

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

\*Rules Suspended

[HB 619.](#)

By Representative Greene of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Donalsonville, approved April 29, 1997 (Ga. L. 1997, p. 4524), as amended, so as to revise the election schedule for the mayor so as to better stagger elections of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for an interim term of office; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 620.](#)

By Representatives Kahaian of the 81st, Clark of the 100th, Campbell of the 171st, Martinez of the 111th, Reeves of the 99th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to designate Blood Plasma Donation Awareness Day in Georgia; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HB 621.](#)

By Representatives Baker of the 64th, Henderson of the 113th, Cummings of the 39th, Glaize of the 67th, McClain of the 109th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, so as to provide for members of the General Assembly to request assistance from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 622.](#)

By Representative Corbett of the 174th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a new charter for the City of Hoboken, Georgia, approved March 24, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3060), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of the mayor and councilmembers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 623.](#)

By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd, and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the Probate Court of Carroll County; to identify the authorized uses 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 624.](#)

By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Huddleston of the 72nd, and Howard of the 71st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to authorize the assessment and collection of a technology fee by the State Court of Carroll County; to identify the authorized uses 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 625.](#)

By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Panitch of the 51st, Olaleye of the 59th, Schofield of the 63rd, Holland of the 54th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a State Court of Fulton County by consolidation of the existing Civil Court of Fulton County and the Criminal Court of Fulton County, approved March 24, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 3023), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3944), and by an Act approved May 14, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 3518), so as to provide an additional judge for the State Court of Fulton County; to provide for the appointment of the initial additional judge and the election of successors; to provide for terms of office of said additional

judge and successors to such judge; to provide for the powers and privileges of said additional judge; to provide for the compensation and expenses of said additional judge; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 626.](#)

By Representatives Lupton of the 83rd, Holcomb of the 101st, Mathiak of the 82nd, Dubnik of the 29th, and Lim of the 98th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-5-71 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to preservation of evidence, so as to extend the retention period of evidence of sexual assault when the victim elects not to immediately report the assault; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 627.](#)

By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Cannon of the 172nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Smith of the 18th, Lumsden of the 12th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to revise a provision relating to the use of a deadly weapon; to provide for additional offenses where the superior court has exclusive jurisdiction in juvenile cases; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 628.](#)

By Representatives Camp of the 135th, Crowe of the 118th, Lumsden of the 12th, and Wiedower of the 121st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits for income taxes, so as to revise an income tax credit for contributions to law enforcement foundations; to increase the annual amount of contributions allowed; to extend the sunset date; to provide for procedures; 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 629.](#)

By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Newton of the 127th, Greene of the 154th, and Mathiak of the 82nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to remove the requirement of having a licensed physician in automated external defibrillator programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 630.](#)

By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Ridley of the 6th, Corbett of the 174th, Prince of the 132nd, Reeves of the 99th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, so as to remove the used car division and the used parts division of the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; to confer the powers and duties of such divisions to the board; to revise the membership of the board; to revise the powers and duties of the board; to revise and clarify provisions relating to applications for and requirements of licenses; to revise provisions relating to the change of location by licensees; to revise and provide for definitions; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 631.](#)

By Representatives McQueen of the 61st, Herring of the 145th, Glaize of the 67th, Berry of the 56th, and Olaleye of the 59th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-212 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to salary schedules for professionals in elementary and secondary education, so as to require that the minimum base salary for certificated professional personnel with bachelor's degrees be based upon the national average living wage as determined by the State Board of Education; to provide for the calculation and publication of such national average living wage at least once every three years; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 632.](#)

By Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Jenkins of the 136th, Blackmon of the 146th, Holcomb of the 101st, Williams of the 168th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disabled veterans and blind persons engaging in peddling, operating businesses, or practicing professions, so as to clarify certain veterans' eligibility for exemption with regard to payment of occupation taxes, administrative fees, and regulatory fees; to provide a definition of "armed conflict" consistent with current federal law; to provide for armed conflicts to be equivalent to periods of war with regard to certain exemptions; to provide for certain procedures; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 633.](#)

By Representatives Bazemore of the 69th, Olaleye of the 59th, Roberts of the 52nd, and Oliver of the 84th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections and primaries generally, so as to add caregivers to the list of persons who may make absentee ballot applications for certain electors; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 634.](#)

By Representatives Barrett of the 24th, Townsend of the 179th, Jones of the 25th, Jasperse of the 11th, Jones of the 47th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 33 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act," so as to revise provisions for expedited completion of a student's first Individualized Education Program; to provide for calculating maximum scholarship amounts for certain students; to provide for electronic deposits; to provide for a compliance form; to provide for deadlines by which the Department of Education shall publish certain information; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 635.](#)

By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Frye of the 122nd, Reeves of the 99th, Persinger of the 119th, Franklin of the 160th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 41 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to residential and commercial general contractors, so as to revise provisions relating to the State Licensing Board for Residential and Commercial

General Contractors; to revise and clarify qualifications for licensure as a residential or commercial general contractor; to revise provisions relating to examination of applicants; to revise provisions relating to the refusal to grant a license, revocation of a license, or other disciplinary action of the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HB 636.](#)

By Representatives McQueen of the 61st, Bell of the 75th, Berry of the 56th, Cannon of the 58th, and Willis of the 55th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual offenses, so as to revise penalties for violations of certain offenses; to provide for fines for such violations and to provide that such collected fines be made available to the Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 637.](#)

By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Cooper of the 45th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, and Campbell of the 35th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend an Act creating the board of commissioners for Cobb County, Georgia, approved April 4, 1991 (Ga. L. 1991, p. 4492), as amended, so as to revise a requirement for public hearings before the commission is authorized to spend over \$100,000.00 to employ an independent consultant or conduct an independent study; to provide for other related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 638.](#)

By Representatives Silcox of the 53rd, Holland of the 54th, Olaleye of the 59th, Evans of the 57th, Jones of the 60th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the O.C.G.A., relating to Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), so as to prohibit the

stopping or parking of a motor vehicle other than a transit vehicle in a designated transit vehicle lane in the City of Atlanta; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS

[HB 639.](#)

By Representatives Wiedower of the 121st, Efstration of the 104th, Cox of the 28th, Gaines of the 120th, Jasperse of the 11th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 15 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the juvenile code, so as to expedite and prioritize processes for the termination of parental rights in certain cases involving parental incapacity and child maltreatment; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY, JUVENILE

[HB 640.](#)

By Representatives Martin of the 49th, Jones of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Au of the 50th, and Hilton of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to amend, consolidate, create, revise, and supersede the several Acts incorporating the City of Alpharetta, approved April 9, 1981 (Ga. L. 1981, p. 4609), as amended, so as to provide for election to city offices by majority vote; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 641.](#)

By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Werkheiser of the 157th, Drenner of the 85th, Lupton of the 83rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to electric services, so as to require that an electric supplier hold the proposed discontinuation of electrical service to a residential consumer who suffers from a serious illness in abeyance for a certain period of time; to provide for notice requirements; to provide for the renewal of such abeyance period; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

[HB 642.](#)

By Representatives Lim of the 98th, Carpenter of the 4th, and Au of the 50th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health, so as to prohibit public primary and secondary schools from serving or selling, or allowing a third party to serve or sell, food or beverages that contain synthetic dye; to provide for a definition; to provide for certification of compliance; to provide legislative findings; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 643.](#)

By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Hilton of the 48th, Ballard of the 147th, Rice of the 139th, Dubnik of the 29th, and others:

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

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 644.](#)

By Representatives Townsend of the 179th, Stephens of the 164th, Buckner of the 137th, Taylor of the 173rd, Powell of the 33rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Environmental Protection Division, Environmental Advisory Council, duties of council and its members and director, appeal procedures generally, permit applications, and inspections, so as to authorize the director of the Environmental Protection Division to investigate and consider out-of-state regulatory history when processing applications for certain permits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

[HB 645.](#)

By Representatives LaHood of the 175th, Cooper of the 45th, Carpenter of the 4th, Corbett of the 174th, and Williams of the 148th:

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 regulation of hospitals and related institutions, so as to repeal certain provisions requiring COVID-19 testing of staff members in long term-care facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HUMAN RELATIONS & AGING

[HB 646.](#)

By Representatives Stinson of the 150th, Wade of the 9th, Jackson of the 128th, Reese of the 140th, and Herring of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to coroners, so as to provide minimum salaries of coroners; to revise compensation provisions for deputy coroners; to provide for benefits to certain coroners; to remove certain death investigation fees; 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 SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

[HB 647.](#)

By Representatives Donatucci of the 105th, Efstration of the 104th, and McCollum of the 30th:

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 change 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

[HB 648.](#)

By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Burnough of the 77th, Miller of the 62nd, and Jackson of the 68th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing a homestead exemption from City of College Park ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the full amount of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that city who are disabled or who are 65 years of age or older, approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3696), so as to remove the income cap from such exemption; 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 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -  
LOCAL

[HB 653.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Momtahan of the 17th, Horner of the 3rd, Camp of the 135th, Romman of the 97th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public utilities and public transportation, and various other titles of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated so as to rename the Georgia Public Service Commission as the Georgia Public Utilities Commission; to provide for the succession of all rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and administrative orders of the Georgia Public Service Commission; to provide for the succession of all rights, privileges, entitlements, obligations, and duties of the Georgia Public Service Commission; to provide for the continued service of members of the Georgia Public Service Commission; to make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide a contingent effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[HB 654.](#)

By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Au of the 50th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Clark of the 108th, and Westbrook of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance; to amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefit managers; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to medical practice; to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state employees' health insurance plan, so as not to condition the payment of any medical test or procedure or prescription drug benefit on prior authorization; 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 INSURANCE

[HB 655.](#)

By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Burchett of the 176th, Clark of the 100th, Carpenter of the 4th, Sainz of the 180th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and

credits for income taxes, so as to renew a tax credit for postproduction expenditures; to increase the annual aggregate limit; to provide for an additional credit if certain qualified expenditures are incurred in certain rural counties; to provide for qualified productions and expenditures; to allow the credit with respect to special venue projects; 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 656.](#)

By Representatives Sainz of the 180th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 71 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to development impact fees, so as to authorize the assessment of development impact fees for public facilities produced through agreements between developers and governmental entities; to revise definitions; to extend the period of time a local government may encumber unspent impact fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[\\*HB 674.](#)

By Representatives Paris of the 142nd, Hilton of the 48th, Ballard of the 147th, Glaize of the 67th, Wade of the 9th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-149.4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to financial literacy instruction and curriculum, so as to require the State Board of Education to adopt content standards for instruction in financial literacy and money management for grades four and five; to require local boards of education to provide instruction in financial literacy and money management in grades four and five; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[\\*HB 675.](#)

By Representatives Cox of the 28th, McDonald III of the 26th, Panitch of the 51st, Hitchens of the 161st, and Jasperse of the 11th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order and safety, so as to provide for criminal offenses related to material support of terrorism; to provide for penalties; to

provide for legislative intent; to provide for the creation of guidelines for law enforcement investigations; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[\\*HB 676.](#)

By Representatives Clifton of the 131st, Gunter of the 8th, Reeves of the 99th, Wiedower of the 121st, Persinger of the 119th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 8 of Chapter 14 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mechanics and materialmen relative to liens, so as to provide for a fine for any frivolous mechanic lien filed; 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 677.](#)

By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Taylor of the 173rd, Hawkins of the 27th, Hatchett of the 155th, and Oliver of the 84th:

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 of health, so as to provide for certain placement procedures for children upon discharge from a hospital or psychiatric residential treatment facility in certain circumstances; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 20A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to patient protection, so as to provide for per diem payments to hospitals or psychiatric residential treatment facilities in certain circumstances; to amend Chapter 21A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Medicaid Care Management Organizations Act," so as to provide for per diem payments to hospitals or psychiatric residential treatment facilities in certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[\\*HB 678.](#)

By Representatives Hilton of the 48th, Silcox of the 53rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Crowe of the 118th, LaHood of the 175th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 80 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to counties, municipal corporations, and other government entities, so as to provide that authorities with less than state-wide jurisdiction shall have the same sovereign immunities as provided to counties; to provide a definition; to provide that officers and employees of such authorities in the conduct of their official duties shall have the same official immunities

as provided to officers and employees of a county performing duties on behalf of such county; to provide for legislative intent; to provide limitations on the amounts and types of damages and interest recoverable against an authority; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HR 392.](#)

By Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Powell of the 33rd, Wiedower of the 121st, Ridley of the 6th, and Smith of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on the State Board of Registration of Used Motor Vehicle Dealers and Used Motor Vehicle Parts Dealers; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[HR 393.](#)

By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, Jackson of the 68th, Drenner of the 85th, and others:

A RESOLUTION urging the General Assembly to enact the Workplace Safety and Heat Protection Act (LC 46 0977) to safeguard workers from extreme heat conditions that endanger their health and economic security; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HR 394.](#)

By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Hugley of the 141st, Barnes of the 86th, Tran of the 80th, Sampson of the 153rd, and others:

A RESOLUTION affirming that the American Dream belongs to all of us; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HR 395.](#)

By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Miller of the 62nd, Clark of the 108th, Bazemore of the 69th, and Paris of the 142nd:

A RESOLUTION designating the month of May as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

[HR 396.](#)

By Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Glaize of the 67th, Howard of the 129th, and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the creation of the Georgia's Children First Trust Fund; 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 APPROPRIATIONS

[HR 397.](#)

By Representatives Cooper of the 45th, Silcox of the 53rd, Newton of the 127th, Au of the 50th, and Hawkins of the 27th:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Healthcare Quality and Reporting; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HR 398.](#)

By Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Momtahan of the 17th, Horner of the 3rd, Camp of the 135th, and Romman of the 97th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to rename the Georgia Public Service Commission as the Georgia Public Utilities Commission; 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 ENERGY, UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

[HR 399.](#)

By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Holly of the 116th, Clark of the 100th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cameron of the 1st, and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on One-way Street Markings; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HR 400.](#)

By Representatives Heffner of the 130th, Douglas of the 78th, Glaize of the 67th, Gambill of the 15th, and Wade of the 9th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for a homestead exemption for an additional 100 percent disabled veterans' homestead exemption for the full assessed value of a homestead in certain circumstances; to authorize municipalities to seek

supplementary funding to offset lost revenue from the homestead exemption; to provide for a short title; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

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[SB 40.](#)

By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Anavitarte of the 31st, and Robertson of the 29th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 14 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to secondary metals recyclers, so as to provide for applicability of the definition of the term "used, detached catalytic converters" to said article; to remove the exception for used, detached catalytic converters from the application of said article; to provide for certain registration requirements for secondary metals recyclers; to provide for the use of certain registration fees; to provide for records and reporting; to make conforming changes; 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 REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[SB 79.](#)

By Senators Goodman of the 8th, Strickland of the 42nd, Kennedy of the 18th, Tillery of the 19th, Gooch of the 51st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses, so as to revise threshold amounts of fentanyl and related substances necessary to constitute the offenses of possessing, selling, distributing, and manufacturing of such substances; to revise mandatory minimum departure provisions for defendants convicted of trafficking of substances in violation of Code Section 16-13-31, relating to trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, or methamphetamine and penalties; to amend various titles of the O.C.G.A., so as to provide for conforming changes; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[SB 123.](#)

By Senators Kennedy of the 18th, Hickman of the 4th, Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20, relating to compulsory attendance, so as to update and revise provisions of the state's compulsory school attendance laws; to provide that no student shall be expelled by a public school due solely to absenteeism; to provide for reporting requirements; to amend Code Section 20-4-141 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to establishment of pilot program, awarding of high school diploma to successful participants, skills and knowledge, eligibility for participation, and regulation, so as to

make conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[SB 130.](#)

By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Still of the 48th, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, and Hickman of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to expand medical education funding and the service cancelable loan program; to revise definitions; to provide for medical education funding to certain medical organizations facilities; to provide for a physician in certain residency or fellowship programs to be eligible for the service cancelable loan program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH