

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2026
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 1471.](#)

By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Scott of the 76th, and Schofield of the 63rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance relative to elementary and secondary school students, so as to require the local governing body for each school system and public school to adopt a policy providing that students shall be granted excused absences for up to five mental health days per school year; to require local school systems and public schools to provide information to students and parents about available mental health resources; to require the State Board of Education to develop a model policy; to provide a definition; to provide a short title; 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 EDUCATION

[HB 1472.](#)

By Representative Lim of the 98th:

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 state income tax, so as to revise the definition of the term "small business"; 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 1473.](#)

By Representatives Smith of the 18th, Ridley of the 6th, Franklin of the 160th, Scoggins of the 14th, and Cheokas of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, so as to prohibit elected officials of a county, municipal corporation, or any county-municipal consolidated government from entering into nondisclosure agreements with private entities relating to economic development; to provide for governing authorities to require the completion of an independent impact analysis before an official vote or action can be taken; to provide for requirements of such independent impact analysis; 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 1474.](#)

By Representatives Park of the 107th, Hugley of the 141st, Miller of the 62nd, Gisler of the 121st, Campbell of the 35th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to early care and learning, so as to provide for the annual publication of a map identifying geographic areas where the demand for organizations that provide care for children between the ages of zero and five exceeds available licensed slots by a ratio of at least three to one; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to imposition, rate, computation, exemptions, and credits relative to state income taxes, so as to provide for an income tax credit for contributions to childcare organizations; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 1475.](#)

By Representatives Leverett of the 123rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Chastain of the 7th, LaHood of the 175th, and Evans of the 57th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 10-6B-53, 31-32-7, and 50-13-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to benefits from governmental programs or civil or military service, duties and responsibilities of health care agents, and opportunity for hearing in contested cases, notice, counsel, subpoenas, record, enforcement powers, and revenue cases, respectively, so as to provide limited authority for the appointment of an authorized representative for the purposes of completing an application for public benefits on behalf of a deceased individual and attending any hearing thereon or litigating any appeal related thereto; to provide for the termination of such authority; 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 1476.](#)

By Representatives Hong of the 103rd, Carpenter of the 4th, Frye of the 122nd, Crowe of the 118th, and Cannon of the 172nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.26A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax credits for postproduction expenditures, so as to revise the amount of a credit; to provide for eligibility of postproduction expenditures in addition to production expenditures; 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 CREATIVE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

[HB 1477.](#)

By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Tran of the 80th, Reese of the 140th, and Bell of the 75th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to State Board of Education, so as to provide a registration process for special education advocates; to provide for qualifications for such registration; to provide for the adoption of a code of ethics for special education advocates; to provide for the Department of Education to maintain a list of registered special education advocates; to require notice to parents and guardians of children with disabilities of such list; to provide definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 1478.](#)

By Representatives Santos of the 117th, Holly of the 116th, Douglas of the 78th, and Kahaian of the 81st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to courts, so as to provide for a technology fee to be collected under certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for a purpose for such fees; to provide for imposition of additional civil filing fees and criminal penalties; to provide for adoption of county resolutions; to provide for a technology fund; to provide for technology plans; to provide for expenditure of funds collected; to preempt local Acts providing for technology fees; 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 GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[HB 1479.](#)

By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Evans of the 57th, Campbell of the 35th, Holcomb of the 101st, Santos of the 117th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to specific periods of limitation, so as to extend the statute of limitations for certain alleged acts by clergy members; to provide for liability for certain entities; to provide for the extension of certain claims; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 1480.](#)

By Representatives Sanchez of the 42nd, Romman of the 97th, Cannon of the 58th, Moore of the 91st, Park of the 107th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public assistance; to amend Title 49 of the O.C.G.A., relating to social services, and an Act amending said title, approved April 15, 2014 (Ga. L. 2014, p. 293), so as to repeal provisions regarding prohibition of Medicaid expansion; to amend Titles 31, 42, and 43, relating to health, penal institutions, and professions and businesses, respectively, and an Act amending Titles 31 and 43, approved March 23, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 6), so as to repeal provisions relating to treatment of gender dysphoria; to amend Titles 1, 15, 16, 19, 20, 31, 33, 43, 45, 48, 49, and an Act amending said titles, approved May 7, 2019 (Ga. L. 2019, p. 711), so as to repeal and revise provisions relating to abortion; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[HB 1481.](#)

By Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Bazemore of the 69th, Miller of the 62nd, and Holly of the 116th:

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 Black Midwives Day in Georgia; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on SPECIAL RULES

[HB 1482.](#)

By Representative Martin of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions regarding jails, so as to require that certain municipal corporations make municipal detention facilities or jails available for use by a sheriff under certain conditions; to provide for fee and fee cap; 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

[HR 1505.](#)

By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Gettis Cortez McGhee, Sr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HR 1520.](#)

By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Hassan Raheem Glasgow and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HR 1521.](#)

By Representative Jackson of the 128th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. David Oscar Cummings and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

SENATE FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
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[SB 399.](#)

By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Albers of the 56th, Hatchett of the 50th, Burns of the 23rd, Anavitarte of the 31st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to personnel of emergency medical services, so as to provide for notification to public safety answering points about the location of automated external defibrillators; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for training; 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 of communications officers to facilitate the use of automated external defibrillators; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[SB 441.](#)

By Senators Harbin of the 16th, Williams of the 25th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Albers of the 56th, Dickerson of the 21st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 83 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government investment pool, so as to require certain pooled investments to be approved by the State Depository Board; to exempt certain pooled investments from such approval; 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 BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT

[SB 470.](#)

By Senators Albers of the 56th, Robertson of the 29th, Bearden of the 30th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public order, so as to prohibit the possession, use, operation, manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution, or import of signal jammers; to specifically authorize the Attorney General to commence forfeiture

proceedings; to provide for exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide a short title; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE
INNOVATION

[SB 472.](#)

By Senators Hickman of the 4th, Walker III of the 20th, Tillery of the 19th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Sims of the 12th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, rebating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for the suspension of members of local boards of education following certain audit findings or findings by the state auditor of financial mismanagement or misconduct; to provide for a cap on the total amount of advance distributions of state allotted funds that may be made by the State Board of Education to local units of administration; to provide for intervention plans; to provide for the authority of the state auditor relative to such intervention plans; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[SB 500.](#)

By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Walker III of the 20th, Harrell of the 40th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce, so as to expand the Behavioral Health Care Workforce Data Base to include data from licensed health care professionals; to revise definitions; to rename such data base as the Health Care Workforce Data Base; to provide for conforming changes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

[SB 513.](#)

By Senators Dickerson of the 21st, Walker III of the 20th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Hickman of the 4th, Dixon of the 45th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Chapter 5 of Title 40 of the O.C.G.A., relating to elementary and secondary education and drivers' licenses, respectively, so as to revise requirements for public school policies and procedures relative to student attendance; to provide for multi-tier supports and interventions; to revise provisions relative to attendance review teams; to provide for attendance intervention plans; to provide for consequences for chronically unexcused students, such

as ineligibility for interscholastic and extracurricular activities and potential ineligibility to be issued an instruction permit or driver's license by the Department of Driver Services; 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 535.](#)

By Senator Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 37 of the O.C.G.A., relating to mental health, so as to provide for the re-creation of community service boards; to amend Code Section 50-14-1 of the O.C.G.A., 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