

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY

*Rules Suspended

[HB 1384.](#)

By Representatives Scoggins of the 14th, Efstration of the 104th, Burchett of the 176th, Kelley of the 16th, Cannon of the 172nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 36-34-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers relating to administration of government generally, so as to require municipalities to remit a portion of revenue generated through certain franchise agreements to the county in which they are located; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1385.](#)

By Representatives Chastain of the 7th, Lumsden of the 12th, Cox of the 28th, Barrett of the 24th, Gunter of the 8th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 8 and 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to buildings and housing and fire protection and safety, respectively, so as to improve government efficiency by updating provisions of the office of the Safety Fire Commissioner; to provide for procedures for rules promulgation, hearings, and appeals; to provide for the appointment of a deputy commissioner of safety fire; to provide for certain powers in suspected arson investigations; to provide for immediate reporting of fatalities caused by fire or smoke; to provide for suspension or revocation of a license; to provide for an increased reinspection fee; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 1386.](#)

By Representatives Dawson of the 65th, Berry of the 56th, Jones of the 60th, Glaize of the 67th, McQueen of the 61st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 62 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development authorities, so as to provide that county development authorities for certain counties shall not operate within certain municipalities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1387.](#)

By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Momtahan of the 17th, and Thomas of the 21st:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property tax exemptions and deferral, so as to provide for a state-wide homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes in an amount as determined from the proceeds generated from the collection of certain ad valorem property taxes on data centers; 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 related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1388.](#)

By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Washburn of the 144th, Ridley of the 22nd, Mitchell of the 88th, and Cameron of the 1st:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state building, plumbing, and electrical codes, so as to require that any traffic impact analysis required to obtain a building permit be completed within 36 months of the project's substantial completion; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1389.](#)

By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Mitchell of the 88th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Frye of the 122nd, Burnough of the 77th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to dispossessory proceedings, so as to extend a notice to vacate or pay to seven days; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 1390.](#)

By Representatives Willis of the 55th, Schofield of the 63rd, McQueen of the 61st, Berry of the 56th, Holland of the 54th, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-6-390.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reckless stunt driving, so as to declare motor vehicles used

in the commission of reckless stunt driving offenses contraband and authorize forfeiture; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1391.](#)

By Representatives Fleming of the 114th, Hitchens of the 161st, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, Mathiak of the 82nd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 40-2-86 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to license plates promoting or supporting certain agencies, funds, or nonprofit corporations with proceeds disbursed to the general fund and the agency, fund, or nonprofit corporation, so as to establish a specialty license plate honoring public safety officers; to provide for related matters; to provide for compliance with constitutional requirements; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 1392.](#)

By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Griffin of the 149th, and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-18-70 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirement to only practice at licensed funeral establishment, organic human reduction facility, or crematory and requirements of funeral establishments, so as to revise the requirement that a funeral establishment maintain at least eight caskets at each of its locations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 1395.](#)

By Representatives Mathis of the 133rd, Crowe of the 118th, Washburn of the 144th, Barrett of the 24th, Powell of the 33rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to drivers' licenses, so as to require the intervention component for DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Programs be conducted in person; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1396.](#)

By Representatives Efration of the 104th and Jones of the 25th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to require certain privately funded organizations that operate a shelter or provide outreach services to homeless individuals within 1,000 feet of schools, public parks, public playgrounds, or certain child care facilities to participate in the Georgia Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); to provide violations and for noncriminal citations; to provide for exceptions; to provide for a territory of applicability; to provide for legislative findings; 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 1397.](#)

By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Frye of the 122nd, Reeves of the 99th, Hagan of the 156th, and Roberts of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to investigating sexual assault, so as to provide for implied consent to a drug facilitated sexual assault examination for unconscious victims of alleged sexual assault; to provide for circumstances; to provide for evidence; 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 1398.](#)

