

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026  
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

\*Rules Suspended

[HB 1354.](#)

By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Hatchett of the 155th, and Newton of the 127th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to require certain health insurers providing a network plan to approve credentialing applications within a certain time frame; to provide for the Department of Insurance to establish a standardized credentialing application; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT

[HB 1355.](#)

By Representative Werkheiser of the 157th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to workers' compensation, so as to update workers' compensation law on experience modification factors, refusal of suitable employment procedures, and certain benefits; to provide for petitions, notices, teleconferences, and signed sworn statements; to permit an interlocutory order; to increase weekly benefits for a maximum weekly wage compensation for total disability; to increase weekly benefits for a maximum weekly wage compensation for temporary partial disability; to increase the maximum amounts for certain death benefits; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HB 1356.](#)

By Representative Stinson of the 150th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners for Macon County, approved August 26, 1872 (Ga. L. 1872, p. 434), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 14, 1983 (Ga. L. 1983, p. 4048), and by an Act approved March 18, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 3849), so as to revise the compensation of the chairperson and members 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 -  
LOCAL

[HB 1357.](#)

By Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Burns of the 159th, and Parrish of the 158th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Bulloch County Public Facilities Authority and to provide for the appointment of members of the authority, approved June 30, 2020 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 3929), so as to revise provisions related to revenue bonding authority; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 1358.](#)

By Representative LaHood of the 175th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Brooks County; to provide for authorized uses of the proceeds of such technology fee; to provide for the termination of such technology fee and dedication of residual funds; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 1359.](#)

By Representative LaHood of the 175th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create a board of elections and registration for Brooks County, approved April 20, 2011 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 3703), so as to expand the board to five members; to provide for a quorum of the board; to revise the manner in which members of the board are appointed by the governing authority of the county; to make conforming changes regarding filling vacancies on the board; to provide that the elections supervisor and employees of such supervisor shall be subject to hiring, firing, and the control of the board of elections; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 1361.](#)

By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Hawkins of the 27th, and Dempsey of the 13th:  
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to provide for the compounding of certain active pharmaceutical ingredients; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the sale, transfer, or distribution of certain compounded drugs under certain conditions; to require manufacturers and wholesalers to provide certain documentation; to

provide for record maintenance; to provide for the timely furnishing of records to the State Board of Pharmacy; to authorize inspections by the State Board of Pharmacy; to provide for penalties and enforcement; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 1362.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th, Burchett of the 176th, Smith of the 18th, Corbett of the 174th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for eligibility and qualifications for office, so as to provide that persons having certain financial interest shall be ineligible to hold certain public offices; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for conflicts of interest, so as to prohibit state public officials from having financial interest in certain state contracts or from transacting business with the state; to revise disclosure provisions; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1363.](#)

By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Efstration of the 104th, Fleming of the 114th, Panitch of the 51st, and Carson of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to authorize public schools and postsecondary educational institutions to consider antisemitism in the same manner as discrimination based on religion; to require the Department of Education to establish a state-wide K-12 Title VI Coordinator; to require the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish a state-wide Higher Education Title VI Coordinator; to authorize withholding of funds for noncompliance; to provide for notice and appeal procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[HB 1364.](#)

By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Scoggins of the 14th, Kelley of the 16th, Momtahan of the 17th, and Gambill of the 15th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions relative to time-

share projects and programs, so as to repeal provisions for nonjudicial foreclosures on time-share estates, subject to exceptions for time-share estates created during certain time periods; 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 1365.](#)

By Representatives Jones of the 25th, Silcox of the 53rd, Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Evans of the 57th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-6-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the number of judges of superior courts, so as to provide for a twenty-first judge of the superior courts of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit; to provide for the appointment of such additional judge by the Governor; to provide for the election of successors to the judge initially appointed; to prescribe the powers of such judge; to provide for the powers and duties of such additional judge; to preserve existing local Acts regarding such judicial circuit; to provide for the compensation of such additional judge; 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 1366.](#)

By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Smith of the 41st, Park of the 107th, Evans of the 57th, Glaize of the 67th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Student Finance Authority, so as to create the Georgia Teacher Retention Scholarship to provide scholarships to children of public school teachers who have been teaching for at least ten years to cover the cost of tuition at eligible postsecondary institutions; to provide for eligibility; to provide for scholarship award amounts; to provide for continued eligibility; to provide for applications; to provide for definitions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for a funding contingency; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[HB 1367.](#)

By Representatives Roberts of the 52nd, Bazemore of the 69th, Silcox of the 53rd, Cannon of the 58th, Au of the 50th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating one or more community improvement districts in unincorporated Fulton County, approved April 3, 1987 (Ga. L.

1987, p. 5460), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 2, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 4065), so as to provide for the appointment of a certain number of board members in the case of vacancies on the board; to provide for special elections for certain vacancies; to provide for notice; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 1368.](#)

By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Hatchett of the 155th, Stephens of the 164th, Dempsey of the 13th, and Reese of the 140th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mental health, so as to provide for the re-creation of community service boards; to reconstitute the governing boards of community service boards; to provide for conforming changes; 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 revise a provision authorizing community service boards to conduct teleconference meetings under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

[HB 1369.](#)

By Representatives Clark of the 100th, Bonner of the 73rd, Barrett of the 24th, Ridley of the 22nd, Horner of the 3rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to laws and statutes, so as to revise provisions relating to the effect and enforcement of foreign laws; to provide that no court, arbitration panel, administrative agency, or other tribunal shall enforce a foreign law if doing so would violate a right guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the Georgia Constitution; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to change provisions relating to forum non conveniens; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding venue, so as to provide for a cross-reference; 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 1371.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Carpenter of the 4th, Horner of the 3rd, Kelley of the 16th, and Scoggins of the 14th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income taxes, so as to create income tax credits for business enterprises that meet certain job and investment requirements; to provide for an application and review process for certification of qualified projects; to provide for wage, capital enhancement, and location based incentives for income tax credits; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for limitations in the amount of credits issued; to provide for refundability of credits; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1372.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Horner of the 3rd, Thomas of the 21st, Tarvin of the 2nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 2-1-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibiting the acquisition of possessory interest in certain land by certain foreign persons and entities, so as to prohibit certain foreign persons and entities from acquiring a possessory interest in land located near critical infrastructure without prior approval by the Attorney General; to provide for the scope of the possessory interest; to provide for penalties; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 1373.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Horner of the 3rd, and Douglas of the 78th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to gambling, so as to revise certain exceptions from the criminal prohibitions on gambling for coin operated amusement machines; to expand such exceptions to coin operated amusement machines that may be operated for the play of poker, blackjack, any other card game, or keno; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 1374.](#)

By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Stephens of the 164th, Jasperse of the 11th, Newton of the 127th, and Clark of the 100th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance generally, so as to provide for certain requirements concerning methods of payment to healthcare providers; to provide for definitions; to provide for notification; to provide for the avoidance of additional fees; to prohibit contractual waivers of certain statutory requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 1375.](#)

By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Hong of the 103rd, Clark of the 100th, Dunahoo of the 31st, and Dubnik of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Hall County, approved August 14, 1891 (Ga. L. 1890-91, Vol. II, p. 939), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p. 4069), so as to restate provisions related to the number, qualification, and compensation of the judges of said court; to restate provisions related to the chief judge; to provide for an additional judge for said court effective January 1, 2028; to provide for the initial appointment and subsequent election of such additional judge; to provide a definition; to repeal superseded provisions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 1376.](#)

By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Lupton of the 83rd, Ali of the 106th, Baker of the 64th, and Beckles of the 96th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, so as to establish the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired; to provide for the composition of the commission; to provide for an executive director; to provide for duties; to provide for an annual report; to require the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency to consult with the commission; 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 1377.](#)

By Representatives Carson of the 46th, Efstration of the 104th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Parsons of the 44th, Donatucci of the 105th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5B of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special districts for transit purposes sales and use tax (Transit SPLOST), so as to provide for time limits upon the recalling of an election for approval of such special sales and use tax upon failure to approve; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1378.](#)

By Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Stinson of the 150th, Donatucci of the 105th, Evans of the 57th, Glaize of the 67th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2B of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Promise Scholarship Act," so as to clarify student residency qualification for promise scholarship accounts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 1379.](#)

By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Panitch of the 51st, Carson of the 46th, Cox of the 28th, and Fleming of the 114th:

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 semiannual reports from institutions of the University System of Georgia, units of the Technical College System of Georgia, and local school systems and other public schools regarding funding received from foreign sources; to provide requirements for such reports; to provide for such reports to be made publicly available; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[HB 1380.](#)

By Representatives Myles of the 126th, Neal of the 79th, Hitchens of the 161st, Powell of the 33rd, Prince of the 132nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-74 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates for persons with disabilities, so as to provide for the issuance of special license plates that display the International Symbol of Access upon the special license plate issued to current and former members of the General

Assembly for qualified applicants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 1381.](#)

By Representatives Park of the 107th, Jones of the 25th, Gisler of the 121st, Herring of the 145th, Camp of the 135th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3A of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to integrated resource planning, so as to require grid modernization assessments to be filed with integrated resources plans; to require justification for new transmission construction instead of utilizing certain new technologies; to provide for the recovery of costs; to provide for the recovery of certain savings related to new technologies; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

[HB 1382.](#)

By Representatives Gisler of the 121st, Bonner of the 73rd, Jackson of the 68th, Scott of the 76th, and Davis of the 87th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to encourage the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and authorize the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to maintain policies for institutions and units of each system to grant academic credit to active duty military or veteran students based on military service; to encourage and authorize the use of joint service transcripts and related credit recommendations; to encourage and authorize the development of a guide in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service for certain students; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[HB 1383.](#)

By Representative Smith of the 18th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to air quality, so as to provide for daily emission limitations for toluene from stationary sources located within the Tallapoosa River Basin; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

[\\*HB 1393.](#)

By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, O'Steen of the 169th, Hagan of the 156th, Burchett of the 176th, Parrish of the 158th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to county and municipal hospital authorities, so as to allow rural hospitals to join together to allow further purchasing power with third-party payors but retain their independence; to provide for legislative findings and intentions; to provide for the application doctrine developed in federal antitrust jurisprudence; to provide for construction; to provide for immunity; to provide for collaboration; to provide for joint negotiations with third-party payors; to provide for best practices; to provide for shared staffing; to provide for certain immunity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[\\*HB 1394.](#)

By Representatives Jackson of the 128th, Griffin of the 149th, Sampson of the 153rd, Lewis-Ward of the 115th, Williams of the 168th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-3-58 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers, duties, and authority of the Department of Community Affairs and historic preservation grant program, so as to ensure that Rosenwald Schools are treated as historic properties for the purpose of the historic preservation grant program and historic preservation grant fund; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RURAL DEVELOPMENT

[HR 1391.](#)

By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, and LaHood of the 175th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mrs. Edna Sirmans Sessoms and dedicating a bridge in her memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HR 1393.](#)

By Representatives Myles of the 126th, Hugley of the 141st, Williams of the 168th, Buckner of the 137th, Greene of the 154th, and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Rural Hospitals; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

SENATE FIRST READERS IN HOUSE  
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[SB 432.](#)

By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Burns of the 23rd, Hickman of the 4th, Jones II of the 22nd, 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 extend automatic repeals of certain provisions regarding nonlapsing revenue of institutions of the University System of Georgia and units of the Technical College System of Georgia; to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to extend automatic repeals of certain provisions regarding writing off small amounts due to 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 HIGHER EDUCATION

[SB 446.](#)

By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Ginn of the 47th, Gooch of the 51st, Tillery of the 19th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student scholarship organizations, so as to provide for the State of Georgia to participate in the federal tax credit program for contributions of individuals to scholarship granting organizations; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for rules and guidelines; to provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to amend Code Section 48-7-29.16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for contributions to student scholarship organizations, so as to make a conforming change; 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 462.](#)

By Senators Still of the 48th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Watson of the 1st, Harrell of the 40th, Hatchett of the 50th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 20E of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act," so as to provide for insurance coverage for certain out-of-network ambulance transportation service; to provide for the minimum allowable reimbursement rate for such service; to provide for

maximum amounts on copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles for such service; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH