

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 491.](#)

By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Carter of the 93rd, Evans of the 89th, Davis of the 87th, and Thomas of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding conservation and natural resources, so as to address issues regarding environmental justice and permitting; to provide for definitions; to provide for a list of overburdened communities; to provide environmental justice requirements for applicants for certain environmental permits; to provide for rules, regulations, and technical guidance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

[HB 492.](#)

By Representative Powell of the 33rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Hartwell, approved April 6, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5476), as amended, so as to revise provisions related to its corporate boundaries; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 493.](#)

By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th, Newton of the 127th, and Oliver of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-26-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to renewal, surrender, and restoration of registered professional nursing licenses and continuing competency requirements, so as to revise a provision regarding verification of competency; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 494.](#)

By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Naghise of the 68th, Gladney of the 130th, Alexander of the 66th, and Taylor of the 92nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to corporations, partnerships, and associations, so as to provide that ownership of real property in this state by a foreign corporation constitutes doing

business in this state; to provide that ownership of real personal property in this state by a foreign limited liability company constitutes doing business in this state; to provide for service of process by email; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 495.](#)

By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Carter of the 93rd, Evans of the 89th, Davis of the 87th, and Thomas of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to conservation and natural resources, so as to create the Environmental Justice Commission; to provide for the duties of the commission; to provide that as a prerequisite for obtaining certain permits in neighborhoods consisting of persons of color or from low-income families applicants shall take certain actions to mitigate health hazards; to provide that governmental agencies shall consider the disproportionate effect of environmental hazards on people of color or people from low-income families in implementing certain environmental policies; to provide that no person in Georgia shall be excluded from any state funded program or activity because of race, color, or national origin; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

[HB 496.](#)

By Representatives Dunahoo of the 31st, Byrd of the 20th, Smith of the 18th, Mathis of the 149th, and Horner of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to provide for an exception for defendant mothers of unborn children; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

[HB 497.](#)

By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Williams of the 148th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Lumsden of the 12th, and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health, so as to authorize the use of certified medication aides in penal institutions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HUMAN RELATIONS & AGING

[HB 498.](#)

By Representatives Mathis of the 149th, Greene of the 154th, Bentley of the 150th, Beverly of the 143rd, Smith of the 18th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to licenses for funeral directors and embalmers, so as to change certain provisions related to the reinstatement of a lapsed funeral director's license; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

[HB 499.](#)

By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Dempsey of the 13th, Smith of the 70th, Stephens of the 164th, and Ballinger of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding alimony and child support, so as to authorize child support and insurance policies for disabled children who have reached the age of majority but lack the ability to otherwise support themselves independently; to provide for a definition; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[HB 500.](#)

By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, Cheokas of the 151st, and Daniel of the 117th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arson and explosives, so as to provide for the offense of arson of a law enforcement vehicle; to provide for a penalty; to amend Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when offenses bailable, procedure, schedule of bails, and appeal bonds, so as to include the offense of arson of a law enforcement vehicle; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 501.](#)

By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Williamson of the 112th, Barton of the 5th, Werkheiser of the 157th, and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of employment of minors, so as to repeal certain provisions relating to employment certificate requirements for minors; to prohibit

requiring certificates of employment, certificates of age, or youth work permits; to provide for definitions; to authorize the employment of minors for certain work; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HB 502.](#)

By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dempsey of the 13th, and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 9 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Cosmetic Laser Services Act," so as to revise a definition; to revise a provision relating to requirements for applicants for assistant laser practitioner licenses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 503.](#)

By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, McDonald of the 26th, Yearta of the 152nd, Gullett of the 19th, Barton of the 5th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to provide for tax credits for certain contributions made by taxpayers to certain local firefighter foundations; to provide for an aggregate annual limit; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide for applications and certifications; to provide for the revocation of qualified status; to provide for certain penalties; to provide for annual reporting requirements; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 504.](#)

By Representatives Hatchett of the 155th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-164 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local five mill share funds, so as to exclude amounts attributable to level 1 freeport exemptions for purposes of calculating local five mill share; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 505.](#)

By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Silcox of the 53rd, Hilton of the 48th, Daniel of the 117th, and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-11-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to riot, so as to provide for a felony penalty; to amend Code Section 17-6-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when offenses bailable, procedure, schedule of bails, and appeal bonds, so as to include the offense of riot; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 506.](#)

By Representatives Ehrhart of the 36th, Erwin of the 32nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Knight of the 134th, and Dubnik of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide for the recognition of certain accrediting agencies as reliable authorities as to the quality of education offered in public secondary schools in this state; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 507.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Smith of the 18th, Bonner of the 73rd, Williams of the 148th, and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 30 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to beauty pageants, so as to require certain additional information to be provided to beauty pageant contestants before accepting a fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

[HB 508.](#)

By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th, Daniel of the 117th, Cheokas of the 151st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-94 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to restraining orders and protective orders, so as to provide that orders be served on a respondent within 24 hours of the court's issuance of such order; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[HB 509.](#)

By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Hilton of the 48th, Reeves of the 99th, Daniel of the 117th, Cheokas of the 151st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-7-1 of Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to burglary, so as to include an act of family violence as an element of such offense; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[HB 510.](#)

By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Beverly of the 143rd, Clark of the 108th, Au of the 50th, Oliver of the 82nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for breakfast and lunch programs for all public school students in this state; to provide for such meals to be offered at no cost to students who qualify for reduced price meals under federal and state guidelines; to provide for school breakfast programs under the Quality Basic Education Act; to provide for funding; to provide for rules and regulations; to encourage the use of Georgia grown products in school breakfast and lunch programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 511.](#)

By Representatives Horner of the 3rd and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from all Catoosa County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who are 75 years of age or over, approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4051), so as to provide that the unmarried surviving spouse of a person granted the exemption provided for in this Act shall continue to receive such exemption following the death of the original grantee, provided that such surviving spouse is 70 years of age or older; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 512.](#)

By Representative Kendrick of the 95th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for small business

employers that employ certified workforce-ready graduates in high-tech full-time jobs in this state; to require the Department of Labor to establish criteria; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 513.](#)

By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Au of the 50th, Cannon of the 58th, and Barnes of the 86th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide that the prescribed course of study in sex education and HIV prevention instruction is age appropriate; to include the subject of consent in such course of study; to provide for implementation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 514.](#)

By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Bazemore of the 69th, Reeves of the 99th, Lim of the 98th, Ridley of the 6th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 66 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to zoning procedures, so as to provide for the length and renewal of moratoriums related to zoning decisions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide procedures for the levy, collection, use, and waiver of fees related to zoning decisions and related permits; to revise notice and hearing requirements for certain zoning decisions; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 515.](#)

By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Powell of the 33rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Wiedower of the 121st, and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as require eligible applicants for limited driving permits to submit proof of completion of certain courses; to provide that completion of such courses shall be credited toward any reinstatement requirements for drivers whose licenses were suspended for certain offenses; to revise the fees relating to certain courses; to amend Code Section 17-10-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to punishment for misdemeanors generally, so as to allow a judge to

sentence additional punishment for offenders of misdemeanor traffic violations; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 516.](#)

By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Carpenter of the 4th, and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exercise of the power to contract by the Department of Transportation, so as to increase the minimum amount for a public road construction or maintenance contract that prohibits negotiation; to provide for exceptions to public comment and hearing on projects involving public-private partnerships in certain instances; to provide for an exception to vote approval for such projects; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HB 517.](#)

By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Bazemore of the 69th, Smith of the 18th, Lim of the 98th, Ridley of the 6th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 8 of the O.C.G.A., relating to buildings and housing, so as to enact the "Georgia Homeowner Opportunity Act"; to prohibit local governments from adopting or enforcing ordinances or regulations relating to or regulating building design elements as applied to one- or two-family dwellings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 521.](#)

By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Douglas of the 78th, and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for Medicaid coverage of rapid whole genome sequencing; to define a term; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide for coverage criteria; to provide for necessary approvals and administrative actions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

[HB 522.](#)

By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Drenner of the 85th, Washburn of the 144th, Romman of the 97th, Gullett of the 19th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 3 and Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property owners' associations and covenants and warranties, respectively, so as to prohibit property owners' associations from creating or enforcing covenants which infringe upon a lot owner's right to install a solar energy device or to display the United States flag; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 523.](#)

By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Jackson of the 128th, Lim of the 98th, Mitchell of the 88th, and Hugley of the 141st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles, so as to provide an exclusion for motor vehicles owned or leased by or to a nonprofit organization or entity that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c) of the federal Internal Revenue Code which provides services in this state pursuant to a grant issued and overseen by the Office of Head Start; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 524.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Powell of the 33rd, Ridley of the 6th, Yearta of the 152nd, Momtahan of the 17th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, so as to provide for the issuance of a Class C driver's license to operators of certain three-wheeled motor vehicles; to exempt operators of certain three-wheeled motor vehicles from headgear and eye-protective device requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 525.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Powell of the 33rd, Ridley of the 6th, Yearta of the 152nd, Clark of the 100th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 and Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating procedure for

sentencing and imposition of punishment and cancellation, suspension, and revocation of driver's licenses, respectively, so as to provide standards for acceptance by a court of any clinical evaluation relating to substance use or abuse; to require a clinical evaluation and possible substance abuse treatment for first convictions of driving under the influence; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 526.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Reeves of the 99th, Horner of the 3rd, Clark of the 100th, Miller of the 62nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 52-7-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enforcement of rules and regulations regarding registration, operation, and sale of watercraft, so as to require probable cause for summonses and boarding vessels; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 527.](#)

By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Taylor of the 92nd, Carter of the 93rd, Au of the 50th, Mainor of the 56th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-261 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to common minimum facility requirements for public elementary and secondary schools under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the inclusion of certain visual safety devices in minimum facility requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 528.](#)

By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Sainz of the 180th, Smith of the 18th, Wiedower of the 121st, Burchett of the 176th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the O.C.G.A., relating to deceptive or unfair trade practices, so as to enact the "Georgia Online Automatic Renewal Transparency Act"; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[HB 529.](#)

By Representatives Williams of the 148th, Lumsden of the 12th, and Gunter of the 8th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 33 and 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide for minimum amounts of uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage to be maintained by transportation network companies and taxi service companies; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 530.](#)

By Representatives Burchett of the 176th, Smith of the 18th, Leverett of the 123rd, and Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to depositions and discovery, so as to provide for protective orders for certain high-ranking officers; to provide for definitions; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state tort claims, so as to provide for designees of state government entities for service of process for civil actions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HR 255.](#)

By Representatives Drenner of the 85th and Thomas of the 65th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Environmental Justice; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

[HR 256.](#)

By Representatives Pirkle of the 169th and Houston of the 170th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Ms. Sophia Ruth Fisher and dedicating an interchange in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HR 257.](#)

By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, McCollum of the 30th, Daniel of the 117th, Camp of the 135th, Gambill of the 15th, and others:

A RESOLUTION requesting that the United States Congress call a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing an amendment to

the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RULES

SENATE FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
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[SB 13.](#)

By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Dugan of the 30th, Payne of the 54th, Beach of the 21st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 9-13-161, 44-14-162, and 48-4-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to where and when sales under execution held and change of place of public sales by court order, sales made on foreclosure under power of sale, and procedures for sales under tax levies and executions, respectively, so as to authorize online public sales under tax levies and executions; to provide a time frame for sales of real estate under foreclosure powers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[SB 61.](#)

By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Dugan of the 30th, Walker III of the 20th, Anderson of the 43rd, and McLaurin of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 34-1-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to use of sick leave for care of immediate family members, so as to repeal the sunset provision relating to such sick leave requirements; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR