

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026
TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY

*Rules Suspended

[HB 1315.](#)

By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th, Reeves of the 99th, Washburn of the 144th, Frye of the 122nd, and Powell of the 33rd:

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 maximum period of time a local government may enforce certain moratoria; to prohibit reimposition of certain moratoria within a certain period of time; to waive sovereign immunity on claims related to damages arising from moratoria exceeding such limitations; to provide for recoverable damages and attorney's fees; to provide for legislative findings; 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 1316.](#)

By Representatives Tarvin of the 2nd and Cameron of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes, approved May 13, 2025 (Ga. L. 2025, p. 3901), so as to remove the five year residency requirement for the homestead exemption for residents of such school district who are 75 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 1317.](#)

By Representatives Horner of the 3rd, Cameron of the 1st, and Tarvin of the 2nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Fort Oglethorpe to levy an excise tax pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 48-13-51 of

the O.C.G.A.; to provide procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1318.](#)

By Representatives Carpenter of the 4th and Rice of the 139th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide for an actuarial study on state based paid family and medical leave insurance program; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings and legislative purpose; to provide for a contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HB 1319.](#)

By Representative Carpenter of the 4th:

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 a premium discount for motor vehicles with certain antitheft devices in private passenger automobile insurance and commercial motor vehicle insurance that include comprehensive coverage; to provide for a definition; to provide for the Commissioner of Insurance to approve rate filings; 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 INSURANCE

[HB 1320.](#)

By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Dickey of the 134th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Greene of the 154th, and Anderson of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 46-3A-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to filing and approval of an integrated resource plan, so as to provide for nuclear energy generation facilities in the integrated resource plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

[HB 1321.](#)

By Representatives Gambill of the 15th and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of \$100,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; 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 -
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[HB 1322.](#)

By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, DeLoach of the 167th, Cannon of the 172nd, and others:

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 repeal the misdemeanor penalty and 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 JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1323.](#)

By Representative Neal of the 79th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electrical service, so as to require new data centers to operate as hybrid power data centers; to provide for certification by the Public Service Commission; to provide for enforcement; 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 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT

[HB 1324.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Cannon of the 172nd, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, and Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dangerous instrumentalities and practices, so as to repeal the prohibition on possessing a silencer; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1325.](#)

By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th, Cox of the 28th, Persinger of the 119th, Hagan of the 156th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-736 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student codes of conduct, distribution, disciplinary action for violations, and parental involvement, so as to require local boards of education to provide parents and teachers opportunities to be involved in developing and updating student codes of conduct; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 1326.](#)

By Representatives Neal of the 79th and Jones of the 143rd:

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 imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits from income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for living wage jobs; to provide for amounts, conditions, and limitations; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1327.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Crowe of the 118th, Burchett of the 176th, Efstration of the 104th, and Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, so as to require the local board of education or other governing body of each public and private elementary and secondary school in this state to install key boxes at each school building in locations determined in collaboration with local law enforcement and emergency management agencies; to provide for the purpose, content, and minimum standards of such key boxes; to provide for policies and procedures; to provide for immunity from

civil liability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 1328.](#)

By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Bonner of the 73rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Dubnik of the 29th, Gaines of the 120th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 5A of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to University of North Georgia military scholarships, so as to authorize the selection committee to select additional scholarship recipients; to authorize additional nominations for candidates to receive a scholarship; to provide a limit on the number of scholarships that can be awarded; to provide criteria for selecting scholarship recipients; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[HB 1329.](#)

By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Newton of the 127th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to controlled substances, so as to provide for certain provisions relating to Schedule I controlled substances; to provide for certain provisions relating to the definition of dangerous drugs; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1330.](#)

By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Camp of the 135th, Ballard of the 147th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Hugley of the 141st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the Georgia Public School Excellence and Stability (GPSES) grant program; to provide for eligibility; to provide for requirements; to clarify student residency qualification for promise scholarship accounts; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 1331.](#)

By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, Romman of the 97th, Berry of the 56th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Bell of the 75th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Minimum Wage Law," so as to provide for minimum wage pay to workers whose compensation consists wholly or partially of gratuities; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HB 1332.](#)