By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Franklin of the 160th, Frye of the 122nd, Hagan of the 156th, Carpenter of the 4th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to arrest by law enforcement officers generally, so as to revise provisions relating to the arrests of pregnant women; to provide that women who have been arrested are offered pregnancy testing within a certain time of detention; to provide limitations on the use and disclosure of such information; to provide for bond; to provide for bond limitations; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating to inmate policies, so as to revise provisions relating to the treatment during incarceration of pregnant and postpartum women; to provide for definitions; to establish certain sentencing requirements for pregnant and postpartum women; to provide for related matters; to provide for short titles; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 1399.](#)

By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Tran of the 80th, and Adeyina of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to enact the "Georgia Likeness, Expression, Generative AI, and Commercial Yield (LEGACY) Act"; to provide for property rights in an individual's likeness; to require consent for use of an individual's likeness; to provide for violations; to provide for a private right of action; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE
INNOVATION

[HB 1400.](#)

By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Tran of the 80th, and Adeyina of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to selling and other trade practices, so as to provide for written disclosures relating to certain fees and performance terms; to provide for a rebuttable presumption; to provide for itemized receipts; to provide for certain notices; to provide for rescinding of certain fees; to prohibit retaliation; to provide for certain exemptions; to provide for a safe harbor; to provide for enforcement; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for severability; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for legislative intent; 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 1401.](#)

By Representatives Gisler of the 121st, Tran of the 80th, Sanchez of the 42nd, Bell of the 75th, Park of the 107th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the Department of Public Health, so as to provide for third-party audits of detention facilities that house federal immigration detainees; to provide for audit criteria; to provide for the selection of third-party auditors; to provide for reporting and publishing of annual audits; to provide for access to detention facilities to conduct annual audits; to provide for mechanisms to address a detention facility's substantial and ongoing noncompliance with federal detention standards; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for construction; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

[HB 1402.](#)

By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Burns of the 159th, Erwin of the 32nd, Donatucci of the 105th, Ballard of the 147th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to health of students, so as to require vision and hearing screening for all public school students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through third grade; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[*HB 1413.](#)

By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Hatchett of the 155th, Evans of the 57th, Newton of the 127th, Erwin of the 32nd, 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 establish a needs based scholarship program for students at eligible public and private postsecondary institutions; to provide for eligibility; to establish a fund for the scholarship; to provide definitions; 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 HIGHER EDUCATION

[*HB 1414.](#)

By Representatives Reeves of the 99th, Efstration of the 104th, Hong of the 103rd, Holcomb of the 101st, Evans of the 57th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to limited liability companies, so as to permit the creation of protected series and registered series of a limited liability company; to provide for procedures for creation of such series; to provide for the records of such series; to provide for the assets property owned by such series; to provide for consolidation of series; to provide for merger of registered series; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[*HB 1415.](#)

By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Sainz of the 180th, Martinez of the 111th, Hong of the 103rd, Mitchell of the 88th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 and Article 1 of Chapter 16 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association and public property of state generally, respectively, so as to require such association to hold all real property obtained before January 1, 1971, in trust; to prohibit such association from selling such real property; to

provide for an exception; to provide for requirements for the exceptional sale of real property by such association; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GAME, FISH, & PARKS

[HR 1415.](#)

By Representatives Prince of the 132nd and Richardson of the 125th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HR 1416.](#)

By Representatives Dickey of the 134th, Meeks of the 178th, O'Steen of the 169th, Ford of the 170th, Corbett of the 174th, and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on Generational Sustainability of Family Farms; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[HR 1417.](#)

By Representatives Wade of the 9th, Evans of the 57th, Smith of the 18th, Gaines of the 120th, Gunter of the 8th, and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 26, 2026, as Dale Murphy Day and urging the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame Committee to induct Dale Murphy into the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1418.](#)

By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Dickey of the 134th, Carpenter of the 4th, Corbett of the 174th, Williams of the 148th, and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to impose a 1 percent, state-wide sales and use tax for which the proceeds shall be distributed to the governing authorities of the counties and consolidated governments of this state on a population basis for the purpose of providing property tax relief in such counties or consolidated governments; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for

legislative findings, determinations, and declarations; 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

[HR 1419.](#)

By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Hugley of the 141st, Jones of the 47th, and Cooper of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2026 as Turner Syndrome Awareness Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES