

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2026
TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 1163.](#)

By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Hatchett of the 155th, Au of the 50th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to recovery in medical malpractice actions, so as to provide for an exemption in medical malpractice actions for the primary residences of health care providers; to provide for exceptions; to provide for a short title; 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 JUDICIARY

[HB 1164.](#)

By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Hatchett of the 155th, Jones of the 47th, Erwin of the 32nd, Gambill of the 15th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require the State Board of Education to appoint an audit committee; to provide for minimum responsibilities of such committee; to amend Chapter 6 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Audits and Accounts, so as to revise provisions for financial audits of local school systems by and on behalf of the Department of Audits and Accounts; to provide for such audits of state charter schools; to require the Department of Audits and Accounts to develop and implement a program of progressive monitoring, supports, and interventions to local school systems and state charter schools; to provide for investigations of local school systems and state charter schools by the state auditor; 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 1165.](#)

By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Cameron of the 1st, Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd, and Taylor of the 92nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Department of Community Affairs, so as to require such department to compile a list of state owned real property that may be used for community gardens; to provide for the establishment and maintenance of community gardens in certain municipalities; to provide requirements for such community gardens; to provide for funding of such community gardens by the municipality; to authorize the lease or

other availability of state owned real property for use as community gardens; to provide for construction; to require cooperation from state agencies; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on STATE PLANNING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

[HB 1166.](#)

By Representatives Herring of the 145th, Oliver of the 84th, Frye of the 122nd, Washburn of the 144th, Roberts of the 52nd, 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 as pertaining to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide that zoning decisions shall not affect or be required for certain residential dwellings of 400 square feet or fewer; to provide for construction; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1167.](#)

By Representatives Dawson of the 65th, Hawkins of the 27th, Greene of the 154th, Kelley of the 16th, Glaize of the 67th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 and Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances and general provisions relative to the Department of Public Health, respectively, so as to designate the second week in March of each year as "Sleep Health Awareness Week" in Georgia; to encourage the Department of Public Health to integrate sleep hygiene education; to provide for the Department of Public Health to voluntarily exchange information regarding sleep hygiene education; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HB 1168.](#)

By Representative Huddleston of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Heard County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the total assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates,

automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding failure to comply; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1169.](#)

By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1170.](#)

By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1171.](#)

By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Oliver of the 84th, Williams of the 37th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Glaize of the 67th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding landlord and tenant, so as to establish minimum habitability standards consistent with recognized housing standards; to prohibit waivers of such standards; to provide for enforcement and clarification of existing landlord duties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 1172.](#)

By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Mathiak of the 82nd:

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

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1173.](#)

By Representatives Scott of the 76th, McClain of the 109th, Davis of the 87th, and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 34, and 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, labor and industrial relations, and public officers and employees, respectively, so as to provide for limited bereavement leave and limited extended compassionate leave for certain employees under certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to prohibit certain employer actions; to provide for a cause of action and remedy; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HB 1174.](#)

By Representatives Draper of the 90th, Park of the 107th, Roberts of the 52nd, Crawford of the 89th, and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding labor and industrial relations, so as to provide retraining and other support for displaced federal employees; to provide for a definition; to provide for coordination between the Georgia Department of Labor and the Technical College System of Georgia and the University System of Georgia; to amend Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to eligibility and qualifications for office, so as to provide for the modification of certain hiring procedures for certain displaced federal employees; to provide for reporting; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HB 1175.](#)

By Representative Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to theft, so as to provide for the offense of theft by shoplifting of essential items; to provide for penalty and for prosecution by citation; to provide for punishment; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1176.](#)

By Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Huddleston of the 72nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Dickey of the 134th, and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to revenue and taxation, so as to exempt from sales and use taxes the sale of any tangible personal property used or consumed in connection with the generation, transmission, distribution, sale, or furnishing of electricity; to provide for a start date for such exemption; to provide a definition; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1177.](#)

By Representatives Williams of the 168th, Oliver of the 84th, Frye of the 122nd, Stephens of the 164th, DeLoach of the 167th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, so as to provide that certain affordable housing uses of property qualify as projects that may be undertaken by development authorities; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1178.](#)

By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Tarvin of the 2nd, Persinger of the 119th, Scoggins of the 14th, Ridley of the 6th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding financial affairs, so as to establish the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee of the House of Representatives; to provide for appointment; to provide for duties, functions, and powers;

to provide for reporting and summaries; to provide for member allowances; to provide for audits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT

[HB 1179.](#)

By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Greene of the 154th, Townsend of the 179th, Bonner of the 73rd, Gambill of the 15th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to remove the local government tax revenue threshold as it relates to the applicability of procedures for changing the designation of a private sector nonprofit organization engaged to promote tourism, conventions, and trade shows for such jurisdiction; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1180.](#)

By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Camp of the 135th, Reeves of the 99th, Washburn of the 144th, and Paris of the 142nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 26 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, so as to eliminate the outstanding bond limit; to provide for a statement on bonds regarding the full faith and credit of the State; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HR 1201.](#)

By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing Ambassador Davisha L. Johnson as a Goodwill Ambassador for county and municipal economic diplomacy; supporting exploratory international engagement with the Republic of Liberia; and encouraging state and municipal coordination in advancement of trade, tourism, and foreign direct investment in agriculture; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1202.](#)

By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing National Immunization Week 2026 and expressing support for the goals of the Georgia Universal Vaccine Access Act; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1203.](#)

By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, and Schofield of the 63rd:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may by general law provide a trust fund for the purpose of providing no-cost access to certain vaccines for children 18 years of age or younger and seniors 60 years of age or older and make all provisions regarding such fund; to provide that the General Assembly may provide for a source of funding specifically designated for such fund, and that such fund shall not be subject to the lapsing provisions of the Constitution; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HR 1204.](#)

By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Newton of the 127th, Cooper of the 45th, Jasperse of the 11th, and Hugley of the 141st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the burden of lung cancer in the United States and the State of Georgia; supporting prevention, early detection, and timely intervention to improve patient outcomes; addressing disparities in care; and encouraging expanding access to Georgians to cutting-edge technology to support lung cancer prevention, early detection, and timely intervention; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1205.](#)

By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Cannon of the 58th, Bell of the 75th, Hugley of the 141st, Williams of the 168th, and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Honorable "Able" Mable Thomas and dedicating an intersection in her honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

SENATE FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
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[SB 382.](#)

By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hatchett of the 50th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to make the state-wide base year homestead exemption mandatory for all political subdivisions; to repeal a related tax bill requirement; to make conforming changes; to amend Article 2B of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special district option sales and use tax, so as to remove a condition precedent to the call for a referendum for such tax; to provide for effective dates and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[SB 420.](#)

By Senators Echols of the 49th, Anderson of the 24th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, Still of the 48th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 27-2-23 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license, permit, tag, and stamp fees, so as to provide for fees for reef and migratory fish endorsements; to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Environmental Protection Division, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, Code Section 27-1-39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rules and regulations used to establish criminal violations, and Code Section 52-7-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to penalty, respectively, so as to revise effective dates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GAME, FISH, & PARKS