

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

*Rules Suspended

[HB 1346.](#)

By Representatives Barton of the 5th and Ridley of the 6th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating the Coosawatee Regional Water and Sewerage Authority, approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 3904), so as to repeal such Act and dissolve the authority; to provide for assets and liabilities thereof; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1347.](#)

By Representative Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Taylor County; to identify the authorized uses of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds to technology uses; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1348.](#)

By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, and Buckner of the 137th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to redevelopment powers, so as to authorize acquisition of property interests by municipal elected and appointed officials and employees in redevelopment areas with certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1349.](#)

By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Greene of the 154th, and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Attorney General, so to authorize and direct the appointment of a special prosecutor subject to certain criteria; to provide for definitions; to provide for duties and funding for a special prosecutor; to establish a special prosecution division; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1350.](#)

By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Olaleye of the 59th, Townsend of the 179th, and Paris of the 142nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance for students in elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that student performers shall not be counted absent from school due to performing in certain productions, subject to certain conditions; to provide for performance certification forms and certification; to authorize the Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Education, to develop such certification forms and promulgate rules and regulations; to provide for authorizations by parents or guardians relating to the education records of student performers; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 1351.](#)

By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Paris of the 142nd, Gilliard of the 162nd, Douglas of the 78th, Vance of the 133rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for grants by the State Board of Education to local units of administration to support students living in poverty; to provide for definitions; to require the State Board of Education to develop rules and regulations; to provide for the calculation of grant amounts; to provide that a minimum required portion of grant funds must be used by local units of administration for direct program expenditures for the benefit of the students living in poverty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 1352.](#)

By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Bennett of the 94th, Clark of the 108th, Davis of the 87th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prescription drugs, so as to provide that prescribers provide certain information to patients or their representatives prior to prescribing Schedule II controlled substances or opioids; to provide definitions; to provide for procedures for the delivery and recordation of such information; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 1353.](#)

By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Mughal of the 105th, Clark of the 108th, Beverly of the 143rd, Park of the 107th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord and tenant, so as to repeal the prohibition on local governments regulating the amount of rent to be charged for privately owned, single-family or multiple-unit residential rental property; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1354.](#)

By Representatives Mughal of the 105th, Clark of the 108th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Anulewicz of the 42nd, and Hagan of the 156th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions for sales and use taxes, so as to exempt the sale or use of certain child rearing and adult care products; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1355.](#)

By Representatives Mughal of the 105th, Stephens of the 164th, Stoner of the 40th, Marin of the 96th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding specific, business,

and occupation taxes, so as to revise regulatory fees for home based businesses; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1356.](#)

By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and Ballard of the 147th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dietitians, so as to enter into an interstate compact known as the "Dietitian Licensure Compact"; to authorize the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians to administer the compact in this state; to authorize the board to conduct national background checks; to provide for a short title; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 1357.](#)

By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Hagan of the 156th, and Campbell of the 171st:
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, and computation of and exemptions and credits from state income taxes, so as to create a temporary income tax credit for certain expenditures relating to projects promoting industrial infrastructure enhancement and connectivity; to amend Code Section 16-12-218 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to no eligibility for tax credit regarding medical cannabis, so as to remove an inapplicable cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1358.](#)

By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, Jones of the 47th, Carson of the 46th, Martin of the 49th, Ridley of the 22nd, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 12, 32, 36, 40, 45, 48, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to conservation and natural resources, highways, bridges, and ferries, local government, motor vehicles and traffic, public officers and employees, revenue and taxation, and state government, respectively, so as to abolish the Atlanta-Region Transit Link "ATL" Authority and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and transfer all assets, obligations, liabilities, and employees of such authorities to the State Road and Tollway Authority; to abolish the Governor's Development Council; to revise the composition of the State Road and Tollway Authority; to transfer certain transit authority

to the State Road and Tollway Authority; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HB 1359.](#)

By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Rhodes of the 124th, Kelley of the 16th, Daniel of the 117th, Petrea of the 166th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous local administrative provisions, so as to provide for a refund for loss of property value or expenses incurred due to the failure of local governments to enforce certain laws, ordinances, and resolutions or due to a local government's adoption of a sanctuary policy; to provide for definitions; to provide for claims; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1360.](#)

By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Smith of the 18th, Mughal of the 105th, Hitchens of the 161st, and Stoner of the 40th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to schedules, offenses, and penalties regarding controlled substances, so as to clarify that the sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession of four grams or more of fentanyl and fentanyl analog structural class is within the prohibition of trafficking certain drugs; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1364.](#)

By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Jasperse of the 11th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Bonner of the 73rd, and Horner of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding liability of owners and occupiers of land, so as to provide that a person, business, or other entity that owns or legally controls a property and prohibits a lawful weapons carrier from possessing a concealed weapon on such property shall assume absolute custodial responsibility for the

safety of such lawful weapons carrier from certain threats; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 1365.](#)

By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Cox of the 28th, and Dunahoo of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minors, so as to create a civil remedy for damages against commercial entities that allow minors to access a social media platform without performing reasonable age verification methods; to provide for definitions; to provide for reasonable age verification requirements for commercial entities; to provide for standards for liability; to provide for exceptions; to provide that age verification information shall not be retained by commercial entities; to provide for the Attorney General's imposition of fines; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 1366.](#)

By Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, Beverly of the 143rd, Glaize of the 67th, Jackson of the 165th, Carpenter of the 4th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate the month of April each year as "Black Women's History Month" in Georgia; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for ceremonies and programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HB 1367.](#)

By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Holcomb of the 81st, Lim of the 98th, Hagan of the 156th, and Dubnik of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to victim compensation, so as to expand the definition of forensic medical examination to include evidence of strangulation, if strangulation is

suspected and when qualified medical personnel are available to perform such examination; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1368.](#)

By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Mitchell of the 88th, Greene of the 154th, Mathiak of the 74th, Prince of the 132nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions, so as to designate the second Monday of each August as Elected Officials Day in Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HB 1369.](#)

By Representatives Thomas of the 21st and Powell of the 33rd:

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 definitions; to provide for the safe operation of a motorcycle or bicycle through an inoperative traffic-control signal; to require drivers of motor vehicles to stop at crosswalks with pedestrian activated rectangular rapid flash beacons; to make it unlawful to activate such devices when there is no intent to cross a roadway; to remove provisions regarding height of handlebars for motorcycles; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 1370.](#)

By Representative DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to primaries and elections generally, so as to authorize election superintendents to determine the number of voting booths or enclosures for state-wide general elections based upon expected turnout, the number of electors who have already voted by advance voting or absentee ballot, and other relevant factors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1371.](#)

By Representative Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding liability of owners and occupiers of land, so as to provide for legislative findings, to clarify liability regarding third-party criminal activity; to provide for definitions; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tolling of limitations, so as to change provisions relating to tolling of limitations for a civil cause of action arising from criminal activity; 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

[*HB 1381.](#)

By Representatives Evans of the 89th and Ballard of the 147th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 1 of Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certificated professional personnel, so as to establish standards for literacy coaches under the Professional Standards Commission; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[*HB 1382.](#)

By Representative Evans of the 89th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state purchasing, so as to provide for the procurement of electric light duty vehicles over those with internal combustion engines by state agencies; to provide definitions; to provide for the identification and use of a calculator to determine the costs of purchasing or leasing an electric light duty vehicle over a vehicle with an internal combustion engine; to require the procurement of such an electric vehicle unless such calculator shows that a vehicle with an internal combustion engine would have a lower cost of ownership; to provide for exceptions; to provide for the submission of reports by the Department of Administrative Services; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[*HB 1383.](#)

By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gunter of the 8th, Crowe of the 118th, Smith of the 18th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrest by law enforcement officers generally, so as to revise authority for arrests without warrant; to authorize federal law enforcement officers; to detain persons under certain circumstances; to provide for revocation of such authority; to provide for a definition; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HR 1214.](#)

By Representatives Reese of the 140th, Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Affordability and Accessibility of Georgia's Legitimation Process; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUVENILE JUSTICE

[HR 1215.](#)

By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Chastain of the 7th, Hatchett of the 155th, Burns of the 159th, Powell of the 33rd, and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of the Honorable David E. Ralston and dedicating an interstate connector and bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

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[SB 375.](#)

By Senators Strickland of the 17th, Jackson of the 41st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, and Payne of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 37-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council, membership, meetings, and obligations, so as to add the commissioner of veterans service as a member of such council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

[SB 385.](#)

By Senators Williams of the 25th, Payne of the 54th, Brass of the 28th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 9 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to funding, donations, property, and scholarships with respect to Georgia Military College, so as to revise legislative intent language regarding certain postsecondary study beyond the second year level; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[SB 398.](#)

By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Robertson of the 29th, Walker III of the 20th, Watson of the 1st, Anderson of the 24th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Joint Defense Commission, so as to revise the commission's operations; to expand the commission's membership; to revise the term lengths of commission members; to revise definitions; to amend Chapter 7 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Economic Development, so as to authorize the Department of Economic Development to assist the Georgia Joint Defense Commission in certain activities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on DEFENSE & VETERANS AFFAIRS

[SB 482.](#)

By Senators Sims of the 12th, Goodman of the 8th, Esteves of the 6th, Butler of the 55th, and Parent of the 42nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to revise and restate the law relating to the Sumter County board of education and school superintendent, approved February 26, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3503), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of said board; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
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