FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025
TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY

*Rules Suspended

HB 508.
By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Bell of the 75th, and Myles of the 126th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to prohibit the sale, transfer, use, possession, importation, or manufacture of certain firearms and magazines; to provide for the continued possession of certain firearms and magazines; to provide for exceptions and exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for findings; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

HB 509.
By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Glaize of the 67th, Schofield of the 63rd, and Davis of the 87th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to provide that certain persons disqualified from holding office pursuant to operation of the United States Constitution shall not be nominated or elected to office; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to vacation of office, so as to provide for vacation of office by operation of certain provisions of the United States Constitution or by engaging in activities that could result in a person being defined as a subversive person; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

HB 510.
By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Schofield of the 63rd, Alexander of the 66th, Davis of the 87th, Glaize of the 67th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-6-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child support guidelines for determining amount of award, continuation of duty of support, and duration of support, so as to provide for the duration

of child support for postsecondary education; 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 511.
By Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Blackmon of the 146th, Williams of the 148th, Burchett of the 176th, Hatchett of the 155th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 32 of Title 33 and Code Section 48-7-27 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property insurance and computation of taxable net income, respectively, so as to provide for deductions from taxable income for contributions by taxpayers to catastrophe savings accounts and interest earned on such accounts; to establish limits for contributions to such accounts; to provide for definitions; 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 512.
By Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Hugley of the 141st, Washburn of the 144th, Powell of the 33rd, Campbell of the 35th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation of specialized land transactions, so as to revise provisions related to property owners' associations; to require such associations to provide annual certificates of good standing for the payment of assessments and other charges; to require such associations to offer participation in alternative dispute resolution prior to the creation of a lien for unpaid assessments and other charges; to amend Code Section 44-14-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fee for a future conveyance and limited circumstances relative to property, so as to provide for a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

HB 513.
By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Anderson of the 10th, Burchett of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, and Prince of the 132nd:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 70 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to service delivery, so as to revise provisions related to the county share of funding for jointly funded county-wide services be borne by

unincorporated residents; to provide for annual reports thereof; 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

HB 514.
By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Campbell of the 35th, Ridley of the 22nd, Parsons of the 44th, and Jones of the 60th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Kennesaw, approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4234), as amended, so as to change provisions relating to the corporate limits of the city; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION - LOCAL

HB 515.
By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Prince of the 132nd, Myles of the 126th, Howard of the 129th, and Heffner of the 130th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a sixth judge of the superior courts of the Augusta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for related matters; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

HB 516.
By Representatives New of the 40th, Hawkins of the 27th, Ballard of the 147th, Scoggins of the 14th, Persinger of the 119th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to meetings open to the public, limitation on action to contest agency action, recording, notice of time and place, access to minutes, and teleconferences, so as to authorize county and regional library boards to conduct meetings via teleconference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on STATE PLANNING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

HB 517.
By Representatives Berry of the 56th, Ballard of the 147th, Olaleye of the 59th, Greene of the 154th, Hagan of the 156th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-154 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the remedial education program under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the State Board of Education to establish a grant program for supplemental remedial education services in literacy and math for all students in kindergarten through grade 12 who attend one of the lowest performing five percent of public schools in the state; 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 518.
By Representative Holcomb of the 101st:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to searches and seizures, so as to authorize the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to create and operate a state-wide sexual assault kit tracking system; to amend Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for the creation of the Forensic Medical Examination Advisory Committee; to provide for composition; to provide for rules; to provide for training protocols regarding forensic medical examinations; to provide for forensic testing; to provide 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 519.
By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Mathis of the 133rd, Reeves of the 99th, and Williams of the 148th:
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, exemption, and credits, so as to provide that the amount of the federal work opportunity credit claimed by a taxpayer shall also be allowed as a tax credit against state income taxes; to provide for conditions, eligibility, limitations, and recaptures; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for automatic repeal; 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 520.
By Representatives Mathiak of the 82nd, Powell of the 33rd, Momtahan of the 17th, Williams of the 168th, Dempsey of the 13th, 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 repeal in its entirety Chapter 26, relating to the practice of midwifery; to revise provisions relating to peer review to include midwives; to amend Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses, so as to provide for the licensure and regulation of midwives; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an exception under the "Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice 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 PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

HB 521.
By Representatives Anderson of the 10th, LaHood of the 175th, Leverett of the 123rd, Cannon of the 172nd, Kelley of the 16th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 8 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal deannexation, so as to revise procedures related to the deannexation of certain properties; 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

HB 522.
By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Scoggins of the 14th, Mathiak of the 82nd, and Gambill of the 15th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding health, so as to prohibit certain healthcare providers and facilities from discriminating against potential organ transplant recipients due solely to the vaccine status of the potential recipient; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

HB 523.
By Representatives Gullett of the 19th and Cannon of the 172nd:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 36 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annexation pursuant to application by 100 percent of landowners, so as to provide that such annexations are contingent upon approval of the

county in which the subject property is located; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

HB 524.
By Representatives Bell of the 75th, Mitchell of the 88th, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th, and Romman of the 97th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding public officers and employees, so as to provide that elected officers or officials shall not have their employment terminated solely as a result of being elected to or holding an elected office; to provide for termination of such employment if holding such office impairs more than half of the elected officer's or official's employment duties; to provide for mandatory leave without pay for certain public employees holding certain elected offices; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

HB 525.
By Representatives Gullett of the 19th and Smith of the 18th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to discovery, so as to change provisions relating to discovery in misdemeanor cases; to provide for reciprocal discovery on behalf of the accused; to require the accused to provide a list of witness and alibi information to the prosecuting attorney; to provide for procedures; to provide for a penalty for noncompliance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

HB 526.
By Representatives Newton of the 127th, Stephens of the 164th, Buckner of the 137th, Washburn of the 144th, and Petrea of the 166th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to ad valorem taxation of property, so as to provide for an extension of preferential assessment periods for certain historic properties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

HB 527.
By Representatives Tran of the 80th, Holcomb of the 101st, Campbell of the 35th, Carpenter of the 4th, and Roberts of the 52nd:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-15-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protocol committee on child abuse, written protocol, training of members, and written sexual abuse and exploitation protocol, so as to provide for the creation and revision of certain child abuse protocol procedures for cases of alleged child abuse; to modify the composition of the committee; to provide for noncompliance and contempt of court; to provide for filing of protocol; to provide for certain protocol provisions; to provide for the adoption of rules and procedures; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY, JUVENILE

HB 528.
By Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Hagan of the 156th, Hugley of the 141st, Stephens of the 164th, Oliver of the 84th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to revenue and taxation, so as to require certain high resource use facilities to provide disclosures regarding community impact and energy and water usage; to require such disclosures prior to entering into a contract for tax incentives or applying for a governmental permit, approval, or license to construct or operate a high resource use facility; to provide for the required contents of such disclosures; to provide for method and means of submission and publication; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

HB 529.
By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Efstration of the 104th, Holcomb of the 101st, Gaines of the 120th, Camp of the 135th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts, so as to provide consumers with the option of having service contracts that contain automatic renewal provisions terminate after their specified period rather than being subject to the automatic renewal provision; to provide requirements relating to the exercise of such option; to revise the application of notice and disclosure requirements relating to automatic renewals in service contracts; to amend Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commerce and trade, so as to revise the application of requirements relating to online automatic renewals and

continuous service offers; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; 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 AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 530.
By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Reeves of the 99th, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, and Oliver of the 84th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to time, place, and procedure, so as to provide for authorization for the electronic filing of pleadings in probate court; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for fees; to provide for access to pleadings for certain staff and litigants; to provide for limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

HB 531.
By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Gunter of the 8th, and Silcox of the 53rd:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 5-6-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to judgments and rulings deemed directly appealable, procedure for review of judgments, orders, or decisions not subject to direct appeal, scope of review, hearings in criminal cases involving a capital offense for which death penalty is sought, and appeals involving nonmonetary judgments in child custody cases, so as to provide for certain appellate procedures regarding the denial of sovereign and any other immunity available to the state or a city or county in this state; to provide for time limitations; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

HB 532.
By Representative DeLoach of the 167th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-6A-12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual grant when state owns property and calculations, so as to revise provisions related to certain counties claiming such grant while also claiming similar grants in Chapter 14 of Title 48, relating to grants and special revenue disbursements; to amend Code Section 48-14-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual grant to counties with 20,000 or more acres of unimproved real estate owned by Department of Natural Resources, so as to revise provisions related

to counties claiming such grant while also claiming similar grants in Code Section 12-6A-12; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

HB 533.
By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Holcomb of the 101st, Efstration of the 104th, Wiedower of the 121st, Smith of the 18th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 17 and 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to criminal procedure and General Assembly, respectively, so as to allow for wrongful conviction compensation claims; to provide for a short title; to provide for notice of claims; to require administrative law judges within the Office of State Administrative Hearings to hear and evaluate such claims; to provide for the burden of proof and evidence to be considered by an administrative law judge; to require the Supreme Court of Georgia and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to provide certain individuals with a copy of this Act; to provide for definitions; to exclude wrongful conviction compensation claims from the purview of the Claims Advisory Board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

HB 534.
By Representatives Jackson of the 68th and Glaize of the 67th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the governing authority of the City of Fairburn 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 535.
By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Hong of the 103rd, Leverett of the 123rd, Evans of the 57th, and Miller of the 62nd:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-8-38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to arrest or graduated sanctions for probationers violating terms, hearing, disposition of charge, and procedure when probation revoked in county other than that of conviction, so as to provide for credit for time served regarding probation revocation sentencing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

HB 536.
By Representatives Jackson of the 68th and Glaize of the 67th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Public Facilities Authority of the City of Fairburn; to provide for a short title and definitions; to confer powers and impose duties on the authority; to provide for the membership of the authority and their terms of office, qualifications, duties, powers, and compensation; to provide for venue and jurisdiction; to provide for trust funds; to provide for charges; to provide for tort immunity; to provide for tax exemptions and exemptions from levy and sale; to provide for area of operation; to provide for supplemental powers; to provide for effect on other governments; to provide for conveyance of property upon dissolution; to provide for liberal construction; to provide for severability; 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 - LOCAL

HB 537.
By Representative Blackmon of the 146th:
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 provide for the maximum amount of local sales and use taxes that may be imposed; to revise provisions related to a special district sales and use tax; to provide for conditions under which such tax may be imposed; to provide for clarifications; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

*HB 559.
By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Crowe of the 118th, Martin of the 49th, Buckner of the 137th, Cannon of the 172nd, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, so as to revise a sunset date for an exemption for certain high-technology data center equipment; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

*HB 560.
By Representatives Martin of the 49th and Blackmon of the 146th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to joint county and municipal sales and use tax (LOST), so as to revise provisions related to negotiations for the distribution of tax

proceeds; to limit the application of certain requirements with respect to absent counties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

HR 303.
By Representative Williams of the 148th:
A RESOLUTION recognizing Mr. Johnny Floyd and dedicating an interchange in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

HR 304.
By Representatives Au of the 50th, Cooper of the 45th, Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, and Buckner of the 137th:
A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Costs and Effects of Smoking; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

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SB 45.
By Senators Watson of the 11th, Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, and Kennedy of the 18th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; to provide for related matters; to provide for a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

SB 59.
By Senators Watson of the 11th, Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-7.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preferential assessment for bona fide conservation use property and bona fide residential transitional property, so as to remove a limitation on leased property as to certain entities; 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

SB 77.
By Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Setzler of the 37th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from City of Cartersville independent school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in an amount equal to the amount by which the current year assessed value of a homestead exceeds the adjusted base year assessed value of such homestead; 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

SB 89.
By Senators Strickland of the 42nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Brass of the 6th, Beach of the 21st, Rhett of the 33rd, 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 increase the amount of a tax credit based on the federal tax credit for certain child and dependent care expenses to 40 percent of such federal tax credit; to provide for a child income tax credit; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations and proration; to provide for rules and regulations; to revise a tax credit for employers providing child care; to decrease the number of children who use the facility that are required to be children of employees to qualify for such credit; to increase the amount of the credit; 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

SB 137.
By Senator Dixon of the 45th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the City of Mulberry, approved February 13, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 3518), so as to revise provisions related to jurisdiction of the municipal court; to revise transition provisions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION - LOCAL

SR 56.
By Senators Watson of the 11th, Hickman of the 4th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, and Kennedy of the 18th:
A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property; 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 WAYS & MEANS