

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
THURSDAY, MARCH 06, 2025
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 719.](#)

By Representative Yeara of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the compensation of the chairperson and members of the board of education of Worth County, approved March 12, 1986 (Ga. L. 1986, p. 3710), so as to revise the compensation of such chairperson and board members; 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 720.](#)

By Representative Yeara of the 152nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to reconstitute the Board of Education of Lee County, approved April 9, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 5130), as amended, so as to revise the compensation of the members of such board of education; 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

[HB 721.](#)

By Representatives Clark of the 108th, Bell of the 75th, and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ride share network services and transportation referral services, so as to provide for additional requirements upon transportation referral service providers and ride share network services relative to driver safety and hiring and the privacy of personal information for drivers and passengers; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 722.](#)

By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, and Franklin of the 160th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act establishing the State Court of Bryan County (formerly the City Court of Pembroke), approved January 10, 1938 (Ga. L. 1937-38, Ex. Sess., p. 714), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2023 (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3851), so as to provide for a chief judge; to provide for an associate judge; to provide for the initial appointment of such associate judge by the Governor; to provide

for the elections and terms of office of the judges of the court; to provide for compensation of the associate judge; to provide an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 723.](#)

By Representatives Holly of the 116th, McQueen of the 61st, Glaize of the 67th, Frye of the 122nd, Lupton of the 83rd, 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, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to provide for a tax credit for actual expenses incurred by any taxpayer in the provision of a warming center to unsheltered individuals on certain days of inclement weather; to provide for eligible expenditures; to provide for conditions, limitations, and penalties; to provide for rules and regulations; 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 724.](#)

By Representative Franklin of the 160th:

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 Pembroke, approved March 28, 1985 (Ga. L. 1985, p. 4846), as amended, so as to provide for four-year terms for the mayor and city council members; to provide for elections; to provide for the current terms of city officers to continue; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 725.](#)

By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Frye of the 122nd, Washburn of the 144th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Smith of the 41st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 44-7-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to landlord's duties as to repairs and improvements, so as to provide for landlord duties regarding certain rental agreements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 726.](#)

By Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Frye of the 122nd, Sharper of the 177th, Smith of the 41st, Wilkerson of the 38th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-393.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to prohibited use of purchaser's credit card information by merchant, so as to limit the amount of surcharges charged by merchants for purchasers' use of credit cards; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on BANKS & BANKING

[HB 727.](#)

By Representatives Williamson of the 112th, Efstoration of the 104th, Leverett of the 123rd, Gaines of the 120th, and Reeves of the 99th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general authority, duties, and procedures of the Department of Administrative Services in state purchasing, so as to provide a post-employment restriction for state employees involved in state purchasing; 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 INDUSTRY AND LABOR

[HB 730.](#)

By Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd, and Jackson of the 165th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless, approved March 30, 1989 (Ga. L. 1989, p. 4701), as amended, so as to provide for membership; to provide for meetings; to provide for purposes; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 731.](#)

By Representatives Ballinger of the 23rd, Ridley of the 22nd, Byrd of the 20th, Thomas of the 21st, Scoggins of the 14th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2A of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to homestead option sales and use tax, so as to provide for an alternative homestead option sales tax; to provide for a distribution of the proceeds from the levy of an alternative homestead option sales and use tax; to provide for the levy of a special purpose local option sales and use tax in certain counties; to

provide for a referendum; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HR 480.](#)

By Representative Erwin of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of World War II Veteran Bobby Blackwell and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[HR 512.](#)

By Representatives Hagan of the 156th, Gambill of the 15th, Jones of the 25th, Petrea of the 166th, Lim of the 98th, and others:

A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on the Addiction Epidemic and Solutions for Recovery; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

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[SB 9.](#)

By Senators Albers of the 56th, Still of the 48th, Esteves of the 35th, Rahman of the 5th, Cowsert of the 46th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to obscenity and related offenses, so as to repeal and replace Code Section 16-12-80, relating to obscene material, distribution, and penalty; to amend Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, so as to provide for sentencing of defendants who utilize artificial intelligence in the commission of certain crimes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[SB 36.](#)

By Senators Setzler of the 37th, Brass of the 6th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Williams of the 25th, Hickman of the 4th, 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 the preservation of religious freedom; to provide for the granting of relief; to provide for definitions; to provide for construction; to provide for statutory interpretation; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings and determinations; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[SB 63.](#)

By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Harbin of the 16th, Hickman of the 4th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to require that local school systems offer certain exams to home study students; to provide for notice requirements; to prohibit additional qualifications; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[SB 91.](#)

By Senators Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 1st, Hatchett of the 50th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Goodman of the 8th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state employees' health insurance plan, so as to prohibit the Board of Community Health from entering into, executing, or renewing a contract or contracts with any pharmacy benefits manager that owns or has an ownership interest in any retail pharmacy or any legal entity that contracts with or uses such pharmacy benefits manager; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH

[SB 110.](#)

By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Esteves of the 35th, and Kirkpatrick of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 15-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the juvenile code, so as to revise the definition of neglect and to provide for new definitions; to amend Code Section 16-5-60 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reckless conduct causing harm to or endangering the bodily safety of another and conduct by HIV infected persons, so as to provide for an exception to certain offenses of reckless conduct for legal custodians permitting children to participate in independent activities under certain conditions; 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, JUVENILE

[SB 112.](#)

By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Goodman of the 8th, Anderson of the 24th, Summers of the 13th, Jones II of the 22nd, and others:

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 extend certain protections for consumers relative to warranties of HVAC systems and components of such systems; to provide required information for warranty and product registration cards and forms; to provide an effective date for certain warranties of HVAC systems and components of such systems; to provide a definition; 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 AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[SB 124.](#)

By Senators Still of the 48th, Dolezal of the 27th, Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kennedy of the 18th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to require the State School Superintendent and the Department of Education to take all steps reasonably necessary to implement guidance documents from a federal agency, including, but not limited to, directives related to expanding educational freedom and opportunities for families; to authorize the State Board of Education to adopt rules; to provide for definitions; to make promise scholarship accounts available to all students whose parent is an active duty military service member stationed in Georgia, regardless of the school attendance zone in which such students reside; to provide for continued eligibility; 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 126.](#)

By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Hickman of the 4th, Dolezal of the 27th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Payne of the 54th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-2096.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the "Completion Special Schools Act," so as to lower the age of eligibility from 18 to 16 for certain students to be enrolled in a completion special school; to revise definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[SB 144.](#)

By Senators Watson of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Beach of the 21st, Goodman of the 8th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 7 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to liability for use of fertilizers, plant growth regulators, or pesticides, so as to clarify that a manufacturer cannot be held liable for failing to warn consumers of health risks above those required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency with respect to pesticides; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[SB 154.](#)

By Senators Hatchett of the 50th, Gooch of the 51st, Kennedy of the 18th, Robertson of the 29th, Anavitarte of the 31st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 20, 35, and 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, law enforcement officers and agencies, and professions and businesses, respectively, so as to revise or remove references to the United States Department of Education from the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; to replace a reference to student aid reports with FAFSA submission summary; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[SB 160.](#)

By Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Jones of the 10th, Robertson of the 29th, Halpern of the 39th, 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 replace the forfeiture penalty of a motor vehicle involved in a second offense of reckless stunt driving with authority to order the installation of a device which limits the speed of such vehicle; to provide for a definition; to provide for procedures and conditions upon issuance of such orders; to provide for notification to the Department of Revenue; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on MOTOR VEHICLES

[SB 177.](#)

By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Albers of the 56th, Burns of the 23rd, Robertson of the 29th, Williams of the 25th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to provide for transparency in foreign funded political activities within the state; to require agents of hostile foreign principals and foreign supported political organizations to register with the State Ethics Commission; to provide for registration requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide legislative findings; to provide for civil penalties; to authorize the Attorney General to bring civil actions or criminal investigations for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE
INNOVATION

[SB 180.](#)

By Senators Dixon of the 45th, Cowser of the 46th, Burns of the 23rd, Setzler of the 37th, Anavitarte of the 31st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the High Demand Apprenticeship Program, so as to provide opportunities for apprenticeship sponsors to enter into apprenticeship program contracts with the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for completion awards to apprenticeship sponsors for the successful completion of such contracts; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[SB 193.](#)

By Senators Brass of the 6th, Hatchett of the 50th, Harbison of the 15th, Albers of the 56th, Beach of the 21st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vocational, technical, and adult education, so as to authorize the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to establish the adult workforce high school diploma program; to provide for the selection of third-party providers to administer the program; to provide requirements for approved program providers; to provide for disbursement of funds to approved program providers; to provide for reporting; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION

[SB 199.](#)

By Senators Watson of the 11th, Gooch of the 51st, Burns of the 23rd, Goodman of the 8th, Williams of the 25th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to government transparency and campaign finance, so as to provide that the State Ethics Commission shall not accept or reject complaints made against candidates 60 days prior to an election; to revise provisions related to reporting income on personal financial disclosure statements for office holders; to provide that the commission shall not publicly release home address information in its possession; to revise lobbyist reporting requirements to make the reporting dates for such requirements more uniform; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

[SB 201.](#)

By Senators Walker III of the 20th, Goodman of the 8th, Hodges of the 3rd, Tillery of the 19th, Watson of the 11th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 10-1-393 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair or deceptive practices in consumer transactions unlawful and examples, so as to provide increased consumer protection for homeowners entering into contracts with contractors following natural disasters; to provide for certain contractual requirements; to provide for notice language; to amend Code Section 33-6-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, so as to prohibit the assignment of benefits in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for legislative findings; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

[SB 241.](#)

By Senators Williams of the 25th, Anderson of the 24th, Mallow of the 2nd, Robertson of the 29th, and Parent of the 44th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the O.C.G.A., relating to funeral directors and establishments, embalmers, and crematories, so as to provide for the organic human reduction as a means of disposing of deceased human bodies; to amend Titles 10, 31, and 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to commerce and trade, health, and local government, respectively, so as to require a disposition permit for the organic human reduction of a dead human body or fetus; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on REGULATED INDUSTRIES

[SR 8.](#)

By Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th, and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Deputy Brandon Cunningham and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION

[SR 231.](#)

By Senators Albers of the 56th, McLaurin of the 14th, Beach of the 21st, Robertson of the 29th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Officer Jeremy Labonte and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION