions, including, but not limited to, a definition for the term "divisive concepts."

The Act provides that no high school that receives Quality Basic Education (QBE) funds shall participate in, sponsor, or provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events which are conducted under the authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association unless such athletic association provides for an executive oversight committee. The Act provides for the appointment, membership, selection of officers, meetings, duties, and authorities of such executive oversight committee. The Act provides that if the athletic association determines that it is necessary and appropriate to prohibit students whose gender is male from participating in athletic events that are designated for students whose gender is female, then the athletic association may adopt a policy to that effect; provided, however, that such policy shall be applied to all of the athletic association's participating public high schools. The Act provides for reimbursement by the athletic association for duties related costs incurred by such executive oversight committee. The Act provides for noncompliant high schools to forfeit QBE funding.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-200, 20-2-316, 20-2-739, 20-2-984, and 20-2-984.1, and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-1-11.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 841; HB 1283

This Act provides for scheduled daily recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five, subject to limitations provided for in the Act. The Act requires local boards of education to establish written policies allowing unstructured break time for students in kindergarten and grades one through eight.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-323.

Effective July 1, 2022, and applicable beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

Act 720; SB 226

This Act requires each local board of education to adopt a policy, no later than January 1, 2023, providing for a complaint resolution process to be used by its local school system to address complaints submitted by parents or permanent guardians alleging that material that is harmful to minors has been provided or is currently available to a student. The Act provides for policy requirements. The Act requires the Department of Education to develop a model policy for use by local school systems no later than September 1, 2022. The Act defines the term "harmful to minors."

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-324.6.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 772; HB 1292

This Act prohibits students who participate in 4-H sponsored activities or programs from being counted as absent from school, subject to verification requirements provided for in the Act.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-692.3.

Effective May 2, 2022.

Act 718; HB 1178

This Act enacts the "Parents' Bill of Rights." The Act provides for the protection of the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their minor children from undue infringement by a state or local government entity, local board of education or other governing body, or any officer, employee, or agent thereof. The Act requires school and school system governing bodies to adopt policies or regulations that promote parental involvement in public schools. The Act provides for policy or regulation requirements, including, but not limited to required procedures for a parent to review his or her child's records, for a parent to learn about his or her child's courses of study, for a parent to object to instructional materials, for a parent to withdraw his or her child from sex education studies, and for a parent to prohibit recordings of his or her child subject to safety and security exceptions. The Act provides that its provisions are not intended to and shall not be construed to authorize a parent to engage in unlawful conduct; prohibit a judge or officer of a court of competent jurisdiction, law enforcement officer, or any agent of a state or local government entity that is responsible for child welfare from acting in his or her official capacity within the reasonable and prudent scope of his or her authority; prohibit a court of competent jurisdiction from issuing an order that is otherwise permitted by law; or apply to a

parental action or decision that would end life. The Act provides for a process by which parents shall have access to certain information. The Act provides for appeals. The Act prohibits certain waivers. The Act provides for definitions.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-786.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 769; HB 1215

This Act revises and provides for certain definitions relative to the Charter Schools Act of 1998. The Act revises the definition of "charter school" and provides for a definition of "charter school governing boards." The Act provides for students to withdraw without penalty from a local school in the school system in which such student resides and enroll in a charter school with available classroom space. The Act requires local boards of education to adopt a universal, streamlined transfer process that allows for such student transfers. The Act requires local boards of education to periodically adjust the calculated amount of allocated local revenue based upon collected local revenues. The Act repeals certain reporting requirements for the Department of Audits and Accounts regarding certain charter schools that offer virtual instruction.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-2062, 20-2-2066, 20-2-2068.1, and 20-2-2131 and repeals O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2-2076 and 20-2-2093.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 722; HB 517

This Act addresses student scholarship organizations and provides for the inclusion of earned interest in such organizations' calculations of minimum revenue obligations for scholarships and tuition grants. The Act requires that student scholarship organization audits are conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, provides for the expansion of the scope of such audits, and provides for a deadline by which such audits shall be reported to the Department of Revenue. The Act requires that student scholarship organizations immediately notify the Department of Education if the Department of Revenue ceases preapproving contributions to student scholarship organizations. The Act requires student scholarship organizations to annually submit copies of Form 990s to the Department of Revenue. The Act provides that student scholarship organizations are solely responsible for verifying student eligibility. The Act provides for expansion of public reporting requirements. The Act provides for increases to the limit available to individuals, heads of household, married couples filing joint returns, and individuals who are members of certain limited liability companies, shareholders of Subchapter "S" corporations, or partners in a partnership. The Act provides for tax credits for qualified education expenses to be used by certain insurance companies against certain tax liability. The Act provides for conditions and limitations on the allowance of tax credits for qualified education expenses. The Act revises the aggregate annual limits of the tax credit and provide for increases contingent on the Governor's revenue estimates. The Act provides for annual determinations by the Office of Planning and Budget. The Act revises and provides for definitions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-2A-2, 20-2A-3, and 48-7-29.16.

Effective July 1, 2022, except that Part II of the Act becomes effective January 1, 2023, and applies to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

Act 818; HB 1

This Act enacts the "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act." The Act provides for public forums at public institutions of higher education within the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System of Georgia for the campus community. The Act prevents the creation of free speech zones at such public institutions of higher education. The Act provides for reasonable, content- and viewpoint-neutral, and narrowly tailored time, place, and manner restrictions on expressive activity at public institutions of higher education. Under the Act, protected expressive activity consists of speech and other conduct protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, including, but not limited to, lawful verbal, written, audio-visual, or electronic expression by which individuals may communicate ideas to one another, including all forms of peaceful assembly, distributing literature, carrying signs, circulating petitions, demonstrations, protests, and speeches including those by guest speakers. The Act prohibits material and substantial disruption of protected expressive activity at public institutions of higher education. The Act requires public institutions of higher education to provide public notice of rules and expectations regarding expressive activity and to develop materials, programs, and procedures related to expressive activity. The Act provides for annual reporting. The Act provides for definitions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 20-3-48.1; repeals O.C.G.A. Section 20-3-48.2; repeals and reenacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-3-48; and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 20-4-11.1.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 789; SB 333

This Act provides for multiple revisions applicable to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions. The Act removes certain provisions related to agents and agent's permits. The Act provides for new exemptions from applicability of Part 1A of O.C.G.A. Article 7 of Chapter 20-3 as related to certain programs for industry-specific certifications and certain short courses. The Act provides for expanded exemption from applicability of such part for certain programs where students obtain occupational training through employment experience. The Act requires financial assessments for each institution applying for an initial or renewed authorization to operate. The Act revises bonding requirements. The Act revises Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund participation requirements; eliminates the cap on such fund; removes bankruptcy of a participating postsecondary educational institution as grounds for reimbursements from such fund; provides for expanded opportunities for reimbursements from such fund; and provides for the suspension of authorization for a postsecondary educational institution to operate when it does not meet its obligations regarding such fund.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-3-250.2, 20-3-250.3, 20-3-250.5, 20-3-250.6, 20-3-250.7, 20-3-250.8, 20-3-250.10, 20-3-250.11, 20-3-250.12, 20-3-250.13, 20-3-250.14, 20-3-250.15, 20-3-250.18, 20-3-250.21, and 20-3-250.27 and repeals O.C.G.A. Section 20-3-250.9.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 725; HB 1435

This Act expands eligibility for the state's Needs Based Financial Aid Program to include students with a financial aid gap. The Act provides for a definition of "financial aid gap" and revises the definitions of "eligible student" and "qualified institution." The Act provides for part-time students to be eligible for the program. The Act limits awards to undergraduate level postsecondary education and provides for a maximum total award amount of \$2,500.00 per eligible student. The Act updates the student application process. The Act clarifies the authority of the Georgia Student Finance Commission to establish rules and regulations for the program and provides for the authority of the Georgia Student Finance Commission to conduct compliance examinations of the program, to annually measure and evaluate the program, to collect and monitor enrollment and student data, and to suspend qualified institutions under certain circumstances. The Act revises the criminal penalty for persons making false statements or misrepresentations in the application process. The Act provides for automatic repeal on June 30, 2025.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 20-3-360 through 20-3-364 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 20-3-365 and 20-3-366.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 728; SB 379

This Act provides for the creation and expansion of registered apprenticeship programs in the state through the High-demand Career Initiatives Program. The Act authorizes the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to enter into contracts with employer sponsors for the successful completion of the education, training, and other requirements of apprentices in Georgia. The Act provides for application requirements and procedures. The Act authorizes contract completion awards for employer sponsors. The Act requires the board, in conjunction with the Office of Workforce Development, to create and publish a list of high-demand jobs in Georgia. The Act requires an annual report by the Office of Workforce Development. The Act authorizes the board to accept grants and other funds and to adopt rules and regulations for the program. The Act provides for an automatic repeal on July 1, 2027.

The Act enacts Article 7 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 20-4.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 21
ELECTIONS**

Act 310; HB 907

This Act provides that in even-numbered years a special election may also be held on the third Tuesday in March, if such special election occurs prior to July 1, 2024, and presents a question to the voters on sales and use taxes authorized by Articles 5, 5A, and 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-540.

Effective February 15, 2022.

Act 521; SB 120

This Act, the "Ethics in Government Act of 2021," revises the powers and duties of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission. The Act changes the short title of Chapter 5 of Title 21 from the "Ethics in Government Act" to the "Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Act." The Act revises and provides for certain definitions. The Act provides that the commission shall be assigned for administrative purposes only to the State Accounting Office instead of the Secretary of State. The Act changes certain provisions relating to the powers and duties of the commission. The Act allows for a staff attorney employed by the commission to initiate a complaint. The Act prohibits any person who has served or is serving as a member of the General Assembly to be eligible to qualify to seek election or reelection to the General Assembly until and unless all fines and fees owed to the commission have been paid, all disclosure reports due have been filed, and all outstanding taxes have been paid. The Act revises how maximum contribution limits are implemented and the financial disclosure requirements. The Act changes provisions relating to the preservation of accounts to be kept by candidates or campaign committee treasurers. The Act provides the purposes for which campaign funds may be expended and adds provisions relating to separate accounting. The Act also changes the purposes requiring registration with the commission.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 21-5-1, 21-5-3, 21-5-5, 21-5-6, 21-5-7, 21-5-13, 21-5-32, 21-5-33, 21-5-41, 21-5-43, 21-5-50, and 21-5-71 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 21-5-9.1.

Effective March 2, 2022.

**TITLE 24
EVIDENCE**

Act 743; HB 478

This Act revises rules of evidence regarding expert testimony in criminal cases.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 24-7-702 and repeals O.C.G.A. Section 24-7-707.

Effective July 1, 2022, and applicable to any motion made or hearing or trial commenced on or after that date.

**TITLE 25
FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY**

Act 777; HB 1372

This Act revises the "Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act" to make changes throughout, including the name of the Act and the addition and revision of several definitions. The Act enhances the processes for locate requests and requires that 9-1-1 be contacted if an excavator damages a gas or hazardous liquid pipeline. The Act provides for certain procedures to be followed in the event of extraordinary circumstances. The Act provides limitations on the recovery of costs of damages

and establishes a statute of limitations on enforcement. The Act provides for the placement of permanent markers. The Act also corrects a cross-reference.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Chapter 25-9 and Section 46-3-34 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 25-9-14.

Effective September 1, 2022.

TITLE 26 FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS

Act 879; HB 1175

This Act enacts the "Georgia Raw Dairy Act," which authorizes and regulates the production, packaging, labeling, handling, transporting, and sale of raw milk for human consumption. The Act provides standards for safety, cleanliness, and health for such products and the animals producing them. The Act also authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to enforce such standards and adopt rules and regulations as necessary. The Act provides for violations. The Act provides definitions and conforming changes. The Act also excludes certain drug testing equipment from being considered a drug related object in reference to controlled substances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 26-2-231, 26-2-242, 26-2-243, 26-2-249, 26-3-22, and enacts Article 18 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 26-2.

Effective July 1, 2023.

Act 825; HB 1443

This Act provides that mobile food service establishments that have active permits may operate in the county of origin and in one or more counties other than its county of origin without obtaining an additional permit. The Act further provides for notice to other counties prior to operation and communication between the county of origin and other counties. The Act provides for inspections of mobile food service establishments by other counties and administrative and inspection fees. The Act provides for written notice of remedial measures upon failure of an inspection and violation fines and penalties. The Act provides for definitions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 26-2-370 and 26-2-371 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 26-2-379.
Effective January 1, 2023.

TITLE 27 GAME AND FISH

Act 860; HB 1349

This Act extends the date on which the Department of Natural Resources shall attempt to prevent net loss of land acreage available for hunting opportunities on department managed state owned lands.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 27-1-3.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 770; HB 1233

This Act delays the earliest effective date for certain rules and regulations of the Department of Natural Resources for which criminal violations may be established. The Act sets certain requirements for weapons used for hunting migratory game birds. The Act clarifies maximum daily creel and possession limits for bass species.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 12-2-2, 27-1-39, 27-2-6, 27-3-4, 27-4-10, and 52-7-26.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 861; HB 343

This Act provides for a rebuttable presumption of a violation of certain permission requirements when an individual is in possession of hunting paraphernalia while on others' lands.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 27-3-1.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 863; HB 1147

This Act authorizes the hunting and trapping of raccoons and opossum year round.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 27-3-15 and 27-3-62.
Effective May 10, 2022.

Act 864; HB 1148

This Act amends which cervid parts may be brought in from outside of Georgia. The Act authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to restrict the movement or transport of cervid carcasses, or carcass parts, upon detection of chronic wasting disease in certain places. The Act removes definitions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 27-5-2.1.
Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 29
GUARDIAN AND WARD**

Act 742; HB 464

This Act revises provisions where petitions for the appointment of a temporary guardian of a minor filed in the probate court may be transferred from the probate court to the juvenile court. The Act defines acts that constitute abuse, neglect, and exploitation that initiates such transfer by the court.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 29-2-6 and 29-9-3.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 745; HB 620

This Act clarifies and revises procedures and requirements for the payment of certain settlements involving claims of minors. The Act revises and provides for when the natural guardian or next friend of a minor may receive the personal property of a minor without becoming a legally qualified conservator of the minor. The Act revises the provisions regarding when the natural guardian of a minor who has no conservator may release a debtor and compromise a debt. The Act revises the definition of "gross settlement" and provides for a definition of "net settlement." The Act revises and provides for when a conservator or court approval shall be required to compromise a minor's claim or to receive the personal property of a minor. The Act provides for when the natural guardian, guardian, or next friend of one or more minors on whose behalf a wrongful death claim is brought shall qualify as a conservator and obtain court approval for certain settlements on behalf of such minor or minors. The Act provides for the division of a recovery in certain matters among children and the descendants of children. The Act revises bond requirements for and the authority of conservator, personal representatives, and temporary administrators under certain conditions related to the determination of the value of one or more choses in action.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 29-3-1, 29-3-2, 29-3-3, 29-3-22, 29-3-41, 29-5-23, 51-4-2, and 53-6-50.

Effective May 2, 2022.

**TITLE 31
HEALTH**

Act 771; HB 1276

This Act requires the Department of Community Health to post statistical reports containing data relating to the state health plans on the department website. The Act provides that such reports shall be updated and posted twice per year and shall contain at least the following metrics: the number of, type of, and changes in enrolled providers; county-level data on primary care providers enrolled per 1,000 people and indicating which counties fall below defined benchmarks; data on hospital utilization and costs; membership or beneficiary enrollment data; data on prescription drug spending; financial results by aid category or plan group; and long-term care data.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 31-2-17.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 761; HB 1086

This Act lowers the age from 65 to 50 years old for hospitals to offer influenza vaccinations to inpatients prior to discharge.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 31-7-18.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 849; SB 573

This Act requires hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to adopt policies for the reduction of human exposure to surgical smoke.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 31-7-23.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 831; SB 340

This Act revises the definitions of "designated teaching hospital" and "hospital authority" to change the entity that approves a residency program from the American Medical Association to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 31-7-95.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 793; SB 404

This Act authorizes the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to retain fingerprints obtained for the purpose of the Department of Public Health determining suitability or fitness for employment as emergency medical services personnel and provides for notification of the individual whose fingerprints were taken of the parameters of such retention.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 31-11-51.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 833; HB 1324

This Act clarifies the prudent layperson standard is not affected by the initial, interim, final, or other diagnosis given. The Act broadens the definition of "emergency condition" to include a physical or mental condition. The Act broadens the definitions of "emergency services," "emergency care," "emergency medical services," and "emergency health care services" to include such services for physical or mental health. The Act provides that failure to comply with any insurer requirement relating to emergency services or care constitutes an unfair claims settlement practice.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 31-11-81, 33-6-34, 33-20A-3, 33-20E-2, 33-21A-2, 33-24-59.27, and 33-30-22.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 828; HB 1304

This Act enacts the "Georgia Caregivers Act," which requires hospitals to provide patients the opportunity, upon admission, to identify lay caregivers to be involved with the discharge planning process. The Act provides that a hospital shall notify the lay caregiver of the patient's discharge to the patient's residence or post-acute healthcare facility or transfer to another hospital as soon as practicable. The Act provides that a hospital shall actively engage the patient and the lay caregiver in discharge planning tailored to the patient's individual aftercare needs.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-36B.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 776; HB 1355

This Act revises provisions relating to abatement of lead poisoning hazards, decreasing the concentration of lead for lead poisoning and elevated blood lead level, decreasing the ratio of lead for lead poisoning hazard, and expanding locations to be measured and included in abatement.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 31-41-4, 31-41-11, 31-41-12, 31-41-14, 31-41-17, and 31-41-18.

Effective only upon the effective date of a specific appropriation of funds.

Act 750; HB 918

This Act provides for the establishment of the Georgia Rare Disease Advisory Council. The Act provides that the purpose of such advisory council shall be to advise the General Assembly and other state agencies and departments on the needs of individuals with rare diseases living in Georgia. The Act provides that such council shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly beginning June 30, 2023, and such report shall provide details of the council's activities in the prior year, an update on the status of funding, and recommendations on ways to address the needs of people living with rare diseases in Georgia.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-50.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 32
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, AND FERRIES**

Act 851; SB 586

This Act authorizes the use of the design-build contracting method by counties and provides for procedures, conditions, and limitations upon such contracting method. The Act provides for an exception to contract limitations.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 32-4-63 and 32-4-74 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 32-4-75.
Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 33
INSURANCE**

Act 740; HB 275

This Act enacts the "Giving the Gift of Life Act," which provides statutory framework to encourage living donation of certain organs. The Act provides that no insurance company shall cancel, modify coverage, refuse to issue, or refuse to renew any life insurance policy solely because the applicant or insured, acting as a living donor, donated all or part of a liver, pancreas, kidney,

intestine, lung, or bone marrow. The Act increases the maximum income tax deduction for the actual amount expended for organ donation expenses from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 33-6-5 and 48-7-27.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 826; HB 733

This Act revises the meaning of property insurance and revises the definition of "guaranteed asset protection waiver." The Act provides definitions of "diagnostic breast screening examination" and "supplemental breast screening examination." The Act provides that a health benefit policy that provides coverage for diagnostic examinations for breast cancer shall include provisions that ensure that the cost-sharing requirements applicable to diagnostic and supplemental breast screening examinations are no less favorable than the cost-sharing requirements applicable to screening mammography for breast cancer.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 33-7-6 and 33-63-3 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 33-24-59.31.

Effective July 1, 2022; provided that Part II of the Act, relating to health insurance and parity in cost-sharing requirements for breast examinations, is effective May 6, 2022, and applies to policies and contracts issued, delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state after January 1, 2023.

Act 753; HB 969

This Act updates the regulation of insurance company holding systems as recommended by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The Act provides guidelines for group capital calculation and for liquidity stress test framework in insurance company holding systems. The Act provides standards for governing transactions within an insurance company holding system when an insurer is deemed to be in a hazardous financial condition. The Act provides for protections for an affiliate in an insurance company holding system when a domestic insurer is subject to supervision, seizure, conservatorship, or receivership proceedings. The Act expands confidentiality protections to include information received for group capital calculation and liquidity stress tests and extends the confidentiality of information and documents obtained during examinations or investigations to third-party consultants designated by the Commissioner of Insurance.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 33-13-1, 33-13-3, 33-13-4, 33-13-5, and 33-13-8.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 867; SB 566

This Act revises the definition of "emergency medical services" under the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act" to include a mental health condition or substance use disorder. The Act broadens such term to include post-stabilization medical services under certain conditions. The Act preserves a covered person's financial responsibilities and a nonparticipating facility's rights with respect to nonemergency medical services received from a nonparticipating facility.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 33-20E-2, 33-20E-5, and 33-30-22.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 773; HB 1308

This Act allows a plan sponsor of a health benefit plan to consent on behalf of an enrollee to the electronic delivery of all communications related to the plan and the health insurance identification card for such plan. The Act allows the enrollee an opportunity to opt out of receiving mailings electronically.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 33-24-14.1.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 760; HB 1059

This Act provides for exclusions to unfair trade practices and unlawful inducements in the business of insurance. The Act allows an insurer or insurance producer to offer or provide a value-added product or service at no or reduced cost when such product or service is not specified in the insurance policy under certain conditions. The Act allows an insurer or insurance producer to implement a pilot program offering or providing a value-added product or service at no or reduced cost under certain conditions.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 33-24-59.31.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 756; HB 1021

This Act decreases the minimum nonforfeiture interest rate for individual deferred annuities from 1 percent to 0.15 percent per annum.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 33-28-3.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 827; HB 937

This Act requires insurers authorized to issue an individual accident and sickness insurance policy for mammograms to provide annual notification of the coverage for mammograms to each 40 and older female insured.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 33-29-3.2.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 830; SB 341

This Act provides guidelines for the prior authorization of a prescribed medication for chronic conditions requiring ongoing medication therapy with some restrictions.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 33-46-23.1.
Effective January 1, 2023.

**TITLE 34
LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS**

Act 823; SB 331

This Act, the "Protecting Georgia Businesses and Workers Act," prohibits local government entities from regulating the hours or scheduling that an employer is required to provide employees or otherwise regulating employee output during work hours. The Act provides that a local government entity may set and regulate such hours, scheduling, and output for its own employees and for the provision of services. The Act specifically provides that nothing in the Act prohibits a local government entity from regulating or limiting the hours a business may operate.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 34-4-3.1.
Effective May 5, 2022.

Act 779; HB 1390

This Act defines the term "sexual harassment." The Act provides a cause of action for retaliation by an individual working for a county, municipality, or consolidated government if such county, municipality, or consolidated government has discharged, suspended, demoted, or taken any other adverse action against such individual because such individual has: opposed sexual harassment; made a report or a charge related to sexual harassment; participated in any manner in any investigation or action related to sexual harassment; provided information or testified in any action related to sexual harassment; or engaged in such other conduct specified in the Act. The Act does not prohibit the county, municipality, or consolidated government from taking appropriate corrective or remedial action against any individual who it determines has engaged in or facilitated sexual harassment.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Chapter 34-5A.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 809; HB 389

This Act changes the definition of the term "employment" to include services performed by an individual for wages unless the Department of Labor makes a contrary determination based upon evidence that such individual has been, and will continue to be, free from control or direction over the performance of such services. The Act provides the considerations to be used to determine whether an individual has been, and will continue to be, free from control or direction over the performance of services performed for wages. The Act provides for the Department of Labor to consider evidence submitted in response to an investigation when making a determination as to whether an employing unit has properly classified an individual's service as employment. The Act provides for an exception to the definition of employment for certain music industry professionals and network companies under certain conditions. The Act provides for the assessment, deposit, waiver, and use of civil penalties for improper classifications.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 34-8-35 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 34-8-257.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 727; HB 1331

This Act changes provisions relating to the State Employment Service and the Employment Security Administration Fund. The Act defines the term "Governor's designee." The Act provides for the United States secretary of labor to be notified as to the Governor's designee, who shall administer the State Employment Service and serve as the designated and constituted agency of this state for the purposes of the federal Wagner-Peyser Act. The Act sets forth the authorization and duties of such Governor's designee. The Act also provides that money deposited or paid into the Employment Security Administration Fund shall be continuously available to the Governor's designee for certain purposes and shall be transferred by the Commissioner of Labor at the discretion of the Governor's designee.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 34-8-77, 34-8-81, and 34-8-82 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 34-8-52.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 852; SB 605

This Act provides for nonprofit organizations that elected to make payments in lieu of contributions between January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2022, that owe more than \$360,000.00 for any 12 month period shall have the option of making installment payments to finance benefits paid to its employees during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Act specifies that such option shall only be available if the nonprofit organization purchased or had unemployment insurance coverage and the insurance carrier denied coverage for unemployment claims arising from the public health emergency during such period. The Act provides for automatic appeal.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 34-8-159.1.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 781; HB 1409

This Act increases the maximum workers' compensation benefits for total disability to \$725.00 per week and for temporary partial disability to \$483.00 per week. The Act also increases the total compensation payable to a surviving spouse as a sole dependent at the time of death to \$290,000.00.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 34-9-261, 34-9-262, and 34-9-265.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 35
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND AGENCIES**

Act 649; SB 358

This Act provides for the reimbursement of certain tuition costs incurred by active duty, retired, or honorably discharged members of the United States armed forces who are attending basic law enforcement training at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and have met certain requirements, to the extent that funds are appropriated for such purpose by the General Assembly.

The Act provides for the reimbursement or provision of full tuition costs not covered by any other available resource or a pro rata portion of such costs, depending upon the amount actually appropriated for such purpose.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 35-5-5.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 783; HB 1433

This Act changes the composition of the advisory board to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, so as to revise and update the composition of the advisory board.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 35-6A-11.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 800; SB 505

This Act requires that 9-1-1 communications officers receive training in the delivery of high-quality telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation and that such training meet certain requirements. The Act provides for the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to conduct administrative compliance reviews. The Act requires that the council, in coordination with the Georgia Emergency Communications Authority, establish an amount of continuing education units to be completed annually by communications officers. The Act defines the term "emergency medical dispatch." The Act also requires certain training for any person becoming a director of a public safety answering point on or after January 1, 2024.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 35-8-23, 38-3-181, and 46-5-138.2.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 36
LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Act 880; HB 1275

This Act revises provisions related to appointment and removal of municipal court judges, including, but not limited to, removal petition, notice, and hearing requirements. The Act provides for vacancies in office.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 36-32-2 and 36-32-2.1.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 778; HB 1385

This Act revises annexation reporting requirements to require the provision of reports to the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly. The Act further requires the submission of a digital shapefile of the annexed area with such reports. The Act provides for regional commissions to assist certain municipalities in the production of such digital shapefiles.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 36-36-3, 36-36-59, and 36-36-92.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 785; HB 1461

This Act revises provisions relating to dispute resolution, including notice and deadlines, and provides additional grounds to object to an annexation. The Act revises qualifications for arbitration panel members and revises per diem allowances for such members. The Act provides for court reporters and hearing officers during arbitrations. The Act revises provisions relating to sharing the costs of arbitration. The Act provides for definitions, rules, and regulations. The Act authorizes virtual and teleconference arbitration meetings. The Act requires arbitration findings to be sent to the Department of Community Affairs and provides for a data base and for regular reports on arbitration findings. The Act extends the period of a zoning freeze following an arbitration. The Act revises provisions regarding notice municipalities must provide to counties regarding annexation applications. The Act provides for written notice of public hearings to property owners in proposed areas of annexation under certain circumstances.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 36-36-6, 36-36-36, 36-36-111, 36-36-113 through 36-36-115, and 36-36-117 through 36-36-119 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 36-36-110.1.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 751; HB 923

This Act caps the per diem allowance available to directors of certain development authorities. The Act provides jurisdiction to the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission for the enforcement of ethics code violations by certain development authority members.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 36-62-4 and 36-62-5.

Effective May 2, 2022.

Act 881; HB 1405

This Act amends the short title of O.C.G.A. Chapter 36-66 to read as the "Zoning Procedures Law" and revises provisions related to judicial review of zoning decisions. The Act provides for requirements and procedures relative to zoning decisions delegated to quasi-judicial officers, boards, or agencies. The Act provides additional notice and hearing provisions for changes to zoning ordinances that revise single-family residential classifications and definitions so as to authorize multifamily residential property uses. The Act requires review procedures for zoning decisions delegated to quasi-judicial officers, boards, or agencies. The Act provides for judicial review of such zoning decisions. The Act requires certain designations relating to appeals of quasi-judicial decisions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Chapter 36-66 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 36-66-5.1.

Effective July 1, 2022, and applies to all zoning and quasi-judicial decisions occurring on and after that date; however, no zoning or quasi-judicial decision prior to July 1, 2023, shall be rendered invalid or void because of a local government's failure to implement language in their ordinances accomplishing the provisions of Code Section 36-66-5.1 of the Act.

Act 878; HB 1044

This Act provides for the creation of regional industrial development authorities. The Act provides an enhancement for the quality jobs tax credit for such authorities. The Act revises definitions of "cable service" and "video service" in the "Consumer Choice for Television Act."

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 36-76-2 and enacts O.C.G.A. 36-62-5.2.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 768; HB 1195

This Act provides that audits of interlocal risk management agencies funds may be conducted in accordance with statutory accounting principles.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 36-85-19.

Effective May 2, 2022.

**TITLE 37
MENTAL HEALTH**

Act 836; HB 752

This Act enacts the "Psychiatric Advance Directive Act," which provides a means for a competent adult to express his or her mental health care treatment preferences for when such individual is incapable of making mental health decisions directly through instructions written in advance and indirectly through appointing a mental health care agent. The Act provides for civil and criminal immunity under certain circumstances. The Act provides a statutory form of the Georgia Psychiatric Advance Directive.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 10-6B-3, 16-5-5, 16-5-101, 16-5-102.1, 19-8-23, 29-4-10, 29-4-21, 29-5-21, 31-8-55, 31-9-2, 31-32-2, 31-32-4, 31-32-7, 31-32-10, 31-32-12, 31-32-14, 31-33-2, 31-36A-3, 31-36A-6, 37-1-1, 37-1-20, 37-2-30, 37-3-20, 37-3-147, 37-3-148, 37-4-107, 37-4-108, 37-7-147, 37-7-148, 49-6-72, and 49-6-82 and enacts O.C.G.A. Chapter 37-11.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 587; HB 1013

This Act enacts the "Georgia Mental Health Parity Act." The Act provides the framework to ensure that mental health and substance use disorders are covered under health care plans and state health plans in compliance with federal parity requirements. The Act expands the fields of study for service cancelable education loans to Georgia residents. The Act requires the state to provide funding for a minimum of five new co-responder programs and provides for the training of behavioral health co-responders. The Act provides for the establishment of a grant program to implement assisted outpatient treatment. The Act authorizes the establishment of a grant program for providing funds to accountability courts to implement trauma-informed treatment and to units of local government for transportation costs to and from emergency receiving, evaluating, and treatment facilities, subject to appropriations.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 15-21-101, 20-3-374, 31-53-3, 33-20A-31, 33-24-28.1, 33-24-29, 33-24-29.1, 35-5-2, 35-5-5, 37-1-20, 37-1-116, 37-2-4, 37-2-6, 37-3-1, 37-3-42, 37-3-101, 37-7-1, 37-7-42, 37-7-101, 49-4-153, and 49-5-24 and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 15-1-23, 31-2-17, 33-1-27, 33-21A-13, 33-21A-14, 35-6A-15, 37-1-7, 37-1-114.1, 37-1-115.1, 37-1-120 through 37-1-125, 45-12-154.1, 49-4-152.6, and 49-10-5.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 857; SB 403

This Act enacts the "Georgia Behavioral Health and Peace Officer Co-Responder Act." The Act requires each community service board to establish a co-responder program to offer assistance or consultation to peace officers responding to emergency calls involving individuals with behavioral health crises, contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the General Assembly or the availability of other funds. The Act allows law enforcement agencies within a community service board's service area to elect to partner with the community service board to establish one or more co-responder teams. The Act provides for immunity from civil liability with some restrictions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 37-3-4 and 37-7-5 and enacts O.C.G.A. Chapter 37-11.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 829; HB 1069

This Act enacts the "Adult Residential Mental Health Services Licensing Act." The Act provides for the classification and systematic evaluation, licensure, and monitoring of adult residential mental health programs.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 31-7-351 and enacts Article 7 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 37-3.

Effective July 1, 2022.

TITLE 38

MILITARY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Act 650; SB 84

This Act revises the amounts retained from the charges imposed on certain telecommunications related to the provision of 9-1-1 services. The Act reduces the amount retained by the state and provides for retention and remittance of such funds to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefits Fund.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 38-3-186, 38-3-188, and 47-17-1 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 47-17-63.

Effective July 1, 2022, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in O.C.G.A. Chapter 47-20, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2022, as required by subsection (a) of O.C.G.A. Section 47-20-50.

TITLE 40
MOTOR VEHICLES

Act 758; HB 1055

This Act revises the definition of an "all-terrain vehicle" to mean a motorized vehicle manufactured for off-highway use with a dry weight of 3500 pounds or less.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-1-1.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 814; HB 1009

This Act defines a "personal delivery device" vehicle and provides for operations for such a vehicle on highways and sidewalks. The Act creates provisions regarding operating and safety requirements of personal delivery devices, parking procedures, operating speed limitations, prohibition of transport of hazardous materials by such devices, and procedures for reporting accidents involving such vehicles. The Act further provides that any violations that occur when operating such vehicle are not punishable by a criminal or moving traffic violation, but shall result in a civil penalty. The Act further provides other definitions relating to personal delivery devices, including the definitions of owner and operator of such vehicles.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-1-1, 40-6-320, 40-6-321, 40-6-322, 40-6-323, 40-6-324, 40-6-325, 40-6-326, and 40-6-327, and enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 40-6-328, 40-6-329, 40-6-329.1, and 40-6-329.2.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 765; HB 1146

This Act revises provisions regarding vehicles operated by certain law enforcement officials. The Act provides that vehicles operated by law enforcement shall be equipped with flashing or revolving lights which are primarily blue in color. The Act further removes restrictions prohibiting certain patrol vehicles without exterior mounted roof lights.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-1-7 and 40-8-91.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 767; HB 1194

This Act revises the definition of "present regulations" and updates the reference date to federal regulations regarding the safe operation of motor carriers and commercial motor vehicles.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-1-8.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 843; HB 1481

This Act revises provisions regarding the standards for issuing dealer license plates. The Act further provides an automatic repealer which stipulates that the allocation of the additional number

and classification of license plates issued to a dealer through January 1, 2025, shall be no less than the number issued on January 1, 2020.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-2-38.

Effective May 9, 2022.

Act 737; HB 203

This Act establishes a specialty license plate for which the proceeds of its sales shall be disbursed to benefit the Tybee Island Historical Society.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-2-86.

Effective May 2, 2022.

Act 764; HB 1103

This Act defines "heavy-duty equipment motor vehicle" and revises definitions regarding rental agreements involving such vehicles.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-2-167.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 738; HB 246

This Act increases the fee for the issuance of replacement licenses and permits and increases the fee for the issuance and renewal of limited driving permits.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-5-31 and 40-5-64.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 646; HB 1216

This Act provides for enhanced penalties for fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer during the commission of certain crimes under certain circumstances. The Act further prohibits the use of a blue light to resemble or impersonate a law enforcement officer.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 40-6-395.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 755; HB 1011

This Act provides an exemption of low-speed vehicles from the permitting requirements relating to the use of amber strobe lights or an emergency vehicle designation.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 40-8-35 and 40-8-92.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 41
NUISANCES**

Act 598; HB 1150

This Act limits the circumstances under which agricultural facilities and operations may be deemed a nuisance, removing the requirement of a changed condition to earn nuisance protection. The Act extends the time period of operation to two years for an agricultural facility to acquire nuisance protection. The Act removes definitions and provides for a short title and legislative intent.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 41-1-7.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 43
PROFESSIONS AND BUSINESSES**

Act 644; HB 884

This Act changes certain provisions relating to expedited licenses by endorsement for military spouses. The Act requires that such expedited licenses by endorsement be issued no later than 90 days from the date of receipt of an application and information and documents that show that all requirements for such license have been met. The Act also specifies that the application require only such information and documentation necessary to verify that the applicant meets such requirements.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 43-1-34.1.

Effective April 18, 2022.

Act 811; HB 412

This Act provides for the licensure of individuals in the practice of applied behavior analysis. The Act provides for legislative findings and definitions. The Act creates the Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board and provides for its membership and duties. The Act also provides for licensing requirements, temporary licenses, and reciprocity and for penalties for unlicensed practice and other violations of the Act.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Chapter 43-7A.

Effective July 1, 2023.

Act 813; HB 972

This Act changes licensing provisions relating to professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists. The Act revises certain definitions. The Act provides for members and appointments to the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists. The Act changes certain licensing requirements and exceptions to such requirements, including, but not limited to, eligibility for licensing. The Act also eliminates certain continuing education requirements and the ability of the board to issue a license without examination. The Act provides for violations of the Act and for related penalties.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 43-10A-3, 43-10A-4, 43-10A-5, 43-10A-7, 43-10A-8, 43-10A-11, 43-10A-16, 43-10A-17, 43-10A-20, 43-10A-21, and 43-10A-22.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 840; HB 1219

This Act changes provisions relating to the composition of the Georgia Board of Dentistry, which is increased from 11 to 17 members.
The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 43-11-2.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 873; HB 342

This Act prohibits certain advertisements related to plumbing.
The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 43-14-8.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 835; HB 476

This Act provides for O.C.G.A. Chapter 43-15 to be known and cited as the "Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Act of 2021." The Act changes provisions relating to the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, including providing for a new name of the entity, the Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board. The Act provides that the newly renamed board is an independent state agency attached to the Secretary of State for administrative purposes only and shall be a separate and distinct budget unit. The Act changes the definition of the term "board" and provides for the definition of the term "executive director." The Act provides for the powers and duties of the board and authorizes the board to employ an executive director for which the Act provides the duties and responsibilities.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 43-15-1 through 43-15-6, 43-15-17, 43-15-18, and 43-15-25 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 43-15-6.1.
Effective May 9, 2022.

Act 839; HB 1193

This Act changes certain provisions relating to licenses for funeral directors and embalmers. The Act provides that if a licensee who has passed the examination for licensure as a funeral director and who has not been subject to disciplinary action by the board allows his or her license to lapse for a period of not more than ten years, the board shall reinstate such funeral director's license upon his or her application for reinstatement under certain conditions. The Act also removes limitations on renewals of apprenticeship registrations.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 43-18-51 and 43-18-54 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 43-18-43.1.
Effective May 9, 2022.

Act 808; HB 305

This Act changes provisions relating to the practice of massage therapy. The Act revises the definition of the term "board recognized massage therapy educational program." The Act also provides that continuing education requirements or credits used for license renewal shall be provided by an instructor approved by and in good standing with a national massage therapy certifying organization or entity approved by the board.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 43-24A-3 and 43-24A-20.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 816; HB 1049

This Act changes the composition of the State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, which is increased from nine to 11 members.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 43-27-2.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 651; HB 1441

This Act changes provisions relating to operators of private detective businesses and private security businesses. The Act exempts a certified peace officer employed by a licensed private detective business or private security business as an independent contractor from the requirements of O.C.G.A. Chapter 43-38.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 43-38-7 and 43-38-14.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 838; HB 1186

This Act changes certain provisions relating to state speech-language pathology and audiology licensing. The Act permits persons who are not licensed audiologists to use otoacoustic emissions or auditory brainstem response technology as part of a screening process for the initial identification of communication disorders in individuals up to age 22, subject to certain conditions. The Act also provides for compliance with certain notifiable disease reporting requirements promulgated by the Department of Public Health.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 43-44-7.
Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 44
PROPERTY**

Act 754; HB 974

This Act provides for electronic filing for recordation and registration of deeds and other instruments and provides for the effect of a missing or incorrect tax parcel identification number on

a recorded instrument. The Act requires certain information to be included on the first page of security deeds.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 44-2-2 and 44-14-63.
Effective July 1, 2023.

Act 762; HB 1088

This Act authorizes nonjudicial foreclosure of time-share estates, including providing for notice, transfer of title, and a power of attorney.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 44-3-206.
Effective May 2, 2022.

Act 798; SB 493

This Act authorizes nonjudicial foreclosure of time-share estates, including providing for notice, transfer of title, and a power of attorney.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 44-3-206.
Effective May 2, 2022.

Act 850; SB 581

This Act designates the most recent systems of plane coordinates for defining and stating geographic positions as the "Georgia State Plane Coordinate System." The Act provides for new names of the east and west zones of the coordinate system and uses the National Geodetic Survey to provide the precise definition of such zones. The Act provides alternative plane coordinates for expressing location of a point. The Act further provides for the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to establish by rules and regulations the standard of accuracy and specifications for property surveys. The Act provides for the use of certain terms and the conversion of distances between meters and feet. The Act validates the use of prior coordinate systems.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 12-8-97 and Article 2 of O.C.G.A Chapter 44-4.
Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 45
PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

Act 869; SB 337

This Act provides that certain public officials suspended due to felony indictment shall not receive compensation from his or her office. The Act also provides that, for the purpose of back compensation only, reinstatement to office may occur after the expiration of the public official's term of office.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 45-5-6.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 799; SB 496

This Act requires a medical examiner's inquiry, through a regional perinatal center, of any female who dies while pregnant or who was pregnant within 365 days of her death. The Act excludes from such requirement any female whose death resulted from an incidental or accidental cause, including a motor vehicle accident, or from any other event or condition where it is apparent that the death was not causally related to the care of or physiology of pregnancy or its maintenance. The Act also provides when an individual is deemed to have died unattended by a physician.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 45-16-24 and 45-16-27.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 643; SB 96

This Act provides that satisfactory evidence of the identification of persons for whom notaries perform notarial acts shall include, but shall not be limited to, a valid Veterans Health Identification Card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 45-17-8.

Effective July 1, 2022.

TITLE 46

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Act 565; SB 472

This Act changes the description of the five election districts for members of the Public Service Commission. The Act provides for the manner of the election of Public Service Commissioners and for continuation in office of current members of the commission until their successors are appointed or elected as provided for in the Act.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 46-2-1.

Effective March 4, 2022.

Act 741; HB 328

This Act establishes a one-time right of way permit fee and reduces annual right of way use fees as due compensation paid to municipal authorities by telephone companies that do not have retail, end user customers located within the boundaries of the municipal authority. The Act provides for certain notice requirements. The Act also provides for a civil penalty if a telephone company fails to comply with certain due compensation requirements for a certain period of time.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 46-5-1.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 47
RETIREMENT**

Act 790; SB 343

This Act revises provisions related to employer contributions for creditable service for forfeited leave and increases the rate of employer contributions to certain members' 401(k) accounts based upon years of creditable service. The Act provides for limitations.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 47-2-91 and 47-2-357.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 724; HB 385

This Act provides for public school systems to employ certain beneficiaries of the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia as classroom teachers in a full-time capacity in areas of highest need determined for the Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) to which such public school system is assigned. The Act requires such employers to make employer and employee contributions on behalf of such employed beneficiaries, and provides for conditions and limitations for beneficiaries who return to service full time as teachers. The Act provides for the annual determination of areas of highest need for each RESA. The Act further provides for a performance audit concerning the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 47-3-127.1.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 47-3-127.1.

Effective July 1, 2022, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in O.C.G.A. Chapter 47-20, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2022, as required by subsection (a) of O.C.G.A. Section 47-20-50.

Act 747; HB 824

This Act revises provisions relating to employee contributions to the Georgia Legislative Retirement System. The Act provides for prior service credit for military service. The Act also provides for monthly retirement service allowances. The Act provides a definition for the term "presiding creditable service" and for additional monthly contributions by the presiding officer of the House of Representatives.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 47-6-1, 47-6-60, 47-6-70.1, and 47-6-80.

Effective July 1, 2022, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in O.C.G.A. Chapter 47-20, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2022, as required by subsection (a) of O.C.G.A. Section 47-20-50.

Act 739; HB 263

This Act revises the method through which certain actuarial equivalents are determined for judges of the probate courts or employees of the board.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 47-11-71.

Effective July 1, 2022, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in O.C.G.A. Chapter 47-20, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2022, as required by subsection (a) of O.C.G.A. Section 47-20-50.

Act 759; HB 1056

This Act repeals certain restrictions and requirements concerning the authority to make alternative investments for the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund and increases the percentage of alternative investments, in aggregate, allowable for the fund.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 47-20-87 and repeals O.C.G.A. Section 47-7-127.

Effective May 2, 2022.

**TITLE 48
REVENUE AND TAXATION**

Act 774; HB 1320

This Act revises the terms "Internal Revenue Code" and "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" and thereby incorporating certain provisions of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into Georgia law. The Act also revises provisions for granting the extension of time for state income tax returns.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-1-2 and 48-2-36.

Effective May 2, 2022, and Section 1 of the Act, relating to definitions, applies to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021.

Act 859; HB 997

This Act provides for a state-wide exemption from all ad valorem property taxes for certain equipment used by timber producers to produce or harvest timber.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-41.3.

Effective May 10, 2022, and Section 1 of the Act is effective January 1, 2023, only if a referendum approving such exemption is approved at the November, 2022, general election. If such referendum is not approved or such election is not held, the Act stands repealed by operation of law on January 1, 2023.

Act 716; HB 1437

This Act enacts the "Tax Reduction and Reform Act of 2022," which revises the rates of taxation on income. The Act provides for the phasing in of such tax rate reductions over time, subject to certain annual determinations. The Act requires the determination and reporting of certain information by the Office of Planning and Budget. The Act revises personal exemptions and itemized deductions. The Act requires joint review by the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Committee on Finance of any and all state tax credits, deductions, and exemptions. The

Act further provides for the submission by such committees of a report of their findings and recommendations. The Act amends an Act approved March 2, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 8), which reduced the highest personal and corporate income tax rates, so as to repeal certain contingent provisions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-7-20, 48-7-26, and 48-7-27; enacts 28-12-1; and amends Section 3-1 of an Act approved March 2, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 8).

Effective April 26, 2022, and Part II of the Act, relating to individual income tax rates, credit for withholding and other payments, and applicability to estates and trusts, is effective on January 1, 2024, and applies to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024. Tax, penalty, and interest liabilities and refund eligibility for prior taxable years are not affected by the Act and continue to be governed by the provisions of O.C.G.A. Title 48, as such existed for such prior taxable years.

Act 582; HB 1302

This Act defines the term "qualified taxpayer," which also includes exclusions to the term. The Act provides for a one-time tax credit for qualified taxpayers who filed income tax returns for both the 2020 and 2021 taxable years. The Act provides that credited refunds shall not constitute taxable income. The Act also provides that such refunds shall be subject to the setoff debt collection provisions of Article 7 of O.C.G.A. Chapter 48-7.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-20.1.

Effective March 23, 2022.

Act 824; HB 1058

This Act removes the requirement that affiliated corporations file separate state income tax returns unless the Department of Revenue has requested or preapproved the filing of consolidated returns. The Act authorizes Georgia affiliated groups to elect to file separate or consolidated income tax returns. The Act provides for tax liability, allocation, and apportionment. The Act provides that the election to file a consolidated return is irrevocable and binding for five years. The Act further authorizes affiliated groups that have filed consolidated returns to continue under the current law. The Act provides definitions for "Georgia affiliated group" and "Georgia consolidated return."

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-7-21 and 48-7-51.

Effective May 5, 2022, and applies to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

Act 641; HB 1064

This Act excludes from Georgia taxable net income certain retirement income received from certain military service. The Act provides for limits on such exclusions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-27.

Effective July 1, 2022, and applies to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

Act 862; HB 586

This Act extends the automatic repeal of a sales tax exemption for sales of tickets, fees, or charges for admission to certain fine arts performances or exhibitions from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2027. The Act adjusts periods for aggregate amounts of tax credits and provides for an aggregate cap of the tax credit allowed to not exceed \$4 million per calendar year from June 1, 2022, to December 31, 2026.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-7-27.12 and 48-8-3.
Effective May 10, 2022.

Act 812; HB 469

This Act adjusts the aggregate amount of historic property rehabilitation tax credits for historic homes and for certified structures other than historic homes. The Act extends the sunset date from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2027.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-29.8.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 832; HB 1041

This Act increases the aggregate limit for tax credits for contributions to rural hospital organizations from \$60 million to \$75 million per taxable year.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-29.20.
Effective January 1, 2023, and applies to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

Act 858; HB 424

This Act provides for tax credits for certain contributions made by taxpayers to qualified foster child support organizations that provide services to youth aging out of foster care. The Act provides for certification as a qualified foster child support organization. The Act establishes restrictions and oversight provisions and requires annual reporting. The Act details provisions relative to the use of contributed funds received by a qualified organization. The Act provides for revocation of qualified status of an organization. The Act further provides for tax liability and for audits.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-29.24.
Effective July 1, 2022, and applies to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

Act 856; SB 361

This Act enacts the "Law Enforcement Strategic Support (LESS Crime) Act," which provides for tax credits for certain contributions made by taxpayers to certain local law enforcement foundations up to an aggregate annual limit of \$75 million and provides for limitations. The Act provides for related terms and conditions. The Act provides for applications and requirements for certification as a qualified law enforcement foundation. The Act also provides for the revocation of qualified status and other penalties. The Act further provides for annual reporting requirements for qualified law enforcement foundations.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-29.25.
Effective July 1, 2022, and applies to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

Act 642; SB 87

This Act enacts the "Senator Jack Hill Veterans' Act," which authorizes Georgia taxpayers to make certain voluntary contributions through the income tax payment and refund process to aid and assist veterans with service connected disabilities through scholarships to the Technical College System of Georgia. The Act provides for the addition of appropriate language relative to such contributions to be added to the Georgia income tax return form. The Act provides for annual determinations and transmittal of scholarship funds by the Department of Revenue.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 48-7-64.
Effective April 18, 2022, and applies to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

Act 757; HB 1034

This Act revises the exemption for sales of admissions to nonrecurring major sporting events by amending the definition of "major sporting event" to include any match of a FIFA World Cup. The Act extends the sunset provision for such exemption from December 31, 2022, through December 31, 2031. The Act provides that such repeal shall not apply to any event for which an application has been submitted prior to December 31, 2031.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-3.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 842; HB 1291

This Act revises the terms and extends the sunset date from June 30, 2023, to December 31, 2023, for provisions related to a sales tax exemption for the sale or lease of computer equipment to be incorporated into facilities of high-technology companies. The Act also revises certain terms and extends the sunset date from June 30, 2023, through December 31, 2023, for provisions related to an exemption for certain high-technology data center equipment.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-3.
Effective May 9, 2022, except for Section 2, relating to the tax exemption for the sale or lease of computer equipment, which is effective on January 1, 2024, and applies to transactions occurring on or after such date.

Act 752; HB 934

This Act provides for the maximum amount of net proceeds raised and the time frame for the collection of the special district mass transportation sales and use tax when an intergovernmental agreement has been entered into between a county and municipality. The Act revises ballot question boilerplate to reflect changes in the Act. The Act limits the days on which a referendum may be held to approve the imposition of such taxes.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 48-8-262, 48-8-263, and 48-8-264 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 48-8-264.1.

Effective May 2, 2022, and applies with respect to taxes imposed or to be imposed under resolutions or ordinances adopted on or after May 2, 2022.

Act 567; HB 304

This Act exempts all sales of motor fuel by duly licensed distributors from excise taxes by political subdivisions from March 18, 2022, through May 31, 2022.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-9-3.

Effective March 18, 2022.

Act 763; HB 1089

This Act increases the penalty for certain violations of registration requirements for motor vehicles operated by motor carriers from \$25.00 to \$145.00.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 48-9-45.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 49
SOCIAL SERVICES**

Act 853; SB 610

This Act requires the Department of Community Health to conduct a comprehensive review of provider reimbursement rates for home and community based services covered by Georgia Medicaid waiver programs. The Act provides for the department to develop proposed rate models, projected fiscal impact of implementing such proposed rate models, related documentation, and associated policy changes to the policies and procedures of each waiver program.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Sections 49-4-142.4 and 49-4-142.5.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 870; SB 338

This Act expands Medicaid coverage for postpartum care for mothers from six months following the date the woman gives birth to one year following the date the pregnancy ends.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 49-4-159.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 787; SB 116

This Act defines "maternity supportive housing residence" and requires maternity supportive housing residences to register with the Department of Human Services. The Act requires each maternity supportive housing residence to pay an annual fee and to attest to certain conditions, provisions, and services. The Act prohibits local government from constraining the establishment or operation of maternity supportive housing residences.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-3 and enacts O.C.G.A. Section 49-5-25.
Effective July 1, 2022.

TITLE 50
STATE GOVERNMENT

Act 566; HB 910

This Act amends the 2021-2022 "General Appropriations Act" to change certain appropriations for State Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Effective March 16, 2022.

Act 865; HB 911

This Act, the "General Appropriations Act," provides for the operation of state government for State Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Effective June 30, 2022.

Act 819; SB 345

This Act prohibits state and local governments from mandating COVID-19 vaccine passports with certain exceptions. The Act shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 50-1-11.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 788; SB 152

This Act adds language to the pledge of allegiance to the state flag.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 50-3-2.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 822; SB 346

This Act prohibits companies owned or operated by China to bid on or submit a proposal for a state contract. The Act provides for definitions. The Act provides for certifications and penalties for false certifications.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 50-5-84.1.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 821; SB 562

This Act prohibits companies owned or operated by Russia or Belarus to bid on or submit a proposal for a state contract. The Act provides for definitions. The Act provides for certifications and penalties for false certifications.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 50-5-84.1.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 515; HB 383

This Act prohibits the state from entering into certain contracts with a company unless such contracts contain a certification that such company does not presently conduct a boycott of Israel and will not conduct such a boycott for the duration of such contract with certain exceptions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 50-5-85.
Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 801; SB 534

This Act provides certain procedural requirements and considerations for the adoption of rules by state agencies that are applicable to charitable organizations.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 50-13-4.
Effective May 2, 2022.

Act 815; HB 1042

This Act provides for a grant program to establish primary care medical facilities in health professional shortage areas under the OneGeorgia Authority. The Act provides for lease-purchase agreements and criteria for such program. The Act further provides for application and approval for the program. The Act provides for rules and regulations to administer the program.

The Act enacts O.C.G.A. Section 50-34-20.
Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 51
TORTS**

Act 876; HB 961

This Act authorizes the apportionment of damages in single-defendant lawsuits and allows for evidence of fault of nonparties.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 51-12-33.
Effective May 13, 2022, and applicable to all cases filed after such date.

**TITLE 52
WATERS OF THE STATE, PORTS, AND WATERCRAFT**

Act 872; SB 469

This Act requires certain watercraft to have day and night visual distress signals on board when operated on the coastal waters of Georgia and further requires the presence of certain types of lifesaving devices on watercraft. The Act provides for definitions.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 52-7-3 and 52-7-8.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 848; SB 553

This Act authorizes any person 15 years of age or older to operate a Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 vessel on any of the waters of this state if such person meets certain conditions pertaining to licensure, education, and accompaniment by an adult.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Section 52-7-8.3.

Effective July 1, 2022.

**TITLE 53
WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES**

Act 847; SB 543

This Act provides that a parent who feloniously and intentionally kills or conspires to kill or procures the killing of his or her child shall have no right to take an interest from such child's estate or any interest such parent would otherwise take at such child's death by intestacy, year's support, will, deed, power of appointment, or by any other conveyance duly executed during the life of such child. The Act provides that such parent shall also forfeit the right to serve as a personal representative or trustee of such child's estate or any trust created by such child.

The Act amends O.C.G.A. Sections 51-4-4 and 53-1-5.

Effective July 1, 2022.

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