By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Sainz of the 180th, Crowe of the 118th, Fleming of the 114th, Chastain of the 7th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to require certain hospitals to give a preference to American manufactured pharmaceuticals; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions and waivers; to provide for documentation; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 1333.](#)

By Representative Kelley of the 16th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 30 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to municipal corporations only, so as to provide for the calculation of the costs of governmental affairs activities by municipalities which taxpayers may elect not to pay; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1334.](#)

By Representatives Okoye of the 102nd, Adeyina of the 110th, Holly of the 116th, Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to create the Georgia-Africa and Caribbean Trade Commission; to provide for members and purpose of the commission; to provide for annual reporting; to create a fund for commission

expenses; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

[HB 1335.](#)

By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Stephens of the 164th, Holly of the 116th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Williams of the 168th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, so as to provide for certain longshoremen and related maritime, port, warehouse, and logistics workers to be considered essential workers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 1336.](#)

By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Anderson of the 10th, LaHood of the 175th, Burchett of the 176th, Jenkins of the 136th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 12 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of airline companies, so as to require that at least 50 percent of revenues collected from a local tax jurisdiction's levy of ad valorem taxes on such tax jurisdiction's apportionment of aircraft by the commissioner be dedicated to the maintenance and operations of airports within the tax jurisdiction; 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 WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1337.](#)

By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Jones of the 47th, Martin of the 49th, Gunter of the 8th, and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for the retention and expenditure of passport application and processing fees by clerks of superior courts and probate court judges; to provide for retention of certain fees as personal compensation; to provide for disclosures in written reports; to provide for use of certain fees; to provide for limitations; to authorize the adoption of local acts; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 1338.](#)

By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Jackson of the 165th, Petrea of the 166th, and Gilliard of the 162nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a homestead exemption from certain City of Savannah ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted assessed value of such homestead for the taxable year immediately preceding the taxable year in which this exemption was first granted to the current owner of such homestead, approved April 13, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4223), as amended, so as to prevent any increases in the adjusted base year assessed value of properties above the value set in tax year 2025; 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 1339.](#)

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

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for a new charter for the county-wide government of Columbus, Georgia, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4978), as amended, so as to revise provisions for filling vacancies in the office of mayor or councilor; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1340.](#)

By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Cox of the 28th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for homestead exemptions from Hall County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for certain residents of that school district who are senior citizens, approved April 6, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4281), as amended, so as to increase the income cap on the homestead exemption provided to residents of the school district 62 years of age and older; to provide that any person 66 years of age or older shall receive a new exemption on the first \$400,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead; 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 1341.](#)

By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Dunahoo of the 31st, Cox of the 28th, Clark of the 100th, Dubnik of the 29th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Hall County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; 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 1345.](#)

By Representatives Rice of the 139th, Efstoration of the 104th, Donatucci of the 105th, Reeves of the 99th, Hilton of the 48th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 14 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Workforce Development Board, so as to provide for the approval of certain eligible workforce training programs relative to implementing the federal Workforce Pell Grant program; to provide a definition; 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 HIGHER EDUCATION

[HB 1346.](#)

By Representatives Jones of the 143rd, Hugley of the 141st, Herring of the 145th, and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to insurance, so as to provide for coverage for comprehensive maternal mental health screening and care; to provide for such screenings at specific points during and after pregnancy as deemed necessary by a physician or other healthcare provider; to provide for reports; 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 maternal mental health screenings for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 1347.](#)

By Representatives Thomas of the 21st, Carson of the 46th, Erwin of the 32nd, and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to provide certain retirement systems the option to invest in real estate; to provide for an increase in certain retirement systems allowable alternative investments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RETIREMENT

[HB 1348.](#)

By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Gunter of the 8th, Leverett of the 123rd, and DeLoach of the 167th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to receivers relative to civil practice, so as to provide for compensation for receivers; to provide for a cap on compensation; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 1349.](#)

By Representatives Glaize of the 67th, Miller of the 62nd, Dawson of the 65th, Panitch of the 51st, Bazemore of the 69th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing in Fulton County a system for pension and retirement to pay teachers and employees of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 2, 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p. 528), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 9, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 4002), and an Act approved May 3, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 3568), so as to revise the membership of the pension board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1350.](#)

By Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Byrd of the 20th, Jones of the 25th, Clark of the 100th, Barrett of the 24th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to protect the rights of individuals to make autonomous decisions regarding medical interventions; to prohibit exclusion based on medical interventions; to repeal the authority of the Department of Public Health and all county boards of health to require persons to submit to vaccinations or other measures to prevent contagious or infectious diseases; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

[HB 1351.](#)

By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Holcomb of the 101st, Beckles of the 96th, Evans of the 57th, Ali of the 106th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of state government, so as to require state agencies to provide a notice to employees when using artificial intelligence in personnel matters; to require a governmental agency to issue a disclaimer regarding the use of artificial intelligence; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1352.](#)

By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Jones of the 25th, Chastain of the 7th, Gambill of the 15th, and Burchett of the 176th:

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, so as to provide for public school students to be permitted to attend courses in religious moral instruction provided by an individual or organization independently of a public school, subject to certain conditions; to provide for such conditions; to provide for students to receive academic credit for such courses; to require local education agencies to adopt certain policies; to prohibit students who participate in such courses from being counted as absent from school; to provide for responsibilities of the Department of Education; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; 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 1353.](#)

By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to excise tax on rooms, lodgings, and accommodations, so as to exclude usufructs from assessments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[*HB 1360.](#)

By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st, Cannon of the 172nd, Yearta of the 152nd, Greene of the 154th, Bonner of the 73rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-380 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to refunds of taxes and license fees by counties and municipalities, time and manner of filing claims and actions for refund, and authority to approve or disapprove claims, so as to prohibit class action suits; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[*HB 1370.](#)

By Representatives Carson of the 46th and Blackmon of the 146th:

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 imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for state income tax, so as to exclude a portion of overtime compensation and cash tips from taxation; to provide for reporting by employers; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a definition; 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

[HR 1371.](#)

By Representatives Crowe of the 118th, Jones of the 25th, Corbett of the 174th, Smith of the 18th, Momtahan of the 17th, and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Code Revisions for Autonomous Vehicles; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE
INNOVATION

[HR 1372.](#)

By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Jones of the 60th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Parsons of the 44th, Sanchez of the 42nd, and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the life of Mr. John A. Williams and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HR 1390.](#)

By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Oliver of the 84th, Glaize of the 67th, and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION urging action to protect the statue of Juliette Gordon Low within the Juliette Gordon Low Building; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[*HR 1392.](#)

By Representatives Blackmon of the 146th and Leverett of the 123rd:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that qualified low-income building projects may be classified as a separate class of property for ad valorem property tax purposes, and different rates, methods, and assessment dates may be provided for such building projects; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

SENATE FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
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[SB 143.](#)

By Senators Albers of the 56th, Payne of the 54th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Still of the 48th, Robertson of the 29th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., relating to retirement, retirement allowances, disability benefits, and death benefits relative to the Georgia Firefighter's Pension Fund, so as to provide for certain members to retire at age 50; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to provide for an exception for the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund to invest in assets rated below investment grade; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RETIREMENT

[SB 369.](#)

By Senators Still of the 48th, Esteves of the 35th, Kemp of the 38th, and Brass of the 6th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Charter Schools Act of 1998," so as to provide for completion charter schools; to provide for rules, regulations, policies, and procedures; to provide for the conversion of existing charter schools to completion charter schools; to provide for measurable objective performance standards; to provide for separate principles and standards for completion charter schools; to provide for a definition; 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

[SB 452.](#)

By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Robertson of the 29th, Strickland of the 42nd, Tillery of the 19th, Albers of the 56th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-2-357 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to withdrawal, employer contributions, vesting, and date of election, so as to increase the maximum employer contribution to a 401(k) for certain state law enforcement officers; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RETIREMENT

[SB 494.](#)

By Senator Summers of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Irwin County, approved February 16, 1933 (Ga. L. 1933, p. 571), as amended, so as to revise provisions relating to the compensation of the board of commissioners; to revise provisions relating to appointment of the clerk of the board of commissioners; to provide for the duties of the chairperson of the board of commissioners; to provide for a vice chairperson of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
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