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HOUSE JOURNAL

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

First Legislative Day

Pursuant to the call of his Excellency, Governor Brian Kemp, the House met in special session at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Honorable Jon Burns, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The following communications were received:

State of Georgia
Office of the Governor
Atlanta 30334-0090

May 5, 2023

The Honorable Jon Burns
Speaker of the Georgia House
of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Speaker Burns:

Attached are veto messages and signing statements for legislation which passed the General Assembly during the 2023 Regular Session. I have vetoed House Bills 319, 52, 169, 193, 249, 317, 541, 611, 680, and 774.

Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII of the Georgia Constitution requires that I transmit these bills to you together with the reason for such vetoes. House Bills 319, 52, 169, 193, 249, 317, 541, 611, 680, and 774, and the corresponding reasons for the vetoes are attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Burt Jones, Lieutenant Governor
The Honorable Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State
The Honorable Chris Carr, Attorney General
Mr. William L. Reilly, Clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives
Mr. David A. Cook, Secretary of the Georgia State Senate
Mr. Rick Ruskell, Legislative Counsel

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May 5, 2023

The Honorable Burt Jones
Lieutenant Governor
240 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The Honorable John F. Kennedy
President Pro Tempore
321 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Lieutenant Governor Jones and Senator Kennedy:

Attached are veto messages and signing statements for legislation which passed the General Assembly during the 2023 Regular Session. I have vetoed Senate Bills 23, 164, 199, and 303, and included a signing statement for Senate Bill 115.

Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII of the Georgia Constitution requires that I transmit these bills to you together with the reason for such vetoes. Senate Bills 23, 164, 199, and 303, and the corresponding reasons for the vetoes are attached.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian P. Kemp

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GOVERNOR BRIAN P. KEMP
2023 SESSION OF THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY VETO MESSAGES & SIGNING STATEMENT

VETO 1

House Bill 319 would require legislative approval for any year-over-year tuition increase exceeding 3% at any University System of Georgia institution. The Georgia Constitution makes plain the authority to govern, control, and manage the University System and all system institutions is vested in the Board of Regents. GA. CONST. art. VIII, § 4, ¶ I(b). Because of the constitutional reservation of authority in the Board of Regents, the legislation cannot be adopted without the approval of Georgians through exercise of their franchise.

For these reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 319.**

VETO 2

House Bill 52 is a housekeeping bill brought at the request of the Georgia Department of Transportation. A late amendment altered certain provisions of the bill.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 52**.

VETO 3

House Bill 169 would change the compensation for members of the Carroll County Board of Education.

At the request of the sponsor, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 169**.

VETO 4

House Bill 193 increases the value of local government public works contracts subject to competitive bidding requirements from $100,000.00 to $250,000.00. A similar requirement, which this bill does not address, exists for public works construction contracts issued by state government entities. As a general matter, the State must competitively bid any construction or public works contracts more than $100,000.00. There is no reason competitive bidding requirements for local governments should be more lenient than those for state-issued contracts.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 193**.

VETO 5

House Bill 249 requires the Technical College System of Georgia to offer tuition-free commercial driver's license training programs to veterans and increases needs-based grant funding for certain students. I support veterans initiatives and making education more affordable. However, the proposals in this bill are subject to appropriations and the General Assembly failed to fully fund these educational incentives.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 249**.

VETO 6

House Bill 317 would allow beneficiaries to assign a deceased state employee's life insurance and pension benefits to funeral directors to pay for funeral costs. Georgia law already allows beneficiaries to use the funds they receive from a loved one's life insurance or pension benefits to pay for funeral expenses as they see fit. However, allowing persons to directly assign control of such benefits to funeral homes, or any other interested party, would place families at risk of assigning away important benefits without fully realizing the long-term costs of such a decision.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 317**.

VETO 7

House Bill 541 would expand Georgia's "move over" law to apply to any stationary vehicle displaying flashing hazard lights and would require motorists to change lanes, potentially into oncoming traffic, to give space to such vehicles. This bill originally expanded the "move over" law only to stationary postal service vehicles in keeping with the law's scope of protecting public service workers who routinely stop on the side of the road in the course of their duties, but was amended to cover all vehicles displaying flashing hazard lights even if such vehicle is unoccupied. Expanding the "move over" law to apply to every vehicle displaying flashing hazard lights will create additional safety and enforcement issues.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 541**.

VETO 8

House Bill 611 requires the proceeds of all legal settlements paid to the State be held in the state treasury and appropriated by the General Assembly, "subject to any terms or conditions contained in a judgment, settlement agreement, or memorandum of understanding." H.B. 611, lines 13-15 (2023). As the bill's language contemplates,

settlement agreements often restrict the use of proceeds or require proceeds to be paid to certain persons or entities. Such restrictions and requirements are frequently material, negotiated terms of the settlement and crucial to the effective resolution of the underlying claims.

By subjecting all legal settlements to the appropriations process, regardless of their distribution requirements, House Bill 611 would add an unnecessary, bureaucratic hoop for the State to jump through to meet its legal obligations. This would only serve to delay, frustrate, and potentially threaten the final resolution of claims owed to the State and its citizens. Further, it would impair the expertise of the Office of Planning and Budget who routinely develop delicate spending plans for settlement funds and ensure the seamless administration of such funds.

My consideration of this legislation recognizes the General Assembly's authority to appropriate settlement proceeds received by the State that are not, by the terms of the underlying agreements, encumbered by specific use restrictions or intended for certain persons or entities. These proceeds, such as those received in perpetuity by the State pursuant to the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, are considered alongside general funds and serve an important role in the State's budget each year. House Bill 611 would not affect the General Assembly's discretion regarding such proceeds.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 611.**

VETO 9

House Bill 680 would reapportion the electoral districts for the City of Thomasville City Council and Board of Education.

At the request of the sponsor, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 680**.

VETO 10

House Bill 774 would change the compensation for the members of the Board of Commissioners of Irwin County, provide for the appointment of a county administrator for Irwin County, and revise the provisions for the appointment of a superintendent of roads and bridges for Irwin County.

At the request of the sponsor, **I VETO HOUSE BILL 774**.

VETO 11

Senate Bill 23 has many parts. Parts I through XIII amend various titles of the Georgia Code to revise committee names and repeal certain provisions related to inactive state

entities and legislation prefiling in the General Assembly. A late amendment to Senate Bill 23 added Part XIIIA, which in part provides for a dispute resolution process for the Georgia Data Analytics Center including an administrative appeal to the Director of the Office of Planning and Budget. The process requires the Director to "consult with the chairpersons of the Senate and House appropriations committees prior to making a final determination." S.B. 23, lines 360-362 (2023). This provision raises separation of powers concerns under the Georgia Constitution. *See* GA. CONST. art. I, § 2, ¶ III.

Because this administrative appeal process can also be accomplished via Executive Order without implicating separation of powers questions, **I VETO SENATE BILL 23**.

VETO 12

Senate Bill 164 would create professional licenses for advanced practice registered nurses and anesthesiologist assistants and revise the composition of the Georgia Composite Medical Board**.**

At the request of the sponsor, **I VETO SENATE BILL 164**.

VETO 13

Senate Bill 199 would allow the Employee Benefit Plan Council to include health savings accounts ("HSA") in the flexible benefit plan options offered to all eligible state employees to be funded through automatic salary deductions. HSA benefits may be a valuable benefit to state employees; however, the fiscal impact of these changes is unknown. Adding these programs without a full understanding of the fiscal impact risks significant financial harm to the State and to affected employees. While I support expanding benefits to our state employees, I cannot do so without a clear understanding of the financial implications.

For the foregoing reasons, **I VETO SENATE BILL 199**.

VETO 14

Senate Bill 303 would alter the existing homestead exemption from Fulton County ad valorem taxes for senior citizens making annual income less than 200% of the federal poverty level by removing the requirement that property owners reapply for this exemption every two years. Senate Bill 303 does not provide for a new referendum for voters to approve this modification. Such a referendum is required under Georgia's constitution. *See* GA. CONST. art. 7, § 2, ¶ 2(a)(2).

Because Senate Bill 303 does not provide for the required referendum, and at the request of several members of the local delegation, **I VETO SENATE BILL 303**.

SIGNING STATEMENT 1

Senate Bill 115 seeks to ensure sportsman have use of Georgia's navigable rivers. My office has received many calls both in support of and in opposition to this piece of legislation. After careful analysis, I have signed Senate Bill 115 for the following reasons.

One, the state has invested millions of dollars collected through license fees to establish fisheries and boat ramps and to manage sport fishing populations in our rivers. Two, this legislation does not affect non-navigable rivers or streams or change the definition of navigability. The definition of navigability is codified in a different subsection of this statute: O.C.G.A. § 44-8-5(a). Three, this legislation does not impact the use of water by adjacent landowners in navigable rivers. Four, this statute does not create a private right of action. Any implied private right of action is abrogated by statute. *See* O.C.G.A. § 9-2- 8.

This bill allows for the public to hunt, fish, and transit the navigable waters of this state – an embodiment of the principle of *sic vos non vobis* and a privilege that has been assured Georgians for generations. To the extent some believe it stands for more, House Resolution 519 establishes the House Study Committee on Fishing Access to Freshwater Resources. This study committee will meet between legislative sessions this summer and is the appropriate venue to receive suggested amendments to the language in Senate Bill 115.

State of Georgia
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May 5, 2023

The Honorable Burt Jones
Lieutenant Governor
240 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The Honorable Jon Burns
Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Gentlemen:

Please be advised that I have identified language to disregard and line-item vetoed the appropriations below for the following sections in House Bill 19:

Non-Binding Information Language to Disregard:

1. Section 11, pertaining to the State Accounting Office, page 24, line 32.2.
2. Section 12, pertaining to the Department of Administrative Services, page 29, line 42.3.
3. Section 13, pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, page 34, line 50.7.

4. Section 13, pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, page 37, line 50.11.
5. Section 13, pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, page 37, line 55.1.
6. Section 13, pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, page 37, line 55.2.
7. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 42, line 62.7.
8. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 42, line 62.9.
9. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 42, line 62.10.
10. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 43, line 63.2.
11. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 43, line 63.3.
12. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 43, line 63.4.
13. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 44, line 64.6.
14. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 44, line 64.7.
15. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 44, line 64.8.
16. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 44, line 64.11.
17. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 44, line 64.13.
18. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 44, line 64.15.
19. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 45, line 67.2.
20. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 46, line 68.5.
21. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 46, line 68.7.
22. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 47, line 69.6.
23. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 47, line 69.7.
24. Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 48, line 70.4.
25. Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 55, line 82.1.
26. Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 56, line 83.6.

27. Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 56, line 83.8.
28. Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 58, line 87.5.
29. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 59, line 88.8.
30. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 60, line 88.11.
31. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 62, line 91.8.
32. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 62, line 91.13.
33. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 62, line 91.14.
34. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 64, line 94.10.
35. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 65, line 94.11.
36. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 65, line 94.12.
37. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 65, line 94.13.
38. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 65, line 94.14.
39. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 65, line 94.15.
40. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 65, line 94.19.
41. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 66, line 95.6.
42. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 66, line 95.7.
43. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 66, line 95.8.
44. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 67, line 95.10.
45. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 67, line 95.11.
46. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 67, line 95.12.
47. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 67, line 95.13.

48. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 67, line 95.17.
49. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 67, line 95.18.
50. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 68, line 96.3.
51. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 68, line 96.5.
52. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 68, line 96.6.
53. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 69, line 98.3.
54. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 70, line 99.7.
55. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 71, line 102.1.
56. Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 73, line 104.3.
57. Section 18, pertaining to the Department of Community Supervision, page 77, line 110.1.
58. Section 19, pertaining to the Department of Corrections, page 83, line 119.5.
59. Section 21, pertaining to the Department of Driver Services, page 91, line 128.8.
60. Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Economic Development, page 99, line 143.6.
61. Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Economic Development, page 100, line 143.7.
62. Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 101, line 144.10.
63. Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 103, line 147.5.
64. Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 107, line 154.6.
65. Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 108, line 155.5.
66. Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 110, line 160.11.
67. Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 110, line 160.12.
68. Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 113, line 166.6.
69. Section 25, pertaining to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, page 116, line 172.1.
70. Section 26, pertaining to the State Forestry Commission, page 118, line 173.6.
71. Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 123, line 181.4.
72. Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 124, line 183.1.
73. Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 124, line 183.5.
74. Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 124, line 183.6.
75. Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 124, line 183.7.
76. Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 124, line 183.8.

77. Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 125, line 185.5.
78. Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 132, line 195.8.
79. Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 133, line 196.4.
80. Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 133, line 197.4.
81. Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 137, line 206.3.
82. Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 140, line 212.6.
83. Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 140, line 212.7.
84. Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 140, line 212.8.
85. Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 140, line 212.9.
86. Section 29, pertaining to the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, page 143, line 216.6.
87. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 147, line 221.5.
88. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 148, line 222.8.
89. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 149, line 224.1.
90. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 149, line 224.8.
91. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 150, line 225.1.
92. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 150, line 225.5.
93. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 150, line 225.6.
94. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 150, line 225.7.
95. Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 151, line 227.1.
96. Section 32, pertaining to the Department of Labor, page 156, line 232.5.
97. Section 32, pertaining to the Department of Labor, page 157, line 234.3.
98. Section 33, pertaining to the Department of Law, page 158, line 235.7.
99. Section 33, pertaining to the Department of Law, page 159, line 236.5.
100. Section 34, pertaining to the Department of Natural Resources, page 164, line 243.4.

101. Section 38, pertaining to the Department of Public Health, page 172, line 252.5.
102. Section 38, pertaining to the Department of Public Health, page 174, line 256.2.
103. Section 38, pertaining to the Department of Public Health, page 175, line 258.4.
104. Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 179, line 266.6.
105. Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 181, line 269.1.
106. Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 183, line 271.1.
107. Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 184, line 273.4.
108. Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 185, line 274.1.
109. Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 185, line 275.1.
110. Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 185, line 275.5.
111. Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 186, line 276.4.
112. Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 186, line 276.5.
113. Section 40, pertaining to the Public Service Commission, page 188, line 278.5.
114. Section 40, pertaining to the Public Service Commission, page 188, line 279.4.
115. Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 190, line 281.5.
116. Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 191, line 283.6.
117. Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 199, line 295.3.
118. Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 199, line 295.6.
119. Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 199, line 295.8.
120. Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 199, line 295.10.
121. Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 199, line 295.11.
122. Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 203, line 301.4.
123. Section 43, pertaining to the Secretary of State, page 211, line 316.6.
124. Section 43, pertaining to the Secretary of State, page 214, line 321.4.
125. Section 44, pertaining to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and Authority, page 217, line 325.1.
126. Section 44, pertaining to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and Authority, page 220, line 333.2.
127. Section 44, pertaining to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and Authority, page 223, line 341.2.
128. Section 46, pertaining to the Technical College System of Georgia, page 229, line 351.7.

129. Section 46, pertaining to the Technical College System of Georgia, page 229, line 351.8.
130. Section 46, pertaining to the Technical College System of Georgia, page 229, line 351.9.
131. Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 246, line 375.17.
132. Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 246, line 375.19.
133. Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 261, line 376.611.
134. Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 262, line 376.613.

Vetoes:

1. Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 57, line 85.101.
2. Section 46, pertaining to the Technical College System of Georgia, page 228, line 350.100.
3. Section 47, pertaining to the Department of Transportation, page 237, line 364.100.
4. Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page, 253, line 376.233.
5. Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 254, line 376.238.
6. Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 255, line 376.260.
7. Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 255, line 376.262.
8. Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 256, line 376.263.
9. Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 258, line 376.405.

The messages for the above referenced items are attached.

Sincerely,
/s/ Brian P. Kemp

BPK:rbw

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State
The Honorable Chris Carr, Attorney General
The Honorable Blake Tillery, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Matt Hatchett, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
Mr. David A. Cook, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Bill Reilly, Clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives
Mr. Rick Ruskell, Legislative Counsel

HB 19 – FY 2024 APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Intent Language Considered Non-Binding

Section 11, pertaining to the State Accounting Office, page 24, line 32.2:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $4,528,476 in state general funds to the State Accounting Office for the Financial Systems program to be used for operating, maintaining, and staffing the statewide financial and human capital management systems. The office has numerous vacant positions and is in the process of substantially modifying this program with the implementation of the NextGen project that will produce efficiencies in operations. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 32.2 and evaluate the future needs of the program for the NextGen project.

Section 12, pertaining to the Department of Administrative Services, page 29, line 42.3:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $2,000,000 in state general funds to the Department of Administrative Services for the Risk Management program to be used for paying negotiated Workers' Compensation settlements to reduce outstanding claims. While the state has made substantive investments in reducing outstanding Workers Compensation claims in recent budgets, this appropriation is not sufficient to meet estimated needs. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 42.3.

Section 13, pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, page 34, line 50.7:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $340,000 in state general funds to the Department of Agriculture for the Consumer Protection program for the State Agricultural Response Team (SART). As specific uses for these funds were not identified, the agency is instructed to use these funds for training, equipment, or for overtime or conditional pay supplements for team members earned during event response pursuant to Policy 7 – the Statewide Overtime Policy and State Personnel Board Rule 478-1-.12(9).

Section 13, pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, page 37, line 50.11:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $850,000 in state general funds to the Department of Agriculture for the Consumer Protection program to increase funds for operations. As specific uses for these funds were not identified, the agency is instructed to

use these funds for one-time equipment replacement and facility improvement projects at the Tifton laboratory in conjunction with the recommissioning funded by HB 18 (2023).

Section 13, pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, page 37, line 55.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $224,400 in state general funds to the Department of Agriculture for the Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority program to be used for a one-time salary adjustment to provide parity for all full-time, benefit-eligible state employees not directly state funded to address agency retention needs. The Authority is a self-funded agency, and its employees are funded through revenues generated by the Authority's activities. State funding for the program is supplementary and not related to personal services. Therefore, the Authority is directed to disregard the language included in line 55.1 and manage personal services costs through the Authority's existing revenue model.

Section 13, pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, page 37, line 55.2:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $98,400 in state general funds to the Department of Agriculture for the Payments to Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority program to be used for an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services administered insurance programs. The Authority is a self-funded agency that is able to generate and retain revenue. State funding for the program is supplementary and not related to insurance. Therefore, the Authority is directed to disregard the language included in line 55.2 and manage costs through the Authority's existing revenue model.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 42, line 62.7:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $10,950,021 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program to annualize the cost of 513 New Options Waiver (NOW) and Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) slots for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. $771,514 of this appropriation would fund only administrative overhead costs rather than provide additional waiver slots. The Department has sufficient existing program funding to deploy the additional slots without additional administrative overhead. Therefore, the agency is directed to utilize the funds included in line 62.7 for direct waiver expenses only.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 42, line 62.9:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,112,791 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program to increase salaries for state psychiatric hospital staff. Previous efforts to address staff salaries have addressed retention allowing the department to increase bed capacity across the state hospital system. The agency should

strategically identify specific positions with ongoing turnover concerns rather than increasing salaries across the board. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 62.9.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 42, line 62.10:
The General Assembly seeks to direct the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities in the Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program to begin implementation of the 2022-2023 provider rate study pending approval by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The General Assembly did not appropriate any additional funds to support implementation of the provider rate study. The study estimated a $105 million cost to implement the rate increase which would require the Department to redirect 25 percent of existing program funding from other services to meet the additional cost. This unfunded mandate would have devastating impacts on the Department's ability to maintain existing levels of service to the adult developmentally disabled community. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 62.10 until the resources necessary to support implementing this important study have been appropriated.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 43, line 63.2:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,218,343 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Adult Forensic Services program to fill nine vacant forensic evaluator positions and 23 peer mentor positions at market rate. The Department received funding for additional peer mentors in FY 2023 and has been unable to fully fill those positions. The Department should utilize existing funding for these activities before additional funds are added. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 63.2.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 43, line 63.3:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $277,027 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Adult Forensic Services program to increase salaries for forensic peer mentors. As the Department has not fully filled the forensic peer mentors added in FY 2023, existing funding could be used to increase salaries for forensic peer mentors without requiring additional program funding. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 63.3.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 43, line 63.4:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $4,376,950 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Adult Forensic Services program to increase salaries for state psychiatric hospital staff. Previous efforts to

address staff salaries have addressed retention allowing the department to increase bed capacity across the state hospital system. The agency should strategically identify specific positions with ongoing turnover concerns rather than increasing salaries across the board. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 63.4.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 44, line 64.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $7,030,171 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Adult Mental Health Services program to annualize the operations of a 24-bed and 16 temporary observation chair behavioral health crisis center at Serenity Behavioral Health Systems in Augusta. The state contracts with community service boards (CSBs) and other providers to provide crisis capacity across the state. Current behavioral health crisis centers are staffed at specific ratios and are reimbursed by the department based upon established budgets set each fiscal year. Each budget should reflect a similar and appropriate staffing ratio based on utilization of each facility. Therefore, the agency is directed to utilize the crisis capacity study and continue to provide services based upon the projected utilization while ensuring equity across providers.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 44, line 64.7:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $6,651,470 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Adult Mental Health Services program for a 24-bed and 16 temporary observation chair behavioral health crisis center in Fulton County. The state contracts with community service boards (CSBs) and other providers to provide crisis capacity across the state. Current behavioral health crisis centers are staffed at specific ratios and are reimbursed by the department based upon established budgets set each fiscal year. Each budget should reflect a similar and appropriate staffing ratio based on utilization of each facility. Therefore, the agency is directed to utilize the crisis capacity study and continue to provide services based upon the projected utilization while ensuring equity across providers.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 44, line 64.8:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $10,823,084 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Adult Mental Health Services program to convert a crisis stabilization unit at the Community Service Board of Middle Georgia in Dublin to a 24-bed and 16 temporary observation chair behavioral health crisis center. The state contracts with community service boards (CSBs) and other providers to provide crisis capacity across the state. Current behavioral health crisis centers are staffed at specific ratios and are reimbursed by the department based upon established budgets set each fiscal year. Each budget should reflect a similar and appropriate staffing ratio based on utilization of each facility. Therefore, the agency is

directed to utilize the crisis capacity study and continue to provide services based upon the projected utilization while ensuring equity across providers.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 44, line 64.11:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $2,251,420 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Adult Mental Health Services program for additional program and administrative support to manage the national '988' hotline. These funds would increase administrative funding to the '988' hotline rather than direct response services for those in crisis. Call volume has not increased to a level requiring additional administrative support over existing levels. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 64.11.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 44, line 64.13:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,902,500 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Adult Mental Health Services program for the Georgia Housing Voucher program to support the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement. The Department received additional funding in the FY 2023 that remains in the base budget and is sufficient to meet projected utilization without additional funding needs. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 64.13.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 44, line 64.15:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $2,735,431 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Adult Mental Health Services program to increase salaries for state psychiatric hospital staff. Previous efforts to address staff salaries have addressed retention allowing the department to increase bed capacity across the state hospital system. The agency should strategically identify specific positions with ongoing turnover concerns rather than increasing salaries across the board. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 64.15.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 45, line 67.2:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $69,190 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Child and Adolescent Forensic Services program to increase salaries for state psychiatric hospital staff. Previous efforts to address staff salaries have addressed retention allowing the department to increase bed capacity across the state hospital system. The agency should strategically identify specific positions with ongoing turnover concerns rather than

increasing salaries across the board. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 67.2.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 46, line 68.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,000,000 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services program for the Multi-Agency Treatment for Children (MATCH) teams to support collaboration across state agencies. Agencies should look for opportunities to collaborate strategically on providing appropriate health care to vulnerable populations as an integral part of their duties without requiring additional funding to do so. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 68.5 and work directly with other stakeholder agencies to ensure positive outcomes for children.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 46, line 68.7:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $6,162 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services program to increase salaries for state psychiatric hospital staff. Previous efforts to address staff salaries have addressed retention allowing the department to increase bed capacity across the state hospital system. The agency should strategically identify specific positions with ongoing turnover concerns rather than increasing salaries across the board. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 68.7.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 47, line 69.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $650,000 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities in the Departmental Administration (DBHDD) program to support agency operations. These funds would not support new activities or services but would increase overhead funding for existing agency responsibilities. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 69.6.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 47, line 69.7:
The General Assembly seeks to direct the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities in the Departmental Administration (DBHDD) program to utilize opioid funds for an addiction treatment locator site. The final settlement agreement gave authority for directing trust funds to the trustee of the fund. Usage of the trust funds outside of the authority of the trustee are prohibited. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 69.7.

Section 15, pertaining to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, page 48, line 70.4:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,844,751 in state general funds to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities for the Direct Care Support Services program to increase salaries for state psychiatric hospital staff. Previous efforts to address staff salaries have addressed retention allowing the department to increase bed capacity across the state hospital system. The agency should strategically identify specific positions with ongoing turnover concerns rather than increasing salaries across the board. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 70.4.

Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 55, line 82.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $800,000 in state general funds to the Department of Community Affairs for the Special Housing Initiatives program to increase the number of grants awarded through the Home Access Program. Base funding already exists for this program in addition to other accessibility programs offered through other agencies. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 82.1.

Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 56, line 83.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $200,000 in state general funds to the Department of Community Affairs for the State Community Development Programs program to increase funds for the Helping Hands Ending Hunger program. Agencies should use a competitive grant process in awarding state funds for community-based services to ensure non-profit organizations have equal opportunity to apply for available state funding and that funds are awarded to the programs delivering the largest impact on Georgians in need. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 83.6.

Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 56, line 83.8:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $200,000 in state general funds to the Department of Community Affairs for the State Community Development Programs program to expand 2-1-1 services in rural Georgia. Agencies should use a competitive grant process in awarding state funds for community-based services to ensure non-profit organizations have equal opportunity to apply for available state funding and that funds are awarded to the programs delivering the largest impact on Georgians in need. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 83.8.

Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 58, line 87.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,000,000 in state general funds to the Department of Community Affairs for the Payments to OneGeorgia Authority program. The appropriations act did not identify a need for or an intended use of the funds. Therefore, the Authority is directed to disregard the language included in line 87.5.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 59, line 88.8:
The General Assembly seeks to direct the Department of Community Health in the Departmental Administration (DCH) program to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change any rules, regulations, or policies necessary to allow for reimbursement of Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) and Physical Therapy Assistants (PTAs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving Children's Intervention Services (CIS). The General Assembly seeks to fund the scope of services reimbursable by Medicaid by reducing required base funding for Medicaid, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 88.8.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 60, line 88.11:
The General Assembly seeks to direct the Department of Community Health in the Departmental Administration (DCH) program to work with the Department of Human Services to submit a 1915(i) State Plan Amendment (SPA) providing youth with behavioral and mental health conditions access to Home and Community Based Services. The 1915(i) State Plan Amendment would expand the scope of services covered by Medicaid, but the General Assembly authorized no additional funding for this purpose. It is unclear what specific services such an amendment would add to the State Plan, and as such, it is not possible to estimate the likely cost of such an expansion. Additionally, the budget reduces required base funding for Medicaid, which could create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 88.11.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 62, line 91.8:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $409,000 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Healthcare Access and Improvement program to support existing and new housing with the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC). The state already provides 51% of total funding for AHEC at more than $3.1 million annually for operating support. AHEC receives additional funding support from federal and local partners. While these funds would provide housing cost assistance for students, it would not increase direct services for patients. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 91.8.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 62, line 91.13:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $4,000,000 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Healthcare Access and Improvement program to provide one-time grants up to $1,000,000 for hospitals with graduate medical education programs to support new and expanding residency programs, with priority given to new and rural sites, including Colquitt Regional Medical Center and Archbold Medical Center. The agency is authorized to develop a competitive grant application process and criteria for awards to identify graduate medical education programs in greatest need of infrastructure funding in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the board.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 62, line 91.14: The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $50,000 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Healthcare Access and Improvement program for the Georgia Council of Lupus Education and Awareness to support research, data collection, awareness, and education. The state provides $100,000 annually to the Georgia Council of Lupus Education and Awareness and this would represent a 50 percent increase in contributions to the Council. The Council does not provide direct health services to patients. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 91.14.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 64, line 94.10: The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,390,850 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Aged Blind, and Disabled program to be used for adult coverage of dental services. The General Assembly seeks to fund the types of services reimbursable by Medicaid by reducing base funding for the Medicaid program overall, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Additionally, the amount provided is insufficient to meet actual service expansion costs based on utilization rates seen in other states and leaves significant outyear unfunded liabilities. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 94.10 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 65, line 94.11: The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $650,651 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 5% increase to emergency medical services (EMS) reimbursement rates. While ensuring service providers are adequately compensated is important in maintaining a stable provider network, the General Assembly seeks to fund these increases by reducing required base funding for Medicaid, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 94.11 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 65, line 94.12: The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $10,511,896 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 4% rate increase for home and community-based service providers. While ensuring service providers are adequately compensated is important in maintaining a stable provider network, the General Assembly seeks to fund these increases by reducing required base funding for Medicaid, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 94.12 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 65, line 94.13: The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $854,167 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program for a 5% rate increase for Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) providers. While ensuring service providers are adequately compensated is important in maintaining a stable provider network, the General Assembly seeks to fund these increases by reducing required base funding for Medicaid, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 94.13 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 65, line 94.14: The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $308,666 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to increase the dispensing fee to $11.50 for low-volume pharmacies that fill under 65,000 prescriptions per year. While ensuring service providers are adequately compensated is important in maintaining a stable provider network, the General Assembly seeks to fund these increases by reducing required base funding for Medicaid, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 94.14 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 65, line 94.15: The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $2,195,707 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers. While ensuring service providers are adequately compensated is important in maintaining a stable provider network, the General Assembly seeks to fund these increases by reducing required base funding for Medicaid, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 94.15 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 65, line 94.19: The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $466,926 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled program to add funds for reimbursement of Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) and Physical Therapy Assistants (PTAs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving Children's Intervention Services (CIS). The General Assembly seeks to fund the scope of services reimbursable by Medicaid by reducing required base funding for Medicaid, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the

language included in line 94.19 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 66, line 95.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,401,214 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to be used for adult coverage of dental services. The General Assembly seeks to fund the scope of services reimbursable by Medicaid by reducing required base funding for Medicaid, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Additionally, the amount provided is insufficient to meet actual service expansion costs based on utilization rates seen in other states and leaves significant outyear unfunded liabilities. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 95.6 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 66, line 95.7:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $442,464 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program for a 5% increase to emergency medical services (EMS) reimbursement rates. While ensuring service providers are adequately compensated is important in maintaining a stable provider network, the General Assembly seeks to fund these increases by reducing required base funding for the Medicaid program, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 95.7 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 66, line 95.8:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $871,029 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to reimburse for family psychological and therapy services. The General Assembly seeks to fund the scope of services reimbursable by Medicaid by reducing required base funding for Medicaid, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 95.8 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 67, line 95.10:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $312,630 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to increase the dispensing fee to $11.50 for low-volume pharmacies that fill under 65,000 prescriptions per year. While ensuring service providers are adequately compensated is important in maintaining a stable provider network, the General Assembly seeks to fund these increases by reducing required base funding for the Medicaid program, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the

language included in line 95.10 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 67, line 95.11: The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $5,037,452 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers. While ensuring service providers are adequately compensated is important in maintaining a stable provider network, the General Assembly seeks to fund these increases by reducing required base funding for the Medicaid program, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 95.11 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 66, line 95.12: The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $18,718,846 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to increase select primary care and OB/GYN codes to 2021 Medicare levels. While ensuring service providers are adequately compensated is important in maintaining a stable provider network, the General Assembly seeks to fund these increases by reducing required base funding for the Medicaid program, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 95.12 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 67, line 95.13: The General Assembly seeks to direct the Department of Community Health within the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to require Medicaid managed care organizations to reimburse medical equipment suppliers at no less than 100% of the state Medicaid program Durable Medical Equipment fee schedule. This direction also applies to managed care contractors, subcontractors, and third-party administrators. The state provides funding to Medicaid managed care organizations at a capitated rate and does not specify rates for individual medical services. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 95.13.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 67, line 95.17: The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $408,729 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: Low-Income program to add funds for reimbursement of Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) and Physical Therapy Assistants (PTAs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving Children's Intervention Services (CIS). The General Assembly seeks to fund the scope of services reimbursable by Medicaid by reducing required base funding for Medicaid, which is likely

to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 95.17 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 67, line 95.18:
The General Assembly seeks to direct the Department of Community Health within the Medicaid: Low-Income Medicaid program to utilize existing funds to implement value-based purchasing. The Department will need time to develop quality metrics for value-based purchasing that would make it difficult to fully implement in FY 2024. As the state must reprocure these contracts within the next two years, the Department should utilize that time to develop the quality metrics necessary to implement value-based purchasing as part of the reprocurement process. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 95.18.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 68, line 96.3:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $11,243 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Medicaid: PeachCare program for a 5% increase to emergency medical services (EMS) reimbursement rates. While ensuring service providers are adequately compensated is important in maintaining a stable provider network, the General Assembly seeks to fund these increases by reducing required base funding for the Medicaid program, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 96.3 and utilize funds for the for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 68, line 96.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $408,729 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the PeachCare program to add funds for reimbursement of Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTAs) and Physical Therapy Assistants (PTAs) providing services for Medicaid members receiving Children's Intervention Services (CIS). The General Assembly seeks to fund the scope of services reimbursable by Medicaid by reducing required base funding for Medicaid, which is likely to create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 96.5 and utilize funds for expense and growth needs in accordance with the purpose of the program and general law powers of the department.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 68, line 96.6:
The General Assembly seeks to direct the Department of Community Health within the PeachCare program to utilize existing funds to implement value-based purchasing. The Department will need time to develop quality metrics for value-based purchasing that would make it difficult to fully implement in FY 2024. As the state must reprocure these contracts within the next two years, the Department should utilize that time to develop the quality metrics necessary to implement value-based purchasing as part of the

reprocurement process. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 96.6.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 69, line 98.3:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $100,000 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Georgia Board of Healthcare Workforce: Board Administration program to fund a statewide neurology assessment to evaluate current and future needs. Based on prior fiscal year spending levels, the Board has the budget capacity to fund this initiative without the need for additional state funding. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 98.3.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 70, line 99.7:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $432,338 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Georgia Board of Healthcare Workforce: Graduate Medical Education program to increase funds for child and adolescent psychiatry fellows at the Medical College of Georgia. While these funds would address future healthcare workforce needs, the appropriated amount is insufficient to cover the additional fellowships and the College is unable to proceed with implementation until additional funding is appropriated for the full cohort. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 99.7.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 71, line 102.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $850,000 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Georgia Board of Healthcare Workforce: Physicians for Rural Areas program to establish a loan repayment program for mental health professionals. HB 520, which would have authorized the loan repayment program, was not passed by the General Assembly during the 2023 Session and these funds will not be necessary. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 102.1.

Section 17, pertaining to the Department of Community Health, page 73, line 104.3:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $431,836 in state general funds to the Department of Community Health for the Georgia Composite Medical Board program to increase funds for personnel to support increased licensure application volume. Given the increase in licensure volume over a five-year period, the Board should prioritize increasing the number of licensing analysts to process applications and renewals to help maintain our healthcare workforce pipeline.

Section 18, pertaining to the Department of Community Supervision, page 77, line 110.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $29,271 in state general funds to the Department of Community Supervision for the Georgia Commission on Family Violence program to provide a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for all full-time, benefit-eligible state employees. Of these funds, $14,135 would supplant federal funds used for employee

salaries with state funds. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 110.1.

Section 19, pertaining to the Department of Corrections, page 83, line 119.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $3,551,094 in state general funds to the Department of Corrections for the Offender Management program to provide a two dollar per diem increase for County Correctional Institutions. Historically, per diem rates have been negotiated with the Department to determine reimbursement levels for County Correctional Institutions. The Department has not provided any information supporting a $2 per diem increase and should work with County Correctional Institutions to determine an appropriate increase if needed. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 119.5.

Section 21, pertaining to the Department of Driver Services, page 91, line 128.8:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $2,310,516 in state general funds to the Department of Driver Services for the License Issuance program for salary adjustments to address high turnover. These funds would only impact salaries at select customer service centers and create substantial disparities in salaries based on geography rather than workload, potentially worsening turnover at customer service centers not receiving salary adjustments. Additionally, these salaries would violate the statewide salary structure established by the Human Resources Administration. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 128.8.

Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Economic Development, page 99, line 143.6:
The General Assembly seeks to reduce state general funds by $240,251 to the Department of Economic Development for the Tourism program for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and direct the agency to utilize $500,000 in existing funds for ongoing facility improvements and educational exhibits. Ga. Const. Art. III, VI, Para VI prohibits the use of state funds to provide gratuities to any individual, corporation, or association. Subsequent Attorney General opinions of the Gratuity Clause have deemed that "It is unlawful to expend state funds in order to make permanent improvements to property unless the state owns the fee interest in the property concerned or unless the improvements are of such a nature or character to be subject to either recoupment or removal by the state at the time the state's use of the property terminates." Therefore, the Department is authorized to use up to $500,000 for educational exhibits at the Center, but the agency shall ensure that appropriated funds are not used for facility improvements at non-state owned property.

Section 23, pertaining to the Department of Economic Development, page 100, line 143.7:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $70,000 in state general funds to the Department of Economic Development for the Tourism program to maintain markers for

the Georgia Historical Society. The state already provides annual funding for this activity and the Society as a non-profit organization is not prohibited from receiving financial support and donations from private individuals. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 143.7.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 101, line 144.10:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $288,000 in state general funds to the Department of Education for the Agricultural Education program for two young farmer positions in Barrow and Hall counties and for an oversight position. The Department of Audits' recent audit of the Georgia Young Farmers program noted concerns with a lack of performance measures and activity data that would enable the Department of Education to track effectiveness in achieving program goals. The Department should take steps to address the concerns raised in the audit report prior to further expanding the program to additional locations. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 144.10.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 103, line 147.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,700,000 in state general funds to the Department of Education for the Charter Schools program for charter facility grants pursuant to HB 430 (2017 Session). HB 430 does not require additional funding for charter facility grants but instead allows the state board to award facilities grants to local and state charter schools, subject to appropriations. As additional charter schools are added at the state and local level annually, this creates a compounding outyear liability for program funding. Therefore, the Department is directed to disregard the language in line 147.5.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 107, line 154.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $50,000 in state general funds to the Department of Education for the Non Quality Basic Education Formula Grants program for feminine hygiene grants due to inflation and increased enrollment. The Department has provided no data on actual program needs or unmet demand and has existing funding of $1,450,000 for school grants. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 154.6.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 108, line 155.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $6,333,713 in state general funds to the Department of Education for the Nutrition program for the cost of breakfast and lunch for reduce-pay students. These funds would offset the loss of federal pandemic relief funds previously used to provide free breakfast and lunch for reduce-pay students through September 2022. As Georgia is participating in a federal pilot program that is expected to expand and streamline access to reduced cost meals for Georgia students, the amount provided in this line item is likely insufficient to fully fund the cost of providing free breakfast and lunch for reduce-pay students. The Department of Education should continue to implement the school nutrition program in accordance with federal guidelines until the

full impact of improving program access through the federal pilot program can be determined. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 155.5.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 110, line 160.11:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $49,493 in state general funds to the Department of Education for the Quality Basic Education program for a military counselor in Chattahoochee County. The U.S. Department of Defense provides military counselors and counseling services for eligible students and for school districts. The Department should evaluate school system needs based on military populations served to ensure that available state funds are appropriately distributed to serve highest need districts. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 160.11.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 110, line 160.12:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $8,636,781 in state general funds to the Department of Education for the Quality Basic Education program for a salary supplement of $1,000 to custodians. The Quality Basic Education funding formula as outlined in O.C.G.A. Title 20, Ch. 2, Art. 6 does not authorize funding to school districts for custodians. Funding recurring salary payments for custodial staff in school districts through the Quality Basic Education program would require a legislative change to the Quality Basic Education funding formula. As the appropriations act cannot make change to general law, the agency, therefore, is directed to disregard the language in line 160.12.

Section 24, pertaining to the Department of Education, page 113, line 166.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $711,000 in state general funds to the Department of Education for the Technology/Career Education for construction industry certification. The Department has existing funds for this contract for high school programs. This funding would expand construction industry certification programs to lower grades; however, all fifteen current industry certified programs managed by the Department of Education are for high school curriculums. Therefore, the Department is directed to disregard the language in line 166.6.

Section 25, pertaining to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, page 116, line 172.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $26,750,000 in state general funds to the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia for the System Administration program for an annual benefit adjustment to retired state employees. O.C.G.A. Title 47 Chapter 2 Article 2 authorizes the board of trustees for the Employees' Retirement System to determine the formula for benefit payments to retirees and any postretirement benefit adjustments. The Board of Trustees therefore shall determine the most appropriate formula for disbursing these funds in accordance with the most recently adopted postretirement benefit adjustment methodology.

Section 26, pertaining to the State Forestry Commission, page 118, line 173.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $2,347,037 in state general funds to the State Forestry Commission for the Commission Administration (SFC) program for grants pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-14-1. The funding included in this line item is insufficient to implement the grant program authorized under O.C.G.A. 48-14-1 and would create significant unfunded liabilities in future budgets. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 173.6.

Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 123, line 181.4:
The General Assembly seeks to direct the Office of the Governor within the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination to coordinate and facilitate inter-agency cooperation in developing a 1915(i) State Plan Amendment (SPA) to support youth with behavioral and mental health conditions. The 1915(i) State Plan Amendment would expand the scope of services covered by Medicaid, but the General Assembly authorized no additional funding for this purpose. It is unclear what specific services such an amendment would add to the State Plan, and as such, it is not possible to estimate the likely cost of such an expansion. Additionally, the budget reduces required base funding for Medicaid, which could create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 181.4.

Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 124, line 183.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $209,924 in state general funds to the Office of the Governor for the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency program to provide a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for all full-time, benefit-eligible state employees. Of these funds, $130,161 would supplant federal funds used for employee salaries with state funds. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 183.1.

Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 124, line 183.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $352,420 in state general funds to the Office of the Governor for the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency program to annualize funds for recruitment and retention. These funds would supplant federal funds used for employee salaries with state funds. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 183.5.

Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 124, line 183.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $58,000 in state general funds to the Office of the Governor for the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency program to be used for operations and maintenance at the agency's building located at Georgia Public Safety Training Center campus. This building was constructed with federal funds and is used for disaster response and readiness and should be maintained with federal funds provided for those activities. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 183.6.

Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 124, line 183.7:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $66,227 in state general funds to the Office of the Governor for the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency program to be used for the service and location tracking of 16 generators. These generators and the associated service contracts were funded through and in support of federal programs. This line item would direct the agency to supplant federal spending with state funds. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 183.7.

Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 124, line 183.8:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,250,000 in state general funds to the Office of the Governor for the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency program to deploy Formulytics in the gang database statewide. State vendors must be selected in accordance with state procurement regulations and cannot be specified through an appropriations act. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 183.8 and utilize the funds for a competitive grant to facilitate gang activity prosecution.

Section 27, pertaining to the Office of the Governor, page 125, line 185.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $250,000 in state general funds to the Office of the Governor for the Governor's Office of Student Achievement program to increase funds for the Literacy Lab's Leading Men Fellowship program. While literacy education is a high priority for the state, this line item awards funds to an individual organization on a non-competitive basis. Agencies should use a competitive grant process in awarding state funds for community-based services to ensure non-profit organizations have equal opportunity to apply for available state funding and that funds are awarded to the programs delivering the largest impact on Georgians in need. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 185.5.

Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 132, line 195.8:
The General Assembly seeks to direct the Department of Human Services in the Departmental Administration (DHS) program to work with the Department of Community Health to submit a 1915(i) State Plan Amendment (SPA) providing youth with behavioral and mental health conditions access to Home and Community Based Services. The 1915(i) State Plan Amendment would expand the scope of services covered by Medicaid, but the General Assembly authorized no additional funding for this purpose. It is unclear what specific services such an amendment would add to the State Plan, and as such, it is not possible to estimate the likely cost of such an expansion. Additionally, the budget reduces required base funding for Medicaid, which could create a shortfall in the program. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 195.8.

Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 133, line 196.4:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $590,000 in state general funds to the Department of Human Services for the Elder Abuse Investigations and Prevent program

for the Long-term Care Ombudsman program. These funds would be used to increase contract amounts for existing long-term care ombudsmen representatives for salary, benefit, and administrative expenses. These funds would not expand the number of ombudsmen representatives nor the services provided to the state's aging population. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 196.4.

Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 133, line 197.4:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,000,000 in state general funds to the Department of Human Services for the Elder Community Living Services program for Alzheimer's and related dementias respite. The program has an existing base budget of $1.3 million for respite services. The agency should evaluate current respite care utilization to determine respite needs that serve the broader aging population and are not limited by a specific diagnosis. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 197.4.

Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 137, line 206.3:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $10,000 in state general funds to the Department of Human Services for the Council on Aging program to improve meeting technology. Funds would provide for virtual meetings for Council members. Current budget capacity is sufficient to implement such technology, if necessary, without additional funds. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 206.3.

Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 140, line 212.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $128,150 in state general funds to the Department of Human Services for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation program to increase funds and recognize $361,500 in base funds for Georgia Radio Reading Services. The Vocational Rehabilitation Program purpose is to assist people with disabilities so that they may go to work. The additional funding does not directly assist individuals finding employment and is a 35% increase to the base budget. The agency should determine metrics to demonstrate the effectiveness of the service in assisting individuals in going to work prior to further expanding the existing contract. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 212.6.

Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 140, line 212.7:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $150,000 in state general funds to the Department of Human Services for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation program to increase services. The appropriations act did not identify a specific service need for or an intended use of the funds. Based on prior fiscal year spending levels, the Agency has the budget capacity to fund this initiative without the need for additional state funding. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 212.7.

Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 140, line 212.8:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $100,000 in state general funds to the Department of Human Services for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation program to increase funds for independent living services. Based on prior fiscal year spending levels, the Agency has the budget capacity to fund this initiative without the need for additional state funding. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 212.8.

Section 28, pertaining to the Department of Human Services, page 140, line 212.9:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $25,000 in state general funds to the Department of Human Services for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency: Vocational Rehabilitation program to provide funds for employment services to transplant recipients. Based on prior fiscal year spending levels, the Agency has the budget capacity to fund this initiative without the need for additional state funding. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 212.9.

Section 29, pertaining to the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, page 143, line 216.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $403,496 in state general funds to the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance Fire Safety program to increase personnel. The agency has recently received funding for additional positions to support workload and is implementing technology that will further manage workload needs. The agency should assess the impact that current investments will have on program workload before further expanding its workforce to ensure highest remaining workload needs are prioritized. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 216.6.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 147, line 221.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $4,925,155 in state general funds to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for maintenance and collaboration of the Georgia Crime Information Center. These funds would be used to replace fees collected for firearm permit background checks following passage of SB 319 during the 2022 session. Any reduction in permitting should also reduce the workload of the Center in completing background checks. As the Bureau has not seen a full year of impact of the legislation on either revenues or workload, the Center should maintain existing funding and evaluate funding and operational needs once the impact is known. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 221.5.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 148, line 222.8:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,497,368 in state general funds to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the Forensic Scientific Services program to stagger start dates for 14 scientists, two crime lab assistant managers, two crime lab technicians, two evidence receiving technicians, one IT business analyst and associated operations in the Firearms, Chemistry, and Toxicology sections to process incoming evidence. The

agency currently already has funded vacant positions within this program to fill this need without additional funding. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 222.8.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 149, line 224.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,386,633 in state general funds to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the Regional Investigative Services program to provide a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for all full-time, benefit-eligible state employees effective July 1, 2023, to address agency recruitment and retention needs. This amount includes an additional $109,172 based on a higher retirement cost across the program; however, it does not account for standard variations between individual employee rates based on retirement plans and natural turnover. Therefore, the agency should utilize funds in line 224.1 based on actual need to implement the cost-of-living adjustment.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 149, line 224.8:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $705,000 in state general funds to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the Regional Investigative Services program for a new leads tracking system. Funds were provided in the Amended 2023 budget to purchase this system. Procurement will take place during FY 2024 and operational funding will not be needed until FY 2025. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 224.8.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 150, line 225.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $418,321 in state general funds to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council program to provide a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for all full-time, benefit-eligible state employees effective July 1, 2023, to address agency recruitment and retention needs. Of these funds, $356,367 would supplant federal funds used for employee salaries with state funds. Therefore, the Council is directed to disregard the language included in line 225.1.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 150, line 225.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $890,924 in state general funds to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council program to annualize funds for recruitment and retention. These funds would supplant federal funds used for employee salaries with state funds. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 225.5.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 150, line 225.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $4,566,146 in state general funds to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council program for personnel and operations for the Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund. These funds would supplant federal funds the program already receives for personnel and operations. The agency should ensure that administrative costs are a reasonable portion of federal

funding and must make operational changes to align to available federal funding while prioritizing funds for crime victims. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 225.6.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 150, line 225.7:
The General Assembly seeks to reduce funding for training for state and local law enforcement officers. While it is unfortunate the General Assembly did not maintain funds for these important training programs to ensure our law enforcement officers have appropriate training to deescalate threatening situations and better protect our citizens and our students, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is directed to allocate remaining training grant funds to provide on-going school resource officer training.

Section 30, pertaining to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, page 151, line 227.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,262,898 in state general funds to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Family Violence program for sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) coordinators and improve access to SANE resources for sexual assault centers. These funds would not result in additional sexual assault nurse examiners but would instead supplant existing federal funds used for these positions with state funds. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 227.1.

Section 32, pertaining to the Department of Labor, page 156, line 232.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $50,000 in state general funds to the Department of Labor for the Departmental Administration (DOL) program for salary adjustments. These funds would supplant federal funds used for employee salaries with state funds. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 232.5.

Section 32, pertaining to the Department of Labor, page 157, line 234.3:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,950,000 in state general funds to the Department of Labor for the Unemployment Insurance program for salary adjustments to reflect the loss of Wagner-Peyser grant funding. The Department has not previously received Wagner-Peyser funds in the Unemployment Insurance program as Wagner-Peyser funds are dedicated to workforce development programs. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 234.3.

Section 33, pertaining to the Department of Law, page 158, line 235.7:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,624,964 in state general funds to the Department of Law for the Department of Law program for a three-year merit-based retention initiative for attorney positions. As appropriation acts may only authorize spending for the fiscal year as established in that act and cannot obligate funds for future fiscal years, the Department is directed to disregard the language included in line 235.7 referencing a three-year initiative.

Section 33, pertaining to the Department of Law, page 159, line 236.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $16,867 in state general funds to the Department of Law for the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to draw down a 75% federal match for two vehicles for investigator positions. The agency has sufficient budget capacity to fill this need without additional funding. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 236.5.

Section 34, pertaining to the Department of Natural Resources, page 164, line 243.4:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate an additional $55,000 in state general funds to the Department of Natural Resources for the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites program to increase funds for the Georgia State Games Commission. O.C.G.A. § 50-12-44 authorizes the Commission to accept donations and grants for the purposes of promoting the Georgia State Games. The Commission has historically been self-funded and has not demonstrated a need for or planned use of state funding. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 243.4.

Section 38, pertaining to the Department of Public Health, page 172, line 252.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $150,000 in state general funds to the Department of Public Health Adolescent and Adult Health Promotion program to increase funds for feminine hygiene products for low-income clients at community organizations. The state already provides ongoing funding of $200,000 annually for feminine hygiene products through public health offices and $1,450,000 for feminine hygiene products through K-12 public schools. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 252.5.

Section 38, pertaining to the Department of Public Health, page 174, line 256.2:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $150,000 in state general funds to the Department of Public Health for the Epidemiology program to increase funds and recognize $1,222,519 in state funds for the poison control center. The additional funds would replace federal funds previously used for the Poison Control Center. State funds should not be used to supplant federal activities. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 256.2.

Section 38, pertaining to the Department of Public Health, page 175, line 258.4:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $804,842 in state general funds to the Department of Public Health for the Infant and Child Essential Health Treatment Services program to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy providers in the Babies Can't Wait program. The appropriations act also authorized increased Medicaid reimbursement rates for these providers in lines 94.15 and 95.11 of the Medicaid: Aged, Blind, and Disabled and Medicaid: Low Income Medicaid programs; however, the Department of Community Health has been instructed to disregard this language due to reductions in required base funding for Medicaid that could cause a budget shortfall. In order to maintain provider rate

parity between programs, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 258.4.

Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 179, line 266.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $235,408 in state general funds to the Department of Public Safety for the Aviation program for two positions to support additional flight hours and missions for pilots. The agency currently has sufficient funded vacancies to fill this need without requiring additional state fund support. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 266.6.

Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 181, line 269.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $3,618,720 in state general funds to the Department of Public Safety for the Field Offices and Services program to provide a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for all full-time, benefit-eligible state employees effective July 1, 2023, to address agency recruitment and retention needs. This amount includes an additional $77,520 based on a higher retirement cost across the program; however, it does not account for standard variations between individual employee rates based on retirement plans and natural turnover. Therefore, the agency should utilize funds in line 269.1 based on actual need to implement the cost-of-living adjustment.

Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 183, line 271.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,075,200 in state general funds to the Department of Public Safety for the Motor Carrier Compliance program to provide a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for all full-time, benefit-eligible state employees effective July 1, 2023, to address agency recruitment and retention needs. This amount includes an additional $60,327 based on a higher retirement cost across the program; however, it does not account for standard variations between individual employee rates based on retirement plans and natural turnover. Therefore, the agency should utilize funds in line 271.1 based on actual need to implement the cost-of-living adjustment.

Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 184, line 273.4:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $55,000 in state general funds to the Department of Public Safety for the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council program for ongoing costs for virtual testing for firefighter certification and training database. The Council has sufficient budget capacity to continue implementation of the new virtual firefighter certification testing system without requiring additional state funds support. The Council should determine ongoing maintenance and operation needs for the system once it is fully deployed. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 273.4.

Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 185, line 274.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $134,400 in state general funds to the Department of Public Safety for the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council

program to provide a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for all full-time, benefit-eligible state employees effective July 1, 2023, to address agency recruitment and retention needs. This amount includes an additional $12,307 based on a higher retirement cost across the program; however, it does not account for standard variations between individual employee rates based on retirement plans and natural turnover. Therefore, the agency should utilize funds in line 274.1 based on actual need to implement the cost-of-living adjustment.

Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 185, line 275.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $593,509 in state general funds to the Department of Public Safety for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center program to provide a $2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for all full-time, benefit-eligible state employees effective July 1, 2023, to address agency recruitment and retention needs. This amount includes an additional $32,452 based on a higher retirement cost across the program; however, it does not account for standard variations between individual employee rates based on retirement plans and natural turnover. Therefore, the agency should utilize funds in line 275.1 based on actual need to implement the cost-of-living adjustment.

Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 185, line 275.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $628,887 in state general funds to the Department of Public Safety for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center program for ongoing costs for operations. The agency should ensure that state funds are not used to supplant activities typically funded through federal grants or training fees and that training fees appropriately recoup the costs to provide training to attendees. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 275.5.

Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 186, line 276.4:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $28,839 in state general funds to the Department of Public Safety for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety program for ongoing costs for one finance position. The agency currently has sufficient vacancies and budget capacity to fill this need without additional funding. The agency should ensure that state funds are not used to supplant salaries or positions funded in whole or in part through federal grants. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 276.4.

Section 39, pertaining to the Department of Public Safety, page 186, line 276.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $36,253 in state general funds to the Department of Public Safety for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety program for ongoing costs for travel. The agency currently has sufficient budget capacity to fill this need without additional funding. The agency should ensure that state funds are not used to supplant agency activities that should be funded in whole or in part through federal grants. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 276.5.

Section 40, pertaining to the Public Service Commission, page 188, line 278.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $47,840 in state general funds to the Public Service Commission for the Commission Administration (PSC) program to increase funds for security. The Department of Public Safety provides security services for state buildings in the Capitol complex. The Commission is authorized to coordinate with the Department of Public Safety to ensure appropriate security coverage during public activities held in the Capitol complex. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 278.5.

Section 40, pertaining to the Public Service Commission, page 188, line 279.4:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $80,538 in state general funds to the Public Service Commission for the Facility Protection program to annualize funds for recruitment and retention. Of this appropriation, $63,726 would supplant federal funds already used to fund a portion of employee salaries. State funds should not supplant federal activities. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 279.4.

Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 190, line 281.5:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $584,987 in state general funds to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the Agricultural Experiment Station program for two faculty positions to serve the peach and citrus industries. In establishing projects to support Georgia industries, the state should prioritize projects which maximize state funds by leveraging additional investment from the institution, supporting industries, or federal grants. As the University System was not able to identify additional investment that would be leveraged through these additional faculty positions, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 281.5.

Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 191, line 283.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $415,013 in state general funds to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the Cooperative Extension Service program for two faculty positions to serve the blueberry and citrus industries. In establishing projects to support Georgia industries, the state should prioritize projects which maximize state funds by leveraging additional investment from the institution, supporting industries, or federal grants. As the University System was not able to identify additional investment that would be leveraged through these additional faculty positions, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 283.6.

Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 199, line 295.3:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $2,600,000 in state general funds to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives program for music industry archiving at the University of Georgia. Ga. Const.

Art. III, VI, Para VI prohibits the use of state funds to provide gratuities to any individual, corporation, or association. Subsequent Attorney General opinions of the Gratuity Clause have deemed that "It is unlawful to expend state funds in order to make permanent improvements to property unless the state owns the fee interest in the property concerned or unless the improvements are of such a nature or character to be subject to either recoupment or removal by the state at the time the state's use of the property terminates." Therefore, the University System is authorized to use up to $2,600,000 for music industry archive programming, but the agency shall ensure that appropriated funds are not used for facility improvements at non-state owned property.

Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 199, line 295.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $487,637 in state general funds to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives program to increase funds for the Center for International Trade and Security at the University of Georgia. This line item would fund six additional positions and significant travel and conference costs for energy security research. The Center already engages in energy security research using existing funding. The Center could provide additional resources within existing funding if expanding research efforts is a high priority for the Center. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 295.6.

Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 199, line 295.8:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $90,000 in state general funds to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives program for the STEM Teacher Academy through the Georgia Youth Science Technology Center. The state has not previously provided funding to subsidize the cost of the STEM Academy and the Georgia Youth Science Technology Center has not offered this programming since 2019. The Georgia Youth Science Center should ensure that costs for attendance cover program expenses and that the Center has appropriately managed internal operational costs to maintain affordable tuition rates. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 295.8.

Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 199, line 295.10:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $310,000 in state general funds to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives program to expand the Archway Partnership into two additional communities. The Archway Partnership currently serves 8 counties with 13 full-time staff and 14 student assistants. These funds would add two additional full-time staff and two student assistants. The Archway Partnership should examine the ability to serve additional communities within existing staffing levels or leverage other state programs dedicated to rural economic

development to expand communities served. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 295.10.

Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 199, line 295.11:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,500,000 in state general funds to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the Public Service/Special Funding Initiatives program to support operations and address a backlog of projects at the Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation. This would double the ongoing budget for the Center to provide funding for one-time projects across a variety of locations. The Center should ensure project allocations are made within its existing budget and leveraging resources from participating communities and partners. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language in line 295.11.

Section 41, pertaining to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, page 203, line 301.4:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $264,500 to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for the Payments to the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust program for the Anne Frank Holocaust Education Center. The Commission has raised funding through generous donations to support the relocation to the new facility in Sandy Springs without additional required state funds. Therefore, the agency should disregard the language in line 301.4.

Section 43, pertaining to the Secretary of State, page 211, line 316.6:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $550,000 in state general funds to the Secretary of State for the Elections program for one-time funding for on-boarding local election entities to a data plan contract. Funding for data plan contracts for elections equipment is the responsibility of local governments. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 316.6.

Section 43, pertaining to the Secretary of State, page 214, line 321.4:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $25,000 in state general funds to the Secretary of State for the State Elections Board program to design a website and for ancillary services. SB 222 established the State Elections Board, and the Board should utilize other funding provided for ongoing expenses and evaluate one-time funding after determining operational needs. Therefore, the agency is directed to disregard the language included in line 321.4.

Section 44, pertaining to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and Authority, page 217, line 325.1:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $2,000,000 in lottery for education funds to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and Authority College for the Completion Grants program for postsecondary gap funding grants to reflect increased utilization. As

the program was only established in the FY 2023 budget, the program does not yet have a full year of activity to appropriately determine usage and need. Therefore, the Commission should disregard the language in line 325.1.

Section 44, pertaining to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and Authority, page 220, line 333.2:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $16,767,043 in lottery for education funds to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and Authority for the HOPE Scholarships – Private Schools program to increase the HOPE Private Zell award from $2,977 to $3,100 and adjust the HOPE Private award amount to 100% of the Zell award. In order to maintain parity with the percentage increase provided to the HOPE Scholarships – Public Schools award increase provided for herein, the agency is instructed to disregard the language in line 333.2 and increase the HOPE Private award from $2,282 to $2,496 and HOPE Private Zell award from $2,977 to $2,985.

Section 44, pertaining to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and Authority, page 223, line 341.2:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $3,200,000 in state general funds to the Georgia Student Finance Commission and Authority for the Service Cancelable Loans program to provide up to $20,000 maximum loan repayments across five years of service to support recruitment and retention of public law enforcement officers across the state. HB 130, which would have authorized the loan repayment program, was not passed by the General Assembly during the 2023 Session and these funds will not be necessary. Therefore, the Commission should disregard the language in line 341.2.

Section 46, pertaining to the Technical College System of Georgia, page 229, line 351.7:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $8,230,958 in state general funds to the Technical College System of Georgia for the Technical Education program for the first year of a three-year phase-in for increased credit hour earnings from the Aviation, Commercial Driver's License, and Nursing programs. As appropriation acts may only authorize spending for the fiscal year as established in that act and cannot obligate funds for future fiscal years, the Department is directed to disregard the language included in line 235.7 referencing a three-year phase-in.

Section 46, pertaining to the Technical College System of Georgia, page 229, line 351.8:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $1,100,000 in state general funds to the Technical College System of Georgia for the Technical Education program to implement the Tools for Success matching grant program. Purchasing items to provide directly to private citizens at no cost who are no longer enrolled in the Technical College System of Georgia would constitute a violation of Ga. Const. Art. III, § VI, Para. VI, the Gratuities Clause. Therefore, the System should disregard the language in line 351.8.

Section 46, pertaining to the Technical College System of Georgia, page 229, line 351.9:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $2,000,000 in state general funds to the Technical College System of Georgia for the Technical Education program for major repairs and renovations as an addition to the existing funds of $22,000,000 for that purpose. Existing major renovation and repair funding appropriated in the program is disbursed by formula to individual technical colleges based on square footage. The System should ensure the additional funding in line 351.9 is disbursed via the same formula to technical colleges to ensure parity in appropriation allocations.

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 246, line 375.17:
The General Assembly seeks to redirect $1,045,000 in 5-year unissued bonds from FY 2023 for the Technical College System of Georgia for the purpose of design of the Business and Technology Center, Coastal Pines Technical College (HB911, Bond #35) to design the renovation and expansion of the Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron Academic Complex, Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta, Fulton County. This project was not requested by the Technical College System and was not identified as a priority in the system's capital plan. Projects impacting future enrollment and operational costs for the Technical College System should be vetted by the Technical College System Board to ensure a strategic approach to enrollment growth at higher education institutions in Georgia. Therefore, the agency should disregard the language in line 375.17.

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 246, line 375.19:
The General Assembly seeks to redirect $835,000 in 5-year unissued bonds from FY2023 for the Technical College System of Georgia for the purpose of design of the Trades and Industrial Building Addition Project, Oconee Fall Line Tech (HB911, Bond #37) to design the renovation and expansion of the Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron Academic Complex, Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta, Fulton County. This project was not requested by the Technical College System and was not identified as a priority in the system's capital plan. Projects impacting future enrollment and operational costs for the Technical College System should be vetted by the Technical College System Board to ensure a strategic approach to enrollment growth at higher education institutions in Georgia. Therefore, the System should disregard the language in line 375.19.

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 261, line 376.611:
The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $1,393,780 in debt service for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources, specifically for facility major improvements and renovations, statewide, through the issuance of $15,350,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. The Department of Natural Resources is instructed to use these funds in accordance with the major improvements and

renovations priorities as identified in the agency's FY 2024 capital funding request to ensure bond funds are spent on highest need projects.

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 262, line 376.613:
The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $381,360 in debt service for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Department of Natural Resources, specifically for facilities repair and sustainment, statewide, through the issuance of $4,200,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. The Department of Natural Resources is instructed to use these funds in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act improvement priorities as identified in the agency's FY 2024 capital funding request to ensure bond funds are spent on highest need accessibility projects.

Line-Item Vetoes by the Governor

Section 16, pertaining to the Department of Community Affairs, page 57, line 85.101:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $10,420,518 in state general funds to the Department of Community Affairs for the Special Project - Payments to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority program to provide grants for natural gas pipeline expansion and capacity expansion for non-Universal Service Fund (USF) eligible entities. Grants for natural gas pipeline expansion falls outside the scope of powers and duties established for the authority under O.C.G.A. § 50-23-5. The appropriations act cannot make general law expanding the scope of powers for the authority. Therefore, I veto the appropriation (page 57, line 85.101) in the provisions relative to Section 16: Department of Community Affairs and the state general funds of $10,420,518.

Section 46, pertaining to the Technical College System of Georgia, page 228, line 350.100:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $325,000 in state general funds to the Technical College System of Georgia for the QuickStart – Special Project program for a Quick Start style program to address healthcare shortages throughout the state. This special project would be an expansion of the scope of the purpose of the Quick Start program which focuses on specific start-up or expanding Georgia businesses requiring specialized workforce training. Therefore, I veto this appropriation (page 228, line 350.100) in the provisions relative to Section 46: Technical College System of Georgia and the state general funds of $325,000.

Section 47, pertaining to the Department of Transportation, page 237, line 364.100:
The General Assembly seeks to appropriate $250,000 in state general funds to the Department of Transportation for the Routine Maintenance program for one-time funding of safety inspections for state and local government road infrastructure's aging underground corrugated metal pipe (CMP) using non-invasive technology. The Department has an existing contract for this activity and has not expressed a need for

additional levels of funding to support it. Local governments receive funds through the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grants program that can be used for this purpose. Therefore, I veto this appropriation of only the state general funds of $250,000 (page 237, line 364.100) in the provisions relative to Section 47: Department of Transportation.

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 253, line 376.233:
The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $181,600 in debt service for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Military College, for construction for the new student services and academic support center, Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Baldwin County, through the issuance of $2,000,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. Georgia Military College has already identified available internal funding and begun construction on the project. Additional funding from the state is not required for the project. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page 253, line 376.233) in the provisions relative to Section 50: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $181,600.

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 254, line 376.238:
The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $544,800 in debt service for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, specifically for the design and construction of dental school building, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Bulloch County through the issuance of $6,000,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. This project was not requested by the University System and was not identified as a priority in the system's capital plan. Projects impacting future enrollment and operational costs for the University System should be vetted by the University System Board to ensure a strategic approach to enrollment growth at higher education institutions in Georgia. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page 254, line 376.238) in the provisions relative to Section 50: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $544,800.

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 255, line 376.260:
The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $392,800 in debt service for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia, specifically for land acquisition for Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Doraville, DeKalb County through the issuance of $4,000,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. This project was not requested by the Technical College System and was not identified as a priority in the system's capital plan. Projects impacting future enrollment and operational costs for the Technical College System should be vetted by the Technical College System Board to ensure a strategic approach to enrollment growth at higher education institutions in Georgia. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page 255, line 376.260) in the provisions

relative to Section 50: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $392,800.

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 255, line 376.262:
The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $589,200 in debt service for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia, specifically for design and construction for expansion of Hugh M. Gillis Medical Building, Southeastern Technical College, Vidalia, Toombs County through the issuance of $6,000,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. This project was not requested by the Technical College System and was not identified as a priority in the system's capital plan. Projects impacting future enrollment and operational costs for the Technical College System should be vetted by the Technical College System Board to ensure a strategic approach to enrollment growth at higher education institutions in Georgia. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page 255, line 376.262) in the provisions relative to Section 50: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $589,200.

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 256, line 376.263:
The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $39,040 in debt service for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Technical College System of Georgia, specifically for the design of renovation and expansion of the Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron Academic Complex, Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta, Fulton County through the issuance of $160,000 in 5-year general obligation bonds. This project was not requested by the Technical College System and was not identified as a priority in the system's capital plan. Projects impacting future enrollment and operational costs for the Technical College System should be vetted by the Technical College System Board to ensure a strategic approach to enrollment growth at higher education institutions in Georgia. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page 256, line 376.263) in the provisions relative to Section 50: Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $39,040.

Section 50, pertaining to the Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund, page 258, line 376.405:
The General Assembly authorizes the appropriation of $363,200 in debt service for the purpose of financing projects and facilities for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, specifically for the design and construction for renovation and expansion of the Medical Examiner Office at Central Lab, Dry Branch, Bibb County through the issuance of $4,000,000 in 20-year general obligation bonds. The Bureau has already received a previously authorized bond for this same purpose. The Department should collaborate with the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission's Construction Division to develop a comprehensive capital plan addressing medical examiner space needs statewide to ensure the most strategic use of capital funds. Therefore, I veto this authorization (page

258, line 376.405) in the provisions relative to Section 50: State of Georgia General Obligation Debt Sinking Fund and the state general funds of $363,200.

The State of Georgia
Office of Secretary of State

I, Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify that

the attached page numbered 1 of 1 are the results as shown on the certified returns for the Special Election Runoff, held on June 13, 2023, for State Representative, District 68, in Fayette and Fulton counties; all as the same appearing on the official file and record of this office.

Having received the majority of votes cast, Derrick Jackson, was duly elected as State Representative, District 68.

***In Testimony Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 23rd day of June, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Seventh.*

/s/ Brad Raffensperger

(SEAL) **The Honorable Brad Raffensperger**
Secretary of State

Georgia Secretary of State
Election Report
Special Election Runoff Official Results
June 13, 2023

State Contest	County	Choice	Votes	Vote %
State House of Representatives – District 68	FAYETTE	Mark Baker (Dem)	342	30.98%
		Derrick Jackson (Dem)	762	69.02%
		Votes For Seat in County:	**1,104**	
	FULTON	Mark Baker (Dem)	561	78.35%
		Derrick Jackson (Dem)	155	21.65%
		Votes For Seat in County:	**716**	
	Total:	Mark Baker (Dem)	903	49.62%
		Derrick Jackson (Dem)	917	50.38%
		Total Voters For Seat:	**1,820**	

OFFICIAL OATH OF GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE DISTRICT 68
GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of this State and of the United States and, on all questions and measures which may come before me, I will so conduct myself as will, in my judgment, be most conducive to the interests and prosperity of this state.

I further swear or affirm that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state or any political subdivision or authority thereof, that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state, that I have been a resident of my district for the time required by the Constitution and the laws of this state, and that I am otherwise qualified to hold said office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

SO HELP ME GOD.

LOYALTY OATH

I am a citizen of the State of Georgia and a member of the General Assembly and the recipient of public funds for services rendered as such officer and I do hereby solemnly swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Georgia.

SO HELP ME GOD.

/s/ Derrick Jackson
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 29th day of June, 2023.
/s/ Carla Wong McMillian
Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Cooper	Hatchett	Martin	Schofield
Adeyina	Corbett	Hawkins	Mathiak	Scoggins
Alexander	Cox	Henderson	Mathis	Scott
Anderson	Crawford	Hilton	McClain	Seabaugh
Anulewicz	Crowe	Hitchens	McCollum	Sharper
Au	Cummings	Holcomb	McDonald	Silcox

Ballard	Daniel	Holland	Meeks	Smith, M
Barnes	Davis	Holly	Miller	Smith, R
Barrett	E DeLoach	Hong	Mitchell	Smith, T.P.
Barton	Dempsey	Horner	Momtahan	Smith, V
Bazemore	Dickey	Houston	Moore	Stephens
Bell	Douglas	Howard	Mughal	Stinson
Bennett	Draper	Huddleston	New	Stoner
Beverly	Drenner	Hugley	Newton	Tarvin
Blackmon	Dubnik	Hutchinson	Okoye	Taylor, D
Bonner	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Olaleye	Taylor, R
Bruce	Efstration	Jackson, E	Oliver	Thomas, B
Buckner	Ehrhart	Jackson, M	Panitch	Thomas, M
Burchett	Erwin	Jasperse	Paris	Townsend
Burnough	Evans, B	Jenkins	Park	Tran
Byrd	Evans, S	Jones, J	Parrish	Vance
Cameron	Fleming, B	Jones, S	Persinger	Wade
Camp	Fleming, T	Jones, T	Pirkle	Washburn
Campbell, J	Franklin	Kelley	Powell	Werkheiser
Campbell, L	Frazier	Kendrick	Prince	Westbrook
Cannon, C	Frye	Kennard	Reese	Wiedower
Cannon, P	Gaines	Knight	Reeves	Wilkerson
Carpenter	Gambill	LaHood	Rhodes	Williams, A
E Carson	Gilliard	Leverett	Ridley, Jas	Williams, M.F.
Carter	Gladney	Lewis-Ward	Ridley, Jor	Williams, N
Chastain	Glaize	Lim	Roberts	Williamson
Cheokas	Greene	Lott	Romman	Willis
Clark, D	Gullett	Lumsden	Sainz	Yearta
Clark, J	Gunter	Lupton	Sampson	Burns, Speaker
Collins	Hagan	Marin		

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Parsons of the 44th, and Smith of the 70th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

The following proclamation was read:

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION
CONVENING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA IN SPECIAL SESSION

WHEREAS: GA. CONST. art. V, § II, para. VII grants the Governor the power to convene a special session of the General Assembly, stating and thereby limiting its purposes;

WHEREAS: The regular session of the 2023 General Assembly adjourned sine die on the morning of March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS: The Governor has determined that certain purposes warrant the convocation of a special session; now

THEREFORE: By virtue of the power and authority conferred upon me by the Constitution of Georgia, I, Brian P. Kemp, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby convene the General Assembly of this State in Special Session on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, for the purposes and only those purposes specified as follows:

1. For enacting, revising, repealing, or amending general law for:
   (a) The division of the State into appropriate districts from which members of the Georgia State Senate shall be elected;
   (b) The division of the State into appropriate districts from which members of the Georgia State House of Representatives shall be elected; and
   (c) The division of the State into appropriate districts from which members of the House of Representatives to the United States Congress shall be elected.

2. For enacting, revising, repealing, or amending local laws which the General Assembly deems necessary to avoid unreasonable hardship or to avoid undue impairment of public functions if consideration and enactment thereof are postponed.

3. To ratify the provisions of the Executive Orders dated September 12, 2023, and October 6, 2023, and numbered 09.12.23.01 and 10.06.23.01, respectively, in the official records of the Office of the Governor, suspending the collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes pursuant to Code Section 45-12-22 during the State of Emergency for Inflation declared by Executive Order 09.12.23.01.

4. For the Senate to consider and confirm various appointments made by the Governor since the adjournment of the regular session of the General Assembly on March 30, 2023.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Georgia, at the City of Atlanta, on this 26th day of October, 2023.

/s/ Brian P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

/s/ Martin Kilpatrick
(SEAL) CHIEF OF STAFF

Prayer was offered by Representative Mack Jackson, District 128, Sandersville, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1EX. By Representative Efstration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

To notify the Senate that the House of Representatives has convened; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the Clerk of the House is hereby instructed to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives has convened in special session and is now ready for the transaction of business.

Representative Efstration of the 104th asked unanimous consent that HR 1EX be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

It was so ordered.

HR 2EX. By Representative Efstration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

Relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

PART I

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that, unless otherwise provided by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly, the General Assembly shall adjourn at the close of the legislative day on Friday, December 1, 2023, and shall reconvene on Monday, December 4, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on and after Monday, December 4, 2023, the periods of adjournment of the 2023 special session, if any, shall be as specified by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly; provided, however, that unless otherwise specified by subsequent resolution, the General Assembly shall be in adjournment on each Saturday and Sunday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings of the General Assembly shall be held as prescribed in Code Section 28-1-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, except as otherwise provided by this resolution. The hours for convening and adjourning the House of Representatives for each legislative day may be as ordered by the House; and the hours for convening and adjourning the Senate for each legislative day may be as ordered by the Senate. Each house, upon its own adjournment for a legislative day, shall remain in a period of adjournment until it convenes for the next legislative day.

PART II

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, and the Governor has by proclamation declared an emergency temporary location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with Code Section 38-3-52, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at such temporary location or locations in accordance with Code Sections 38-3-52 and 38-3-53 on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whenever, due to an emergency or disaster, resulting from manmade or natural causes or enemy attack, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient, or impossible to conduct the affairs of the General Assembly at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, but the Governor has not by proclamation declared an emergency temporary location or locations for the seat of government in accordance with the above, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may, by joint agreement, order the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings provided by this resolution and provide for reconvening the House and the Senate at the State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, on such date and at such time as they deem practical.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall provide for prompt notice of the same to all members of the House of Representatives and all members of the Senate, respectively, by such means as such officers deem practical and efficient; and each house shall be and remain in adjournment until convening for the next legislative day on the date certain jointly specified by such officers. Following such reconvening, the General Assembly may provide by joint resolution for a new schedule for meetings and adjournments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as to any case of emergency or disaster resulting in the discontinuation of the schedule for meetings as authorized by this resolution, the adoption of this resolution by the General Assembly shall constitute the consent of both the House of Representatives and the Senate for purposes of Article III, Section IV, Paragraph I(b) of the Constitution.

Representative Efstration of the 104th asked unanimous consent that HR 2EX be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

It was so ordered.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1EX. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of state house districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for the contingent nature of this Act and the circumstances under which it shall or shall not apply, according to the enforceability of prior provisions under federal law; to provide for the continuation of present members; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

HB 2EX. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Gaines of the 120th and Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing authority for members of the Board of Education of Barrow County, approved April 19, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3919), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3851), so as to revise a provision relating to filling vacancies

on the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 3EX. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Chatham County and in each municipality therein, approved April 5, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4931), so as to revise provisions relating to designation of electors for districts wholly within municipalities; to authorize additional elected members of district boards; to revise qualifications for board members; to update provisions relating to cooperation with municipal governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

HB 4EX. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Garden City, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3581), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; 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.

HR 3EX. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, McDonald of the 26th and Hong of the 103rd:

A RESOLUTION ratifying Governor Brian P. Kemp's Executive Order Nos. 09.12.23.01, 10.06.23.01, and 11.08.23.01 suspending the collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HR 4EX. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Panitch of the 51st and Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION condemning Hamas terrorism; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

HR 5EX. By Representative Cox of the 28th:

A RESOLUTION condemning Hamas terrorism, expressing our support for the Jewish people; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following Resolution of the House was read and adopted:

HR 6EX. By Representatives Burns of the 159th, Jones of the 47th, Cheokas of the 151st, Beverly of the 143rd and Buckner of the 137th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Rosalynn Carter; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Buckner of the 137th and Cheokas of the 151st.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House stand in recess until receipt by the Clerk of a message or messages that the Senate has adopted SR 2EX and SR 3EX, and the subsequent adoption by the House of SR 3EX, at which time the House will stand adjourned until 10:00 tomorrow morning.

The motion prevailed.

The following messages were received from the Senate through Mr. Cook, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the Senate:

SR 2EX. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate has convened; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the Senate:

SR 3EX. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Gooch of the 51st:

A RESOLUTION to notify the Governor that the General Assembly has convened; and for other purposes.

The President has appointed as a Committee of Notification/Escort the following Senators: Kennedy of the 18th, Harbison of the 15th, and Gooch of the 51st, Butler of the 55th, Goodman of the 8th, and Hodges of the 3rd.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the House:

HR 2EX. By Representative Efstration of the 104th:

A RESOLUTION relative to meetings and adjournments of the General Assembly; and for other purposes.

The following Resolution of the Senate was read and adopted:

SR 3EX. By Senators Kennedy of the 18th and Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

To notify the Governor that the General Assembly has convened; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that a committee of fourteen, seven from the Senate to be named by the President of the Senate and seven from the House of Representatives to be named by the Speaker, be appointed to notify His Excellency, the Governor, that the General Assembly has convened in special session and is now ready for the transaction of business.

By unanimous consent, SR 3EX was ordered immediately transmitted to the Senate.

The House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Second Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Corbett	Hawkins	Martin	Sampson
Adeyina	Cox	Henderson	Martinez	Schofield
Alexander	Crawford	Hilton	Mathiak	Scoggins
Anderson	Crowe	Hitchens	Mathis	Scott
Anulewicz	Cummings	Holcomb	McClain	Seabaugh
Au	Daniel	Holland	McCollum	Sharper
Ballard	Davis	Holly	McDonald	Silcox
Barnes	DeLoach	Hong	Meeks	Smith, L
Barrett	Dempsey	Horner	Miller	Smith, M
Barton	Dickey	Houston	Mitchell	Smith, R
Bazemore	Douglas	Howard	Momtahan	Smith, T.P.
Bell	Draper	Huddleston	Mughal	Smith, V
E Bennett	Drenner	Hugley	Neal	Stephens
Beverly	Dubnik	Hutchinson	New	Stinson
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Jackson, D	Newton	Stoner
Bonner	Efstration	Jackson, E	Okoye	Tarvin
Bruce	Erwin	Jackson, M	Olaleye	Taylor, D
Buckner	Evans, B	Jasperse	Oliver	Taylor, R
Burchett	Evans, S	Jones, J	Panitch	Thomas, B
Burnough	Fleming, B	Jones, S	Paris	Thomas, M
Byrd	Fleming, T	E Jones, T	Park	Townsend
Cameron	Franklin	Kelley	Parrish	Tran
Camp	Frazier	Kendrick	Parsons	Vance
Campbell, J	Frye	Knight	Persinger	Wade
Campbell, L	Gaines	LaHood	Pirkle	Werkheiser
Cannon, C	Gambill	Leverett	Powell	Westbrook
Cannon, P	Gilliard	Lewis-Ward	Prince	Wiedower
E Carson	Gladney	Lim	Reese	Williams, A
Carter	Glaize	Lott	Reeves	Williams, N
Chastain	Greene	Lumsden	Rhodes	Williamson
Cheokas	Gullett	Lupton	Roberts	Willis
Clark, D	Gunter	Mainor	Romman	Yearta
Collins	Hagan	Marin	Sainz	Burns, Speaker
Cooper	Hatchett			

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Kennard of the 101st, Moore of the 91st, Ridley of the 22nd, Ridley of the 6th, Washburn of the 144th, Wilkerson of the 38th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Forrest Dickey, St. Mark AME Church, Augusta, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Tarvin of the 2nd, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were read the second time:

HB 1EX	HB 2EX
HB 3EX	HB 4EX
HR 3EX	HR 4EX
HR 5EX	

Representative Blackmon of the 146th District, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 3EX Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Blackmon of the 146th
Chairman

The following member was recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Anulewicz of the 42nd et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 7EX. By Representatives Williams of the 168th and DeLoach of the 167th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dr. Linnie Louis Darden Jr.; and for other purposes.

HR 8EX. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Mitchell of the 88th, Romman of the 97th, Adesanya of the 43rd and Olaleye of the 59th:

A RESOLUTION commending the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas and the Nigerian Physicians Advocacy Group; and for other purposes.

HR 9EX. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Melanie Hammet on her outstanding public service as the mayor of Pine Lake; and for other purposes.

HR 10EX. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Holly of the 116th, Adesanya of the 43rd, Olaleye of the 59th and Okoye of the 102nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending David Adedeji Adeleke; and for other purposes.

HR 11EX. By Representatives Lewis-Ward of the 115th and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the City of McDonough, Georgia, upon its bicentennial; and for other purposes.

HR 12EX. By Representatives Davis of the 87th, Schofield of the 63rd and Scott of the 76th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Denese Lynetta Love; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Wiedower of the 121st et al., Kendrick of the 95th, and Williams of the 168th et al.

Representative Leverett of the 123rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1EX Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Leverett of the 123rd
Chairman

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House stand in recess until 6:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 6:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Friday, December 1, 2023

Third Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Cox	Henderson	Mathiak	Romman
Alexander	Crawford	Hilton	Mathis	Sampson
Anderson	Crowe	Hitchens	McClain	Schofield
Anulewicz	Cummings	Holcomb	McCollum	Scoggins
Ballard	Daniel	Holland	McDonald	Scott
Ballinger	Davis	Hong	Meeks	Seabaugh
Barnes	DeLoach	Horner	Miller	Sharper
Barrett	Dempsey	Houston	Mitchell	Silcox
Barton	Dickey	Howard	Momtahan	Smith, R
Bazemore	Douglas	Huddleston	Moore	Smith, T.P.
Bell	Draper	Hugley	Mughal	Smith, V
Bennett	Drenner	Jackson, D	Neal	Stephens
Blackmon	Dubnik	Jackson, E	New	Stoner
Bonner	Dunahoo	Jackson, M	Newton	Tarvin
Bruce	Efstration	Jasperse	Okoye	Taylor, D
Buckner	Ehrhart	Jenkins	Olaleye	Taylor, R
Burchett	Erwin	Jones, J	Panitch	Thomas, B
Burnough	Evans, B	Jones, S	Paris	Thomas, M
Byrd	Fleming, B	Jones, T	Park	Townsend
Cameron	Fleming, T	Kelley	Parrish	Tran
Camp	Franklin	Kendrick	Parsons	Vance
Campbell, J	Frye	Kennard	Persinger	Wade
Campbell, L	Gaines	Knight	Petrea	Washburn
Cannon, C	Gambill	LaHood	Pirkle	Werkheiser
Cannon, P	Gilliard	Leverett	Powell	Westbrook
Carpenter	Gladney	Lewis-Ward	Prince	Wiedower
Carson	Glaize	Lott	Reese	Williams, A
Carter	Greene	Lumsden	Reeves	Williams, N
Chastain	Gullett	Lupton	Rhodes	Williamson
Cheokas	Gunter	Mainor	Ridley, Jas	Willis
Clark, D	Hagan	Martin	Ridley, Jor	Yearta
Cooper	Hatchett	Martinez	Roberts	Burns, Speaker
Corbett	Hawkins			

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Au of the 50th, Clark of the 108th, Collins of the 71st, Frazier of the 126th, Holly of the 116th, Hutchinson of the 106th, Lim of the 98th,

Marin of the 96th, Oliver of the 82nd, Sainz of the 180th, Smith of the 70th, Wilkerson of the 38th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Benny Tate, Rock Springs Church, Milner, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

By order of the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was withdrawn from the General Calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting:

HB 1EX. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of state house districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for the contingent nature of this Act and the circumstances under which it shall or shall not apply, according to the enforceability of prior provisions under federal law; to provide for the continuation of present members; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 10:00 o'clock, this morning.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Representative Tarvin of the 2nd, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

Representative Leverett of the 123rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting has had under consideration the following Bill of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HB 1EX Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Leverett of the 123rd
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 139th District, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 4EX Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 139th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2023

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 3rd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Pursuant to House Rule 33.3, debate shall be limited to one hour.
Time to be allocated at the discretion of the Speaker.

Structured Rule

HR 3EX General Assembly; motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes; ratify Governor Brian P. Kemp's Executive Orders (W&M-Gambill-15th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 139th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Cook, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the Senate:

SR 6EX. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th, Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center and condemning acts of violence and domestic terrorism; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Adeyina of the 110th et al. and Efstration of the 104th et al.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Resolution of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HR 3EX. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, McDonald of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd and Horner of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION ratifying Governor Brian P. Kemp's Executive Order Nos. 09.12.23.01, 10.06.23.01, and 11.08.23.01 suspending the collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Martinez	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Henderson	Y Mathiak	Y Schofield
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hilton	Y Mathis	Y Scoggins
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Hitchens	Y McClain	Y Scott
Y Anulewicz	Y Crowe	Y Holcomb	Y McCollum	Y Seabaugh
Y Au	Y Cummings	Y Holland	Y McDonald	Y Sharper
Y Ballard	Y Daniel	Y Holly	Y Meeks	Y Silcox
Y Ballinger	Y Davis	Y Hong	Y Miller	Y Smith, L
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Horner	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, M
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Houston	Y Momtahan	Y Smith, R
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Howard	Y Moore	Y Smith, T.P.
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Huddleston	Y Mughal	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Hugley	Y Neal	Y Stephens
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hutchinson	Y New	Y Stinson
Y Beverly	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Newton	Y Stoner
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Okoye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y Olaleye	Y Taylor, D
Y Bruce	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Panitch	Y Thomas, B
Y Burchett	Y Evans, B	Y Jones, J	Y Paris	Y Thomas, M
Y Burnough	Evans, S	Y Jones, S	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fleming, B	Y Jones, T	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming, T	Y Kelley	Y Parsons	Y Vance
Y Camp	Y Franklin	Y Kendrick	Y Persinger	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Frazier	Y Kennard	Y Petrea	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Knight	Y Pirkle	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gladney	Y Lim	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Glaize	Y Lott	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, M.F.
Y Chastain	Y Greene	Y Lumsden	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Mainor	Y Roberts	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Marin	Y Romman	Y Yearta
Y Collins	Y Hatchett	Y Martin	Y Sainz	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 178, nays 0.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

Representative Gambill of the 15th moved that HR 3EX be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Martinez	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Henderson	Y Mathiak	Y Schofield
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hilton	Y Mathis	Y Scoggins
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Hitchens	Y McClain	Y Scott
Y Anulewicz	Y Crowe	Y Holcomb	Y McCollum	Y Seabaugh
Y Au	Y Cummings	Y Holland	Y McDonald	Y Sharper
Y Ballard	Y Daniel	Y Holly	Y Meeks	Y Silcox
Y Ballinger	Y Davis	Y Hong	Y Miller	Y Smith, L
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Horner	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, M
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Houston	Y Momtahan	Y Smith, R
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Howard	Y Moore	Y Smith, T.P.
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Huddleston	Y Mughal	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Hugley	Y Neal	Y Stephens
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hutchinson	Y New	Y Stinson
Y Beverly	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Newton	Y Stoner
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Okoye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y Olaleye	Y Taylor, D
Y Bruce	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Panitch	Y Thomas, B
Y Burchett	Y Evans, B	Y Jones, J	Y Paris	Y Thomas, M
Y Burnough	Evans, S	Y Jones, S	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fleming, B	Y Jones, T	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming, T	Y Kelley	Y Parsons	Y Vance
Y Camp	Y Franklin	Y Kendrick	Y Persinger	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Frazier	Y Kennard	Y Petrea	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Knight	Y Pirkle	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gladney	Y Lim	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Glaize	Y Lott	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, M.F.
Y Chastain	Y Greene	Y Lumsden	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Mainor	Y Roberts	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Marin	Y Romman	Y Yearta
Y Collins	Y Hatchett	Y Martin	Y Sainz	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 178, nays 0.

The motion prevailed.

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 01, 2023

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 3rd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Pursuant to House Rule 33.3, debate shall be limited to two hours.
Time to be allocated at the discretion of the Speaker.

Structured Rule

HB 1EX Georgia House of Representatives Redistricting Act of 2023; enact (R&R-Leverett-123rd)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 139th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1EX. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of state house districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for the contingent nature of this Act and the circumstances under which it shall or shall not apply, according to the enforceability of prior provisions under federal law; to provide for the continuation of present members; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Martinez	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Henderson	Y Mathiak	N Schofield
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hilton	Y Mathis	Y Scoggins
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Hitchens	N McClain	N Scott
N Anulewicz	Y Crowe	N Holcomb	Y McCollum	Y Seabaugh

N Au	N Cummings	N Holland	Y McDonald	N Sharper
Y Ballard	Y Daniel	N Holly	Y Meeks	Y Silcox
Y Ballinger	N Davis	Y Hong	N Miller	Y Smith, L
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Horner	N Mitchell	N Smith, M
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Houston	Y Momtahan	Y Smith, R
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Howard	N Moore	Y Smith, T.P.
N Bazemore	N Douglas	Y Huddleston	N Mughal	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Draper	N Hugley	N Neal	Y Stephens
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hutchinson	Y New	N Stinson
N Beverly	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Newton	N Stoner
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Okoye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	N Olaleye	Y Taylor, D
N Bruce	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Oliver	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Panitch	Y Thomas, B
Y Burchett	N Evans, B	Y Jones, J	N Paris	N Thomas, M
N Burnough	Evans, S	N Jones, S	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fleming, B	Y Jones, T	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming, T	Y Kelley	Y Parsons	Y Vance
Y Camp	Y Franklin	N Kendrick	Y Persinger	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	N Frazier	N Kennard	Y Petrea	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Knight	Y Pirkle	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gladney	N Lim	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Glaize	Y Lott	Y Rhodes	N Williams, M.F.
Y Chastain	Y Greene	Y Lumsden	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Mainor	N Roberts	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	N Marin	N Romman	Y Yearta
Y Collins	Y Hatchett	Y Martin	Y Sainz	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 101, nays 77.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Representative Leverett of the 123rd moved that HB 1EX be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Martinez	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	N Henderson	Y Mathiak	N Schofield
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hilton	Y Mathis	Y Scoggins
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Hitchens	N McClain	N Scott
N Anulewicz	Y Crowe	N Holcomb	Y McCollum	Y Seabaugh
N Au	N Cummings	N Holland	Y McDonald	N Sharper
Y Ballard	Y Daniel	N Holly	Y Meeks	Y Silcox
Y Ballinger	N Davis	Y Hong	N Miller	Y Smith, L
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Horner	N Mitchell	N Smith, M
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Houston	Y Momtahan	Y Smith, R
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Howard	N Moore	Y Smith, T.P.
N Bazemore	N Douglas	Y Huddleston	N Mughal	Y Smith, V

N Bell	N Draper	N Hugley	N Neal	Y Stephens
N Bennett	Drenner	N Hutchinson	Y New	N Stinson
N Beverly	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Newton	N Stoner
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Okoye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	N Olaleye	Y Taylor, D
N Bruce	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Oliver	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Panitch	Y Thomas, B
Y Burchett	N Evans, B	Y Jones, J	N Paris	N Thomas, M
N Burnough	Evans, S	N Jones, S	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fleming, B	Y Jones, T	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming, T	Y Kelley	Y Parsons	Y Vance
Y Camp	Y Franklin	N Kendrick	Y Persinger	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	N Frazier	N Kennard	Y Petrea	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Knight	Y Pirkle	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Y Carpenter	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gladney	N Lim	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Glaize	Y Lott	Y Rhodes	N Williams, M.F.
Y Chastain	Y Greene	Y Lumsden	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Mainor	N Roberts	N Willis
N Clark, J	Y Hagan	N Marin	N Romman	Y Yearta
Y Collins	Y Hatchett	Y Martin	Y Sainz	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 101, nays 76.

The motion prevailed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Martin of the 49th et al., Bennett of the 94th, Burnough of the 77th, Gaines of the 120th et al., Bonner of the 73rd, Corbett of the 174th, Sainz of the 180th, Reese of the 140th, Dunahoo of the 31st, and Stinson of the 150th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 13EX. By Representative Hutchinson of the 106th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Bryce Aiden Barthelemy; and for other purposes.

HR 14EX. By Representatives Bell of the 75th and Holly of the 116th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Ms. Lois Smith-Dixon; and for other purposes.

HR 15EX. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church on the occasion of its 120th anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 16EX. By Representatives Kennard of the 101st, Reeves of the 99th, Park of the 107th, Hong of the 103rd and Romman of the 97th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Marc Cohen on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 17EX. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Persinger of the 119th and Gaines of the 120th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Linda Blechinger on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 18EX. By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Persinger of the 119th and Gaines of the 120th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Power Evans; and for other purposes.

HR 19EX. By Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Parsons of the 44th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Carson of the 46th and Ridley of the 22nd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Ms. Nancy Couch; and for other purposes.

HR 20EX. By Representative Bennett of the 94th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of James Edward "Sonny" Wynn; and for other purposes.

The House stood at ease.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Cook, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the Senate:

SB 1EX. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of state senatorial districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for the contingent nature of this Act and the circumstances under which it shall or shall not apply, according to the enforceability of prior provisions under federal law; to provide for the continuation of present Senators; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the House was introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee:

HR 21EX. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for children in foster care; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Juvenile Justice.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill and Resolution of the Senate were read the first time and referred to the Committees:

SB 1EX. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of state senatorial districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for the contingent nature of this Act and the circumstances under which it shall or shall not apply, according to the enforceability of prior provisions under

federal law; to provide for the continuation of present Senators; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

SR 6EX. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th, Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center and condemning acts of violence and domestic terrorism; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Monday, December 4, 2023, and the motion prevailed.

Pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, the Speaker announced the House adjourned until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Monday, December 4, 2023.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Monday, December 4, 2023

Fourth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 1:00 o'clock, P.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Crawford	Hilton	Mathiak	Scoggins
Adeyina	Crowe	Hitchens	Mathis	Scott
Alexander	Cummings	Holcomb	McClain	Seabaugh
Anderson	Daniel	Holland	McCollum	Sharper
Au	Davis	Holly	McDonald	Silcox
Ballard	DeLoach	Hong	Meeks	Smith, L
Ballinger	Dempsey	Horner	Miller	E Smith, M
Barnes	Dickey	Houston	Momtahan	Smith, R
Barrett	Douglas	Howard	Mughal	Smith, T.P.
Barton	Draper	Huddleston	Neal	Smith, V
Bazemore	Drenner	Hugley	New	Stephens
Bell	Dubnik	E Hutchinson	Newton	E Stinson
Bennett	Dunahoo	Jackson, E	Okoye	Tarvin
Beverly	Efstration	Jackson, M	Olaleye	Taylor, D
Blackmon	Ehrhart	E Jasperse	E Oliver	Taylor, R
Bonner	Erwin	Jenkins	Panitch	Thomas, B
Bruce	Evans, S	Jones, J	Paris	Thomas, M
Buckner	Fleming, B	Jones, S	Park	Townsend
Burchett	Fleming, T	Jones, T	Parrish	Tran
Burnough	Franklin	Kelley	Parsons	Vance
Byrd	Frazier	Kendrick	Persinger	Wade
Cameron	Frye	Kennard	Petrea	Washburn
Camp	Gaines	Knight	Pirkle	Werkheiser
Campbell, J	Gambill	LaHood	Powell	Westbrook
Campbell, L	Gilliard	Leverett	Reese	Wiedower
Cannon, C	Gladney	Lewis-Ward	Reeves	E Wilkerson
Cannon, P	Glaize	E Lim	Rhodes	Williams, A
Carson	Greene	Lott	Ridley, Jas	E Williams, M.F.
Chastain	Gullett	Lumsden	Ridley, Jor	Williams, N
Cheokas	Gunter	Lupton	Romman	Williamson
Clark, D	Hagan	Mainor	Sainz	Willis
Collins	Hatchett	Marin	Sampson	Yearta
Corbett	Hawkins	Martinez	Schofield	Burns, Speaker
Cox	Henderson			

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Anulewicz of the 42nd, Carter of the 93rd, Clark of the 108th, Cooper of the 45th, Evans of the 89th, Jackson of the 68th, Martin of the 49th, Mitchell of the 88th, Moore of the 91st, Prince of the 132nd, Roberts of the 52nd, and Stoner of the 40th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Lee May, Transforming Faith Church, Stonecrest, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Tarvin of the 2nd, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HR 21EX SB 1EX
SR 6EX

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 2EX Do Pass, by Substitute
HB 3EX Do Pass
HB 4EX Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

Representative Leverett of the 123rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 1EX Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Leverett of the 123rd
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
MONDAY, DECEMBER 04, 2023

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 4th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Pursuant to House Rule 33.3, debate shall be limited to one hour.
Time to be allocated at the discretion of the Speaker.

Modified Structured Rule

HR 4EX Hamas terrorism; condemn (Rules-Cox-28th)

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 139th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 2EX. By Representatives Persinger of the 119th, Gaines of the 120th and Efstration of the 104th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing authority for members of the Board of Education of Barrow County, approved April 19, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3919), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3851), so as to revise a provision relating to filling vacancies on the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend an Act providing authority for members of the Board of Education of Barrow County, approved April 19, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3919), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3851), so as to revise a provision relating to filling vacancies on the board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing authority for members of the Board of Education of Barrow County, approved April 19, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, p. 3919), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 3851), is amended by revising subsection (e) of Section 2 as follows:

"(e)(1) If the vacancy occurs more than 270 days prior to the date of a general election preceding the general election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of office, then such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of office at a partisan special election to be held on the same date as said general election preceding the general election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of office, provided that such partisan special election shall be preceded by a special primary to be held in conjunction with the general primary preceding such general election; and in this case the remaining members of the board of education shall, by majority vote, select a qualified person to fill the vacancy until the person elected at such special election takes office.

(2) If the vacancy occurs less than 270 days but more than 90 days prior to the date of a general election preceding the general election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of office, then such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of office at a nonpartisan special election to be held on the same date as said general election preceding the general election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of office; and in this case the remaining members of the board of education shall, by majority vote, select a qualified person to fill the vacancy until the person elected at such special election takes office.

(3) If the vacancy occurs less than 90 days prior to the date of a general election preceding the general election at which a successor will be elected to a new full term of office, then the remaining members of the local board of education shall, by majority vote, select a qualified person to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

HB 3EX. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd, Hitchens of the 161st and Gilliard of the 162nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the creation of one or more community improvement districts in Chatham County and in each municipality therein, approved April 5, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 4931), so as to revise provisions relating to designation of electors for districts wholly within municipalities; to authorize additional elected members of district boards; to revise qualifications for board members; to update provisions relating to cooperation with municipal governments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 4EX. By Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 165th, Westbrook of the 163rd and Hitchens of the 161st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Garden City, approved April 17, 1973 (Ga. L. 1973, p. 3581), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; 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.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Martinez	Y Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Henderson	Y Mathiak	Y Schofield
Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hilton	Y Mathis	Y Scoggins
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Hitchens	Y McClain	Y Scott
Y Anulewicz	Y Crowe	Y Holcomb	Y McCollum	Y Seabaugh
Y Au	Cummings	Y Holland	Y McDonald	Y Sharper
Y Ballard	Y Daniel	Y Holly	Y Meeks	Y Silcox
Ballinger	Y Davis	Y Hong	Y Miller	Y Smith, L
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Horner	Y Mitchell	E Smith, M
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Houston	Y Momtahan	Y Smith, R
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Howard	Y Moore	Y Smith, T.P.
Y Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Huddleston	Y Mughal	Y Smith, V
Y Bell	Y Draper	Y Hugley	Y Neal	Y Stephens
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	E Hutchinson	Y New	E Stinson
Beverly	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Newton	Stoner
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Okoye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y Olaleye	Y Taylor, D
Y Bruce	Y Ehrhart	E Jasperse	E Oliver	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Panitch	Y Thomas, B
Y Burchett	Y Evans, B	Y Jones, J	Y Paris	Y Thomas, M
Y Burnough	Y Evans, S	Y Jones, S	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fleming, B	Y Jones, T	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming, T	Y Kelley	Y Parsons	Y Vance
E Camp	Y Franklin	Y Kendrick	Y Persinger	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Frazier	Y Kennard	Y Petrea	Y Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Knight	Y Pirkle	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gladney	E Lim	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Glaize	Y Lott	Y Rhodes	E Williams, M.F.
Y Chastain	Y Greene	Y Lumsden	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williams, N

Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Mainor	Y Roberts	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Marin	Y Romman	Y Yearta
Y Collins	Y Hatchett	Y Martin	Y Sainz	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 164, nays 0.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

Representative Camp of the 135th moved that all Bills passed on the Local Calendar be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

It was so ordered.

The following member was recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Draper of the 90th.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 2:15 o'clock, this afternoon.

The Speaker called the House to order.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Resolution of the House was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HR 4EX. By Representatives Cox of the 28th, Panitch of the 51st, Carson of the 46th, Efstration of the 104th, McDonald of the 26th and others:

A RESOLUTION condemning Hamas terrorism; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Martinez	Sampson
E Adeyina	Y Corbett	Henderson	Y Mathiak	Schofield
Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hilton	Y Mathis	Y Scoggins
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Hitchens	McClain	Scott
Y Anulewicz	Y Crowe	Y Holcomb	Y McCollum	Y Seabaugh
Y Au	Cummings	Holland	Y McDonald	Y Sharper
Y Ballard	Y Daniel	N Holly	Y Meeks	Y Silcox
Y Ballinger	Davis	Y Hong	Y Miller	Y Smith, L
Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Horner	Y Mitchell	E Smith, M
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Houston	Y Momtahan	Y Smith, R

Y Barton	Y Dickey	Howard	E Moore	Y Smith, T.P.
Bazemore	Douglas	Y Huddleston	Mughal	Y Smith, V
Bell	Y Draper	Y Hugley	E Neal	Y Stephens
Y Bennett	E Drenner	E Hutchinson	Y New	E Stinson
Y Beverly	Y Dubnik	Jackson, D	Y Newton	E Stoner
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Jackson, E	Okoye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	Y Olaleye	Y Taylor, D
Bruce	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	E Oliver	N Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Panitch	Y Thomas, B
Y Burchett	Y Evans, B	Y Jones, J	Y Paris	Y Thomas, M
Y Burnough	Y Evans, S	Jones, S	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fleming, B	Y Jones, T	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming, T	Y Kelley	Y Parsons	Y Vance
Y Camp	Y Franklin	E Kendrick	Y Persinger	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Frazier	Kennard	Y Petrea	Y Washburn
E Campbell, L	Frye	Y Knight	Y Pirkle	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Powell	Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	Y Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gladney	E Lim	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Carter	Y Glaize	Y Lott	Y Rhodes	E Williams, M.F.
Y Chastain	Y Greene	Y Lumsden	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lupton	E Ridley, Jor	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Mainor	Y Roberts	Y Willis
Clark, J	Y Hagan	Marin	E Romman	Y Yearta
Y Collins	Y Hatchett	Y Martin	Y Sainz	Burns, Speaker

Representative Beverly of the 143rd moved that HR 4EX be placed upon the table.

The motion was ruled out of order.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 129, nays 2.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Cook, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the Senate:

SB 5EX. By Senator Summers of the 13th:

> A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Turner County, approved April 18, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4074), so as to provide that on and after January 1, 2024, the district attorney of the judicial circuit within which Turner County is located shall represent the state in all criminal

prosecutions brought in the State Court of Turner County and shall perform the duties of the office of solicitor-general of the state court; to provide that no election shall be held for the office of solicitor-general of the state court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Carson of the 46th, Dickey of the 145th, Reese of the 140th et al., Anulewicz of the 42nd, Reeves of the 99th et al., and Glaize of the 67th et al.

Representative Pirkle of the 169th asked unanimous consent that the Rules be temporarily suspended in order that a Bill of the Senate could be introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committee.

On the motion, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Martinez	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	Henderson	Y Mathiak	N Schofield
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hilton	Y Mathis	Y Scoggins
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Hitchens	N McClain	N Scott
N Anulewicz	Y Crowe	N Holcomb	Y McCollum	Y Seabaugh
Au	Cummings	N Holland	Y McDonald	N Sharper
Y Ballard	Y Daniel	N Holly	Y Meeks	Y Silcox
Ballinger	N Davis	Y Hong	N Miller	Y Smith, L
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	Horner	N Mitchell	E Smith, M
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Houston	Y Momtahan	Y Smith, R
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Howard	E Moore	Y Smith, T.P.
N Bazemore	N Douglas	Y Huddleston	N Mughal	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Draper	N Hugley	E Neal	Y Stephens
N Bennett	E Drenner	E Hutchinson	Y New	E Stinson
N Beverly	Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Newton	E Stoner
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Jackson, E	N Okoye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	N Olaleye	Y Taylor, D
N Bruce	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	E Oliver	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Panitch	Y Thomas, B
Y Burchett	N Evans, B	Y Jones, J	N Paris	N Thomas, M
N Burnough	N Evans, S	N Jones, S	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Fleming, B	Jones, T	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming, T	Y Kelley	Parsons	Y Vance
Y Camp	Y Franklin	E Kendrick	Y Persinger	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Frazier	N Kennard	Y Petrea	Y Washburn
E Campbell, L	Frye	Knight	Y Pirkle	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	LaHood	Y Powell	Westbrook
E Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Gilliard	E Lewis-Ward	N Reese	E Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gladney	E Lim	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Glaize	Y Lott	Y Rhodes	E Williams, M.F.
Chastain	Greene	Lumsden	Ridley, Jas	Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Lupton	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Williamson
Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Mainor	N Roberts	N Willis

Clark, J	Y Hagan	Marin	N Romman	Y Yearta
Collins	Hatchett	Martin	Y Sainz	Burns, Speaker

On the motion, the ayes were 80, nays 49.

The motion was lost.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 22EX. By Representatives Smith of the 138th, Burns of the 159th, Cooper of the 45th, Cox of the 28th, Buckner of the 137th and others:

A RESOLUTION celebrating the birth of Mitchell Adam Kaye, III; and for other purposes.

HR 23EX. By Representative Carson of the 46th:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Julian Farah; and for other purposes.

HR 24EX. By Representative Jones of the 60th:

A RESOLUTION commending children in foster care; and for other purposes.

HR 25EX. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Crawford of the 84th, Mitchell of the 88th, Cannon of the 58th, Willis of the 55th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Under21 The Band; and for other purposes.

HR 26EX. By Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th and Davis of the 87th:

A RESOLUTION commending Alvin Dollar; and for other purposes.

HR 27EX. By Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Mitchell of the 88th, Cannon of the 58th, Willis of the 55th, Neal of the 79th and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Grené Baranco; and for other purposes.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Fifth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adesanya	Collins	Hatchett	Mathiak	Sainz
Adeyina	Cooper	Hawkins	Mathis	Sampson
Alexander	Corbett	E Henderson	McClain	Schofield
Anderson	Cox	Hitchens	McCollum	Scoggins
Anulewicz	Crawford	Holcomb	McDonald	Scott
Au	Crowe	Holland	Meeks	Seabaugh
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Ballinger	Davis	Hong	Mitchell	E Silcox
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Barton	Dickey	Howard	Mughal	Smith, R
Bazemore	Douglas	Huddleston	Neal	Smith, T.P.
Bell	Draper	Hugley	New	Smith, V
Bennett	Drenner	E Hutchinson	Newton	E Stinson
Beverly	Dubnik	Jackson, D	Okoye	Stoner
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Jackson, E	Oliver	Tarvin
E Bonner	Efstration	Jackson, M	Panitch	Taylor, D
Bruce	Ehrhart	Jasperse	E Paris	Taylor, R
Buckner	Erwin	Jones, S	Park	Thomas, M
Burchett	Evans, B	Jones, T	Parrish	Townsend
Burnough	Fleming, T	Kelley	Parsons	Tran
Byrd	Franklin	Kendrick	Persinger	Vance
Cameron	Frazier	Kennard	Petrea	Wade
Camp	Frye	Knight	Pirkle	Werkheiser
Campbell, J	Gaines	LaHood	Powell	Westbrook
Campbell, L	Gambill	Leverett	Prince	Wiedower
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Cannon, P	Gladney	Lott	Reeves	Williams, N
Carson	Glaize	Lumsden	Rhodes	Williamson
Carter	Greene	Lupton	Ridley, Jas	Willis
Chastain	Gullett	Marin	Ridley, Jor	Yearta
Cheokas	Gunter	Martin	Roberts	Burns, Speaker
Clark, D	Hagan	Martinez	Romman	

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Cummings of the 39th, Evans of the 57th, Fleming of the 125th, Hilton of the 48th, Jenkins of the 136th, Lim of the 98th, Mainor of the 56th, Washburn of the 144th, Wilkerson of the 38th, and Williams of the 37th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Calvin L. Mapp, Sr., Morning Star Baptist Church, Loganville, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Tarvin of the 2nd, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

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6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 5EX. By Representative Beverly of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of state house districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for the continuation of present members; to provide that the provisions of this Act shall supersede and replace a districting plan and certain changes thereto; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

HB 6EX. By Representative Beverly of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of congressional districts; to provide for a short title; to provide when such representatives shall take office; to provide for continuation of present congressional districts until a certain time; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal provisions of a specific Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

Representative Smith of the 139th District, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Rules has had under consideration the following Resolution of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SR 6EX Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 139th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2023

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 5th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Pursuant to House Rule 33.3, debate shall be limited to two hours.
Time to be allocated at the discretion of the Speaker.

Structured Rule

SB 1EX "Georgia Senate Redistricting Act of 2023"; enact (R&R) Echols-49th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 139th
Chairman

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Cook, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

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By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 5EX. By Senator Summers of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Turner County, approved April 18, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4074), so as to provide that on and after January 1, 2024, the district attorney of the judicial circuit within which Turner County is located shall represent the state in all criminal prosecutions brought in the State Court of Turner County and shall perform the duties of the office of solicitor-general of the state court; to provide that no election shall be held for the office of solicitor-general of the state court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local.

The following member was recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representative Tran of the 80th et al.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 1EX. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of state senatorial districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for the contingent nature of this Act and the circumstances under which it shall or shall not apply, according to the enforceability of prior provisions under federal law; to provide for the continuation of present Senators; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Martinez	N Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	E Henderson	Y Mathiak	N Schofield
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hilton	Y Mathis	Y Scoggins
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Hitchens	E McClain	N Scott
N Anulewicz	Y Crowe	N Holcomb	Y McCollum	Y Seabaugh
N Au	N Cummings	N Holland	Y McDonald	N Sharper
Y Ballard	Y Daniel	N Holly	Y Meeks	Y Silcox
Y Ballinger	N Davis	Y Hong	N Miller	Y Smith, L
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Horner	N Mitchell	N Smith, M
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Houston	Y Momtahan	Y Smith, R
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Howard	N Moore	Y Smith, T.P.
N Bazemore	N Douglas	Y Huddleston	N Mughal	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Draper	N Hugley	N Neal	Y Stephens
N Bennett	N Drenner	E Hutchinson	Y New	E Stinson
N Beverly	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Newton	N Stoner
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Okoye	Y Tarvin
E Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	Olaleye	Y Taylor, D
N Bruce	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Oliver	N Taylor, R
N Buckner	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	N Panitch	Thomas, B
Y Burchett	N Evans, B	Y Jones, J	E Paris	N Thomas, M
N Burnough	N Evans, S	N Jones, S	N Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fleming, B	Y Jones, T	Y Parrish	N Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming, T	Y Kelley	Y Parsons	Y Vance
Y Camp	Y Franklin	N Kendrick	Y Persinger	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	N Frazier	N Kennard	Y Petrea	Y Washburn
N Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Knight	Y Pirkle	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Powell	N Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	N Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	N Gilliard	N Lewis-Ward	N Reese	N Wilkerson
Y Carson	N Gladney	N Lim	Y Reeves	N Williams, A
N Carter	N Glaize	Y Lott	Y Rhodes	N Williams, M.F.
Y Chastain	Y Greene	Y Lumsden	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	N Lupton	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	Y Mainor	N Roberts	N Willis
Clark, J	Y Hagan	N Marin	N Romman	Y Yearta
Y Collins	Y Hatchett	Y Martin	Y Sainz	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 98, nays 71.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Cook, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House:

HB 1EX. By Representative Leverett of the 123rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of state house districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for the contingent nature of this Act and the circumstances under which it shall or shall not apply, according to the enforceability of prior provisions under federal law; to provide for the continuation of present members; to provide a short title; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Kendrick of the 95th, Powell of the 33rd et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., and Smith of the 70th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 28EX. By Representative Glaize of the 67th:

A RESOLUTION commending Councilmember Jaceey Sebastian; and for other purposes.

HR 29EX. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Knight of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Dr. Jute Wilson; and for other purposes.

HR 30EX. By Representatives Camp of the 135th and Knight of the 134th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Peter Louis Banks on his outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

HR 31EX. By Representative Adeyina of the 110th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Dorian James Beard; and for other purposes.

HR 32EX. By Representatives Cooper of the 45th and Kelley of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION congratulating the Walton High School Varsity Coed Competition Cheerleading Squad for winning the 2023 GHSA Competition Cheerleading State Championship; and for other purposes.

The Speaker announced the House stand at ease until receipt by the Clerk of a message or messages that the Senate has passed SB 3EX.

The Speaker called the House to order.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Cook, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the Senate:

SB 3EX. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of congressional districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for the contingent nature of this Act and the circumstances under which it shall or shall not apply, according to the enforceability of prior provisions under federal law; to provide for the continuation of present members of the United States House of Representatives; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the House:

HR 3EX. By Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Wade of the 9th, McDonald of the 26th, Hong of the 103rd and Horner of the 3rd:

A RESOLUTION ratifying Governor Brian P. Kemp's Executive Order Nos. 09.12.23.01, 10.06.23.01, and 11.08.23.01 suspending the collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes; and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was read the first time and referred to the Committee:

SB 3EX. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of congressional districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for the contingent nature of this Act and the circumstances under which it shall or shall not apply, according to the enforceability of prior provisions under federal law; to provide for the continuation of present members of the United States House of Representatives; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned until 10:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Sixth Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives

Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 509-F
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

December 6, 2023

Speaker Jon Burns
332 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Speaker Burns,

I, Phil Olaleye, Representative for the 59th District, was incorrectly marked as absent for the fifth legislative day of the 2023 Special Legislative Session, December 5th. I would like to have it noted that I was in fact excused by the Speaker's Office due to the birth of my son.

Thank you for your assistance with this issue.

Kind regards,

/s/ Phil Olaleye
Rep. Phil Olaleye
State Representative House District 59

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Cooper	Hawkins	McClain	Schofield
Alexander	Corbett	Henderson	McCollum	Scoggins
Anderson	Cox	Hitchens	McDonald	Scott
Anulewicz	Crawford	Holcomb	Meeks	Seabaugh
Au	Crowe	Holland	Miller	Sharper

Ballard	Davis	Horner	Momtahan	Smith, M
Ballinger	DeLoach	Houston	Moore	Smith, R
Barnes	Dempsey	Howard	Mughal	Smith, T.P.
Barrett	Dickey	Huddleston	Neal	Smith, V
Barton	Douglas	Hugley	New	Stephens
Bell	Draper	Hutchinson	Newton	Stinson
Bennett	Drenner	Jackson, D	Okoye	Stoner
Beverly	Dubnik	Jackson, E	E Olaleye	Tarvin
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Jackson, M	Oliver	Taylor, D
Bonner	Efstration	Jasperse	Panitch	Taylor, R
Bruce	Erwin	Jones, J	E Paris	Thomas, B
Buckner	Evans, B	Jones, S	Park	Thomas, M
Burchett	Fleming, T	Jones, T	Parrish	Townsend
Burnough	Franklin	E Kendrick	Parsons	Tran
Byrd	Frazier	Kennard	Persinger	Vance
Cameron	Frye	LaHood	Petrea	Wade
Camp	Gaines	Leverett	Pirkle	Werkheiser
Campbell, J	Gambill	Lewis-Ward	Powell	Westbrook
Campbell, L	Gilliard	Lott	Reese	Wiedower
Cannon, C	Gladney	Lumsden	Reeves	E Williams, A
Cannon, P	Glaize	E Mainor	Rhodes	Williams, M.F.
Chastain	Greene	Marin	Ridley, Jas	Williams, N
Cheokas	Gullett	Martin	Roberts	Williamson
Clark, D	Gunter	Martinez	Romman	Willis
Clark, J	Hagan	Mathiak	Sainz	Yearta
Collins	Hatchett	Mathis	Sampson	Burns, Speaker
Daniel	Hong	Mitchell	Silcox	

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Carson of the 46th, Carter of the 93rd, Cummings of the 39th, Evans of the 57th, Hilton of the 48th, Holly of the 116th, Knight of the 134th, Lim of the 98th, Lupton of the 83rd, Prince of the 132nd, Ridley of the 22nd, Smith of the 70th, Washburn of the 144th, and Wilkerson of the 38th.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Pastor George Dillard, Peachtree City Christian Church, Peachtree City, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Tarvin of the 2nd, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 5EX	HB 6EX
SB 3EX	SB 5EX

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 06, 2023

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 6th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Pursuant to House Rule 33.3, debate shall be limited to one hour.
Time to be allocated at the discretion of the Speaker.

Modified Structured Rule

SR 6EX Atlanta Public Safety Training Center; express support (Rules-Wade-9th) Hodges-3rd

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 139th
Chairman

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Resolution of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SR 6EX. By Senators Hodges of the 3rd, Burns of the 23rd, Williams of the 25th, Hatchett of the 50th, Kennedy of the 18th and others:

A RESOLUTION expressing support for the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center and condemning acts of violence and domestic terrorism; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the adoption of the Resolution, was agreed to.

On the adoption of the Resolution, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Martinez	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	E Henderson	Y Mathiak	Schofield
E Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hilton	Y Mathis	Y Scoggins
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Hitchens	Y McClain	Scott
Y Anulewicz	Y Crowe	Y Holcomb	Y McCollum	Y Seabaugh
Y Au	Y Cummings	Y Holland	Y McDonald	Y Sharper
Y Ballard	Y Daniel	N Holly	Y Meeks	Y Silcox
Y Ballinger	Davis	Y Hong	Y Miller	Y Smith, L
E Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Horner	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, M
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Houston	Y Momtahan	Y Smith, R
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Howard	Y Moore	Y Smith, T.P.
Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Huddleston	Y Mughal	Y Smith, V
Bell	N Draper	Y Hugley	Y Neal	Y Stephens
Y Bennett	E Drenner	Y Hutchinson	Y New	Y Stinson
Y Beverly	Y Dubnik	E Jackson, D	Y Newton	Y Stoner
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	E Okoye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E Olaleye	Y Taylor, D
Y Bruce	Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Oliver	E Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Erwin	Jenkins	Y Panitch	Y Thomas, B
Y Burchett	Y Evans, B	Y Jones, J	E Paris	Y Thomas, M
Y Burnough	Y Evans, S	Jones, S	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fleming, B	Y Jones, T	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming, T	Y Kelley	Y Parsons	Y Vance
Y Camp	Y Franklin	E Kendrick	Y Persinger	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Frazier	Y Kennard	Y Petrea	Y Washburn
E Campbell, L	N Frye	Y Knight	Y Pirkle	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	Y LaHood	Y Powell	Y Westbrook
N Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Reese	Y Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gladney	E Lim	Y Reeves	E Williams, A
E Carter	E Glaize	Y Lott	Y Rhodes	E Williams, M.F.

Y Chastain	Y Greene	Y Lumsden	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	E Lupton	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Mainor	Y Roberts	Y Willis
E Clark, J	Y Hagan	Y Marin	N Romman	Y Yearta
Y Collins	Y Hatchett	Y Martin	Y Sainz	Burns, Speaker

On the adoption of the Resolution, the ayes were 144, nays 5.

The Resolution, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was adopted.

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Burnough of the 77th et al., Schofield of the 63rd et al., Meeks of the 178th, and Stinson of the 150th.

The following Resolution of the House was read and adopted:

HR 33EX. By Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Neal of the 79th, Scott of the 76th and Bell of the 75th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Marci Fluellyn on her outstanding public service; and for other purposes.

Representative Leverett of the 123rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 3EX Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Leverett of the 123rd
Chairman

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House stand in recess until 6:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 6:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned until 9:00 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Seventh Legislative Day

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room #507 G
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

December 7, 2023

William L. Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Re: Change in Vote HR 4EX

Dear Mr. Clerk,

On December 7, 2023, I vote "YES" to HR 4EX. My vote is to make clear I support the innocent civilians who were brutally attacked and kidnapped by the terrorist group Hamas on October 7, 2023. I support their families, friends, acquaintances, and my lifelong Jewish friends. I support the right of Israel to defend itself against Hamas. I do not support the killings of innocent Palestinian civilians. I pray for the safe return of the remaining hostages and that no more innocent Palestinian lives are lost.

/s/ Terry Alexis Cummings

State Representative, District 39
House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
18 Capitol Square SW
Suite 507 CLOB
Atlanta, GA 30334

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

Adeyina	Cummings	Henderson	Martinez	Roberts
Alexander	Daniel	Hilton	Mathiak	Sainz
Anderson	Davis	Hitchens	Mathis	Schofield
Ballard	DeLoach	Holcomb	McClain	Scoggins
Ballinger	Dempsey	Holland	McCollum	Scott
Barnes	Dickey	Hong	McDonald	Seabaugh
Barton	Draper	Horner	Meeks	Smith, L
Bennett	Drenner	Houston	Miller	Smith, R
Beverly	Dubnik	Howard	Mitchell	Smith, T.P.
Blackmon	Dunahoo	Huddleston	Momtahan	Smith, V
Bonner	Efstration	Jackson, D	E Moore	Stoner
Buckner	Ehrhart	Jackson, E	Mughal	Tarvin
Burchett	Erwin	Jackson, M	Neal	Taylor, D
Burnough	Evans, B	Jasperse	New	Taylor, R
Byrd	Fleming, B	Jenkins	Newton	Thomas, B
Cameron	Fleming, T	Jones, J	Okoye	Thomas, M
Camp	Franklin	Jones, T	E Olaleye	Townsend
Campbell, J	Frazier	Kelley	Panitch	Tran
Campbell, L	Frye	Kendrick	Park	Vance
Cannon, C	Gaines	Kennard	Parrish	Wade
Cannon, P	Gambill	Knight	Parsons	Werkheiser
Carson	Gilliard	LaHood	Persinger	Wiedower
Carter	Gladney	Leverett	Petrea	Williams, A
Cheokas	Glaize	Lewis-Ward	Pirkle	Williams, N
Clark, D	Greene	Lott	Powell	Williamson
Cooper	Gullett	Lumsden	Prince	Willis
Corbett	Gunter	Lupton	Reese	Burns, Speaker
Cox	Hagan	E Mainor	Reeves	
Crawford	Hatchett	Marin	Rhodes	
Crowe	Hawkins	Martin	Ridley, Jas	

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Adesanya of the 43rd, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Au of the 50th, Barrett of the 24th, Bell of the 75th, Bruce of the 61st, Clark of the 108th, Collins of the 71st, Douglas of the 78th, Evans of the 57th, Holly of the 116th, Hutchinson of the 106th, Lim of the 98th, Oliver of the 82nd, Paris of the 142nd, Romman of the 97th, Sharper of the 177th, Silcox of the 53rd, Stephens of the 164th, Washburn of the 144th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Williams of the 37th, and Yearta of the 152nd.

They wished to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Dr. Bong Soo Choi, Sugarloaf Korean Baptist Church, Suwannee, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Tarvin of the 2nd, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.

2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.

3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.

6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

Representative Camp of the 135th District, Chairman of the Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 5EX Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Camp of the 135th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2023

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 7th Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Pursuant to House Rule 33.3, debate shall be limited to two hours.
Time to be allocated at the discretion of the Speaker.

Structured Rule

SB 3EX "Georgia Congressional Redistricting Act of 2023"; enact (R&R-Leverett-123rd) Echols-49th

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 139th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 5EX. By Senator Summers of the 13th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Turner County, approved April 18, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 4074), so as to provide that on and after January 1, 2024, the district attorney of the judicial circuit within which Turner County is located shall represent the state in all criminal prosecutions brought in the State Court of Turner County and shall perform the duties of the office of solicitor-general of the state court; to provide that no election shall be held for the office of solicitor-general of the state court; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Martinez	Sampson
Y Adeyina	Y Corbett	Y Henderson	Y Mathiak	Y Schofield

Y Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hilton	Y Mathis	Y Scoggins
Y Anderson	Y Crawford	Y Hitchens	Y McClain	Y Scott
Anulewicz	Y Crowe	Y Holcomb	McCollum	Y Seabaugh
Y Au	Y Cummings	Y Holland	Y McDonald	Y Sharper
Y Ballard	Daniel	Y Holly	Y Meeks	Silcox
Y Ballinger	Y Davis	Y Hong	Y Miller	Y Smith, L
Y Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Horner	Y Mitchell	Y Smith, M
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Houston	Momtahan	Y Smith, R
Y Barton	Y Dickey	Y Howard	E Moore	Y Smith, T.P.
Bazemore	Y Douglas	Y Huddleston	Y Mughal	Y Smith, V
Bell	Y Draper	Hugley	Y Neal	Y Stephens
Y Bennett	Y Drenner	Y Hutchinson	Y New	Y Stinson
Y Beverly	Y Dubnik	Y Jackson, D	Y Newton	Y Stoner
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	Y Jackson, E	Y Okoye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	Y Jackson, M	E Olaleye	Y Taylor, D
Y Bruce	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	Y Oliver	Y Taylor, R
Y Buckner	Y Erwin	Y Jenkins	Y Panitch	Y Thomas, B
Y Burchett	Y Evans, B	Y Jones, J	Paris	Y Thomas, M
Y Burnough	Y Evans, S	Y Jones, S	Y Park	Y Townsend
Y Byrd	Y Fleming, B	Y Jones, T	Y Parrish	Y Tran
Y Cameron	Y Fleming, T	Y Kelley	Y Parsons	Y Vance
Y Camp	Y Franklin	Y Kendrick	Y Persinger	Y Wade
Y Campbell, J	Y Frazier	Y Kennard	Y Petrea	Washburn
Y Campbell, L	Y Frye	Y Knight	Y Pirkle	Y Werkheiser
Y Cannon, C	Y Gaines	LaHood	Y Powell	Westbrook
Y Cannon, P	Y Gambill	Y Leverett	Y Prince	Y Wiedower
Carpenter	Y Gilliard	Y Lewis-Ward	Y Reese	Wilkerson
Y Carson	Y Gladney	Y Lim	Y Reeves	Y Williams, A
Y Carter	Y Glaize	Y Lott	Y Rhodes	Y Williams, M.F.
Chastain	Y Greene	Y Lumsden	Y Ridley, Jas	Y Williams, N
Y Cheokas	Y Gullett	Y Lupton	Y Ridley, Jor	Y Williamson
Y Clark, D	Y Gunter	E Mainor	Y Roberts	Y Willis
Y Clark, J	Y Hagan	Marin	Y Romman	Yearta
Y Collins	Y Hatchett	Y Martin	Y Sainz	Burns, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 157, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Wade of the 9th et al. and Cheokas of the 151st.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bill of the Senate was taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 3EX. By Senators Echols of the 49th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Brass of the 28th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the composition and number of congressional districts; to provide for a short title; to provide for the contingent nature of this Act and the circumstances under which it shall or shall not apply, according to the enforceability of prior provisions under federal law; to provide for the continuation of present members of the United States House of Representatives; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

On the agreement to the report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Martinez	Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	E Henderson	Y Mathiak	N Schofield
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hilton	Y Mathis	Y Scoggins
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Hitchens	N McClain	N Scott
N Anulewicz	Y Crowe	N Holcomb	Y McCollum	Y Seabaugh
N Au	N Cummings	N Holland	Y McDonald	N Sharper
Y Ballard	Y Daniel	N Holly	Y Meeks	Silcox
Y Ballinger	N Davis	Y Hong	N Miller	Y Smith, L
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Horner	N Mitchell	N Smith, M
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Houston	Y Momtahan	Y Smith, R
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Howard	E Moore	Y Smith, T.P.
Bazemore	N Douglas	Y Huddleston	N Mughal	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Draper	Hugley	N Neal	Y Stephens
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hutchinson	Y New	N Stinson
N Beverly	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Newton	N Stoner
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Okoye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	E Olaleye	Y Taylor, D
N Bruce	Y Ehrhart	Y Jasperse	N Oliver	N Taylor, R
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Y Cameron	Y Fleming, T	Y Kelley	Y Parsons	Y Vance
Y Camp	Y Franklin	N Kendrick	Y Persinger	Y Wade
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Y Collins	Y Hatchett	Y Martin	Y Sainz	Burns, Speaker

On the agreement to the report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, the ayes were 97, nays 71.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the Bill, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

N Adesanya	Y Cooper	Y Hawkins	Y Martinez	Sampson
N Adeyina	Y Corbett	E Henderson	Y Mathiak	N Schofield
N Alexander	Y Cox	Y Hilton	Y Mathis	Y Scoggins
Y Anderson	N Crawford	Y Hitchens	N McClain	N Scott
N Anulewicz	Y Crowe	N Holcomb	Y McCollum	Y Seabaugh
N Au	N Cummings	N Holland	Y McDonald	N Sharper
Y Ballard	Y Daniel	N Holly	Y Meeks	Y Silcox
Y Ballinger	N Davis	Y Hong	N Miller	Y Smith, L
N Barnes	Y DeLoach	Y Horner	N Mitchell	N Smith, M
Y Barrett	Y Dempsey	Y Houston	Y Momtahan	Y Smith, R
Y Barton	Y Dickey	N Howard	E Moore	Y Smith, T.P.
Bazemore	N Douglas	Y Huddleston	N Mughal	Y Smith, V
N Bell	N Draper	Hugley	N Neal	Y Stephens
N Bennett	N Drenner	N Hutchinson	Y New	N Stinson
N Beverly	Y Dubnik	N Jackson, D	Y Newton	N Stoner
Y Blackmon	Y Dunahoo	N Jackson, E	N Okoye	Y Tarvin
Y Bonner	Y Efstration	N Jackson, M	E Olaleye	Y Taylor, D
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The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following communication was received:

House of Representatives
Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room #507 D
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

(Sending on behalf of Representative Debra Bazemore)

December 7, 2023

William L. Reilly
Clerk of the House
309 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Re: Excused Absences December 6-7, 2023

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Please be advised, as per my conversation with Terry England, Chief of Staff to Speaker Jon Burns, there should be a correction made to my absence on Wednesday, December 6th and Thursday, December 7th, 2023. The absence was due to my participation in a legislative function held by The Council of State Government, and the record should be corrected to reflect such.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this correction request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Debra Bazemore
State Representative, District 69

The following members were recognized during the period of Afternoon Orders and addressed the House:

Representatives Smith of the 18th, Meeks of the 178th, Panitch of the 51st, Crowe of the 118th et al., Cannon of the 172nd, Daniel of the 117th, Jackson of the 68th, and Kendrick of the 95th et al.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

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A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Thomas Livsey; and for other purposes.

HR 35EX. By Representatives Wilkerson of the 38th, Williams of the 37th, Stoner of the 40th, Anulewicz of the 42nd, Smith of the 41st and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Betty Camp Godwin; and for other purposes.

HR 36EX. By Representative Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Joseph L. Williams on the occasion of his 25th pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 37EX. By Representative Carter of the 93rd:

A RESOLUTION commending and congratulating Dr. A. Demoine Kinney; and for other purposes.

HR 38EX. By Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Okoye of the 102nd, Burnough of the 77th, Mughal of the 105th and Park of the 107th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Georgia Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce Inc.; and for other purposes.

HR 39EX. By Representatives Drenner of the 85th, Evans of the 89th, Oliver of the 82nd and Crawford of the 84th:

A RESOLUTION commending and celebrating the City of Decatur on its bicentennial; and for other purposes

HR 40EX. By Representative Fleming of the 114th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Steve Horton on his outstanding public service as the Mayor of Covington; and for other purposes.

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Representative Jackson of the 165th.

Representative Efstration of the 104th moved that the House do now adjourn sine die, and the motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the House adjourned sine die.

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