

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

*Rules Suspended

[HB 1423.](#)

By Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Hugley of the 141st, Wilkerson of the 38th, Cummings of the 39th, Campbell of the 35th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act relating to elections and primaries approved May 6, 2024 (Ga. L. 2024, p. 1028), SB 189, so as to revise an effective date; 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 1424.](#)

By Representatives Cheokas of the 151st and Stinson of the 150th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to revise and restate the law relating to the Sumter County board of education and school superintendent, approved February 26, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 3503), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of such board; 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 1425.](#)

By Representatives Frye of the 122nd, McClain of the 109th, Gisler of the 121st, Jackson of the 165th, Cannon of the 58th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to enact the "Worker Tariff Relief Program Act"; to provide for types of assistance provided by the program; to provide for requirements for individuals to receive assistance; to provide authority to the Department of Labor to promulgate rules and regulations to administer the program; to provide for an annual report; to provide for funding; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HB 1426.](#)

By Representatives Flournoy of the 74th, Kendrick of the 95th, Beckles of the 96th, and Ali of the 106th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment and training of peace officers, so as to provide for training in the evacuation of persons with disabilities during an emergency; to amend Chapter 3 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to emergency management, so as to provide for emergency evacuation procedures for persons with disabilities, subject to appropriations; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings and declarations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 1427.](#)

By Representatives Willis of the 55th, Crawford of the 89th, Miller of the 62nd, and Cannon of the 58th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state employees' health insurance plan and post-employment health benefit fund, so as to require the state health benefit plan to cover cranial prostheses for certain covered persons experiencing partial or complete loss of body hair; to provide for definitions; to provide for cost-sharing requirements; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 1428.](#)

By Representatives McDonald III of the 26th, Reeves of the 99th, Thomas of the 21st, Okoye of the 102nd, Persinger of the 119th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 15 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional engineers and land surveyors, so as to authorize the Georgia Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Board to retain certain incidental funds generated by certain fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 1429.](#)

By Representatives Ballard of the 147th, Camp of the 135th, Townsend of the 179th, Rice of the 139th, and Panitch of the 51st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-64 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to collection of information by juvenile court clerks, reporting requirement, and data collection, so as to require that juvenile court clerks

collect and submit data regarding monetary sanctions assessed for juvenile offenders to the Administrative Office of the Courts; 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 1430.](#)

By Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Burchett of the 176th, Newton of the 127th, and Cooper of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to provide for the Department of Community Health to license supportive senior housing communities; to provide for COVID-19 requirements; to provide for employer based programs; to provide for influenza education information; to provide for residential care facilities for the elderly; to provide for hospice and palliative care; to provide background checks; to provide for the ombudsman program; to provide for remedies and protections of residents; to provide for the drug repository program; to provide for continuing care providers and facilities; 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 1431.](#)

By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Burchett of the 176th, Rhodes of the 124th, Burnough of the 77th, Horner of the 3rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 19-9-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to establishment and review of child custody and visitation, so as to provide for a presumption of joint physical custody in divorce proceedings; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 1432.](#)

By Representatives Gullett of the 19th, Park of the 107th, Burchett of the 176th, Evans of the 57th, and Gunter of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Public Defender Council, so as to provide for vacancies on the legislative oversight committee; to provide for a penalty for

failure by the council to cooperate with the committee; 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 1433.](#)

By Representatives Gullett of the 19th and Burchett of the 176th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 19 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the regulation of practice of law, so as to make certain acts of the unauthorized practice of law felonies and to provide for penalties therefore; 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 1434.](#)

By Representatives Jenkins of the 136th, Crowe of the 118th, Jasperse of the 11th, and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to powers of local governments as to air facilities, so as to provide for the identification of airport affected areas; to provide for public notice and public hearing; to require the adoption, administration, and enforcement of regulations relative to the use of land in airport affected areas; to provide for standards for adoption of such regulations; to provide for consultation with the Department of Transportation; to provide for the adoption of local methods of enforcing regulations relative to airport area affected areas; to provide for a method for requesting variances; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HB 1435.](#)

By Representatives Anderson of the 10th and Erwin of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Municipal Court of the Town of Mount Airy; to identify the authorized uses of such fee; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 1436.](#)

By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Powell of the 33rd, Kelley of the 16th, Rhodes of the 124th, and McDonald III of the 26th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to bonds and recognizances, so as to prohibit the distribution of funds to local government agencies that substantially limit cash bail conditions for certain offenses; to provide for a short title; to provide for a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 1437.](#)

By Representatives Gaines of the 120th, Leverett of the 123rd, Efstration of the 104th, Silcox of the 53rd, and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 17 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding notaries public, so as to provide for notarial acts to be performed using electronic means when certain requirements are satisfied; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE
INNOVATION

[HB 1438.](#)

By Representatives Westbrook of the 163rd, Park of the 107th, Au of the 50th, Reese of the 140th, and Myles of the 126th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for regional tariff transition advisory councils; to provide for membership and duties of such councils; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for administrative support and funding sources; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and purpose; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT

[HB 1439.](#)

By Representatives Park of the 107th, McClain of the 109th, Sanchez of the 42nd, McQueen of the 61st, Evans of the 57th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 15 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975," so as to prohibit the use of surveillance pricing in retail food establishments subject to certain exceptions; to provide for limits on the use of electronic shelf labels; to

provide for enforcement and penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE
INNOVATION

[HB 1440.](#)

By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, and Franklin of the 160th:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County 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 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 a short title; 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 1441.](#)

By Representatives Park of the 107th, Williams of the 168th, Gisler of the 121st, Reese of the 140th, Westbrook of the 163rd, and others:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for a certain reporting framework; to provide a short title; to provide for a purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for quarterly and annual public reports; to provide for public hearings; to provide for an advisory panel; to provide for confidentiality of taxpayer information and propriety business data; to provide for construction; to provide for a sunset date; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT

[HB 1442.](#)

By Representatives Washburn of the 144th, Werkheiser of the 157th, Reeves of the 99th, Crowe of the 118th, and Bonner of the 73rd:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide that local moratoria shall not apply to certain properties in

certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1443.](#)

By Representatives Parsons of the 44th, Ridley of the 22nd, Frye of the 122nd, Martin of the 49th, and Williams of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 46-2-59 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to permissible parties in proceedings before commission, intervention in proceedings generally, limited appearances, and procedure for granting leave to intervene, so as to allow the designee of a member of the General Assembly to intervene in certain cases before the Public Service Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1444.](#)

By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, collection, and assessment relative to state sales and use tax, so as to require that each sales tax return include specific information regarding the location at which such tax was collected, the identity of the entity collecting such tax, and the North American Industry Classification System Code for such entity, where applicable; to require that the department maintain sales tax data differentiating sales made within the limits of a municipality from sales made within the unincorporated area of a county; to provide for the publication of such data; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 1449.](#)

By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Reese of the 140th, Mitchell of the 88th, Holly of the 116th, Scott of the 76th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to provide for the creation of a grant program for small businesses, small-scale farmers, and small nonprofit organizations; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for funding; to provide for annual review and reporting; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[HB 1450.](#)

By Representatives Jackson of the 68th, Reese of the 140th, Mitchell of the 88th, Bell of the 75th, Scott of the 76th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state militia generally, so as to provide for oversight of any deployment of the National Guard by the Governor for state active duty or federal mobilization; to provide for notification, briefing, and reporting requirements; to require approval by the General Assembly prior to certain deployments; to provide for limitations on using the National Guard in certain drug operations and for active combat; to provide for construction; 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 DEFENSE & VETERANS AFFAIRS

[HB 1451.](#)

By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hagan of the 156th, Rice of the 139th, Greene of the 154th, and Campbell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Affairs, so as to provide for local governments and nonprofit organizations to incentivize households to relocate from outside this state to local governments in this state; to provide for a grant program administered by the Department of Community Affairs; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on RURAL DEVELOPMENT

[*HB 1465.](#)

By Representatives McCollum of the 30th, Efstration of the 104th, Corbett of the 174th, Powell of the 33rd, Hitchens of the 161st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 40 and Code Section 48-5C-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and alternative ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles and title ad valorem tax fee, respectively, so as to repeal the requirement to display a revalidation decal as evidence of annual motor vehicle registration renewal; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HR 1444.](#)

By Representative Cannon of the 58th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Jerry Hoy and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HR 1445.](#)

By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Burns of the 159th, Hatchett of the 155th, Tarvin of the 2nd, Greene of the 154th, and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the continued historical preservation of the Georgia state capitol; commending the Georgia Building Authority team for excellence with the restoration and the discovery of Andrew Carnegie Steel—one of the two oldest operating capitols in the United States with Carnegie Steel; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 1446.](#)

By Representatives Martinez of the 111th, Williamson of the 112th, and Fleming of the 114th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Jim S. Briscoe and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

SENATE FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
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[SB 171.](#)

By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th, Burns of the 23rd, Kemp of the 38th, Payne of the 54th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require the State Board of Education to develop an advanced mathematics pathway; to require the state board to adopt policies related to such advanced mathematics pathway; to authorize local school systems to offer the advanced mathematics pathway in grades three through five; to require local school systems to offer the advanced mathematics pathway in grades six through eight; to provide for reporting; to authorize local school systems to provide related supports and services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[SB 395.](#)

By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Brass of the 6th, Albers of the 56th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to require a physician to submit certain information to the Georgia Composite Medical Board when certifying an individual as eligible for the Low THC Oil Patient Registry; to provide for annual reporting; to authorize the Department of Public Health to disclose certain information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

[SB 428.](#)

By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 1st, Echols of the 49th, and Jackson of the 41st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act 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 direct the Department of Community Health to submit a waiver request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize the qualification for Medicaid

reimbursement of certain home and community based services; to provide for implementation upon approval; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[SB 430.](#)

By Senators Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Walker III of the 20th, Albers of the 56th, Summers of the 13th, and others:

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 provide that certain military museums qualify as destination marketing organizations and private sector nonprofit organizations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[SB 469.](#)

By Senators Still of the 48th and Dolezal of the 27th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of commissioners of Forsyth County, approved June 30, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964 Ex. Sess., p. 2225), as amended, so as to provide term limits for members of the board of commissioners; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 491.](#)

By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Rhett of the 33rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Howard of the 35th, and James of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Cobb Judicial Circuit, approved February 19, 1951 (Ga. L. 1951, p. 184), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 27, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 3619), an Act approved April 4, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 3879), and an Act approved March 27, 1998 (Ga. L. 1998, p. 3894), so as to change the salaries of assistant district attorneys; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[SB 492.](#)

By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Rhett of the 33rd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Howard of the 35th, and James of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 3, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 3750), so as to provide for additional assistant solicitor positions; to change the salaries of certain staff of the solicitor-general; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL