

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

*Rules Suspended

[HB 1274.](#)

By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Lumsden of the 12th, Kelley of the 16th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of rates, underwriting rules, and related organizations, so as to provide for the Department of Insurance to collect certain data annually from insurers writing private passenger automobile insurance policies; to provide for the Commissioner of Insurance to order the refund of any excess profit made by such insurers; to provide for definitions; to provide for calculations; to provide for an order, notice, and opportunity for hearing; to provide for cash refunds or credit refunds; to provide for certification; to provide for rules and regulations; 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 INSURANCE

[HB 1275.](#)

By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Au of the 50th, and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to ensure that stem cell therapies are used to advance medical treatments and improve patient outcomes in an ethical manner that does not involve stem cells derived from aborted fetuses; to provide for definitions; to provide for the designation of a physician assistant or nurse practitioner; to provide for certain requirements and patient protections; to provide for notice; to provide for consent; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for the use of Georgia facilities; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 1276.](#)

By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Efstration of the 104th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, and Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public assistance, so as to provide for the Department of Community Health to regularly and systematically review information from certain sources to determine and verify

eligibility of Medicaid recipients; to provide for related matters; to provide for a state plan amendment or waiver request; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 1277.](#)

By Representatives Barton of the 5th, Jasperse of the 11th, Campbell of the 171st, Hagan of the 156th, and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 12 and Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to environmental policy and highways, bridges, and ferries, respectively, so as to increase the project cost threshold for public roads or airports requiring environmental evaluations; 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 1278.](#)

By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Greene of the 154th, Newton of the 127th, Schofield of the 63rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 11 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants, so as to improve efficiencies in the issuance of permits for dentists to administer conscious sedation and general anesthesia; to provide for the evaluation and certification of a properly equipped facility; to provide for demonstration of proficiency in administering sedative techniques; to authorize the board to designate qualified personnel to perform certain evaluations, certifications, and examinations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 1279.](#)

By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Yeararta of the 152nd, Mathis of the 133rd, Cameron of the 1st, Gambill of the 15th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to state sales and use taxes, so as to extend the sunset for use of noncommercial written materials or mailings by certain tax exempt organizations; 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 1280.](#)

By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Ridley of the 6th, and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to equalization of assessments, so as to provide for the General Assembly to allow by local Act for the election of a county's chief appraiser; to provide for the election, commission, removal, term, qualifications, vacancies, oath, duties, and compensation of such chief appraisers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1281.](#)

By Representatives Momtahan of the 17th, Hagan of the 156th, Mathis of the 133rd, Gullett of the 19th, Chastain of the 7th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Early Care and Learning, so as to require child care learning centers to carry certain amounts of liability insurance coverage and to provide proof of such coverage; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 1282.](#)

By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Gunter of the 8th, Hong of the 103rd, Scoggins of the 14th, and Sainz of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-3-2.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exclusions for certain offenses involving a victim under 16 years of age, so as to include the offense of aggravated sexual battery; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1283.](#)

By Representatives Panitch of the 51st, Gunter of the 8th, Hagan of the 156th, Holcomb of the 101st, and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 19 and Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to family violence and discovery, respectively, so as to authorize the creation of Family Justice Centers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY, JUVENILE

[HB 1284.](#)

By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Burns of the 159th, Parrish of the 158th, Erwin of the 32nd, Donatucci of the 105th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local boards of education, so as to provide for the awarding of high school diplomas to high school students who are at the end of life; to provide for waivers; to provide for posthumous awarding of such diplomas; to provide for policies, rules, and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 1285.](#)

By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Stephens of the 164th, Barrett of the 24th, Williams of the 148th, Hong of the 103rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales and use taxes, so as to revise provisions limiting the number of local sales and use taxes by authorizing counties to collect an enhanced homestead option sales tax as well as a local option sales tax; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1286.](#)

By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, DeLoach of the 167th, LaHood of the 175th, Jasperse of the 11th, and Williams of the 168th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 32, Code Section 48-8-242, and Article 1 of Chapter 39 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries, definitions relative to special district transportation sales and use tax (TSPLOST), and creation and organization of the Atlanta-region Transit Link "ATL" Authority, respectively, so as to abolish the position of director of planning; to transfer duties and responsibilities relative to transportation planning to the commissioner of transportation; 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 1287.](#)

By Representative McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to officers of the Department of Transportation, so as to revise the method for selection of the position of commissioner; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HB 1288.](#)

By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Dawson of the 65th, Flournoy of the 74th, Panitch of the 51st, Beckles of the 96th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 35-3-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to collection of DNA samples and time and procedure for withdrawal of blood samples, so as to require consent or a court order to withdraw blood from persons who are to be incarcerated or are to be released for DNA testing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1289.](#)

By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, Dawson of the 65th, Flournoy of the 74th, Beckles of the 96th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to modify provisions for the offense of rape; to provide for penalties; to provide for a limitation on defense; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1290.](#)

By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Cooper of the 45th, LaHood of the 175th, and Fincher of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of elder persons, so as to revise the definition of sexual abuse; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Sexual Offender Risk Review Board, so as to provide for dangerous sexual offenses occurring after June 30, 2026; 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 1291.](#)

By Representatives Gisler of the 121st, Park of the 107th, Douglas of the 78th, and Okoye of the 102nd:

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 an income tax credit for certain costs in providing a transportation benefit to certain employees; to provide for limitations; to provide for a public awareness campaign; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[*HB 1302.](#)

By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Seabaugh of the 34th, Wade of the 9th, Dubnik of the 29th, Erwin of the 32nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 34, and 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, labor and industrial relations, and state government, respectively, so as to provide for the reconstitution of the Office of Student Achievement as the Office of Education and Workforce Strategy; to provide for a combined Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan and Perkins State Plan; to provide for registered apprenticeship programs; to designate the Technical College System of Georgia as the state apprenticeship agency for the State of Georgia and provide for related authority and responsibilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for conforming changes; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

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[SB 400.](#)

By Senators Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Payne of the 54th, Dixon of the 45th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1A of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions, so as to prohibit unaccredited institutions from offering degrees; to require certain institutions to participate in the Tuition Guaranty Trust Fund and to provide how such institutions may participate; to provide for indemnification; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[SB 444.](#)

By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hodges of the 3rd, Harbison of the 15th, and Walker III of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide that certain decisions with regard to the provision of insurance coverage for healthcare services shall not be based solely on artificial intelligence systems, artificial intelligence, or other software tools; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE
INNOVATION